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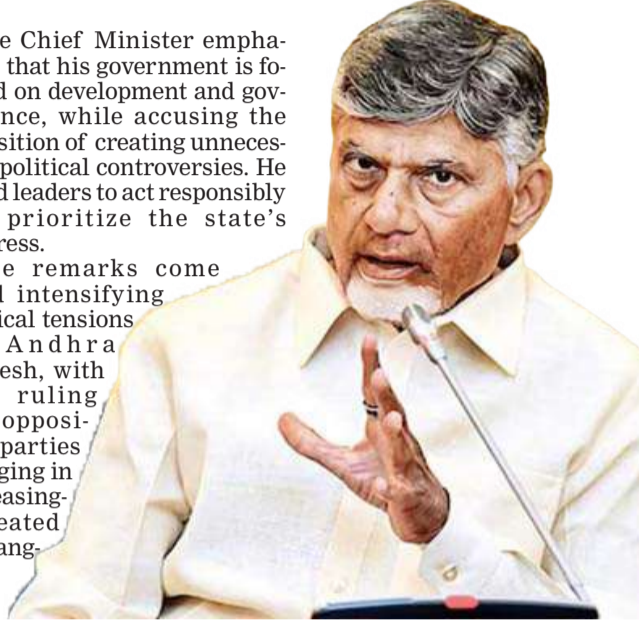
A STRONG WARNING TO JAGAN BY NAIDU

Bapatla, April 9:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu issued a strong warning to former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy during a public meeting held in Vemuru constituency. Addressing the gathering, Naidu cautioned that any attempts to destabilize the state through small groups or disruptive actions would not be tolerated. "If you try to dismantle the state with small groups of people, we will not remain silent," he said, directly addressing Jagan. The Chief Minister also referred to his earlier arrest, alleging that it was carried out despite him having committed no wrongdoing. He asserted that

while he has the authority to act similarly, he would not misuse power. "You arrested me despite no fault of mine. If I want to arrest you, it would take no time. But I will not do that. The law will take its course," Naidu stated. Naidu criticized Jagan's proposals, particularly the idea of multiple state capitals, claiming that it failed to gain public trust. "Nobody believes him anymore," he remarked, indicating a decline in confidence among people. In a sharp escalation of rhetoric, Naidu also made critical remarks about the leadership within the YSR Congress Party, suggesting that the behavior he once attributed to Jagan alone is now visible among other party leaders as well.

The Chief Minister emphasized that his government is focused on development and governance, while accusing the opposition of creating unnecessary political controversies. He urged leaders to act responsibly and prioritize the state's progress. The remarks come amid intensifying political tensions in Andhra Pradesh, with both ruling and opposition parties engaging in increasingly heated exchanges.



LAND RIGHTS WILL BE PROTECTED FULLY: CM ASSURED

Bapatla, April 9:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu addressed a large public gathering in Surepalli village of Vemuru constituency in Bapatla district while participating in the 'Mee Bhoomi-Mee Hakku' program. The initiative aims to safeguard land ownership rights and provide citizens with secure and transparent property records. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister emphasized that land is not merely a physical asset but a vital source of livelihood, security, and dignity for families. He stated that the government has taken up the responsibility of issuing updated pattadar passbooks to ensure that people's land rights are fully protected. Expressing his emotions, Naidu said that witnessing the happiness of beneficiaries receiving their passbooks made



his life meaningful. He strongly criticized the previous administration led by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging that the state experienced administrative breakdown and an increase in land-related disputes during that period. According to him, the earlier government created confusion by interfering in land records and even placing the Chief Minister's photograph on passbooks, despite the property belonging to citizens. Naidu pointed out that nearly 90 percent of grievances received during public outreach programs were related to revenue and land issues. He said this prompted the government to prioritize reforms in land administration and ensure right ownership to citizens. So far, over 21.23 lakh new passbooks have been distributed,

and an additional 9 lakh are expected to be issued by July. The government aims to distribute a total of 1.12 crore passbooks and conduct resurvey operations across 16,816 villages. Highlighting technological advancements, the Chief Minister said the new passbooks are designed with high-security features similar to currency notes. Blockchain technology has been introduced to prevent tampering of records, while QR codes allow easy verification of ownership details. He also mentioned the introduction of a digital locking system that prevents unauthorized registration of land. Naidu assured that the entire process would be carried out transparently, in the presence of landowners, and without any corruption. He reiterated that the initiative would provide a permanent solution to land disputes and strengthen trust in governance.



