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A SMALL NATION THAT REWROTE HISTORY



When global superpowers like the United States and Israel—known for having some of the most powerful military forces in the world—stand united, many countries tend to surrender within weeks. But Iran did not. For 40 days, it withstood attack after attack, enduring each strike, and ultimately stood tall before the world.

On February 28, 2026, the United States and Israel reportedly launched sudden strikes on Iran. In these attacks, Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei was said to have been killed. Military bases and government buildings were destroyed. The attackers believed this would break Iran. But what followed was entirely different.

Even without leadership, Iran's military did not take a step back. Missiles were launched into the sky. Drones crossed borders. Iran's resistance had begun.

Using ballistic missiles and drone swarms, Iran turned time itself into a strategic weapon. Its goals included exhausting Israel's interceptor reserves and inflicting continuous economic damage. Instead of launching one massive attack, Iran chose relentless, sustained pressure—wearing down the enemy over time. This strategy proved effective in the war. Meanwhile, Iran disrupted

traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, causing Brent crude oil prices to rise above \$100 per barrel. Gulf nations also faced Iranian strikes. Concerns over the global economy began to grow. With a single move, Iran shook the global oil market, demonstrating that it could disrupt the world economy if attacked.

According to analysts, the war turned into a major setback for the United States. Eventually, the White House sought a way out and opted for a ceasefire. In other words, it stepped back from the conflict. The U.S. reportedly called for reopening Hormuz and initiating talks. However, Iran responded by demanding that its conditions be reviewed first.

With limited options, the United States agreed to Iran's terms. Iran also arranged a direct negotiation meeting in Islamabad. In this way, Iran managed to assert its position in nearly every aspect—standing firm even against a superpower.

Following the ceasefire announcement, large crowds gathered in the streets of Tehran and Baghdad. Iranian leaders declared that the war had ended on their own terms.

This was not just a ceasefire—it was a moment that demonstrated how a smaller nation can stand strong even before a



Iran War 2026 Timeline Highlights	
Feb 28, 2026 War begins	Major casualties reported on both sides
US & Israel launch major airstrikes on Iran	Infrastructure damage:
Operation targets:	Airports shut
Nuclear sites	Power disruptions
Military bases	Large-scale evacuations begin
Leadership compounds	March 19–24, 2026 – Economic shock
This marks the official start of the war.	Global oil prices surge
March 1–3, 2026 – First retaliation	Trade routes disrupted
Iran fires:	Shipping companies avoid conflict zones
Ballistic missiles	March 25–31, 2026 – Intensified strikes
Drones toward Israel and US bases	Continued air raids by US & Israel
Air defense systems activated across the region	Iran increases long-range missile attacks
March 4–7, 2026 – Rapid escalation	Cyberattacks and electronic warfare reported
War spreads to nearby countries:	April 1–5, 2026 – War peak phase
Gulf nations on alert	Heavy bombardment across multiple regions
Oil facilities targeted	Increased international concern
Shipping risks rise in the Strait of Hormuz	Diplomatic pressure for ceasefire rises
March 8–12, 2026 – Regional conflict expands	April 6–8, 2026 – Ceasefire efforts
Proxy groups join:	Talks begin for stopping the war
Hezbollah attacks from Lebanon	Partial/temporary ceasefire announced
Israel responds with heavy strikes in Lebanon	Some attacks still reported
Missile/drone activity seen across multiple countries	

superpower. The lessons from these 40 days are clear: even without a supreme leader, Iran did not stop fighting. It did not lose its resolve. Rather than a single large strike, continuous pressure wore down its adversaries—that was Iran's strategy. The closure of Hormuz shook the world. Ultimately, Iran entered negotiations with its own set of conditions, showcasing its diplomatic strength. The next two weeks are considered crucial. Will this lead to genuine diplomacy, or will tensions

rise again? That remains to be seen. In the end, for 40 days, Iran faced the United States, Israel, and much of the world at once. It did not bow. It achieved a ceasefire on its own terms. While Iran may face criticism regarding regional instability and alleged support for militancy, its ability to stand firm in war against powerful nations is seen as remarkable. This episode may go down in history as a rare moment when a smaller nation pushed back against a global superpower.



Immature psychological strategy gun

Former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and his party, YSRC, are playing a psychological game with the state for their own political advantage. At the cost of the state's welfare, they are using this as a strategy to make the Alliance government fail. As Amaravati has now become an officially gazetted capital of Andhra Pradesh, it is clearly a major victory for the Alliance led by TDP.

If this sentiment spreads among the people, it will certainly affect the recovery of YSRC in the state. That is why YSRC appears to have devised this immaturity Strategy—to downplay the Alliance's victory and weaken the confidence of both the public and investors. Their intention seems to be to discourage investors and create doubt among people by making them believe that there could be a change of capital if Mr. Jaganmohan Reddy returns to power.

When TDP came to power after the state's bifurcation, it introduced the concept of Amaravati and initiated its development. However, due to financial constraints and the ambitious scale of Chandrababu Naidu's vision, the project could not be completed by 2019. Subsequently, YSRC came to power and halted all activities related to Amaravati. Jaganmohan Reddy, who has often been reluctant even to mention Amaravati by name, attempted in various ways to curb its development. He proposed the three-capital model under the banner of decentralization,

which ultimately failed, and the people voted against it in 2024.

After returning to power, the Alliance government under the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu restarted the development of Amaravati. However, investors expressed concerns about the possibility of Jaganmohan Reddy returning to power and potentially halting the project again. To address these concerns, Chandrababu Naidu pushed forward the process of issuing a Gazette Notification for Amaravati, which has now been successfully completed.

This is why Jaganmohan Reddy now appears to be attempting to undermine the confidence of both the public and investors. When he introduced the term "MAVIGUN," it was widely ridiculed, with numerous trolls and memes circulating on social media. Despite this, he continued to promote the concept through party leaders, and even media channels supportive of him conducted debates to popularize it.

Now, it has become clear to many that YSRC is attempting to weaken the Amaravati concept and create challenges for the Alliance government. However, it appears that this strategy has not succeeded. On the contrary, it has significantly damaged their image. Some intellectuals have even remarked: "We are witnessing a global leader who creates wars at the cost of the world, and a state leader who creates confusion at the cost of the state."



Tab-based evaluation triggers concerns in SSC spot valuation

K Kalyan Krishna Kumar

While the Class 10 (SSC) public examinations in March 2026 in the state concluded peacefully, the ongoing spot valuation process has sparked criticism from teachers across the state. Despite officials maintaining that arrangements are smooth, teachers allege that the recently introduced tab-based evaluation system has created significant challenges. The contrasting claims have raised questions about the effectiveness of digital reforms in the evaluation system.

The evaluation process, which began on April 6, is scheduled to continue until April 15. This year, as many as 6,40,916 students appeared for the examinations that concluded on April 1. To ensure timely results, expected in the third or fourth week of April, the government has mobilised nearly 30,000 to 35,000 teachers for valuation duties.

However, teachers claim that the digital shift has added to their burden rather than easing the process. According to several teacher unions, poor-quality tablets and inadequate network connectivity at valuation centres have slowed down the evaluation. As a result, many teachers are reportedly

forced to stay at centres until late at night. In this regard, STUAP leaders representing teachers explained the details in their representation submitted to the Director of School Education.

Relating to this, State Teachers' Union of AP president M. Raghunath Reddy criticised the system, stating that quality devices and reliable internet facilities must be ensured. He suggested that tab-based marking should be limited to one or two subjects as a pilot project instead of full-scale implementation.

Echoing similar concerns, STUAP General Secretary L. Sai Srinivas highlighted the increased workload on special assistants. He demanded enhanced remuneration, additional staffing, and the creation of a dedicated department for tab-based mark registration.

Meanwhile, speaking to True Point, Director of Government Examinations K.V. Srinivasulu Reddy dismissed the concerns, stating that initial hiccups are common on the first day of spot valuation. He maintained that there are no major issues with the tabs or network and that the evaluation process is proceeding smoothly.



Centre Clears DPR for Secretariat in Amaravati

Amaravati, April 8 | TPN Bureau

In a major boost to Andhra Pradesh's capital development plans, the Central Government has approved a key project for Amaravati—the construction of a Common Central Secretariat and residential quarters for central government employees, at a total estimated cost of Rs 2,534 crore.

The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the Union Cabinet for final approval. Of the total outlay, Rs 1,299.08 crore has been earmarked for the Common Central Secretariat building, which will house various central government offices, while Rs 1,234.91 crore is allocated for constructing multi-storey residential complexes for central employees working out of Amaravati.

The Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) has allocated 22.53 acres for the project. Of this, 5.53 acres will be

used for the Secretariat building and the remaining 17 acres for the residential complex. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has already given her approval to the housing ministry's proposal, further accelerating the project's clearance process.

Union Minister Pemasani Chandra Sekhar has been closely coordinating with officials on the project's progress. Additionally, HUDCO has announced plans to construct an International Convention Centre on a separate 10-acre plot in Amaravati, further strengthening the capital's infrastructure credentials.

The development is seen as a strong affirmation of the Centre's commitment to Amaravati as Andhra Pradesh's capital, coming on the heels of recent constitutional recognition granted to the city. State officials expressed confidence that the project would significantly enhance Amaravati's status as a fully functional administrative capital.

Chandrababu Targets 1.12 Crore Pattadar Passbooks by March 2027

Amaravati, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced a series of landmark decisions for the state's revenue sector, pledging major relief to an estimated 75 lakh poor families across the state.

Chairing a high-level review of the Revenue Department, CM Chandrababu set a clear target: the distribution of 1.12 crore Pattadar Passbooks must be completed by March 2027. The passbooks are critical land ownership documents for farmers and landowners, and their large-scale distribution is seen as a decisive step toward securing land rights for millions of citizens.

Among the key decisions announced, the Chief Minister directed that 1.37 lakh acres of Village Service Inam lands be removed from the 22A list—a register of lands restricted from registration—thereby unlocking them for legitimate use. He further stated that other one lakh acres under other service inam categories should also be freed from restrictions.

To facilitate this land liberation process, a new law will be enacted specifically for freeing Service Inam lands. This legislative move is expected to provide a long-term legal framework for resolving decades-old



land disputes and irregularities in the state.

In another significant directive, the Chief Minister ordered that every house allotted under housing schemes prior to 2016 must be registered in the name of its rightful beneficiary. This move aims to ensure that thousands of housing scheme beneficiaries receive clear legal ownership of their homes—a long-pending demand from poor and marginalized communities. The announcements signal a strong

push by the Telugu Desam Party-led government to streamline land records, eliminate bureaucratic bottlenecks, and deliver tangible benefits to the rural poor ahead of the 2027 deadline. Officials have been tasked with drawing up a concrete action plan to meet each of the targets set by the Chief Minister. The decisions were welcomed by farming communities and housing scheme beneficiaries, who have long awaited formal documentation of their land and property rights.

Pawan Kalyan Urges Youth to Think Realistically, Shape India's Future

Vijayawada, April 08, 2026
TPN Bureau:

Pawan Kalyan, addressing students at the grand finale of the Andhra University Centenary Mega Cultural Fest, urged the youth not to blindly follow any ideology. Speaking on Wednesday, he emphasized that ideas should be evaluated for relevance, practicality, and long-term impact, rather than accepted emotionally. Calling education the most powerful tool to transform the

world, Pawan Kalyan reminded students that their knowledge and talent must serve society and the nation. He highlighted Andhra University as a symbol of India's heritage, built on three pillars: intellect, culture, and nation-building, and lauded its century-long legacy of producing thousands of leaders and thinkers. He explained the significance of the university logo, from the rising sun and lotus representing knowledge and

prosperity, to the 64 petals symbolizing India's arts and sciences, noting that students are at the center of this heritage. Recalling global examples like Nelson Mandela, he emphasized that youth energy, creativity, and courage can bring transformative change. Pawan Kalyan urged students to critically analyze ideologies before following them, asking whether they uphold moral, constitutional, and national values. He reminded that blindly following ideas

can lead to adverse consequences, citing historical lessons. He encouraged young citizens to channel their skills into social responsibility, innovation, and nation-building. Concluding, he called on students to turn their ideas into action, using determination and discipline to drive meaningful change, and stressed that the country's future rests on responsible, thoughtful, and empowered youth.



Chandrababu Naidu Reviews Roads and Transport Infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh

Amaravati, 08 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu conducted a high-level review of roads and transport infrastructure at the Secretariat, focusing on road maintenance, pothole-free highways, and the utilization of electric buses.

The meeting included ministers BC Janardhan Reddy and Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy, Transport Department Special Chief Secretary Krishnababu, RTC MD Balasubrahmanyam, and other senior officials. The Chief Minister directed that all 45,000 km of state roads be maintained in a robust and consistent manner.

He emphasized planning road construction based on geographical studies to ensure durability and better connectivity across regions. High-



lighting the importance of public infrastructure, CM Naidu stressed that improved roads would provide citizens with greater access to essential services. On public transport, the Chief Minister instructed authorities to introduce electric buses in a cost-effective manner to enhance mobility while minimizing operational expenses. He highlighted the dual

goal of providing affordable, efficient public transport and promoting sustainable, environmentally friendly solutions. The review underscores the state government's commitment to modernizing road networks and public transport systems, ensuring safer, smoother travel and wider access to urban and rural communities.

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TDP 3.0 Focuses on Performance, Cadre Strengthening: Nara Lokesh

Amaravati | April 08, 2026
TPN Bureau

Nara Lokesh on Thursday unveiled a major organizational revamp under the "TDP 3.0" initiative, signaling a shift towards performance-based leadership within the Telugu Desam Party. Addressing party cadre during "Coffee with Cadre" training sessions, Lokesh stressed that merit—not recommendations—will determine leadership roles at all levels. He announced structural reforms to ensure inclusivity and renewal, stating that at least 33 per cent of positions in every term will be allocated to new members. This move, he said, will empower grassroots workers and enable them to rise through the ranks. "A village-level worker should have



the opportunity to reach the politburo. Adapting to change is essential for long-term relevance," he remarked. Lokesh emphasized continuous capacity building, introducing year-round training

programs across cluster, unit, village, and mandal levels. Describing the TDP as a "political university," he highlighted its legacy in shaping leaders, including several prominent figures in Telangana politics.

Reinforcing internal discipline, Lokesh asserted that the party's strength lies above individuals. "No leader is permanent; the party is permanent," he said, urging members to resolve differences internally. He acknowledged engaging in intense discussions with party chief N. Chandrababu Naidu to drive reforms. Taking aim at Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Lokesh criticized his leadership, while praising Naidu for staying connected with the public even after electoral setbacks.

Calling for preparedness ahead of Mahanadu, Lokesh urged cadre to actively engage with people and strengthen booth-level networks, particularly in weaker segments, to consolidate the party's base.

Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha Attends Grievance Cell, Assures Swift Action on Public Issues

Mangalagiri | April 08, 2026
TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha participated in the grievance redressal program held at the TDP central office in Mangalagiri, where she directly interacted with citizens and listened to their concerns. The initiative aimed at addressing public issues promptly witnessed a large turnout of victims and petitioners from across the state.

During the program, the Home Minister personally received representations from the people and patiently heard their grievances. Responding swiftly, she took immediate action on several complaints by contacting concerned officials, including district Superintendents of Police, collectors, and senior authorities, over the phone. She directed them to ensure quick resolution and deliver justice without delay.

Anitha emphasized that the police system must remain accountable to the people and ensure that victims are not forced to repeatedly visit offices seeking justice. She assured that every petition submitted during the grievance cell program



would be thoroughly reviewed and appropriate action would be taken. Several victims who attended the program raised concerns about alleged illegal cases and harassment they faced during the previous government's tenure. Others complained about land encroachments and lack of police support in resolving such disputes. The minister took serious note of these issues and instructed officials to act responsibly and address them on priority.