FLEXIES BACKING 'MAVIGUN' BY YSRC LEADERS

Amaravati/Vijayawada, April 9:

Political activity in Andhra Pradesh has intensified with the sudden appearance of large flex banners supporting the MAVIGUN corridor proposal — a new regional development idea backed by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, president of the YuvaJanaSramikaRythu Congress Party (YSRCP). The promotional flex boards and banners, featuring slogans in favor of MAVIGUN, have been prominently displayed in areas including Machilipatnam, Vijayawada, and Guntur. These installations appear to be part of a broader campaign to popularize the idea of developing the Machilipatnam Vijayawada Guntur corridor as a capital region alternative, potentially tied to the 2029 election cycle. The MAVIGUN concept was recently proposed by Jagan as a cost efficient and practical substitute to the existing Amaravati capital framework, which has long been a contentious issue in state politics.

Supporters argue that this corridor, linking three major urban centres, could foster more balanced regional development and reduce financial strain on the state's budget. Criticism of the idea has also surfaced, with detractors describing it as vague or politically motivated rather than grounded in a concrete urban planning strategy. The recent flex installations near Jagan's residence in Tadepalli have drawn attention not only for their size and visibility but for the slogans they carry — including references to "Jagan 2.0 — MAVIGUN 2029," suggesting an electoral strategy may be tied to this messaging. Political analysts say the display of such banners could signal the YSRCP's intent to re-energize support ahead of future polls and steer public discussion toward alternative development visions. The emergence of MAVIGUN as a trending topic reflects shifting narratives in Andhra Pradesh's political landscape, where capital development remains deeply contested.



HOW COME WE ALLOW SUCH FLEXIES: HIGH COURT

Amaravati, April 9:

The Andhra Pradesh High Court expressed sharp criticism over provocative flex boards and social media posts targeting the state government, questioning the audacity of those behind them. The remarks came during hearings on a petition filed by former YSR Congress social media in-charge Sajjal Bhargav Reddy. The court asked whether the boards, which allegedly hint at destruction in 2029, threaten the state or its citizens. The bench emphasized that insulting the Chief Minister is equivalent to insulting over five crore residents of Andhra Pradesh. "Who authorized such posts? Who gave anyone the right to damage personal or familial dignity? There is no authority for harming an individual's reputation," the court said, stressing the importance of personal respect in public discourse. The High Court also criticized the police for failing to prevent or act decisively against objectionable content. "If the police had taken strict action, such incidents would

not recur. Courts and laws must instill fear through enforcement. How is it that after 2024, people still post offensive content with such confidence?" the bench observed. The court underscored that law enforcement must act strongly to deter repetition of such behavior. The case revolves around alleged posts that the petition claimed disrespected the Chief Minister. Arguments in the High Court concluded, and the bench has reserved its judgment. Observers note that the verdict could set an important precedent in regulating online speech, balancing freedom of expression with the protection of public figures and citizens' dignity. The proceedings signal the judiciary's growing concern over social media accountability, police enforcement, and the impact of provocative content on public order. Legal experts suggest that the outcome may influence stricter guidelines for social media use in Andhra Pradesh and could serve as a model for other states addressing similar issues.

AP CABINET TODAY MAY DISCUSS ON LAW AND ORDER ISSUES MAJORLY

Amaravati, April 9:

The Andhra Pradesh state cabinet is scheduled to meet tomorrow under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu to deliberate on several key issues facing the state, including the ongoing Tirumala ghee controversy and law and order concerns. The meeting, planned at the Secretariat, is expected to bring together senior ministers and officials to review pressing governance matters affecting public confidence and administration. One of the main items on the agenda will be the widely discussed Tirumala adulterated ghee case, which has drawn significant attention across political and social circles. Allegations that substandard ghee was supplied for prasadam preparation at Tirumala have stirred controversy, given the religious and cultural importance of the issue. Ministers are expected to examine the current status of investigations and discuss measures to restore public trust while ensuring the safety and sanctity of temple practices.

In addition, the Cabinet will review law and order issues across the state, focusing on strengthening administrative responses to crime and maintaining public safety. Reports indicate that the discussion will emphasize improving policing effectiveness and addressing citizen concerns regarding social stability and law enforcement outcomes. Officials have indicated that the meeting could result in policy decisions or directives aimed at both resolving the ghee controversy and enhancing law-and-order mechanisms. The Cabinet's deliberations reflect the state government's intent to balance administrative efficiency, public sentiment, and cultural sensitivities while addressing governance challenges. Observers note that the outcomes of tomorrow's meeting may set the tone for upcoming government actions and could influence both political discourse and public perception in Andhra Pradesh. Citizens and stakeholders across the state will be watching closely for announcements following the Cabinet session.

HIGH VOTER TURNOUT IN THREE STATES

New Delhi/Amaravati, April 9:

Voting began today in Assam, Kerala, and the Union Territory of Puducherry as the 2026 assembly elections kicked off, with citizens heading to polling stations across all constituencies. A total of 296 seats across the three regions are at stake, with voters participating in a single-phase election. Counting of votes has been scheduled for May 4.



In Assam, the ruling BJP-led alliance is seeking a third consecutive term, facing stiff competition from the Congress and its regional allies. Observers note that issues such as development, law and order, and ethnic concerns are playing a key role in shaping voter sentiment. Early reports indicated strong turnout, with citizens actively participating in both urban and rural constituencies.

Kerala sees a high-stakes battle among the incumbent Left Democratic Front (LDF), the United Democratic Front (UDF), and the BJP-led NDA. Senior party leaders campaigned vigorously, urging vot-

ers to exercise their democratic rights. Reports by early afternoon suggested steady participation, with queues at many polling centers and significant voter engagement in several districts.

In Puducherry, seasoned regional leaders are competing alongside national allies, while a new political entrant is attempting to influence the local political landscape. Early turnout figures indicated enthusiastic participation, reflecting a high level of public interest.

The Election Commission has deployed robust security

and administrative arrangements to ensure smooth and fair voting across all regions. Political analysts suggest that today's results could set the tone for upcoming assembly elections in other states, including West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.

Voter enthusiasm and participation are being widely regarded as a reflection of India's vibrant democratic culture, with citizens actively engaging in the electoral process to shape the political future of their states and territories.

DECEASED FOUND IN DURGA TEMPLE PREMISES

KUMAR CHAND P, Amaravati, April 9:

In a disturbing incident, a man was found dead in a washroom adjacent to the parking area of the Goddess Durga Temple on Thursday. Preliminary reports suggest that the deceased had been dead for approximately three days before being discovered, raising serious concerns about the temple administration's monitoring and maintenance practices.

According to officials, the police have not yet identified the deceased. Preliminary estimates indicate that he was around 40 years old. The cause of death is still under investigation, and authorities are awaiting forensic reports to determine whether it was natural or suspicious. No personal belongings or identification were reportedly found with the individual. Local residents and temple-goers expressed shock and concern over the delayed discovery. "If the washrooms had been cleaned and inspected regularly, this might have been noticed much earlier," said one devotee. The delay has raised questions about hygiene, surveillance, and basic upkeep in the temple premises, which attract large numbers of

visitors daily. The incident comes amid growing scrutiny of the temple administration, which has faced criticism in recent weeks. Allegations have surfaced regarding security personnel allegedly behaving rudely toward devotees, mismanagement of parking facilities, and poor overall maintenance. Reports of corruption in various operational areas have also been under investigation, and officials have been occupied with verifying and addressing these claims. Experts suggest that balancing these administrative, political, and investigative pressures may

have contributed to lapses in routine oversight. Higher officials have expressed concern over the incident, noting that it exposes systemic weaknesses in the management of high-footfall religious institutions. A thorough inquiry is expected to determine how the body went unnoticed for days and whether procedural lapses or negligence contributed to the delay. Police authorities have stated that they are investigating the matter comprehensively, and steps will be taken to identify the deceased and notify family members if possible. The incident underscores the importance of robust mon-

itoring, routine inspections, and strict adherence to safety and hygiene protocols in places of worship. Experts stress that religious institutions must ensure both the safety of visitors and the dignity of sacred spaces. The temple authorities have reportedly promised immediate corrective measures, including increased cleaning, improved security, and regular monitoring of all facilities, to prevent similar incidents in the future. This episode serves as a stark reminder of the critical role of effective administration, transparency, and accountability in managing public religious spaces.



RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UNDER 13

LOKESH LED GOM ON EXECUTION amaravati, April 9:

In a landmark move aimed at protecting children online, Andhra Pradesh is preparing a comprehensive regulatory framework to restrict social media access for children under 13 and create age-appropriate digital environments for teenagers. The initiative, spearheaded by Minister for Education, IT & Electronics, Nara Lokesh, was discussed at a high-level Group of Ministers (GoM) meeting attended by senior officials and representatives from major social media plat-

forms, including Meta, Google, Grok, Snapchat, ShareChat, and Josh. During the meeting at his Undavalli residence, Lokesh emphasized the importance of balancing digital access with child safety, creativity, and mental well-being. Officials were directed to draft legislation that incorporates graded, age-based content access, particularly for users aged 13-16, to prevent exposure to harmful or inappropriate material. The framework is being designed to align with global child protection standards, with officials studying best practices

from countries such as Singapore, Australia, and Denmark. A key component under consideration is the introduction of secure age-verification mechanisms, including "age tokens" via DigiLocker. This system would allow social media platforms to verify users' ages without compromising privacy, facilitating scalable enforcement of age restrictions. The GoM also highlighted zero tolerance for online abuse, especially targeting women. Strengthening enforcement under existing IT laws, including Section

46 of the IT Act, was discussed, with directives to appoint adjudicating authorities promptly to ensure swift action against offenders. Recognizing that regulation alone is insufficient, the government plans statewide awareness campaigns to complement the legal framework. Initiatives will include digital safety education during "No Bag Day" in schools, awareness sessions for parents and students during Mega PTMs, and outreach programs through Self-Help Groups to educate women about online



NEED OF GROWTH ALONGSIDE SPIRITUALITY: PAWAN KALYAN

Rajolu, April 9:

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan virtually inaugurated multiple development projects in the Rajolu constituency on Thursday, emphasizing the need for growth alongside spirituality. He highlighted that holy places like Antarvedi should not face basic challenges such as drinking water shortages. The centerpiece of the initiative is a 17.33 crore comprehensive drinking water scheme in Antarvedi, designed to serve around 30,000 residents of coastal villages, including Antarvedikaran, Pallepalem, and Gondi Panchayats. The project involved the development of a 10-acre water reservoir, a 3-million-liter rapid sand filter plant, and water storage tanks, ensuring a reliable supply of safe drinking water. "This project provides a permanent solution to a 30-year-old water scarcity problem," Pawan Kalyan said, noting that earlier residents depended on a protected water supply from



12 km away, which often fell short of their needs. He explained that water will be pumped from the Gannavaram canal into the reservoir for storage and distribution, meeting both household and community requirements efficiently. In addition, a rapid sand filter plant with 6 million liters capacity, funded with 5 crore from ONGC CSR, was inaugu-

rated at Gudimellanka. This will enhance water purification and benefit about 1.2 lakh people across 29 villages, ensuring safe drinking water for all households. During the event, Pawan Kalyan underscored the importance of integrating development with spirituality, urging officials to improve infrastructure and instill confidence in residents' future. He empha-

sized that the coalition government is committed to holistic development of the region, balancing basic amenities, community welfare, and religious significance. Other initiatives launched include Palle Pandaga 2.0 and drainage modernization in Shankaraguptham, with a 20.77 crore project scheduled for completion in 35 days. Kalyan reaffirmed that under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and the Jal Jeevan Mission, every village and household in the state will receive 55 liters of safe drinking water per person per day, meeting both daily needs and long-term sustainability goals. The inauguration was attended by District In-charge Minister and Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu, local MLA Deva Varaprasad, Konaseema District Collector Dr. Mahesh Kumar Ravirala, and officials from the Rural Water Supply Department, highlighting coordinated efforts for regional development.

QUANTUM COMPUTING TESTING FACILITY LAUNCH ON 14TH APRIL

AMARAVATI: In a landmark step toward advancing India's technological capabilities, N. Chandrababu Naidu will launch the country's first indigenous quantum computing testing facility on April 14, marking World Quantum Day. The facility will be inaugurated at SRM University in Amaravati, while a second quantum facility at Medha Towers will be launched virtually. With this initiative, Andhra Pradesh is set to become the first state in the country to establish an indigenous quantum computing testing ecosystem. The project is part of the broader vision to develop Amaravati into a global hub for quantum technologies under the Amaravati Quantum Valley initiative. During the launch, the Chief Minister will witness a live demonstration of quantum system initialization, including the cooling process of the Amaravati 1Q system. Additionally, the Amaravati 1S system will be showcased as an open-access platform for attendees. Officials state that the



establishment of the Amaravati Quantum Reference Facility positions India to design, test, and manufacture quantum systems domestically, strengthening technological sovereignty. The initiative aligns with India's National Quantum Mission and is expected to host advanced systems, including a 133-qubit quantum computer. With over 80 academic and industry collaborations, Amaravati Quantum Valley aims to rank among the world's leading quantum hubs. Speaking ahead of the launch, officials emphasized that quantum technologies will have far-reaching applications in sectors such as healthcare, defense, semiconductors, and education. The government has also prioritized skill development, with large-scale training programs already underway to prepare youth for emerging technological demands. Experts highlight that adopting quantum technology is crucial as the global tech landscape rapidly evolves, positioning Amaravati at the forefront of next-generation innovation.