Women from different regions also approached the minister with complaints related to harassment and safety concerns. Reiterating the government's commitment, Anitha made it clear that there would

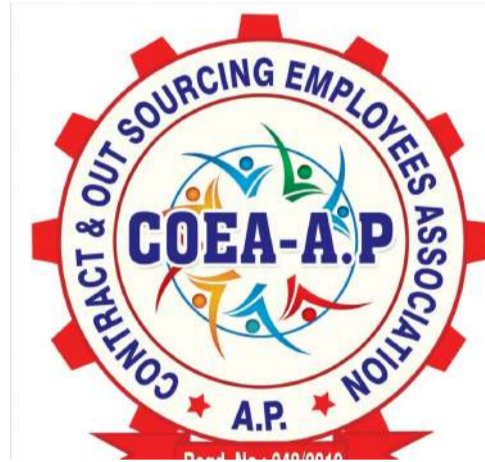
be zero tolerance towards crimes against women and that strict action would be taken against offenders. The grievance cell program reflects the government's effort to bridge the gap between administration and the public by offering a direct platform for citizens to voice their issues. With immediate interventions and assurances from the Home Minister, the initiative brought relief and hope to many who had been seeking justice.

Officials stated that such grievance redressal programs would continue in the future, ensuring that governance remains transparent, responsive, and people-centric across Andhra Pradesh.

Outsourcing Employees to Hold State-Level Executive Meeting to Strengthen Unity

Vijayawada, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

In a significant move aimed at consolidating the strength and unity of outsourcing employees across Andhra Pradesh, the Contract and Outsourcing Employees Association (COEA-AP) is set to organize a state-level executive committee meeting. The meeting, scheduled for April 11, 2026, at the IMA Bhavan (A/C Hall) on Eluru Road, Vijayawada, will bring together key office bearers and members from all 26 districts of the state. The primary objective of this assembly is to discuss issues faced by outsourcing employees in various departments and to formulate a concrete action plan to address them. Alongside these discussions, the meeting will also focus on the establishment of a new state-level committee for the association, a move seen as crucial to enhancing organizational cohesion and representation at both district and state levels. A statement from the state committee emphasized the importance of unity among employees, stating that the participation of all district presidents, general secretaries, and



executive committee members from different headquarters offices is vital for the success of the meeting. "Our goal is to present a strong, unified front to the government, ensuring that the voice of outsourcing employees is recognized and their concerns addressed promptly," the statement read. The meeting will be graced by several prominent leaders in the outsourcing employees' community. Notable attendees include Mr. Bopparaju, Chairman of AP JEC Amaravati; Mr. P. Damodar Rao, Secretary General of AP JEC Amaravati; Mr. K. Suman, State President

of COEA-AP; and Mr. Eedulmudi Madhubabu, General Secretary of COEA-AP. In addition, all members of the AP JEC Amaravati state committee are expected to attend, further highlighting the significance of the event. Over the past few years, outsourcing employees have faced a variety of challenges, ranging from delayed payments to unclear service rules and job insecurity. The state-level meeting aims to address these issues comprehensively, providing a platform for employees from diverse departments to voice their concerns, propose solutions, and create actionable strategies for long-term improvements. The leadership of COEA-AP has emphasized that the meeting is not only a platform to discuss grievances but also an opportunity to strengthen solidarity among outsourcing employees. By coming together in

a single forum, the association hopes to demonstrate its collective strength to the government, ensuring that employee welfare is prioritized in policy and administrative decisions. The state committee has called upon all district-level presidents, general secretaries, and executive members to actively participate in the event. Officials stress that the success of the meeting will rely on maximum attendance and active engagement, as it will serve as a benchmark for future initiatives and organizational growth. As the date approaches, preparations are underway to ensure the meeting proceeds smoothly. The committee has extended a warm invitation to all members, underscoring the message that "the unity of outsourcing employees must grow stronger," reflecting the association's ongoing commitment to employee rights, welfare, and organizational solidarity.

The April 11 meeting is widely expected to be a turning point for outsourcing employees in Andhra Pradesh, setting a roadmap for a more structured, united, and effective representation across the state.

TDP Minister Nara Lokesh Holds 87th "Praja Darbar" in Mangalagiri

Mangalagiri, 08 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telugu Desam Party Minister for Education and IT, Nara Lokesh, held the 87th day of his "Praja Darbar" at the TDP central office in Mangalagiri, assuring citizens that he stands with those in distress. Residents and party workers presented their grievances directly to the minister, who received them warmly and promised action. Key issues raised included the relocation of the South Coast Railway operations and the future of the Loco Pilots' Gala (Secunderabad) depot in Vijayawada. Staff requested that the depot remain in Vijayawada, citing uncertainty caused by the proposed shift from Kondapalli to Motamarri. Around 500 families are reportedly anxious over these developments. Representatives from Acha-



rya Nagarjuna University requested regularization of daily-wage employees who have served for 20 years. The AP Hire Bus Owners Welfare Association appealed for replacement of buses lost during COVID-19. Additionally, residents of Gajulapalle village in Nandyal district raised a land dispute

over 2.63 acres allegedly encroached by Shirigiri Chandramouliwara Reddy. Minister Nara Lokesh assured all petitioners that their concerns would be reviewed carefully and that efforts would be made to resolve their issues efficiently, emphasizing a citizen-focused approach to governance.

Minister Narayana Inspects Ramachandrapuram Municipality, Approves 3 Crore Development Funds

Ambedkar Konaseema, April 9, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration Minister Narayana visited Ramachandrapuram Municipality in Ambedkar Konaseema district to review ongoing infrastructure and development projects. Accompanied by local public representatives and officials, the minister conducted a detailed inspection of parks, roads, drains, and vacant public spaces. During a review meeting at the municipal office, Minister Narayana directed the release of 3 crore for multiple development works. Of this, 1 crore is allocated for park improvements, 50 lakh for central divider construction, and 1.5 crore for drain construction



across the town. Minister Narayana emphasized the government's commitment to providing basic amenities in all municipalities. "In the past, due to administrative negligence, municipal development remained stalled. Our focus is on providing essential facilities to every household," he stated. He further announced that over the

next two years, safe drinking water will be provided to every home in municipal areas through dedicated pipelines. On drainage infrastructure, the minister highlighted that the state requires an investment of 14,000 crore to complete construction across municipalities. Priority will be given to areas with higher population density to ensure effective water management and sanitation. The minister concluded by stressing that local infrastructure development is a cornerstone of sustainable urban living and pledged continued oversight and funding support to accelerate municipal projects in the district. The visit was attended by local municipal officials, elected representatives, and senior administrative officers.

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Lokesh slams Jagan over 'Mavigun' remark

Amaravati, April 8 | TPN Bureau

A fresh political war of words has erupted in Andhra Pradesh after YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy once again defended his controversial "Mavigun" remark, drawing a sharp and sarcastic counter from state minister Nara Lokesh.

The row centres around comments Jagan made at an internal party meeting in Tadepalli, set against the backdrop of Amaravati receiving constitutional recognition as the state capital. At the meeting, Jagan not only stood by his "Mavigun" slogan but also made disparaging remarks directed at Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.



Responding swiftly on social media, Minister Lokesh dismantled the term letter by letter. He offered a pointed interpretation — "Ma" stands for illusion (Maya), "Vi" for destruction (Vidhvamsam), and "Gun" for cha-

os and gun culture — sarcastically asking whether this was the true meaning behind Jagan's slogan. He tagged his post with #MavigunMavayya and #HistoricAmaravatiResolution.

Jagan also made several provocative statements at the meeting, including

threats against a media house owner and claims that CM Chandrababu's policies were pushing the state toward losing its capital. He further warned that YSRCP's upcoming padayatra would put the TDP on the back foot.

The ruling alliance dismissed Jagan's remarks as the desperate posturing of a party still reeling from its electoral defeat. The bitter exchange has once again spotlighted the increasingly aggressive tone of political discourse in Andhra Pradesh, with Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan separately urging all parties to adhere to democratic norms in public debate.

SC Welfare and Development Prioritized in Chittoor

Chittoor, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The SC Commission has emphasized focused attention on the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes (SC) in Chittoor district. Chairperson Jawahar reviewed pending grievances and instructed authorities to address land disputes, caste discrimination, and other social issues promptly. During a meeting at the district collectorate, 89 grievances were recorded, primarily concerning land disputes and caste-based inequities. The SC Commission urged revenue and police departments to coordinate for swift resolution,



ensuring transparency in caste certificate issuance and prioritizing Scheduled Caste farmers for loans.

District Collector Sumit Kumar highlighted ongoing efforts, including phased construction of welfare hostels and ensuring safe drinking water across SC colonies using government and Zilla Parishad funds. The SP, Tushar Dudi, noted strict implementation of

the SC/ST Atrocities Act. Authorities were directed to act sensitively yet firmly, maintain public trust, and resolve issues within 15 days, reinforcing Chittoor as an atrocity-free district.

The initiative ensures welfare, protection, and equitable development for SC communities through coordinated administrative action and monitoring.

Machilipatnam to Be Transformed into a Problem-Free Constituency: Minister Kollu Ravindra

Machilipatnam | April 08, 2026 TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Mines, Geology, and Excise, Kollu Ravindra, has reaffirmed his commitment to transforming Machilipatnam into a problem-free constituency, launching an intensive review of civic issues at the grassroots level.

As part of his division-wise outreach, the minister visited the 48th Division, where he inspected the drinking water pond near the Zilla Parishad office and interacted with local residents. He also held a special with family empowerment groups, emphasizing swift redressal of public grievances and improved delivery of basic services.

Ravindra directed officials to prioritize key areas such as drinking water supply, road infrastructure, and electricity. He said the constituency had suffered due to previous policies but assured that the current administration is working with a structured roadmap to resolve long-pending issues.



Highlighting governance reforms, he noted that weekly grievance redressal programs are being conducted at the party office, ensuring petitions are addressed systematically. Stressing the importance of direct engagement, Ravindra said household visits and village-level meetings would help authorities better understand local concerns. Addressing infrastructure

gaps, the minister identified drainage as a major challenge in the 48th Division. Despite cemented roads, low-lying stretches have led to water stagnation. He announced that a special development plan has been prepared to upgrade roads and improve drainage systems.

He also acknowledged complications in G+ housing layouts due to earlier administra-

tive lapses, adding that a dedicated team is working to resolve them.

Ravindra revealed that funds under the 15th Finance Commission and AMRUT 2.0 schemes will be utilized to enhance urban infrastructure. He assured continued monitoring and field visits over the next two months to ensure timely completion of works.

Botcha Satyanarayana Writes to Governor Over Misleading Debt Figures

Visakhapatnam, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Leader of the Opposition in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council, Botcha Satyanarayana, has written to Governor S. Abdul Nazeer, raising concerns over incorrect and incomplete information presented by the State Finance Department on government borrowings for 2024-25 and 2025-26.

In his letter, Botcha pointed out that the Principal Finance Secretary's reply to a starred question in the February 2026 session understated actual borrowings. The Finance Department reported total borrowings for 2024-25 as Rs. 60,485 crore, whereas the CAG-audited Finance Accounts show net liabilities of about Rs. 81,082 crore, a discrepancy exceeding Rs. 20,500 crore.

Botcha highlighted that the Finance Department possibly excluded key components such as Ways and Means Advances from the RBI, net liabilities under Public Account like deposits and reserve funds, and adjustments for GST compensation loans. He stressed that these omissions



create a misleading picture of the State's finances and understate the government's debt burden.

He also criticized the claim that there were no off-budget borrowings in 2025-26, noting that government-backed entities like MARKFED and the Civil Supplies Corporation have raised loans with state guarantees, which qualify as off-budget liabilities.

Botcha further pointed out inconsistencies in the Finance Department's reporting approach, where both Public Debt and Public Account were included for 2014-24, but Public Account was excluded for 2024-

25 and 2025-26. He stressed that providing incomplete information undermines transparency, weakens public trust, and affects the credibility of the Finance Department.

The Opposition leader requested the Governor to ensure corrective action, including withdrawal of the inaccurate reply and submission of figures consistent with CAG-audited accounts. He emphasized that responsibility must be fixed for the discrepancies and that transparency and integrity in public finance are essential to uphold legislative accountability and public trust.

Minister Narayana Criticizes Jagan Over "MAVIGAN" Remarks

Kakinada, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration Minister and Kakinada in-charge Minister Narayana criticized former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy over his recent "MAVIGAN" remarks, saying even children find them laughable. The comments came during a budget outreach meeting at the Kakinada Collectorate with officials and public representatives.

Minister Narayana alleged that the previous government had caused severe hardships to Amaravati farmers. "While in opposition, Jagan supported Amaravati, but once in power, he changed his stance, and the public is noticing this flip," he said. He added that Jagan's focus on trivial matters like 'MAVIGAN' aims to

divert public attention from serious issues, warning that the people will not forgive such behavior if it continues.

Highlighting financial mismanagement, Narayana pointed out that the past government diverted 3,000 crore from municipal funds for other purposes, weakening the system. According to NITI Aayog, Andhra Pradesh ranks 17th in fiscal management, with 93% of current revenue spent on salaries alone. Despite these constraints, the present government under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is concentrating on revenue generation and efficiently implementing "Super Six" initiatives.

The minister expressed optimism over Amaravati's de-

velopment, noting that the capital's construction is progressing rapidly following the government's gazette notification. He praised schemes like DSC and Job Calendar, which provide employment opportunities to youth, and social welfare programs including "Talliki Vandana," "Annadata Sukhibhava," and "Deepam-2" that reach citizens at the grassroots level. The meeting was attended by Kakinada District Collector Harendir Prasad, local MLAs, and senior officials, who collectively thanked the minister for his guidance and support in district development. This press release was issued by the Media Division of the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister's Office, Amaravati.



Minister Ramprasad Reddy Conducts Surprise Inspection of Private Buses in Mangalagiri

Guntur District, April 9, 2026 | TPN Bureau

State Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy carried out a surprise inspection of private buses at the KAJ Toll Plaza in Mangalagiri Rural, Guntur district, to assess safety standards and compliance with regulations. The minister checked various aspects of bus operations, focusing on passenger safety, comfort, and fire hazard prevention measures.

During the inspection, Minister Ramprasad Reddy enquired about driver licenses, duty hours, distance covered, driver details, passenger counts, and the availability of fire safety equipment on board. He closely examined whether buses were following prescribed safety norms and ensuring passenger welfare.

The minister expressed strong displeasure upon discovering that in some cases, driver details were not properly communicated to the travel operators. He emphasized that all driver information, including license validity, duty timings, and assigned routes, must be fully known to the respective travel management teams

to maintain accountability and passenger safety.

"Travel agencies should have complete records of their drivers. Ignorance of such critical details is unacceptable and poses serious risks to travelers," the minister warned. He instructed transport officials to ensure strict compliance with safety norms and proper documentation across all private bus services.

Minister Ramprasad Reddy also highlighted the importance of regular checks on fire extinguishers and emergency protocols to prevent accidents and ensure rapid response during emergencies. He stressed that such inspections will continue across the district to reinforce adherence to transport safety standards.

The surprise inspection was carried out in coordination with senior officials from the Transport Department, who accompanied the minister throughout the exercise. The department confirmed that follow-up actions and stricter monitoring measures will be implemented immediately to ensure that all private buses operate safely and transparently in the region.

Tirupati District Reviews City Gas Distribution Project

Tirupati, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The District-Level Utilities Coordination Committee (DLUCC) convened at the Tirupati Collectorate to review the progress of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) project. District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar chaired the meeting with Joint Collector R. Govinda Rao, gas agency representatives, and officials from key departments.

Dr. Venkateshwar emphasized that the CGD project provides safe, affordable, and environmentally friendly fuel to households and vehicles.

Pipeline-based natural gas (PNG) for homes and CNG for vehicles aims to reduce pollution, eliminate storage needs, and ensure 24/7 availability. He noted plans to extend benefits of the Deepam scheme to PNG users soon. The collector instructed officials to accelerate project implementation while coordinating with municipal, roads, electricity, water, and telecom departments. He highlighted careful planning to minimize public inconvenience during road excavation. Safety standards, pipeline installation, and gas connections must be strictly followed, and all works completed within set timelines.

Dr. Venkateshwar noted that the CGD project will ensure reliable fuel supply, support environmental protection, and streamline approvals through inter-departmental coordination to avoid delays. The meeting included senior officers from forest, irrigation, R&B, electricity, industries, civil supplies, labour, and panchayati raj departments, as well as DLUCC members, ensuring comprehensive oversight of the project. This initiative underscores Tirupati district's commitment to sustainable urban energy and safe, efficient fuel access for residents and industries.