8th NUTRITION FORTNIGHT 2026

LAUNCHED BY MINISTER SANDHYA RANI

Amaravati, April 9: Andhra Pradesh launched the 8th Nutrition Fortnight 2026 from April 9 to 23, aiming to strengthen maternal and child health, nutrition, and early childhood development. The inauguration took place at the Local Farmers Training Center, with Gummidi Sandhya Rani, Minister for Women and Child Welfare and Tribal Development, presiding over the event. Minister Sandhya Rani highlighted the program's focus on creating awareness among pregnant women and children under two about proper nutrition, healthcare, and early learning. She emphasized that maternal nutrition during pregnancy plays a crucial role in the healthy growth and cognitive development of children. The program also guides parents on interacting with children to enhance intelligence and overall development. The initiative includes modernization of Anganwadi centers across the state, with play-based learning and IQ development activities for children. Currently, 55,766 centers are equipped with basic facilities such as TVs, play materials, toilets, and safe drinking water. Special attention is being given to tribal areas, with

185 crore allocated to establish 130 new Anganwadi centers under the PM Janman scheme. Minister Sandhya Rani advised parents to provide home-prepared nutritious meals instead of junk food and limit early exposure to phones and television. Regular monitoring of children's growth, including height and weight, is being conducted, and supplements or nutritious food are provided where needed. A. Surya Kumari, Chief Secretary of Women and Child Welfare, underlined the importance of early nutrition, particularly in the first two years, warning that junk food and lifestyle changes could negatively affect children's health. Awareness posters for Nutrition Fortnight were unveiled during the event. The program was attended by UNICEF representative Narasimha Murthy, Joint Director A. Praveen, JPC Nutrition Campaign member Sunanda, district officials, Anganwadi workers, and pregnant women. The Nutrition Fortnight reflects Andhra Pradesh's commitment to ensuring a healthier, well-nourished future generation by combining awareness, monitoring, and strengthened services across the state.

AP GOVT TO PROVIDE FREE SOLAR UNITS TO 6 LAKH SC/ST FAMILIES

Addanki, April 9:

Andhra Pradesh is set to boost clean energy access for marginalized communities under the PM-KUSUM scheme, with the state government allocating 1,200 crore to install free solar rooftop units for 6 lakh SC/ST families across the state. The program was inaugurated by Energy Minister Gottipati Ravikumar at a new installation in the SC colony of Velamuripadu village, Addanki mandal, where 120 rooftop solar panels were set up. Minister Ravikumar stated that each household will receive solar units worth 1.25 lakh, fully



funded through a joint initiative of the central and state governments, with an estimated cost of 80 crore for Addanki alone. Alongside rooftop solar installations, the government is upgrading infrastructure in Velamuripadu, including four substations and 450 new elec-

tricity poles, ensuring reliable power supply for the next 20-30 years, even during storms. Beneficiaries under BC and OC categories installing 3 kW rooftop solar units will receive subsidies of 98,000 and 78,000, respectively. So far, 1.5 lakh BC and OC families across the state have benefited from similar programs. The scheme also aims to provide farmers with 9 hours of reliable electricity via PM-KUSUM, with tenders completed and land acquisition in progress. Minister Ravikumar criticized the previous YCP government, noting that during their five-year term, electricity

charges were increased nine times, burdening citizens, while houses built for the poor between 2014-19 faced stalled bills and harassment. He highlighted that under the Chandrababu Naidu-led coalition government, electricity tariffs have not increased, and the state has absorbed a 13-paise reduction, relieving hundreds of crores in consumer costs. The minister emphasized that the government's focus is on welfare, transparency, and equitable support for marginalized communities, while ensuring that new housing and energy programs reach all eligible families across Andhra Pradesh.