Road Expansion Works Worth 105 Crore Launched in Gannavaram; Vijayawada to Get 'Greater City' Status Soon

Vijayawada | April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana laid the foundation stone for three major road development projects worth 105 crore in the Gannavaram constituency. Among these, a key project involves road expansion works from Ballem Vari Veedhi Junction (History Line Road) to Nidamanuru Main Road, being taken up with an investment of 34.95 crore under APCRDA funds. The project aims to enhance connectivity and ease traffic congestion in the region by constructing a modern BT (hot mix) road equipped with advanced features such as central design elements and improved street lighting systems. The initiative is expected to benefit commuters and local residents significantly by providing better road conditions and safer travel. The foundation stone laying ceremony witnessed the presence of several prominent leaders, including Minister Vasan Setti Sub-



hash, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni), Machilipatnam MP Vallabhaneni Balashowry, Government Whip

and Gannavaram MLA Yarla-gadda Venkata Rao, along with MLAs Gadde Ram Mohan and Bode Prasad. Speaking on the

occasion, Minister Narayana revealed that the state government is actively considering upgrading Vijayawada and

Tirupati into 'Greater Cities'. He stated that the proposal will be implemented after the completion of the ongoing national population census process. The move is expected to bring better urban planning, increased funding, and improved civic amenities to these cities. Meanwhile, Gannavaram MLA Yarla-gadda Venkata Rao highlighted the pressing issues faced by residents of nine villages in Vijayawada Rural mandal. He pointed out that people are struggling with inadequate garbage collection and drinking water supply. He criticized previous administrations for neglecting simple solutions such as pipeline extensions that could have resolved water issues. The minister urged the minister to merge these villages into the Vijayawada municipal limits to ensure long-term solutions and better access to essential services. The government's focus on infrastructure development and urban expansion signals a step forward in addressing the growing needs of the region.



ABN Radhakrishna Remarks Spark Protest by YSRCP Leaders in Vijayawada

Vijayawada | April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tensions flared in Vijayawada as leaders of the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) staged a protest against alleged derogatory remarks made by ABN Andhra Jyothi Managing Director Vemuri Radhakrishna. The protest was held in front of the Andhra Jyothi office located on Mustabad Road, drawing significant attention in the political circles of the region.

Senior YSRCP leaders, including Krishna District President Perni Nani, NTR District President Devineni Avinash, former ministers Vellampalli Srinivas and Malladi Vishnu, along with other key party members from the undivided Krishna district, participated in the demonstration. The leaders strongly condemned the comments reportedly targeting the wives of YSRCP leaders, calling them inappropriate and unacceptable.

Speaking during the protest, Perni Nani launched a scathing attack on both ABN Radhakrishna and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief N. Chandrababu Naidu. He accused Chandrababu of indulging in large-scale corruption in the name of Amaravati development, alleging that thousands of crores have already been misappropriated.

Nani reiterated that the capital region should be strategically located between Machilipatnam, Vijayawada, and Guntur, regardless of the name given to it. He further criticized Radhakrishna, using strong words to question his credibility and integrity in running the media organization.

The YSRCP leader also alleged that Radhakrishna had previously made objectionable remarks about government volunteers and was now shifting his stance on national leaders like Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He questioned the inconsistency in ABN's editorial positions and accused the media house of lacking the courage to present facts with evidence.

Perni Nani defended former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, stating that there was nothing wrong in his statements and that they were aimed at safeguarding the financial stability of the state. He emphasized that the people of the state should not be burdened with mounting debts.

The protest created a tense atmosphere in the area, with police deployed to maintain law and order. The incident once again highlights the growing friction between political parties and sections of the media in the state.

Endowments Assistant Commissioner Arrested in Disproportionate Assets Case

Vijayawada | April 7, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Vijayawada Range, has arrested an Assistant Commissioner of Endowments in connection with a disproportionate assets case. The accused, identified as Kalinagiri Santhi, was taken into custody following extensive searches conducted across multiple locations. According to ACB officials, the case was registered based on credible information indicating that the officer had acquired assets far exceeding her known sources of income. A disproportionate assets case was booked under relevant sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act, and a detailed investigation was initiated. As part of the probe, simultaneous raids were carried out at four locations in Tadepalli and Undavalli villages, including



the residential premises of the accused. During the searches conducted on April 7, officials reportedly seized several incriminating materials and documents linked to property ownership. The ACB unearthed substantial assets during the operation. These include a residential flat in Visakhapatnam, a G+2 building at Kunchanapalli in Tadepalli, approximately 770 grams of gold ornaments, around 3 kilograms of

silver articles, and cash amounting to about 1.15 lakh. Additionally, bank deposits worth nearly 3 lakh were identified. The accused was also found to own a Volkswagen Polo car, a motorcycle, electronic gadgets, and various household items of significant value. Officials confirmed that further searches are ongoing to trace additional assets and financial transactions linked to the case. Following due legal procedures, the accused was arrested and is being produced before the Special Court for ACB cases in Vijayawada. Kalinagiri Santhi was appointed as Assistant Commissioner of Endowments through APPSC in 2020. She has served in both Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada during her tenure. Notably, she had been under suspension from July 2024 to March 2026 and was recently awaiting posting at the time of her arrest.



No Compromise on Water Quality: Lakshmisha

NTR District | April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Emphasizing that there will be no compromise on drinking water quality, NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha has directed officials to carry out intensive inspections of RO water purification plants and drinking water supply systems across Vijayawada city. With the summer season intensifying, the administration has placed special focus on safeguarding public health.

The Collector, who also serves as the Special Officer of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC), conducted surprise inspections at RO plants in Muthyalampadu and Satyanarayanapuram on Wednesday. During the visit, he examined key aspects including the source of water, necessary permissions, technical equipment being used, sanitation standards, and quality testing mechanisms.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Lakshmisha made it clear that all drinking water supply systems must strictly adhere to prescribed standards. He stressed that providing safe and quality drinking water to the public is of utmost importance, particularly during the summer when water consumption increases significantly.

Officials have been instructed

to ensure regular inspections of all RO plants and maintain strict surveillance. The Collector also directed that inspection schedules and operational details should be clearly displayed at the plant premises for public awareness and transparency. During inspections, authorities have been asked to closely monitor water quality standards, filtration processes, machinery performance, hygiene conditions, and maintenance practices. Any plant operating without proper permissions or failing to meet regulatory standards will face stringent action, he warned. Highlighting the importance of coordination among departments, the Collector urged officials to work in close collaboration to ensure uninterrupted monitoring and enforcement. He also appealed to the public to report any issues related to drinking water quality to local authorities for prompt action. Officials accompanying the Collector during the inspections included VMC In-charge Chief Engineer P. Satya Kumari and District Medical and Health Officer Dr. K. Arjuna Rao, among others. The move reflects the district administration's proactive approach to prevent health risks and ensure access to clean and safe drinking water for all residents during the peak summer months.

8 Youth Arrested with Ganja in Tadepalli; 400 Grams Seized

Tadepalli, Guntur District | April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

In a continued crackdown on drug-related activities, Tadepalli police arrested eight youths for allegedly possessing and consuming ganja in various parts of the town. The operation was carried out in areas including the Krishna river bund (karakatta), Paturu, and nearby localities, which have been identified as sensitive zones for such illegal activities. During the operation, police seized approximately 400 grams of ganja packets from the possession of the accused. Acting on credible information, special police teams conducted surprise checks and surveillance in the area, leading to the detention of the suspects. According to Tadepalli Circle Inspector Veerendra Babu, the youth were found either carrying ganja packets or consuming the substance in public places. He stated that such activities not only violate the law but also pose a serious threat to public safety and youth welfare. The CI fur-



ther revealed that several among the arrested individuals have previous criminal records, indicating repeated involvement in similar offences. This has raised concerns among the police about the growing trend of substance abuse among youth in the region. Following their arrest, cases were registered under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The accused were later produced before the court as part of due legal procedures. Police officials emphasized that strict action will be taken against those involved in drug-related activities. They also reiterated their commitment to intensifying surveillance and

conducting frequent raids in vulnerable areas to prevent the spread of narcotics. Authorities have appealed to parents and the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities related to drug abuse. Community cooperation, they said, plays a crucial role in tackling the issue effectively. The latest arrests are part of an ongoing effort by district police to curb drug usage and ensure a safer environment for residents. With increased monitoring and strict enforcement, officials aim to reduce the influence of narcotics, particularly among the younger population, and maintain law and order in Tadepalli and surrounding areas.



'Jala Dhara' Aims to Capture Every Drop of Rainwater: DK Balaji

Machilipatnam | April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Highlighting the importance of water conservation, Krishna District Collector D.K. Balaji stated that the primary objective of the "Jala Dhara - Water Security Programme" is to capture every drop of rainwater and ensure that all tanks in the district are filled, thereby providing irrigation security to farmers.

The Collector visited Banampeta village in Jagannadhapuram revenue limits of Pedavegi mandal in Eluru district, where he inspected innovative injection wells constructed by a local farmer, Parvathaneni Babji. The visit was aimed at studying effective groundwater recharge techniques that can be replicated in water-scarce regions.

During the inspection, the Collector interacted with the farmer to understand the construction process and functioning of the injection wells. Babji explained that he had constructed the wells at a cost of 4 lakh near a water-filled tank, despite not owning agricultural land himself. His intention, he said, was to ensure water availability for the entire village.

He further explained that the system allows groundwater recharge for up to 10 months. The injection wells can pump nearly one lakh litres of water per hour, amounting to around 20 lakh litres per day when operated continuously. As a result, groundwater levels in surrounding

villages have improved significantly.

Speaking to the media later, Collector Balaji said that the state government has launched the Jala Dhara - Jalharathi initiative to conserve rainwater and ensure adequate irrigation supply to farmers. He emphasized that strengthening farmers economically through sustainable water management is a key priority.

The Collector noted that the visit was part of a study to identify measures to improve groundwater levels in regions of Krishna district facing water scarcity. He appreciated the effectiveness of the injection well model and said similar low-cost, eco-friendly solutions would be implemented in Krishna district to enhance groundwater recharge.

He also pointed out that a large volume of Krishna River water is being wasted into the sea and stressed the need to conserve it efficiently. While constructing large dams involves high expenditure, adopting cost-effective methods like injection wells can yield significant benefits, he said.

The administration is committed to ensuring that all tanks are filled with rainwater and that farmers receive uninterrupted irrigation support without shortages.

Officials including DWAMA PD Shiva Prasad, Irrigation SE Gunakar, Groundwater Department DD Vijayvardhan, and others accompanied the Collector during the visit.

Govt Withdraws RTC Land Allotment to Lulu Group

Vijayawada | April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The State government has withdrawn its decision to allot prime RTC land in Vijayawada to the LuLu Group International for the construction of a shopping mall. The decision was formally conveyed to the High Court through a written submission by the Advocate General, marking a significant reversal after months of protests and legal challenges.

The issue pertains to the allocation of 4.17 acres of land at the old RTC bus stand in Vijayawada, valued at around 400 crore. The government had earlier issued GO No. 137 on July 5, 2025, leasing the land to Lulu Group for 99 years at a

highly concessional rate. The proposal included permission for constructing a three-storey commercial complex spanning over 2.32 lakh square feet.

The move had sparked widespread opposition from political parties, public organizations, and citizen groups. A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed in the High Court by farmer leader Vadde Shobhanadreeswara Rao, challenging the legality of the land allotment. Following the legal proceedings and mounting public pressure, the government has now stepped back, cancelling the allotment. Reacting to the development, CPM state secretariat member Ch. Baburao termed the decision a "victory of people's struggle."

He alleged that the government had attempted to hand over valuable public land to a large multinational corporation by bypassing norms and legal procedures. Baburao further stated that the allocation would have adversely impacted the APSRTC system and harmed small and medium traders in the city. He criticized the government for ignoring public sentiment and continuing to defend the decision until recently. Over the past months, left parties, trade unions, and civil society groups had organized protests, demonstrations, and awareness campaigns against the allotment. A united citizens' platform was also formed to intensify the movement, demanding protection of



public assets. "The government had no option but to withdraw due to sustained public protests and legal intervention. This shows that people will not tolerate arbitrary allocation of government lands," Baburao said. He also urged the government to change its approach towards corporate land allot-

ments and prioritize public interest. He warned that movements to safeguard government lands would continue if such decisions are repeated in the future. The episode highlights the growing role of public activism and judicial scrutiny in shaping key policy decisions in the state.

“Ease AP” Program Promotes Mental Health Among First-Year Med Students

Chittoor, April 9 | TPN Bureau

First-year medical students at AIMSR, Chittoor participated in the inaugural Ease AP program, aimed at raising awareness about mental health and suicide prevention.

phasized the importance of seeking help when needed. Nelson Moses, a senior trainer from Cupri Institute India, led the sessions, guiding students on practical strategies to maintain psychological well-being.



health concerns among students nationwide necessitate scientifically designed interventions like Ease AP.

and awareness,” the organizers said. By integrating structured mental health training into the academic curriculum, Ease AP represents a proactive step in nurturing healthier, more aware medical professionals of the future.

Drugs-Free Andhra Pradesh: MLA Nelavala Vijayasri Applauds “Dandi March 2.0”

Sullurupeta, Tirupati District | TPN News, April 08

Tirupati district MLA Dr. Nelavala Vijayasri lauded the joint efforts of the district police, Eagle Team, and Vibrants of Kalam in organizing the “Drugs Vaddu Bro” campaign and the “Dandi March 2.0” cycle rally.

awareness among youth across the state, she noted. She highlighted that over 80,000 students in the district have been digitally engaged in this campaign, describing it as a positive outcome.



“Every effort of the police to make our constituency a drugs-free zone has my full support,” she affirmed.

LPG, Petrol, Diesel Supplies Stable in AP: Officials

Tadepalli, Guntur District, April 9 | TPN Bureau

State-level General Manager of AP Oil Industries, N. Bhaskar Reddy, has assured residents that LPG, petrol, and diesel supplies in Andhra Pradesh are stable and uninterrupted.



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Residents were urged not to believe social media rumors about shortages and to rely only on official information. With pipelines from Visakhapatnam Refinery, Gail, and HPCL, LPG production

has increased, ensuring a smooth state-wide distribution.

Officials from HPCL, including Information Officer Upendra and Chief Regional Manager Abhishek Pradeep Singh, participated in the briefing.

Collective Responsibility Key to Protecting Children: AP Official

Amaravati, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Sri Vetukuri A.V.S.S. Raju, Chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, stressed that safeguarding children’s safety and rights is a collective responsibility of society.



Sri Raju released a poster titled “Understanding and Addressing Gender-Based Violence against Children”, developed by the HELP Organization, at his office. He appreciated the organization’s efforts to educate both the public and children, noting that such initiatives contribute to positive social change.

He emphasized strengthening child protection systems,

providing immediate support to victims, and encouraging the public to report incidents without fear. Sri Raju called on parents, teachers, officials, and

society at large to collaborate in ensuring every child grows up in a safe and dignified environment. The program was attended by commission members

Sri V. Gandhi Babu, Smt. K.G. Venkata Padmalatha, and HELP Organization representatives Nimmaraju Rammohan and V. Bhaskar.

AP Tourism Minister Durgesh to Attend Major Hotel Investment Conference in Mumbai

Amaravati, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Minister K. Durgesh will participate in the 21st Hotel Investment Conference South Asia (HICSA) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Mumbai, scheduled for April 8-9. Today, the minister is set to attend the Hotels Operations Summit India workshop and highlight investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh’s tourism sector.



the tourism sector and invite leading hotel chains and investors to consider Andhra Pradesh for future investments. Accompanying the minister is Ajay Jain, Special Chief Secretary of the Tourism Department, who will sup-

port discussions with investors and stakeholders during the conference. The event provides a platform for AP to showcase its potential as a preferred destination for tourism development and hotel sector growth.