AP TOURISM POISED FOR GLOBAL GROWTH: KANDULA DURGESH

Mumbai, April 9:

Andhra Pradesh is set to elevate its tourism sector following a successful two-day visit by Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh to Mumbai. The visit focused on promoting coastal, spiritual, and experiential tourism while attracting major investments in hospitality infrastructure. The key event was the 21st Hotel Investment Conference South Asia (HICSA 2026) at the Grand Hyatt, where Minister Durgesh, along with the state delegation, held high-level discussions with leading industry representatives from Amar Chitra Katha, Shrem Group, Accor, Hyatt Hotels, Brigade Group, Lemon Tree Hotels, The Oberoi Group, and InterGlobe Enterprises. The discussions centered on positioning Andhra Pradesh as an investor-friendly tourism hub, enhancing coastal and spiritual tourism circuits, and ensuring



balanced regional development. A major outcome was the signing of a MoU with ALIVE Group, marking a 500 crore investment for construct-

ing over 2,000 hotel rooms statewide within three years. Minister Durgesh emphasized that this initiative would strengthen the mid-scale and

experiential hospitality segment, providing world-class accommodation for domestic and international tourists. Durgesh also highlighted the govern-

ment's focus on eco-tourism, adventure tourism, MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions), and creative economy initiatives, assuring investors that approvals and permits would be granted quickly under the "Speed of Doing Business" policy. "The state's participation in HICSA 2026 is a milestone in Andhra Pradesh's journey to become a global tourism and creative economy hub," he said. Minister Durgesh added that the coalition government, led by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, aims to make tourism a key engine of economic growth, leveraging the state's cultural heritage, spiritual sites, and modern hospitality infrastructure. The visit marks a significant step in positioning Andhra Pradesh as a top destination for investors and tourists, combining sustainable development with strategic infrastructure expansion across the state.

WHAT WAS JAGAN DONE AT THE TIME OF YSR's DEATH: ATCHANNAIDU

Amaravati, April 9:

Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaaidu launched a sharp attack on former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of misgovernance and damaging the state's economy during his tenure.

Addressing a press conference at the Secretariat in Amaravati, the minister alleged that every decision taken by Jagan had negatively impacted people's lives and weakened the state's financial system. He claimed that industries moved out of the state, unemployment increased among youth, and farmers suffered due to lack of proper support.

Atchannaaidu further criticized Jagan for increasing debt under the guise of welfare schemes, stating that development remained only in words while destruction was evident on the ground. He accused the former Chief Minister of creating divisions within society



and prioritizing power over public welfare. The minister praised the

leadership of N. Chandrababu Naidu, stating that the state had witnessed progress be-

tween 2014 and 2019, and claimed that the current government is working to restore

development and balance welfare initiatives.

Raising serious allegations, Atchannaaidu questioned Jagan over unresolved issues, including the murder of Y. S. Vivekananda Reddy, and demanded clarity on various controversies. He has reminded about Ex Minister Botsa Satyanarayana's statement on YSR's death case. He also criticized Jagan's stance on the Amaravati capital issue, accusing him of creating confusion with the three-capital proposal after initially supporting Amaravati.

The minister further made personal remarks, alleging that Jagan failed to respect even his own family, and questioned how he could respect the people of the state.

Concluding his remarks, Atchannaaidu said that the people of Andhra Pradesh had already rejected Jagan's leadership and would not give him another opportunity to return to power.



Botsa Slams Minister Atchannaaidu Over Remarks on YSR

Visakhapatnam, April 9: YSR Congress Party leader Botsa Satyanarayana strongly criticized Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaaidu for his recent remarks against former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and the late leader Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy.

Responding to the minister's comments, Botsa termed them "arrogant and inappropriate," questioning the need to speak about a deceased leader in such a manner. He expressed emotional attachment to YSR and recalled his personal association with him, stating that such remarks hurt sentiments of many people.

Botsa challenged Atchannaaidu to focus on governance issues such as Amaravati instead of making controversial personal allegations. He questioned whether such statements reflected responsible politics and criticized the ruling leadership for encouraging what he described as "degrading political discourse."

Taking the criticism further,

Botsa also questioned Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, asking whether such political attacks align with his leadership. He accused the ruling party of diverting attention from key public issues by engaging in personal criticism of opposition leaders.

The YSRCP leader emphasized that political debates should focus on development and public welfare rather than targeting individuals or invoking sensitive matters related to deceased leaders. He reiterated that dragging YSR's name into political arguments was unacceptable.

The controversy follows a series of sharp exchanges between leaders of the ruling alliance and the opposition, highlighting the intensifying political rivalry in Andhra Pradesh. Botsa concluded by urging leaders to maintain dignity in public discourse and focus on issues that matter to the people, rather than indulging in personal attacks that could further deepen political divisions in the state.



ANAGANI CRITICIZES JAGAN OVER LAND TITLE ACT

Bapatla district, Vemuru: Minister Anagani Satyaprasad strongly criticized the Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy government for creating confusion and difficulties for farmers under the Land Title Act. Speaking at the "Mee Bhoomi - Mee Hakku" program in Sreepalli, alongside Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the minister highlighted how farmers' lands were unnecessarily included in Section '21A', causing significant hardships for landowners. He said, "Amaravati, the capital of Andhra Pradesh, is a city that all Telugu people are proud of. Every political party in the country supported it. When the farmers' foot march passed through this

region, we stood with them. During Jagan's regime, the Land Title Act caused unnecessary confusion. Boundary stones were tampered with, and farmers' lands were placed under Section 21A, creating serious difficulties. Farmers value their land with self-respect, not through passbooks with Jagan's photo. After the coalition government assumed office, we repealed the Act and started issuing passbooks in a hassle-free manner." Vemuru MLA Nakka Anand Babu added that following the Amaravati gazette, CM Chandrababu Naidu visited the region as part of his first official tour to monitor development projects. He emphasized that the coalition government is implement-

ing Super Six schemes, supporting horticulture, and improving roads in the delta region. He also urged the establishment of an MSME park in place of the defunct Jampji Sugar Factory to boost local employment and economic growth. Both leaders stressed that the five-year YSRCP rule halted development, but under the coalition government, progress is being restored, farmers are being supported, and the region is witnessing renewed infrastructure and agricultural initiatives. The program reinforced the government's commitment to ensuring farmers' rights, promoting regional development, and securing Amaravati as the pride of Andhra Pradesh.



CPM SLAMS JAGAN OVER CAPITAL POLICY

Vijayawada, April 9: B. V. Raghavulu, senior leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), sharply criticised former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday, accusing him of political opportunism and confusion over Andhra Pradesh's capital development plans. Raghavulu's remarks, widely shared in a video by media outlets including TV9 Telugu, underscore rising political tensions in the state's post election landscape.

Addressing reporters and party supporters, the CPM leader took aim at Jagan's shift from the controversial three capitals approach during his government to the more recent MAVIGUN (Machilipatnam Vijayawada Guntur) corridor idea promoted by YSRCP cadres. Raghavulu questioned the credibility of changing policy positions, suggesting that such shifts reflect indecisiveness and politicisation of a matter that critically affects landowners and farmers. While specific quotes from his speech were not available in print, the overall tone of his comments, captured on video, was one of strong rebuke.

The capital issue has long been a flashpoint in Andhra politics, with farmers and activists staging major protests after the YSRCP first proposed decentralising the capital from Amaravati. Subsequent legal battles and policy reversals have made the question of a capital region a sustained public debate.

Raghavulu's critique reflects broader dissatisfaction among opposition groups who argue that frequent policy changes damage investor confidence and confuse stakeholders. CPM leaders have traditionally positioned themselves as advocates for workers and farmers' rights, and this intervention follows that pattern, urging clarity and stability in governance.

Political analysts say such criticisms may resonate with voters frustrated by slow progress on long pending development issues, adding another dimension to Andhra Pradesh's evolving political discourse ahead of future elections.

SHARMILA SLAMS JAGAN AS 'MAVIGUN JOKER'

Vijayawada, April 9:

Andhra Pradesh Congress president YS Sharmila Reddy sharply criticised her brother and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, labelling him a "MAVIGUN joker" who has betrayed the ideals of their father, the late YS Rajasekhara Reddy, and misled the public with shifting political stances.

Marking the 23rd anniversary of their father's historic Prajaprasthanam Padayatra, a transformative march that helped shape welfare oriented governance in the state, Sharmila said Jagan has failed to uphold the values and vision that propelled their family to political prominence. She accused him of merely utilising the YSR legacy for political gain without truly embodying its ethos.

The Congress leader's cri-



tique focused in particular on Jagan's recent MAVIGUN proposal, a plan to develop a Machilipatnam Vijayawada Guntur corridor as an alterna-

tive capital region describing it as a political manoeuvre rather than a substantive development strategy. "He is using YSR's name to justify incon-

sistent policies and abandoning the unfinished flagship projects like the Jalayagnam irrigation programme that were close to our father's

heart," she said.

Sharmila's comments also targeted other governance issues under Jagan's tenure, from the handling of welfare schemes to controversial changes in state policy. She accused him of abandoning core promises such as total prohibition while failing to voice opposition to social issues affecting minority communities. Her remarks reflect widening political tensions in Andhra Pradesh, particularly between Congress and the YSRCP, as both parties vie to claim the legacy of YS Rajasekhara Reddy and appeal to voters ahead of future elections. Sharmila emphasised that the true embodiment of YSR's ideals can only be realised through Congress leadership, and called on supporters to rally around welfare focused governance rather than what she termed "dubious political theatrics."