Andhra Pradesh Electricity Minister Inaugurates New APCPDCL Office

Amaravati, April 9, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Electricity Minister Gottipati Ravikumar inaugurated the new office of APCPDCL, calling the occasion “truly joyful.” He praised the staff for their collective efforts in building a strong reputation for the Electricity Department.

ers without increasing tariffs. Ravikumar also noted the government’s focus on delivering reliable power to all citizens and lauded officials for their prompt response during emergencies. Staff played a critical role in restoring electricity within hours following disasters. He urged employees to continue improving services, recognizing the department’s dedication to round-the-clock operations, ensuring power supply day and night.

The inauguration underscores the state government’s commitment to modernizing electricity infrastructure and enhancing service quality.

Free Eyeglasses Distribution for Journalists in Anantapur

Anantapur, 08 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists’ Union, under the AP Journalist Development Society, organized a free eyeglasses distribution program for working journalists and their families on April 10 at the Anantapur Press Club. The initiative was held in collaboration with Sri Meenakshamma Foundation, courtesy

of Ravikanth Raman. Over 200 journalists and their family members underwent free eye check-ups during the event. Those who completed the examinations received complimentary eyeglasses, ensuring better vision and eye health for media professionals. Some beneficiaries will also have access to free eye surgeries as part of the program. Speaking about the initiative, AP Working Journalists’

Union state president, Macha Ramalingareddy, emphasized that only those who participated in the eye tests would be eligible to receive the glasses. Journalists and their families were encouraged to attend and complete the process to avail the benefits. The program reflects the union’s commitment to supporting the well-being of journalists while promoting eye care awareness across the district.

Coalition Government Stands by Citizens in Times of Hardship

Tirupati District | TPN News, April 08

The coalition government has extended crucial support to families facing financial difficulties in Narayana Vanam mandal. TDP leader Kurapati Shankar Reddy, along with local party members, handed over a 10 lakh cheque sanctioned under the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund to cover medi-

cal expenses for RS Kasturi. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized that public welfare remains the primary goal of the coalition government. Shankar Reddy highlighted that the government stands firmly with every family facing hardships, and assured that the Chief Minister’s assistance would provide significant relief to the affected household.

Sri Venkateswara Veda Vijnanapeetha: Tirumala’s Center for Vedic Excellence

Tirumala, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirumala’s Dharmagiri is home to the esteemed Sri Venkateswara Veda Vijnanapeetha, a premier institution for preserving and promoting India’s Vedic traditions. Established in 1884 under Mahant Prayag Das Ji and relocated to Dharmagiri in 1992, it has evolved into a comprehensive center offering 17 specialized departments across Veda, Agama, Smartha, and Divya Prabandham studies.

welfare with hostel facilities for 540 students, nutritious meals, free clothing, books, daily essentials, and medical support. Financial incentives include deposits of 3 lakh for Vedic course students and 1 lakh for others, along with merit recognition and silver coins upon course completion.

Daily routines follow Vedic practices, from Sandhyavandanam to recitation, study, and sports. The institution hosts the Sri Venkateswara Veda Shastra Agama Vidvat Sabha, attracting scholars nationwide, cementing Tirumala’s role as the spiritual birthplace of Vedic knowledge.

Pulivarthi Nani Reviews Development Works in Tiruchanuru Panchayat

Chandragiri Constituency | TPN Bureau, April 08

MLA Pulivarthi Nani conducted an inspection of ongoing development works in Lakshmi Nagar and Ambedkar Colony within the Tiruchanuru Panchayat. Addressing a long-standing road issue that persisted for nearly 20 years, the MLA oversaw the completion of critical road works. He personally inspected both com-

pleted and ongoing CC road projects alongside local leaders, emphasizing the importance of high-quality construction. Noticing areas littered with garbage, MLA Nani instructed officials to ensure proper cleanliness and maintenance across the Panchayat. He also conducted a surprise inspection at the Lakshmi Nagar Secretariat, reviewing registers and administrative proce-

dures. The MLA directed all officials to be accessible to residents and resolve their issues promptly, ensuring that citizens face no inconvenience while approaching government offices. The inspection saw participation from coalition leaders, local party workers, and administrative officials, who supported MLA Nani in evaluating the progress of development activities.

Lawyers Demand Strict Action Against Murderers of Advocate Poojari Ellayya

Tirupati District | April 08 | TPN Bureau

The Tirupati District Satyavedu Lawyers’ Bar Association has demanded strict punishment for the criminals who brutally murdered Advocate Poojari Ellayya from Vadipalli village in KV Palli mandal, Annamayya district.

On Wednesday, Bar Association members, led by President Mahesh, boycotted court proceedings and staged a protest outside the courthouse to condemn the attack on Ellayya’s residence that resulted in his death.

Speaking at the protest, Bar Association Secretary Raja expressed deep concern over the rising attacks on lawyers, stating that the safety of legal pro-

fessionals is increasingly at risk. He called for the enactment and implementation of a special law to ensure protection for lawyers, emphasizing that such measures are essential to encourage future generations to join the legal profession.

Raja urged the government to identify and punish the perpetrators responsible for Ellayya’s murder and assured support for the victim’s family in all possible ways.

Bar Association members who participated in the protest included Kuberan Venkateshwarlu, Lokesh, Munishekar, Shivananda, Balakrishnareddy, Venkatesh, Shruvan, Vignesh, Dinakaran, Kishore, Ajit, and Amos.

TNUS Honors Student for District-Level Competition Success

Anantapur, 08 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Telugu Nadu Teachers' Union (TNUS) felicitated fifth-grade student Suchita Ragini from Mandipadu Mandal Parishad Primary School, Venkataraju Palem, for securing second place in the district-level GFLN competitions.

Union leaders Mannam Srinivas, Nalluri Narasimha Rao, and Yanamala Anjaneyulu presented awards to the young achiever, praising her dedication and hard work. They emphasized that education brings respect

and value to an individual and encouraged all students to strive for excellence in their studies to reach greater heights in life.

Following the award distribution, biscuits were shared with all participating students as a token of encouragement. The event was attended by school teachers Katta Srinivas Rao and Krishnapriya, who congratulated the student and expressed their support for continued academic achievements.

The ceremony highlighted TNUS's commitment to motivating students and recognizing talent at the grassroots level.



First Six Years Crucial for Child Development: District Collector Himanshu Shukla

Nellore, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Himanshu Shukla emphasized that the first six years of a child's life are critical for brain development, requiring proper nutrition and care.

On Wednesday, the Collector unveiled awareness posters for the 8th Nutrition Fortnight organized by the Women and Child Welfare Department. Scheduled from April 9 to 23 under the theme "Sahi Poshan, Desh Roshan," the campaign will focus on maternal and child nutrition, early brain stimulation for children aged 0-3, play-based early education

for 3-6-year-olds, reducing screen time, and community support for strengthening Anganwadi centers.

Shukla stressed providing essential nutrition and healthcare to pregnant women, young mothers, and children,

ensuring all Anganwadi centers implement the program effectively. ICDS PD Heena Sujana was directed to coordinate with Anganwadi staff, ASHA workers, and health personnel to reach every beneficiary.

The event saw participation from DMHO Sujata, ICDS Nodal Officer Anuradha, district-level officials, and other department staff.

Telangana Libraries Celebrate Centenary with Emphasis on Mother Tongue Learning

Hyderabad, 08 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana High Court Judge Justice K. Lakshman highlighted the importance of delivering landmark court judgments in mother tongues during a special program titled "Tribute to Libraries Serving Over 100 Years" at Ravindra Bharati, Hyderabad. Organized by Kinner Art Theatres and Kinner Cultural and Educational Trust, the event honored administrators of century-old libraries, including Rajahmundry Gautami Library, Srikrishna Devaraya Bhasha Nilayam, and Vetapalem Saraswata Niketanam.

Justice Lakshman recalled his role in compiling over eight lakh words for Telugu legal translations and emphasized how mother tongue learning enhances comprehension and knowledge.



Avanigadda MLA Mandali Buddha Prasad praised libraries as centers of knowledge, lamenting declining readership due to mobile phones. He urged teachers and parents to encourage students toward book reading, emphasizing that reading ensures lasting knowledge. Justice Nuti

Ramamohan Rao announced Rs. 50,000 contributions to four century-old libraries.

The event celebrated the legacy of libraries and reinforced the vital role of mother tongue education in knowledge development and cultural preservation.

Amaravati Set to Become Global Creative Economy Hub: Minister Kandula Durgesh

Mumbai/Amaravati | April 8, 2026

Andhra Pradesh Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh announced plans to transform Amaravati into an international Creative Economy Hub during the 21st Hotel Investment Conference South Asia at Mumbai's Grand Hyatt. He highlighted strategic discussions with global firms like Eros International and Red Bull to attract investments and develop immersive tourism experiences. Durgesh outlined a Storytelling Corridor linking Amaravati, Visakhapatnam, and Tirupati, showcasing the state's culture through holographic storytelling and interactive experiences. He emphasized moving from traditional sightseeing to an Experience Economy, offering tourists innovative engagement while promoting sports tourism and digital infrastructure. The minister as-



signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Eros International would be signed under CM Chandrababu Naidu's supervision. The ini-

tiative aims to boost long-term economic growth, generate employment, and elevate Andhra Pradesh's international recognition as a hub for

creative industries and cultural tourism. Officials present included Special Chief Secretary Ajay Jain and Senior Consultant Sahiti Devi.

MLA Arani Srinivas Inspects Anna Canteens in Tirupati

Tirupati City | TPN Bureau, April 08

MLA Arani Srinivas on Wednesday visited Anna Canteens in Tirupati to assess their operations and the quality of meals being served to beneficiaries.

During his inspection, the MLA inquired about the number of tokens being distributed, the quality of food, and the cleanliness of the surroundings. He first visited the canteen opposite Swims Hospital and later inspected the Anna Canteen on RC Road, where he joined the public for lunch.

Beneficiaries informed him that the rice could be cooked slightly better and the sambar could be more flavorful. Responding to these suggestions, MLA Srinivas instructed the canteen management to address the issues immediately.

He praised the initiative of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, youth leaders, and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, noting that under



their leadership, the canteens provide three wholesome meals a day at just 5 for the economically disadvantaged.

Officials present during the inspection included Corporation SE Shyam Sunder, EEs Tulasani Kumar and Gomathi, DE Lalitha, NDA leaders, CK Revathi, Mahboob Basha, Raja Reddy, Suman Babu, Konda Rajamohan, Sane Srinu, Amudala Venkatesh, Sudhakar Doodi, Ramesh Naidu, and Janakiram Reddy.

Indian Audit & Accounts Department to Begin in Amaravati

Amaravati, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

Amaravati will soon host the Indian Audit & Accounts Department, functioning under the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG). The lease agreement for setting up the Accountant General's office was finalized on Wednesday, marking a key milestone in the capital's administrative development. The Andhra Pradesh government had allocated 787 cents of land in Rayapudi, Amaravati, for establishing the office. The lease documents were formally handed over by Zubin Rai, Joint Director of APCRDA Estates, to R. Shyam, Senior Deputy Accountant General (Administration). This office will strengthen financial over-



sight and auditing mechanisms in the state under CAG supervision. The move is part of the broader plan to develop Amaravati into a modern administrative and governance hub. By providing dedicated infrastruc-

ture for central audit operations, the establishment of this department ensures enhanced transparency, accountability, and efficient management of public funds in the capital region.



Tirupati District Police Hold Zoom Review on Crime Control

Tirupati District | TPN News, April 08

Tirupati District Superintendent of Police (SP) L. Subbarayudu, IPS, conducted a comprehensive Zoom meeting with police officials across the district to review crime control measures, pending cases, and ongoing investigations.

During the review, SP Subbarayudu emphasized the need for speedy completion of pending cases while maintaining high-quality investigations. He instructed officers to take strict action against offenders and ensure accountability at every stage of the investigative process.

The SP stressed the importance of visible policing to strengthen crime prevention and boost public confidence. He also instructed that even minor disputes within police station jurisdictions be addressed promptly to prevent escalation.

Special attention was directed toward the safety of women and children, as well as increasing public aware-

ness of cybercrime. Officers were advised to conduct extensive awareness campaigns and engage proactively with communities.

Additional SPs S. Venkataravu (Administration) and Ravi Manoharachi (Law & Order), along with senior officials, participated in the review. Each police station's pending cases and investigation status were examined in detail, with instructions to expedite resolution.

SP Subbarayudu reminded all officers that negligence in investigations would not be tolerated and that every case must be handled responsibly with adherence to timelines. He reinforced the need for coordinated policing to maintain law and order and strengthen public trust in the district police.

The SP concluded by highlighting that proactive measures, timely interventions, and coordinated efforts are critical for maintaining peace, preventing crimes, and ensuring the overall safety of Tirupati district residents.

First Direct Train from Srikakulam to Tirupati Approved

Srikakulam, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Central Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu announced the approval of the first regular direct train service connecting Srikakulam to Tirupati. The 17439/40 Tirupati-Srikakulam Road Hamsafar Express will commence operations from April 13, 2026.

The train will depart Tirupati every Sunday evening and Srikakulam Road every Monday afternoon, providing a convenient option for pilgrims who previously depended on trains from Bhubaneswar or routes via Visakhapatnam, often facing overcrowding and delays.

Minister Rammohan Naidu highlighted that securing this service has been a long-term goal since he became MP. He actively coordinated with Railway Ministers, the Railway Board, DRMs, and zonal authorities to achieve this milestone.

Expressing gratitude to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, he assured that more services will be introduced in the future to further enhance connectivity from Srikakulam. The new train service is expected to offer pilgrims greater convenience and additional berths, supporting smoother travel for devotees visiting Tirupati.

World Bank & ADB Team Concludes Successful Amaravati Visit

Amaravati, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

A three-day visit by the World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) teams to Amaravati concluded successfully on Wednesday. The joint mission focused on reviewing the progress of capital development works and assessing key infrastructure and governance measures.

During the visit, multiple sessions were held at the APCRDA headquarters in Rayapudi. APCRDA Additional Commissioner A. Bhargavateja, IAS, briefed the teams on the status of ongoing construction, investment promotion, disaster management planning, road and water resource management, solid waste sys-



tems, and social welfare programs implemented in the capital region. The WB & ADB teams also offered recommendations to enhance operational efficiency and safety measures. Representatives from the Project Management Consultants (PgMC), contract agencies, and

PMC staff actively participated in the discussions.

The visit highlighted Amaravati's structured approach to urban development and reinforced the state's commitment to international standards of planning, infrastructure, and governance.

Minister Nadeandla Manohar Reviews Gas Supply & Rabi Preparations

Amaravati, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Food and Civil Supplies Minister Shri Nadeandla Manohar conducted a video conference on Wednesday to review gas supply management and Rabi crop preparedness across the state. Minister Manohar emphasized strict monitoring of gas supply agencies, timely resolution of public complaints, and prompt clearance of backlog bookings. He instructed officials to ensure field-level supervision, focusing on rural delivery challenges and daily updates on bookings and de-

liveries. Special attention was to be given to call center and media-reported issues. Guidelines for 5 kg gas cylinder distribution were reviewed, ensuring compliance with central directives and prioritizing areas with critical demand. Officials were also instructed to prevent black marketing and ensure uninterrupted kerosene supply. On Rabi procurement, the minister directed district officials to maintain smooth collection, transport, and milling of crops, while monitoring weather-related risks. Immediate corrective actions were mandated to avoid any inconvenience to farmers.



BC Janardhan Reddy Reviews Shankar Villas ROB in Guntur

Guntur, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

Minister BC Janardhan Reddy inspected the 70-year-old Shankar Villas ROB in Guntur city and addressed the media, highlighting the TDP-led government's efforts to modernize the bridge. The new 930-meter, 4-lane ROB is sanctioned under the Centre's CRIF scheme with an estimated cost of 98 crore. The project includes raising the height to accommodate electric lines and double-decker trains. Work is progressing swiftly and is expected to be completed by May 2027. Contractors have been instructed to finish ahead

of schedule, with daily monitoring by government officials and party leaders. Reddy criticized the previous YSRCP administration for neglecting the bridge and stressed that the current government is prioritizing road and infrastructure development. He highlighted extensive R&B road improvements, allocation of 3,000 crore for road works in 20 months, and the development of six new airports and four greenfield ports. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to balanced regional growth, youth employment, and tourism promotion.



APWJF Condemns Attacks on Newspapers

Tirupati, 08.04.2026 | TPN News

The Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists Federation (APWJF) strongly condemned attacks on newspapers, emphasizing their role as a vital bridge between the government and the public, said State General Secretary Anjaneyulu. Speaking to the media on Wednesday, Anjaneyulu highlighted the challenges faced by journalists, who should operate in a free environment but are increasingly caught between political parties and media owners. Ordinary journalists, he added, end up bearing

the brunt of such conflicts. He cited the recent attack on Andhra Jyothi newspaper as a concerning example. Anjaneyulu stressed that legal avenues exist to address objectionable content, including seeking clarification from owners, issuing condemnations, or filing cases for compensation. Direct attacks on newspaper offices, he said, are never justified and often result in local party workers facing legal consequences. Senior journalists Aluru Girdhar and Mohan Rao, along with APWJF Tirupati district president Chengalarayulu and secretary Valigam Gopi, were present during the statement.

Officials Urged to Work Towards "Vikasit Bharat" and "Swarna Andhra" by 2047

Kurnool, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

Lankaa Dinakar, Chairman of the 20-Point Program, emphasized the need for officials to actively contribute to achieving the goals of "Vikasit Bharat" and "Swarna Andhra" by 2047. During a review meeting at the Collectorate conference hall, Dinakar assessed the implementation of central-sponsored schemes and projects in Kurnool district. He highlighted the Prime Minister's vision of a developed India and the Chief Minister's goal of making Andhra Pradesh a leading state in the country. Officials were directed to align their efforts with these objectives. Dinakar also stressed preventive health measures for handloom workers, ensuring timely interventions under the



NTR Health Services. He reviewed issues related to Jal Jeevan Mission, rural water connections, and project funding, noting that central and state budgets have been substantially increased to ensure

safe drinking water in all households. He urged fast-tracking housing, solar energy initiatives, and employment programs for SCs, STs, and BCs to strengthen human resources for sustainable growth.

Seven AR Constables Promoted to AR Head Constables in Anantapur

Anantapur, 08 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Seven constables working in the Anantapur AR (Armed Reserve) division have been promoted to AR Head Constables by District SP P. Jagadeesh, IPS. Of the seven promoted, six belong to the 2000 batch, while one is from the 2009 batch. The newly promoted head constables met the District SP with due respect to express their gratitude for the promotion. The District Police Officers' Association (GPOA) Adhak Committee members Sake Trilokanath and Lakshminarayana extended their thanks to SP Jagadeesh for recognizing and promoting



the constables. The promotion ceremony was attended by Additional SP AR Elias Basha and RIs Pawan Kumar and Madhulu, among other senior police officials. The officials lauded the dedication and service of the constables and encouraged them to continue maintaining high standards in their duties.

Tirupati Eat Street Shops Allocated Under Strict Guidelines

Tirupati City, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati Municipal Commissioner N. Maurya instructed shop owners at the newly established Eat Street to strictly follow government regulations while operating their businesses. The 14 shops, set up with central government funding, were allocated through a transparent lottery draw held at Kachapi Auditorium on Wednesday, which Commissioner Maurya personally conducted. Of the 14 shops, 13 were assigned via lottery, while Shop No. 10 was directly allotted to I-Stone Company. Com-

missioner Maurya emphasized that all shop owners must adhere to food safety and hygiene standards prescribed by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. He stressed the importance of providing quality food to customers, avoiding the use of expired or unsafe ingredients, and prohibiting overpricing. Owners were instructed to ensure that food preparation and serving is carried out only by healthy personnel. Maintaining cleanliness in and around the shops is mandatory, with separate wet and dry waste disposal systems in place. The use of plastic covers

and single-use plastics is strictly prohibited. Violators of these rules will face action under municipal regulations. A presentation on food quality standards was provided by food safety officials during the event. The program was attended by Deputy Commissioner Amarayya, Revenue Officers Setu Madhav and Ravi, Health Officer Dr. Yuv Anvesh, food safety officials Venkateshwar Rao and Jagadish, along with municipal staff. The initiative aims to promote safe, hygienic, and regulated food services in Tirupati while ensuring transparency and public accountability in shop allocation.

Implement Jaladhara-Jalaharati Program Efficiently: District Collector Himanshu Shukla

Nellore, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Himanshu Shukla directed officials to implement the Jaladhara-Jalaharati program, aimed at optimal water use and groundwater recharge under the JJSSB - Irrigation Water Societies initiative, effectively across the district. In a review meeting held at his chamber in Nellore Collectorate on Wednesday, Shukla conducted a comprehensive assessment of water availability in various basins and sub-basins. He emphasized the need for sustainable measures to enhance groundwater levels in water-scarce areas and suggested exploring connections between water-rich and water-deficit basins.

The Collector instructed improvements to existing cascade systems, extension of water to downstream irrigation tanks, priority restoration of damaged or leaky check dams, and exploration of new tank construction where feasible. He also directed strengthening of tank embankments, canal desilting, and speedy repair of sluices and regulators. Shukla urged officials from concerned departments to coordinate closely and implement the program within set timelines. The meeting was attended by Nellore Irrigation Circle SE Nayak, Somasila Project Circle SE, SSLC & SB Circle SE, executive engineers from the Water Resources Department, groundwater officials, and other key staff.

Our Collective Perspective Towards Priests Must Change!

Introspection Needed Among Them As Well



In our Indian society, for thousands of years, the individual who has commanded universal respect is not the Emperor, but the *Rishi* (Sage) or *Sannyasi* (Ascetic). In Western nations—which prioritize material comforts—it is the Emperor who occupies the highest position. When certain individuals or groups enjoy such high esteem and honor for hundreds or even thousands of years, it is only natural—a matter of human nature—for a sense of arrogance to develop among some of them.

Leaving aside the major temples, one must consider the actual income of priests in the vast majority of temples. Why do they continue in this profession? They serve as an act of devotion to God, not for the sake of income or social status. Certain forces, intent on dismantling the very fabric of Indian society, have actively sown seeds of hatred against temple priests. The impact of this malicious propaganda is felt by us all. Priests exist across all castes even today. The priests serving the village deities (*Gramade-

vatas*) are often women and individuals belonging to various non-Brahmin castes! A thousand years ago, the 'Samatamurthy' (Icon of Equality), Ramanuja, established the system of *Mala Dasarisi* and *Madiga Dasarisi* drawn from the Scheduled Caste (SC) communities. In Kerala, Narayana Guru, and in the Telugu-speaking region, Sadguru Malayala Swamy, contributed significantly in this direction. The Samarasata Seva Foundation (SSF)—established in 2015 with the blessings of *Dharmacharyas* (religious



preceptors)—constructed 822 temples across SC, ST, and fisherfolk colonies in two phases, with financial assistance from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD). In the construction of every single temple, people from all castes within those respective villages extended their full cooperation. *Adhering to the principle that "anyone, regardless of caste, may serve as a temple priest," the foundation appointed individuals from the SC, ST, and fisherfolk communities within those specific colonies as the temple priests. Training for all these individuals was provided by SVETA—an institution affiliated with the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams—under the guidance of local (upper-caste)



Brahmin scholars. At the sites of these newly constructed temples, the celestial wedding (Kalyanam) of Lord Sri Venkateswara was celebrated with the participation of thousands of devotees. People from all castes participated in these festivities; devotees residing in the SC colonies prepared Prasadam (sacred food offerings) in their own homes, and people from all other castes reverently accepted this Prasadam directly from their hands. In many places, people from all castes now regularly visit these temples.

Furthermore, some of these priests are now officiating at weddings and other auspicious ceremonies. While the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, driven by such a progressive social outlook, is constructing temples on a large scale in colonies inhabited by marginalized sections of society, there are still some who raise hue and cry against it—individuals who seemingly wish for the very essence of Hinduism to vanish. In the current social context, what changes are required in the practices and conduct of

Brahmin priests? Everyone should read the book authored by Dr. Aravinda Rao (Retd. DGP). I invite you to visit and witness the temples constructed by the Samarasata Seva Foundation (SSF) across all districts of Andhra Pradesh. This transformation has been made possible through the blessings of numerous spiritual leaders. Temple in SC colony by Samarasata Seva Foundation. Devotees of all castes at Srinivasa Kalyanam in SC colony temple by TTD. SC priests trained at SVETA, TTD-affiliated institute. District delegation of SC, ST, and Fishermen community priests at state conference, Vijayawada. Group photo of SC, ST, and Fishermen priests at SSF state conference, Vijayawada.

T.Vishnu,
State President, Samarasata Seva Foundation, Andhra Pradesh



Mallikarjun Kharge Expresses Regret Over Gujarat Remarks At Poll Rally

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge expressed "sincere regret" after his remarks about Gujarat during an election rally sparked a political controversy. His comments drew strong criticism from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and led to heated reactions across political circles.

The controversy began after Kharge's speech during a poll campaign in Kerala's Idukki district. During his address, certain remarks about Gujarat were perceived as offensive by political opponents. Soon after, BJP leaders strongly condemned the comments, accusing the Congress president of insulting the people of Gujarat. The issue quickly escalated,

with several leaders demanding an apology and criticizing the Congress leadership.

Following the backlash, Kharge clarified that his remarks were being misinterpreted and taken out of context. He emphasized that he had no intention of hurting the sentiments of the people of Gujarat. Later, he issued a statement expressing regret over the controversy and reiterated his respect for the state and its people.

In his clarification, Kharge stated that he has always held the people of Gujarat in high regard and that his comments were not meant to offend anyone. He described his regret as sincere and stressed that the remarks were misunderstood. His statement was seen as an at-

tempt to calm tensions and prevent the issue from escalating further. The incident comes at a time when election campaigning is intensifying across different states. Political speeches during election rallies often attract attention and scrutiny, especially when they involve sensitive regional issues. As a result, even minor remarks can quickly turn into major controversies, with rival parties using them for political advantage.

The BJP continued to criticize the Congress leader, saying such statements reflected the party's mindset. Meanwhile, Congress leaders defended Kharge, stating that his comments were taken out of context and that he had already clarified his position. They also

emphasized that the Congress party respects all states and communities.

Political observers noted that controversies during election campaigns are not uncommon, particularly when leaders address large crowds and make spontaneous remarks. The rapid spread of information through social media further amplifies such issues, often intensifying political debates.

Despite the controversy, Kharge's expression of regret is viewed as an effort to defuse tensions and shift focus back to election campaigning. As the political atmosphere continues to heat up, leaders across parties are likely to remain cautious with their statements to avoid similar controversies.



Chhattisgarh's Vision to Transform Bastar From Maoist Corridor to Tourist Hub

Chhattisgarh is launching an ambitious plan to transform the Bastar region — long known as a Maoist stronghold — into a thriving centre of tourism, infrastructure, and economic growth. The plan, called "Bastar 2.0," aims to shift the region's identity from a conflict zone to a prosperous destination, improving the quality of life for local communities.

For decades, Bastar was synonymous with left-wing extremism and insecurity. However, with sustained security efforts and a focus on ending insurgency, the region has made significant progress toward peace. The state government is now seeking to capitalise on this stability by driving rapid development across multiple sectors.

A key pillar of the plan is tourism development. Bastar's natural attractions, including Chitrakote and Tirathgarh wa-

terfalls and Kanger Valley National Park, will be upgraded with better facilities, connectivity, and marketing to attract both domestic and international visitors. Adventure tourism amenities, such as canopy walks and glass bridges, are also planned to make the region more appealing to global travellers.

Infrastructure expansion is another major focus. The plan proposes building new roads, bridges, enhanced railway links, and improvements to airport infrastructure, connecting remote tribal areas with urban centres and national markets. Rural road projects are being prioritised to ensure even the most isolated villages gain access to basic services and opportunities.

Social services are also a critical component. The plan includes new educational facilities, permanent healthcare centres, super-specialty hospi-

tals, and upgraded schools. These investments aim to improve human development indicators that have lagged due to years of conflict and neglect.

Livelihood and economic initiatives are central to the development strategy. The plan targets increasing household incomes through expanded agriculture, irrigation projects, skill training programmes, and entrepreneurship support. The "Anjor Vision 2047" initiative aims to nurture thousands of new enterprises, helping Bastar residents secure stable livelihoods.

The government believes that the end of Maoist violence has opened a new chapter for Bastar. By transforming former conflict zones into centres of development, tourism, and opportunity, Bastar is being positioned as a model region for sustainable growth and cultural celebration.

Leema Rose Emerges as Wealthiest Candidate in Tamil Nadu Elections

The Tamil Nadu Assembly elections have become increasingly interesting this time, with several new developments attracting public attention. One of the major highlights is the entry of actor Vijay's newly formed political party, which has intensified competition across constituencies. Additionally, a large number of young candidates are contesting, making the political atmosphere more dynamic. Amid all this, a woman candidate, Leema Rose, has emerged as the wealthiest contestant in the Tamil Nadu elections, drawing widespread attention.

Leema Rose is contesting from the Lalgudi constituency in Tiruchirappalli district as a candidate of the AIADMK party. Her massive wealth has made headlines, as her family assets are reportedly valued at 5,863 crore. Out of this, her personal assets alone are said to be worth 1,049 crore, making her the richest candidate in the fray.

Leema Rose is the wife of Santiago Martin, a well-known lottery business entrepreneur. At the age of 58, she has recently entered politics and joined the AIADMK party. It is also reported that she made a significant donation to the party after joining, further strengthening her political presence.

According to the details provided in her nomination affidavit, Leema Rose possesses substantial movable and immovable assets. Her declared assets include 19 kilograms of gold, diamond jewel-



ery weighing 1,217 carats, 13 kilograms of silver, and 33 grams of platinum. In terms of financial value, she has movable assets worth 139.63 crore and immovable assets worth 909.94 crore. Despite her immense wealth, she also reported liabilities amounting to 8.57 crore. Her husband, Santiago Martin, reportedly owns assets worth over 4,100 crore. His declared jewellery includes 281 grams of gold, 9.83 carats of diamonds, 21 kilograms of silver, and 321 grams of platinum. Together, the couple's financial strength places them among the wealthiest political families participating in the elections.

Interestingly, Leema Rose's educational qualification is only up to the sixth grade. Reports also suggest that four cases are registered against her. Despite these factors, she is believed to enjoy considerable support among voters in the Lalgudi constituency. Local discussions and speculation suggest that she is a strong contender and may have a good chance of winning. Leema Rose has expressed confidence in her ability to bring development to the constituency. She has stated that once elected, she will focus on improving infrastructure and creating opportunities for employment. Her campaign has already gen-

erated temporary employment for thousands of young people. Apart from politics, Leema Rose is also associated with social service activities through the Martin Charity Foundation, which has reportedly been involved in welfare initiatives for several years. Her supporters believe that her financial strength and philanthropic background could contribute to the development of the Lalgudi constituency.

With strong financial backing, growing political presence, and active campaigning, Leema Rose has become one of the most talked-about candidates in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.

National Launch of 8th Poshan Pakhwada 2026 to Focus on Early Childhood Brain Development

The Ministry of Women and Child Development will launch the 8th edition of Poshan Pakhwada from April 9 to April 23, 2026, reaffirming the Government of India's commitment to improving nutrition outcomes and strengthening early childhood development across the country. The national launch event is scheduled to take place on April 9, 2026, at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi, where key stakeholders, policymakers, and frontline workers will come together to promote the importance of nutrition and early childhood care.

This year's Poshan Pakhwada will focus on the theme "Maximizing Brain Development in the First Six Years of Life." The theme highlights the significance of early childhood, particularly the first 1,000 days, which are critical for brain development, physical growth, and overall well-being. Scientific evidence suggests that more than 85 percent of brain development occurs by the age of six, making early nutrition, caregiving, and stimulation essential for building a strong foundation for a child's future.

The inaugural event will be led by Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi, along with Minister of State Savitri Thakur and senior officials from the ministry. The pro-

gramme will showcase best practices from states and union territories, launch key initiatives, and recognize the contributions of Anganwadi workers and other frontline personnel who play a vital role in delivering nutrition and early childhood services.

The government has identified several key focus areas for Poshan Pakhwada 2026. These include maternal and child nutrition, early stimulation for brain development in children aged 0-3 years, and play-based education for children aged 3-6 years. These initiatives aim to promote holistic development and improve school readiness among young children. In addition, the campaign will emphasize reducing screen time among young children and encouraging greater parental involvement in child development.

Another important component of this year's Poshan Pakhwada is strengthening Anganwadi centres through community participation. The campaign will encourage collaboration between local communities, families, and institutions to enhance infrastructure and improve service delivery at grassroots levels. This approach aims to create a supportive environment for children's growth and development.

During the fortnight-long campaign, activities will be organized across states and un-

ion territories through Anganwadi centres. These activities will include awareness sessions, Poshan Pan-chayats, early stimulation exercises, play-based learning programmes, and campaigns promoting healthy lifestyles. Mothers, caregivers, families, community institutions, and local bodies will actively participate in these events to promote better nutrition and early childhood care practices.

Poshan Pakhwada is a key initiative under Poshan Abhiyaan, the Government of India's flagship programme to improve nutrition outcomes. Over the years, Poshan Abhiyaan has evolved into a nationwide movement aimed at reducing malnutrition and improving maternal and child health through community participation and behavioural change.

Poshan Pakhwada serves as an important pillar of this mission by mobilizing communities and promoting awareness at the grassroots level.

Through Poshan Pakhwada 2026, the government aims to strengthen the national movement for better nutrition and early childhood development. By focusing on the first six years of life, the initiative seeks to ensure that every child receives the care, nutrition, and learning opportunities necessary for a healthy and productive future.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana Completes 11 Years: Driving Growth for Small Entrepreneurs

The Government of India has marked the 11th anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), celebrating its significant contribution to empowering small entrepreneurs and strengthening the country's micro and small business ecosystem. Launched on April 8, 2015, the scheme was designed to provide easy access to collateral-free loans for non-corporate and non-farm enterprises. Over the years, the initiative has emerged as a major driver of financial inclusion, enabling millions of individuals to start or expand their businesses and improve their livelihoods.

Boosting Grassroots Entrepreneurship

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana was introduced to bridge the gap in access to formal credit for small businesses. Many micro-entrepreneurs, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, often struggled to obtain loans due to lack of collateral or formal financial records. The scheme addressed this challenge by offering collateral-free loans of up to 20 lakh through banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs). This simplified access to credit has encouraged individuals to take up entrepreneurial activities and contribute to economic growth.

Micro, Small and Medium



Enterprises (MSMEs) play a vital role in India's economy by generating employment, supporting industrial growth, and promoting balanced regional development. By providing financial support to these enterprises, PMMY has strengthened their ability to expand operations, improve productivity, and create job opportunities. The scheme has also encouraged innovation and entrepreneurship at the grassroots level, helping individuals transform their ideas into sustainable businesses.

Expanding Financial Inclusion

Since its launch, the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana has disbursed a substantial amount of credit through crores of loans, demonstrating its wide reach and effectiveness. The initiative has successfully brought many first-

time borrowers into the formal financial system. The scheme's focus on "funding the unfunded" has empowered individuals from diverse backgrounds, including women, youth, and rural entrepreneurs, to become financially independent.

Over the past decade, the scheme has played a crucial role in transforming the credit landscape. Many beneficiaries who once relied on informal sources of finance now have access to institutional credit at reasonable interest rates. This shift has reduced financial vulnerability and improved business sustainability.

Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth

The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana has significantly contributed to inclusive economic growth by supporting micro-entrepreneurship across sectors such as manufacturing,

services, and trading. The scheme has helped generate employment opportunities and enhance income levels, particularly in rural and under-served regions. It has also encouraged small businesses to formalize operations and integrate into the broader economic framework. The growth of digital banking and improved financial infrastructure has further enhanced the effectiveness of the scheme. Simplified loan processes, online applications, and faster approvals have made it easier for entrepreneurs to access funding and grow their businesses.

Towards a Self-Reliant India

As PMMY completes 11 years, the government reaffirmed its commitment to continuing support for small entrepreneurs and strengthening the MSME sector. The scheme is expected to play a crucial role in achieving long-term economic goals and empowering individuals to become active contributors to national development. Overall, the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana has emerged as a transformative initiative that promotes entrepreneurship, enhances financial inclusion, and supports inclusive growth. By providing access to credit and encouraging grassroots innovation, the scheme continues to uplift millions of individuals and contribute to building a stronger and self-reliant India.

2 Hours Before Trump's Deadline, US-Iran Ceasefire Sealed; Mojtaba Khamenei Played Key Role

A dramatic last-minute diplomatic breakthrough helped prevent a major escalation between the United States and Iran, with both sides agreeing to a ceasefire just hours before former US President Donald Trump's deadline for potential large-scale military action. The development came after weeks of intense conflict that had pushed the region to the brink of a wider war.

According to reports, the ceasefire agreement was reached roughly 90 minutes before Trump's deadline, during which he had warned of devastating consequences if Iran did not comply. The warning reportedly included threats of massive destruction, raising fears of a broader regional conflict. However, last-minute negotiations led to a breakthrough and the announcement of a temporary truce.

A key role in the breakthrough was played by Iran's new Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, son of former leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Re-



ports indicate that Mojtaba, who had largely stayed out of public view during the conflict, encouraged Iranian negotiators to move forward with a

deal for the first time since hostilities began. His intervention is believed to have paved the way for the ceasefire agreement.

The ceasefire, which is expected to last two weeks, includes reopening the strategically crucial Strait of Hormuz — one of the world's most im-

portant oil shipping routes. The reopening is expected to ease global energy concerns and stabilise oil markets that were impacted by the conflict.

Following the agreement, Iran also ordered its military to halt operations, although officials clarified that the truce does not signal the end of the war. The temporary ceasefire is intended to create space for further negotiations between both sides.

The United States also planned attacks as part of the agreement. Trump later described the ceasefire as a major achievement, while officials from multiple countries welcomed the move as a step toward de-escalation.

The conflict, which lasted for several weeks, had raised fears of wider instability across the Middle East and disruptions to global energy supply. With the ceasefire now in place, diplomatic talks are expected to continue, though uncertainty remains over whether the temporary truce will lead to a lasting peace.



"Not End Of War": Iran's Mojtaba Khamenei Orders Military To Stop Firing

Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei has ordered all military units to stop firing after Tehran agreed to a temporary ceasefire with the United States. However, he warned that the move should not be seen as the end of the conflict, emphasizing that the situation remains fragile and uncertain.

The announcement comes after weeks of escalating tensions and military confrontations that pushed the region to the brink of a wider war. In a statement broadcast on state media, Mojtaba Khamenei instructed Iranian armed forces to immediately stop military operations. Despite this directive, he made it clear that Iran remains alert and ready to respond if any further aggression takes place.

Khamenei stressed that the ceasefire is only a temporary pause aimed at creating room for diplomatic negotiations. He warned that Iran's military forces remain fully prepared and that any violation of the ceasefire would be met with a strong response. The leadership also indicated that the country's defensive posture would remain unchanged during the ceasefire period.

The temporary truce follows nearly 40 days of conflict that heightened fears of a broader regional crisis. The confrontation led to casualties and rising tensions across the Middle East, raising concerns about global stability and energy supply disruptions. Although

hostilities have paused, Iranian officials stated that their strategic objectives had largely been achieved during the conflict.

As part of the ceasefire framework, Iran reportedly presented a set of conditions for further negotiations. These include easing sanctions, reducing foreign military presence in the region, compensation for damages, and recognition of Iran's strategic and security concerns. These proposals are expected to serve as the foundation for discussions during the ceasefire period.

Negotiations between both sides are expected to continue over the next two weeks. Officials suggested that the truce could be extended depending on progress in talks. However, Iran made it clear that the conflict cannot be considered over unless meaningful agreements are reached.

Meanwhile, global observers are closely watching developments, as the ceasefire has temporarily eased tensions in the Middle East. Despite the pause in hostilities, uncertainty remains about whether the diplomatic efforts will lead to lasting peace or if the region could witness renewed conflict.

The situation highlights the delicate balance between diplomacy and military readiness, with both sides stepping back from immediate confrontation while remaining cautious about future developments.

China Played Quiet Role In US-Iran Ceasefire, Trump Suggests



China appears to have played a quiet but significant diplomatic role in the ceasefire between the United States and Iran, with former US President Donald Trump indicating that Beijing helped bring Tehran to the negotiating table. The ceasefire came after weeks of escalating tensions that threatened a wider regional conflict.

Trump acknowledged China's possible involvement when asked whether Beijing had influenced Iran to agree to the truce. He responded by saying he believed China played a role in encouraging negotiations. The comments came amid growing reports that China had quietly worked behind the scenes to ease tensions and promote dialogue.

Behind-The-Scenes Diplomacy

China, which is one of Iran's largest trading partners, reportedly used its diplomatic channels to push for peace. Sources indicated that Chinese officials stayed in contact with Iranian counterparts during the negotiations, encouraging them to consider a ceasefire. Beijing is believed to have worked through intermediaries such as Pakistan, Turkey, and Egypt to promote dialogue and reduce tensions.

China's efforts were largely conducted quietly, without major public announcements. Officials suggested that Beijing preferred indirect diplomacy, using trusted regional part-

ners to communicate with Iran and encourage a negotiated solution.

Strategic Interests Behind China's Move

China also had strategic reasons to support a ceasefire. The ongoing conflict raised concerns about global energy supplies and economic stability, issues that directly affect China's economy. Chinese officials expressed concern about the war's impact on global markets and urged all parties to show restraint and move toward peace. Another factor was Trump's planned visit to Beijing in mid-May to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping. Reports indicated that China wanted tensions to ease before the high-level meeting, which had already been delayed due to the conflict.

Quiet Diplomacy Gains Attention

Although China has not officially detailed its involvement, its behind-the-scenes efforts have drawn attention as a sign of Beijing's growing diplomatic influence. Analysts note that China's role reflects its increasing involvement in global conflict resolution and its interest in maintaining regional stability.

The ceasefire remains temporary, with negotiations expected to continue. However, China's quiet intervention is being seen as one of the factors that helped create space for diplomacy and avoid further escalation in the region.

Iran Lists 10 Ceasefire Conditions; Trump Calls Proposal "Workable"

Iran has put forward a 10-point ceasefire proposal to the United States amid escalating tensions, with former US President Donald Trump describing the plan as a "workable basis" for negotiations. The proposal comes as both sides agreed to a temporary two-week ceasefire aimed at preventing further military escalation and allowing diplomatic discussions.

The ceasefire follows weeks of rising tensions between Iran and the United States that raised concerns of a broader regional conflict. The temporary truce is intended to create space for negotiations, with both sides attempting to reach a long-term settlement.

Trump Calls Proposal "Workable"

Donald Trump confirmed that the United States had received Iran's proposal and described it as a "workable" starting point for negotiations. He indicated that several key issues could potentially be resolved during the ceasefire period. The temporary pause is expected to allow diplomats to hold discussions and explore possibilities for a more perma-

Iran's 10 Ceasefire Conditions

Iran's proposal reportedly outlines several key demands that would form the basis for negotiations. These include:

1. A non-aggression agreement between both sides
2. Continued Iranian control over the Strait of Hormuz
3. Acceptance of Iran's uranium enrichment programme
4. Lifting of all primary US sanctions on Iran
5. Removal of secondary sanctions
6. Withdrawal of United Nations Security Council resolutions against Iran
7. Ending International Atomic Energy Agency restrictions
8. Compensation for damages caused during the conflict
9. Withdrawal of US combat forces from the region
10. Cessation of hostilities involving Iran and its allies

These demands reflect Iran's broader strategic concerns, particularly regarding sanctions relief and recognition of its nuclear programme.

However, major issues such as sanctions, nuclear policy, and regional military presence remain unresolved.

Fragile Ceasefire

Officials from both sides have emphasized that the ceasefire is only temporary and depends on progress in negotiations. While the truce has

eased immediate fears of escalation, uncertainty remains about whether talks will lead to lasting peace. The coming weeks are expected to be crucial as negotiations continue. Observers believe the outcome of these discussions could determine whether tensions ease permanently or if the conflict risks resurfacing.



Netanyahu Backs US-Iran Ceasefire, Says Hezbollah Not Included

Benjamin Netanyahu backed the decision by Donald Trump to implement a two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran, but clarified that the truce does not apply to Lebanon's Hezbollah. The statement highlighted continuing tensions in the region despite the broader pause in hostilities. Israel said it supports the US effort to ensure that Iran no longer poses a nuclear, missile, or security threat to Israel and its allies. However, Netanyahu made it clear that Israel would continue operations against Hezbollah in Lebanon, separating those actions from the broader ceasefire agreement.

The Israeli leader's comments came shortly after Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan, stated that the ceasefire agreement extended "everywhere," including Lebanon.



Netanyahu's clarification contradicted that claim, emphasizing that the truce was limited to the US-Iran conflict only.

Lebanon Conflict Still Active

Lebanon became involved in

the broader regional conflict after Hezbollah launched rockets toward Israel. The attacks were reportedly carried out in response to escalating tensions involving Iran. Israel then responded with large-scale

strikes in Lebanon, which led to significant casualties and displacement of civilians.

Despite the ceasefire between the United States and Iran, Israel's stance suggests that military operations

World Leaders Welcome US-Iran Ceasefire, Call It "Big Day for World Peace"

World leaders across the globe cautiously welcomed the two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran, announced by Donald Trump, describing it as a positive step toward de-escalation while urging all sides to pursue lasting peace. The truce is expected to reopen the strategically important Strait of Hormuz and reduce tensions following weeks of conflict.

Governments from Asia, Europe, and the Middle East described the ceasefire as an important opportunity for diplomacy but warned that sustained negotiations are needed to prevent the situation from slipping back into conflict. Several countries also stressed the importance of restoring safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz, a critical port that carries a significant portion of global oil supplies.

Israel Supports Ceasefire With Conditions

Benjamin Netanyahu backed the US decision to pause strikes, saying Israel supports efforts to ensure Iran no longer poses a nuclear or missile threat. However, he clarified that the ceasefire does not include Lebanon, where Israeli forces continue to confront Hezbollah.

Iraq and Egypt Call for Diplomacy

Iraq welcomed the ceasefire but urged both sides to fully commit to the agreement and avoid further escalation. Meanwhile, Egypt described the truce as an important opportunity to push for negotiations and emphasized regional stability and secure maritime navigation.

United Nations Urges Lasting Peace

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres welcomed the ceasefire and called on all parties to respect the agreement. He said the move could pave the way toward a comprehensive and lasting



peace while emphasizing the need to protect civilian lives.

Asian Nations Stress Stability

Japan highlighted the need for concrete steps to de-escalate tensions, especially ensuring safe navigation through the Strait of Hormuz. Japan, which depends heavily on oil imports through the route, stressed that diplomacy should lead to a final agreement soon.

Malaysia also described the ceasefire as a crucial step toward restoring stability and urged all parties to respect the agreement fully.

Australia and New Zealand Urge Caution

Australia warned that prolonged conflict would significantly impact the global economy and increase human suffering, calling for strict adherence to the ceasefire.

New Zealand welcomed the truce but emphasized that significant work remains to achieve lasting peace, pledging support for diplomatic efforts in the coming weeks.

Overall, while global leaders welcomed the ceasefire as a major step toward de-escalation, they stressed that the agreement remains fragile and must be followed by sustained diplomacy to achieve long-term peace.

Markets Rally For 5th Straight Day; Sensex, Nifty Jump Nearly 4% On Ceasefire Boost

Indian stock markets witnessed a strong rally for the fifth consecutive session, with benchmark indices surging nearly 4 percent following easing geopolitical tensions after a ceasefire announcement between the United States and Iran. The positive global sentiment, along with falling crude oil prices and supportive domestic cues, lifted investor confidence across sectors.

The benchmark BSE Sensex surged 2,946 points, or 3.95 percent, to close at 77,562.90, while the Nifty 50 jumped 873 points, or 3.78 percent, to end near the 24,000 mark. Both indices recorded their best single-day performance in nearly a year, reflecting

broad-based buying across the market.

Ceasefire Sparks Global Market Optimism

The rally was largely driven by the announcement of a two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran, which eased fears of escalation in the Middle East. The development triggered a sharp fall in crude oil prices, improving India's macroeconomic outlook. Lower oil prices typically help reduce inflationary pressure and improve fiscal stability, which boosted investor sentiment.

Markets opened with strong gains and maintained upward momentum throughout the session. The rally was supported by heavy buying across

sectors and strong participation from mid-cap and small-cap stocks.

Broader Markets Join The Rally

Broader markets also witnessed strong buying interest. The Nifty Midcap and Smallcap indices rose around 4 percent each, indicating widespread participation beyond large-cap stocks. Nearly 100 stocks touched their 52-week highs on the Bombay Stock Exchange, reflecting strong bullish sentiment among investors.

Several sectors saw sharp gains, with auto and realty stocks rising more than 6 percent. Banking and financial stocks also recorded strong buying, contributing significantly to the over-

all market rally. All sectoral indices ended the day in positive territory, highlighting the broad-based nature of the surge.

Market Cap Jumps Over ₹16 Lakh Crore

The strong rally added significant wealth for investors. The total market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies surged by more than 16 lakh crore in a single session, reflecting the sharp improvement in investor confidence and buying momentum.

RBI Policy Adds Support

The rally also received support from the Reserve Bank of India, which kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25 percent. The central bank maintained a neutral stance while projecting 6.9 percent

economic growth for FY27. The decision reassured investors and supported financial stocks.

Positive Outlook But Caution Remains

While markets celebrated the ceasefire and falling oil prices, analysts warned that the rally may remain sensitive to geopolitical developments. Sustained peace and stable global conditions will be crucial for maintaining the positive momentum.

Despite the caution, the five-day rally reflects strong investor confidence returning to Indian markets. With global tensions easing and domestic fundamentals remaining stable, markets may continue to see positive momentum in the near term.



India At "Sweet Spot" With 10-15% Upside Despite War Jitters

Silver Futures Soar Over 6% To 2.46 Lakh/kg On Safe-Haven Demand

Silver prices surged sharply in futures trade, climbing more than 6 percent to 2.46 lakh per kilogram, driven by strong global cues and increased demand for safe-haven assets amid geopolitical developments. The rally reflects growing investor interest in precious metals as uncertainty continues in global markets. On the Multi Commodity Exchange of India, silver contracts for May delivery jumped 15,028, or 6.5 percent, to 2,46,376 per kilogram, compared to the previous close of 2,31,348. The sharp rise marked one of the biggest single-day gains for the metal in recent sessions.

Ceasefire Boosts Investor Sentiment

The surge in silver prices followed the announcement of a two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran, which lifted investor sentiment across global markets. While easing tensions improved risk appetite in equities, investors also increased exposure to precious metals to hedge against ongoing uncertainties. Silver is often considered a safe-haven asset, meaning investors tend to move toward it during periods of geopolitical tension, economic uncertainty, or currency volatility. The recent developments triggered fresh buying interest, pushing prices higher.

Global Trends Support Rally

The domestic rally mirrored strong global trends in precious

Volatility Expected Ahead

Despite the strong rally, analysts warned that silver prices may remain volatile. Much of the movement depends on geopolitical developments, global interest rate trends, and currency fluctuations. Any major shift in these factors could influence precious metal prices in the short term. However, the recent surge indicates strong investor interest in silver, especially during uncertain global conditions. With geopolitical tensions still lingering and global economic risks persisting, precious metals like silver are expected to remain in focus. The sharp jump to 2.46 lakh per kilogram highlights silver's growing appeal among investors, as they seek stability and protection against global market volatility.

metals. International silver prices also gained amid continued geopolitical concerns and fluctuations in currency markets. A softer US dollar and improved demand for precious metals further supported the upward movement. Market analysts noted that investors are increasingly turning to silver not only as a safe-haven asset but also due to its strong industrial demand. Silver is widely used in electronics, solar panels, electric vehicles, and other industrial applications, which continues to support long-term demand.

India's equity markets are currently in a "sweet spot" with attractive valuations and strong macroeconomic fundamentals, offering 10-15 percent upside with limited downside, according to Dhiraaj Relli, Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Securities.

Speaking amid ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia and volatile global markets, Relli said India remains relatively resilient compared to other economies. Despite uncertainty driven by rising crude oil prices and global instability, he emphasized that India's macroeconomic environment continues to remain strong and supportive for investors.

Attractive Valuations After Long Correction

Relli noted that Indian markets have become attractive after nearly 18 months of correction, bringing valuations down to around 18 times earnings. He described this level as reasonable and favourable for long-term investors. According to him, the risk-reward equation currently favours investors, with only about 5 percent downside risk compared to 10-15 percent potential upside.

This improvement in valuations has made Indian equities appealing again, especially as

global investors search for stable markets during uncertain times.

Strong Macroeconomic Fundamentals

Despite global headwinds, India's macroeconomic outlook remains robust. Relli highlighted that economic growth continues to stay resilient even as many global economies face slowing growth. He also pointed out that most agencies have made only minor downward revisions to India's GDP forecasts, indicating continued confidence in the country's economic strength.

He also mentioned that global volatility driven by geopolitical tensions, rising oil prices, and inflation concerns has created a VUCA environment—characterized by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity. However, India has emerged as a relative safe haven in this challenging scenario.

Earnings Growth Still Healthy

Relli expects corporate earnings growth to moderate slightly from earlier projections but still remain in double digits. Earlier estimates suggested growth in the mid-teens, but even with moderation, earnings are expected to remain strong enough to support mar-

ket performance.

Broad-based earnings recovery across sectors is another factor supporting his optimistic outlook for Indian equities.

Domestic Triggers To Drive Markets

According to Relli, once geopolitical tensions ease, market attention is likely to shift back to domestic factors such as the monsoon season, festive demand, and major events like the IPL, which typically boost economic activity and investor sentiment.

He added that investor sentiment tends to improve quickly once global uncertainties reduce, which could further support market gains.

Cautious Optimism Ahead

While maintaining a positive outlook, Relli advised investors to remain selective and focus on quality stocks. He stressed that even though India is in a favourable position, global risks and geopolitical tensions could still create short-term volatility.

Overall, Relli concluded that India's combination of stable macroeconomic fundamentals, reasonable valuations, and expected earnings recovery places it in a strong position, making it an attractive market for investors despite ongoing global uncertainties.



Why RBI Maintained Status Quo On Rates Despite Pressure On Rupee

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to keep interest rates unchanged despite mounting pressure on the Indian rupee, adopting a cautious and balanced approach amid global uncertainty and domestic economic considerations. The decision reflects the central bank's effort to maintain stability while navigating complex economic challenges.

Balancing The "Impossible Trinity"

One of the key reasons behind the RBI's decision is the challenge of managing what economists call the "impossible trinity"—maintaining monetary policy independence, allowing free capital movement, and ensuring currency stability at the same time. When capital flows become volatile, defending the rupee by raising interest rates could disrupt growth and financial conditions. As a result, the RBI opted to hold rates steady and rely on other tools to manage currency pressures.

Growth Remains A Priority

The central bank also considered India's growth outlook before making its decision. Economic activity remains resilient, and policymakers preferred not to tighten financial conditions prematurely. A rate hike could have slowed borrowing, investment, and consumption, which are crucial for sustaining growth momentum. By maintaining status quo, the RBI aimed to support economic expansion while monitoring global risks.

Inflation Under Watch

Inflation trends also played a major role in the decision. While price pressures remain a concern, inflation has stayed broadly within the RBI's comfort zone. This gave policymakers

room to pause and assess the impact of previous policy moves instead of reacting immediately to currency fluctuations.

Global Uncertainty And Geopolitical Risks

The decision comes amid heightened global uncertainty, including geopolitical tensions and volatile capital flows. Rising crude oil prices and global market volatility have contributed to pressure on emerging market currencies, including the rupee. In such an environment, the RBI preferred a cautious approach rather than making aggressive policy changes.

Alternative Tools To Support Rupee

Instead of changing interest rates, the RBI has relied on other measures to manage currency volatility. These include liquidity management, foreign exchange interventions, and regulatory steps to stabilise market conditions. Such tools allow the central bank to address short-term currency movements without affecting broader economic growth.

Wait-And-Watch Strategy

The RBI's decision reflects a wait-and-watch approach, allowing policymakers to assess evolving global and domestic developments. The central bank wants to preserve flexibility so it can respond quickly if inflation rises sharply or growth slows. Overall, the RBI's decision to maintain status quo despite rupee pressure highlights its focus on economic stability, inflation control, and sustainable growth. While the rupee remains under pressure, the central bank has chosen a measured strategy rather than immediate rate changes, aiming to balance multiple economic priorities in an uncertain global environment.

Wall Street Futures Jump Up to 3.5% After US-Iran Ceasefire Sparks Global Market Rally

Global financial markets witnessed a sharp rally after news emerged of a temporary ceasefire between the United States and Iran, easing geopolitical tensions and boosting investor sentiment worldwide. Wall Street futures surged up to 3.5 percent, reflecting strong optimism among investors and signaling a positive start for US markets. The development also triggered gains across Asian and European markets, marking one of the strongest global rallies in recent weeks.

The ceasefire announcement significantly reduced fears of a wider conflict in the Middle East, which had earlier unset-

tled global markets. Investors reacted positively as the likelihood of disruption to global oil supply declined, particularly through the crucial Strait of Hormuz. With tensions easing, oil prices fell sharply, further supporting equities and encouraging investors to move back into riskier assets. The decline in crude prices also lifted sectors sensitive to fuel costs, including airlines, logistics, and manufacturing companies.

US stock futures led the rally, with gains seen across major indices. Technology stocks, financials, and consumer-focused companies were among

the top beneficiaries of improved sentiment. Investors who had earlier shifted toward safe-haven assets began returning to equities, driving broader market gains. The rally also reduced market volatility, reflecting improved confidence among traders and institutional investors.

Asian markets responded strongly to the ceasefire news, posting significant gains across major indices. European markets followed suit, recording solid advances as investors welcomed signs of easing geopolitical tensions. The global rally highlighted how sensitive financial mar-

kets remain to geopolitical developments, especially those involving energy supply routes and global trade. Indian markets also mirrored the global optimism, with benchmark indices recording sharp gains. Sensex and Nifty surged nearly 4 percent, marking one of their strongest performances in months. Banking, IT, auto, and metal stocks led the rally as investors took advantage of improved global sentiment. The broad-based buying indicated renewed confidence in equity markets after days of uncertainty.

Analysts noted that the ceasefire helped reduce risk

premiums across global markets. Lower oil prices and reduced geopolitical concerns encouraged investors to re-enter equities, pushing indices higher. However, market experts also cautioned that the rally could remain sensitive to further developments, as the ceasefire is temporary and dependent on continued diplomatic progress. Investors are now closely watching upcoming negotiations between the United States and Iran, which will determine whether the current relief rally can sustain momentum. Any signs of prolonged peace could further strengthen markets, while re-



newed tensions may trigger volatility again.

For now, the ceasefire has provided a much-needed boost to global equities. The surge in Wall Street futures and gains across international markets

underline the importance of geopolitical stability in shaping investor sentiment. As markets continue to respond to developments, traders remain cautiously optimistic about the outlook in the coming weeks.

“Play Fearlessly”: Yashasvi Jaiswal’s Advice Powers Vaibhav Sooryavanshi’s Bold Attack on Jasprit Bumrah

A fearless approach and a few encouraging words from Yashasvi Jaiswal helped teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi take on one of the world’s best bowlers, Jasprit Bumrah, during a thrilling clash in Indian Premier League 2026.

The match between Rajasthan Royals and Mumbai Indians grabbed attention not just for the result, but for the fearless batting display by the young Sooryavanshi. Facing the experienced Bumrah, widely regarded as one of the toughest bowlers in world cricket,

the youngster showed no signs of nerves.

After the match, Jaiswal revealed the brief conversation he had with Sooryavanshi before the youngster went out to bat. Jaiswal said he told him to play freely and without any fear, encouraging him to express himself on the big stage. The message was simple but impactful — trust your instincts and take on the challenge.

Sooryavanshi responded in spectacular fashion. He attacked Bumrah right from the start, hitting two impressive sixes, including one off the very first de-

livery he faced. His aggressive stroke play immediately shifted momentum in Rajasthan’s favour and energized both teammates and fans.

The teenage batter went on to score a quickfire 39 runs off just 14 balls, showcasing remarkable composure and confidence. His innings provided Rajasthan Royals with a flying start and reduced pressure on the rest of the batting lineup. Jaiswal, meanwhile, played a composed and dominant knock, remaining unbeaten with a well-crafted 77 runs.

Jaiswal praised the

youngster after the match, highlighting his fearless mindset and maturity. He noted that Sooryavanshi’s aggressive batting made a big difference, allowing the team to maintain a strong run rate from the beginning. According to Jaiswal, such fearless performances from young players bring positive energy to the team and boost overall confidence.

The moment also reflected the growing trend of young talents making an immediate impact in the IPL. Sooryavanshi’s confidence against a bowler of Bumrah’s calibre

demonstrated his potential and hinted at a bright future ahead.

The partnership between experience and youthful fearlessness ultimately helped Rajasthan Royals secure an important victory. Fans and cricket experts alike praised Sooryavanshi’s bold approach, while Jaiswal’s mentorship also earned appreciation. In the end, it was a simple piece of advice — play fearlessly — that turned into one of the most talked-about moments of IPL 2026, highlighting the importance of confidence, backing, and belief in young talent.



Hardik Pandya Wins Hearts With Gesture For Teen Sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi

Hardik Pandya may have ended up on the losing side, but his sportsmanship after the match stole the spotlight. The Mumbai Indians captain earned praise for his heartfelt gesture towards teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi following a thrilling Indian Premier League 2026 clash against Rajasthan Royals.

The match grabbed attention after the 15-year-old Sooryavanshi delivered a fearless batting performance against one of the toughest bowling attacks in the tournament. Taking on star pacer Jasprit Bumrah, the young batter smashed two sixes in a single over, showing remarkable confidence and maturity beyond his age. He went on to score a quickfire 39 runs off just 14 balls, giving Rajasthan Royals a flying start and setting the tone for their victory.

Despite Mumbai Indians suffering defeat, Hardik Pandya displayed true sportsmanship after the match. Instead of walking off disappointed, Pandya approached the young batter, congratulated him warmly, and spent time interacting with him. The Mumbai Indians skipper was seen appreciating Sooryavanshi’s fearless batting and even examined the youngster’s bat while offering encouraging words. His gesture quickly went viral and was widely praised by fans and cricket experts alike.

Pandya also spoke highly of



Sooryavanshi during the post-match interaction. He said it was fascinating to see such a young player bat with so much confidence and play fearless shots against experienced bowlers. The Mumbai Indians captain added that the youngster’s approach and temperament were impressive and wished him success in the future.

The encounter took place in a rain-affected match, where Rajasthan Royals posted a strong total after a blistering start. Sooryavanshi’s aggressive innings, combined with a solid performance from the rest of the batting lineup, helped Rajasthan Royals secure a convincing win.

However, the biggest talking point after the game was not just the result but Hardik Pan-

dya’s classy conduct. In a highly competitive tournament like the IPL, moments of sportsmanship often stand out, and Pandya’s gesture towards the young cricketer became one of those memorable moments.

Fans praised the Mumbai Indians captain for encouraging young talent despite defeat. Many also highlighted how such gestures help boost the confidence of emerging players and promote the spirit of the game. Sooryavanshi’s fearless innings and Pandya’s sportsmanship together created one of the most heartwarming moments of IPL 2026. While Rajasthan Royals celebrated their win, Hardik Pandya walked away with admiration for his humility, proving that sometimes, even in defeat, a player can win hearts.

Titans Edge Capitals by One Run in Last-Ball Thriller

The Gujarat Titans registered a sensational one-run victory over Delhi Capitals in a thrilling Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 clash that went down to the final ball, keeping fans on the edge of their seats.

Batting first, Gujarat Titans put up a commanding total of 210 for 4 in their 20 overs. Captain Shubman Gill led from the front with a well-crafted 70, anchoring the innings with authority. He received strong support from Jos Buttler, who scored a brisk 52, and Washington Sundar, who contributed an aggressive 55. The trio ensured that Gujarat maintained momentum throughout the innings, finishing strongly with a flurry of boundaries in the death overs.

In reply, Delhi Capitals launched an impressive chase, driven by a superb innings from KL Rahul, who scored 92 off just 52 balls. His knock, filled with elegant strokes and timely acceleration, kept Delhi firmly in contention. Pathum Nissanka also played a crucial role, adding 41 runs and building a solid partnership with Rahul to keep the required run rate under control.

However, Gujarat Titans fought back in the middle overs with timely breakthroughs.



The bowlers applied pressure by restricting easy scoring opportunities and picking up key wickets at crucial moments, gradually shifting the momentum of the game. The match reached a dramatic climax in the final over, with Delhi needing 13 runs to win. The tension mounted as boundaries and wickets came in quick succession. Despite a late surge that brought the equation within

reach, Gujarat’s bowlers held their nerve under pressure.

In a dramatic finish, Delhi Capitals fell short by just one run, ending their innings at 209 for 8. A combination of disciplined bowling and sharp fielding, including a decisive final-ball effort, ensured Gujarat Titans emerged victorious in one of the closest contests of the season. The narrow win marked a significant turna-

round for Gujarat Titans, showcasing their resilience and composure in high-pressure situations. For Delhi Capitals, despite a valiant chase, the defeat highlighted the fine margins that often define T20 cricket. The match will be remembered as one of the most thrilling encounters of IPL 2026, underlining the unpredictable and exhilarating nature of the format.

“Stephen Fleming’s Success Depends on Dhoni?” Ex-India Star’s Bold Claim Sparks Debate

A fresh debate has emerged in the Indian Premier League 2026 season after former India cricketer Sadagopan Ramesh made a bold claim about Stephen Fleming and his success with Chennai Super Kings. Ramesh suggested that Fleming’s achievements as head coach are closely linked to his long-standing partnership with MS Dhoni.

Fleming has been one of the longest-serving coaches in IPL history, taking charge of Chennai Super Kings in 2009. Under his leadership, CSK became one of the most successful franchises in the tournament, winning multiple titles and consistently qualifying for the playoffs. However, Ramesh pointed out that most of those successes came when Dhoni was leading the side, raising questions about whether Fleming’s achievements were heavily dependent on the legendary captain.

The remarks come at a time when Chennai Super Kings are facing a challenging phase in IPL 2026. The team has struggled to find rhythm in the early part of the season, with inconsistent performances drawing criticism from fans and experts alike. Questions have also been raised about team combinations, batting approach, and overall strategy.

Ramesh argued that modern T20 cricket has evolved rapidly, with teams adopting aggressive approaches right from the



start. According to him, Chennai Super Kings appear to be lagging behind this trend. He suggested that the team’s strategies have not adapted quickly enough to the changing nature of T20 cricket, where high-risk, high-reward cricket has become the norm.

The former India opener also stressed that coaches, like players, should be evaluated based on performance and adaptability. He stated that while Fleming has enjoyed immense success, the current struggles highlight the need for fresh thinking and adjustments. His comments sparked widespread discussion, with fans divided over the assessment.

Supporters of Fleming argue that his contribution to Chennai Super Kings goes beyond results. They credit him for building a strong team culture, maintaining stability, and nurturing players over the years. Under his coaching, CSK earned a reputation for

consistency, calm leadership, and smart tactical decisions.

On the other hand, some observers believe that Dhoni’s leadership played a crucial role in shaping CSK’s success. They argue that the partnership between Dhoni and Fleming has been central to the franchise’s achievements, making it difficult to separate their contributions.

Despite the criticism, Fleming’s record remains impressive. Chennai Super Kings have been one of the most consistent teams in IPL history, frequently reaching playoffs and finals. The franchise is also known for bouncing back strongly after difficult phases.

With IPL 2026 still underway, the focus now shifts to how Chennai Super Kings respond. The team will be aiming to improve performances and silence critics, while the debate around Fleming’s success and Dhoni’s influence continues to generate discussion among fans and experts alike.

Arjun Tendulkar’s Deadly Yorkers in Nets Leave Teammates Stunned Ahead of IPL 2026 Opportunity

Arjun Tendulkar is making a strong case for selection in IPL 2026 after delivering a sensational bowling performance during a practice session. The young left-arm pacer impressed everyone with his pinpoint yorkers, leaving even senior players struggling in the nets and sparking fresh discussions about his inclusion in the playing XI.

The 26-year-old, who recently moved to Lucknow Super Giants in search of more opportunities, is yet to feature in the playing lineup this season. However, his performances during practice sessions have caught the attention of fans, teammates, and experts alike. A video from the nets quickly went viral, showing Arjun repeatedly hitting the blockhole with remarkable accuracy. Rishabh Pant, the team’s captain, was among the batters who found it difficult to counter his sharp deliveries.

Arjun’s yorkers were delivered with consistency and pace, forcing the batters to stay on their toes throughout the session. The intensity of the practice reflected his determination to break into the main team. Despite not being selected for matches so far, he appears focused on improving his skills and making a strong impression on the coaching staff.

The young pacer’s efforts have also earned praise from former India star Yuvraj Singh, who highlighted Arjun’s discipline and work ethic. According to Yuvraj, the youngster has been putting in serious



effort behind the scenes and shows strong commitment to improving his game. Such encouragement from experienced players has further strengthened Arjun’s case for selection.

Arjun joined Lucknow ahead of IPL 2026 after spending multiple seasons with Mumbai Indians, where opportunities were limited. During his stint with Mumbai, he played only a handful of matches, making it

difficult to establish himself. The move to Lucknow was seen as a fresh start and a chance for him to showcase his potential.

The latest practice session indicates that Arjun is determined to make the most of this opportunity. His ability to bowl accurate yorkers — a crucial weapon in T20 cricket — makes him a valuable option, especially in death overs. Fans have already started calling for his inclusion, arguing that his re-

cent performances deserve a chance in the playing XI.

With IPL 2026 progressing, Arjun Tendulkar’s impressive net session has created significant buzz. If he continues to bowl with such precision, it may only be a matter of time before he earns his place in the team. For now, his dedication and hard work in practice are sending a clear message — he is ready whenever the opportunity arrives.

Director Bobby Calls PawanKalyan a “Karma Yogi”, Post Goes Viral

Director Bobby's emotional social media post about Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and actor PawanKalyan has gone viral on social media. Bobby, who previously directed PawanKalyan in *Sardaar Gabbar Singh*, recently met him and shared his experience online, describing the leader as a “Karma Yogi.”

Currently busy with pre-production work for his upcoming film with Chiranjeevi, Bobby revealed that he recently met PawanKalyan and shared photos from the meeting. In his post, he

wrote that he felt emotional while going to meet him, recalling the time when they worked together, when PawanKalyan had just stepped into politics. Now, seeing him as the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh made the meeting even more special.

Bobby said that when he arrived, PawanKalyan welcomed him with a calm smile and appeared like a sage. He praised the leader's dedication, saying that while many people enter politics to grow their wealth, PawanKalyan chose a different path. According to Bobby,

PawanKalyan gave up comforts and privileges to stand by his beliefs and work for the people.

He further wrote that he was deeply touched by the affection shown by PawanKalyan during the meeting. Bobby compared him to historical figures who sacrificed personal comforts for a greater purpose. He mentioned that people have read about Lord Buddha leaving royal luxuries in search of knowledge, and said that he had now witnessed a “Karma Yogi” working tirelessly for the people.

Bobby concluded his

post by expressing his admiration and respect, stating that his affection and admiration for PawanKalyan would always remain. The post quickly gained attention online, with fans and netizens widely sharing and discussing it. Following the post, several social media users reacted with curiosity and excitement. Some users wondered whether Bobby narrated a story to PawanKalyan during the meeting, while others speculated about a possible future collaboration between the two. A few comments also suggested that Bobby might

be planning a film with PawanKalyan after his project with Chiranjeevi.

However, the exact reason behind Bobby's meeting with PawanKalyan has not yet been officially revealed. Despite this, the heartfelt message and the “Karma Yogi” remark have made the post go viral, sparking discussions among fans and film industry followers.

The interaction has once again highlighted the strong bond between Bobby and PawanKalyan, leaving fans eager to see whether the meeting leads to another collaboration in the future.



Allu Arjun–Atlee Film Titled “Raaka”; First Look Sparks Massive Buzz

The much-anticipated collaboration between Allu Arjun and director Atlee has finally received its official title. The film, which was earlier referred to as “AA22xA6”, has now been named “Raaka”, creating huge excitement among fans and film circles. The announcement came on Allu Arjun's birthday, making it even more special for his followers.

Along with the title reveal, the makers also unveiled a striking first-look poster that immediately grabbed attention. In the poster, Allu Arjun appears in a completely new and intense avatar. Sporting a bald look and a rugged appearance, the actor looks fierce and powerful, hinting at a high-voltage action entertainer. The transformation surprised fans and quickly went viral across social media platforms, with many praising the bold and experimental look. This project marks the first collaboration between Allu Arjun and Atlee, making it one of the most anticipated films in Indian cinema. Atlee, known for delivering large-scale commercial entertainers, is expected to present Allu Arjun in a never-before-seen role. The film is reportedly being planned as a pan-India spectacle with grand



visuals and high production values. The buzz around the film increased further with reports that Deepika Padukone is expected to play a key role. While the makers are yet to confirm the full cast officially, the possibility of a star-studded lineup has already heightened expectations. Industry sources suggest that the film will feature advanced visual effects and large-scale action sequences. The makers are reportedly planning the movie with a massive budget, aiming

to deliver a cinematic experience that appeals to audiences across multiple languages. Following the announcement, fans flooded social media with reactions, calling the title powerful and praising Allu Arjun's transformation. Many described the look as intense and mysterious, sparking curiosity about the storyline and character. The collaboration comes at a time when Allu Arjun's popularity is at an all-time high after the massive success

of *Pushpa: The Rise and Pushpa 2: The Rule*. With Atlee's track record of delivering blockbusters, expectations from “Raaka” have skyrocketed. With a powerful title, striking first look, and a strong combination of talent, “Raaka” has already become one of the most awaited films in Indian cinema. Fans are now eagerly waiting for the teaser, cast announcements, and release date.

Prithviraj Sukumaran Completes ‘Kumbha’ Shoot in Varanasi, Shares “My Work Is Done” Update

Actor Prithviraj Sukumaran has shared an important update from the sets of director S. S. Rajamouli's much-anticipated film starring Mahesh Babu. The actor revealed that he has completed his shooting schedule in Varanasi and described the experience as intense and fulfilling.

Prithviraj, who plays a powerful character named Kumbha in the film, posted about wrapping up his portion of the shoot. Sharing his excitement, he wrote that his work for the schedule was finished and expressed satisfaction after completing the demanding filming process. The update quickly grabbed attention among fans and film enthusiasts, increasing anticipation for the big-budget project.

The Varanasi schedule is said to be an important part of the film, with several crucial scenes shot in the historic city. Prithviraj reportedly underwent significant preparation for his role, following a strict routine to maintain the physical and emotional intensity required for the character. The actor also hinted that the schedule involved challenging



scenes that required dedication and focus.

After completing the shoot, Prithviraj treated himself by taking a break from his disciplined routine. He mentioned enjoying food after following a strict diet during filming, calling it a well-deserved reward following the demanding

schedule. His candid update added a personal touch and delighted fans who closely follow his journey.

The film, directed by S. S. Rajamouli, is progressing steadily and is one of the most awaited Indian films in recent times. With Mahesh Babu playing the lead role and Prithviraj por-

traying a key character, expectations from the project are extremely high. The movie is being mounted on a grand scale and is expected to feature breathtaking visuals and a strong storyline.

Adding to the excitement, the film's team recently hinted that the project is moving ahead as planned, further building anticipation among audiences. Social media interactions from the team members have also sparked curiosity, with fans eagerly waiting for official announcements regarding teaser releases and promotional updates.

This ambitious project also features Priyanka Chopra in a significant role, making the film even more appealing to a global audience. The combination of Rajamouli's vision, Mahesh Babu's star power, and Prithviraj's strong screen presence has already created massive buzz. With Prithviraj Sukumaran completing his schedule in Varanasi, the film has taken another step toward completion. Fans are now eagerly waiting for more updates, including first-look posters, teaser announcements, and release details.

Alia Bhatt Faces Awkward Moment During First-Time Awards Hosting

Bollywood star Alia Bhatt recently found herself in an awkward situation while hosting an awards show for the first time. The actress, who is widely appreciated for her acting skills, stepped into a new role as host at the Screen Awards 2026, but her performance drew mixed reactions and quickly became a topic of discussion on social media. Alia Bhatt reportedly hosted the event alongside comedian Sunil Grover. While expectations were high, the actress appeared slightly nervous during several segments of the show. Being her first time hosting a major public event, she struggled at a few moments while delivering lines and interacting with the audience. Some of her jokes and comments did not land as expected, resulting in awkward pauses and muted responses from attendees. One particular moment that drew attention was when Alia spoke about filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali and his films. While mentioning the movies, she reportedly mixed up the release years of some projects. Realizing the mistake, she attempted to recover with humor, but the effort did not fully work, leading to an awkward moment on stage. The incident quickly circulated on social media, with clips from the event going viral. Despite the hiccups, Alia continued hosting the event and completed her responsibilities. However, observers noted that she appeared somewhat quiet and reserved after the function, possibly reflecting on the experience. The incident sparked debates online, with some netizens criticizing her hosting skills, while others defended her, pointing out that hosting requires a completely different skill set compared to acting.

Several social media users commented that Alia seemed nervous and uncomfortable during the show, while others felt that her comedic timing did not work well with the au-

dience. At the same time, many fans supported the actress, stating that it was her first attempt and that she should be appreciated for trying something new outside her comfort zone.

Hosting an awards show is often considered challenging, as it requires spontaneity, quick wit, and the ability to engage a live audience. For many actors, transitioning into hosting roles can be difficult, especially during their first attempt. Alia Bhatt's experience reflects these challenges and highlights the pressure that comes with stepping into a new role. Despite the awkward moments, the actress's effort to experiment with hosting was noted by fans and industry insiders. Many believe that with more experience, Alia Bhatt could improve her stage presence and hosting skills in the future. While the performance received mixed reactions, the event once again placed Alia Bhatt in the spotlight, proving that even a small moment involving the popular actress quickly becomes a trending topic.



Nayanthara Faces Trolling After Surprise Appearance at ‘Love Insurance Kompany’ Event

Lady Superstar Nayanthara has once again become the subject of social media discussions, this time following her surprise appearance at the pre-release event of her husband VigneshShivan's upcoming film *Love Insurance Kompany*. While her presence delighted many fans, it also sparked criticism and trolling from some sections of social media users.

Nayanthara is widely known for maintaining a strict rule of staying away from film promotions and public events. Over the years, she has consistently avoided attending promotional activities, even for films in which she played leading roles. Reports suggest that she has sometimes even reduced her remuneration to maintain this policy. Because of this long-standing stance, her sudden appearance at the pre-release event surprised many in the film industry and among audiences. The grand pre-release event for *Love Insurance Kompany*, directed by VigneshShivan, was held in Chennai ahead of the film's release. During the event, Nayanthara unexpectedly walked onto the stage, hugged her husband, and extended her wishes to the film's team. The emotional moment between the couple quickly went viral across social media platforms, drawing widespread attention. However, the viral videos also triggered criticism. Some netizens questioned why Nayanthara, who usually avoids promotions for other producers' films, chose to attend the event for her husband's movie. Critics argued that she seemed to follow one rule for other films and another for her own projects. Others even claimed that the entire moment appeared pre-planned as part of promotional strategy for the movie. At the same time, many fans came forward in her support. They pointed out that Nayanthara is also associated with the film as a producer and therefore has every right to promote the project. Supporters argued that her appearance was natural and emotional, especially since the film is closely connected to her family and professional journey. The film *Love Insurance Kompany*, directed by VigneshShivan, features Pradeep Ranganathan and Krithi Shetty in lead roles. The movie is set to release soon and has already generated strong buzz through its promotional events and social media discussions.

Despite mixed reactions, Nayanthara's surprise appearance has successfully drawn attention to the film. Whether criticized or praised, the actress once again became one of the most talked-about celebrities online, with the viral moment keeping *Love Insurance Kompany* in the spotlight.