CM SERIOUS ON MINISTER KONDAPALLI SRINIVAS

Visakhapatnam:

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reportedly advised Minister Kondapalli Srinivas to focus on performance and party responsibilities during a high-level review meeting held late Wednesday night in Vizianagaram district. The meeting was attended by ministers Anita, Kondapalli Srinivas, MPs, MLAs, the District Collector, SP, and other senior officials.

According to credible sources, the Chief Minister reminded Minister Srinivas, "You won your MLA seat primarily due to political maneuvering. We immediately made you a minister. Even after hitting the jackpot, your performance has not improved. We advised you to keep your father at a distance, didn't we?" This remark highlighted the CM's expectations for ministers to deliver results independently and maintain accountability without relying on familial influence.

The meeting emphasized the need for visible progress in a district considered politically sensitive and challenging. CM Naidu urged Minister Kondapalli Srinivas to show personal and party-level development, unite all stakeholders, and drive initiatives forward col-



lectively. Responding to the CM's counsel, Minister Srinivas reportedly stated that for the past six months, his father has not been involved in any of his official or political affairs. This clarification aimed to assure the Chief Minister that decisions and responsibilities are being handled independently, reflecting a commitment to transparency and governance.

The session reinforced the coalition government's focus on performance-based leadership, accountability, and strengthening party presence in key districts. Officials were also reminded of the importance of inclusive growth, public service delivery, and proactive engagement with local constituents to ensure the government's initiatives reach all sections of society.

Former Minister Yanamala Ramakrishnudu Assures Public About His Health

Hyderabad:

Former minister and senior Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader Yanamala Ramakrishnudu has clarified that there is no need for public concern regarding his health. In an official statement, he addressed rumors about his medical condition and provided an update on his recent treatment. Yanamala stated that he recently visited a prominent hospital in Hyderabad for medical tests. Following doctors' recommendations, he underwent a heart procedure to have a stent implanted. He emphasized that the procedure was successful, and he is now under continuous medical supervision.

"I am in full health, and

there is no cause for worry. The recent procedure was completed successfully, and I will soon meet the public directly to engage with them on various issues," Yanamala said.

The senior leader, known for his long-standing contributions to regional development and social welfare programs, released the statement to reassure his supporters and counter any misinformation. His declaration has provided relief to party members, political circles, and constituents, signaling his readiness to resume active participation in public and political engagements.

This proactive update aims to maintain transparency about his health while reaffirming his commitment to serving the people.

Kollu Ravindra Continues Village Outreach in Machilipatnam

Machilipatnam, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister Kollu Ravindra continued his village outreach programme for the second consecutive day in Machilipatnam rural mandal, aiming to transform the constituency into a region free of basic civic issues.

During his visit to Vadapalem gram panchayat, the minister conducted a public grievance meeting along with officials and public representatives. He stressed the importance of identifying

and resolving issues at the grassroots level itself. Ravindra expressed dissatisfaction over poor sanitation, particularly drainage water overflowing onto roads, and directed officials to take immediate corrective measures. He also instructed authorities to address drinking water concerns on priority.

The minister inspected an Anganwadi centre and reviewed the mid-day meal scheme at a government school, where he interacted with students and distributed buttermilk. Highlighting develop-

ment works, he stated that roads worth 74 lakh were constructed in Vadapalem and projects worth 30 crore are underway across the constituency.

Ravindra noted that development is possible only with public cooperation alongside efforts by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. He reiterated the government's commitment to welfare schemes, pensions, housing support, and industrial growth to boost state revenue and ensure sustainable development.



Drone Mist Initiative to Curb Pollution in Vijayawada – Lakshmisha

Vijayawada, April 9 | TPN Bureau

In a novel step to control air pollution, the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation has launched a drone-based mist spraying initiative across key areas of the city. The programme was inspected on Thursday by NTR District Collector and VMC Special Officer Dr. G. Lakshmisha.

The inspection was carried out at Mahatma Gandhi Road and Ambedkar Smriti Vanam along with civic officials. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said the city is adopting modern technology to tackle rising air pollution levels. He noted that mist vehicles are al-

ready being used daily, and the addition of drones will enhance coverage, especially in busy junctions and high-traffic zones.

Officials explained that drones can cover larger areas in a shorter time, ensuring more effective dispersion of water mist. This is expected to significantly reduce airborne dust particles and improve overall air quality, thereby protecting public health.

The initiative reflects VMC's focus on innovative urban management solutions. Senior officials, including health and engineering staff, participated in the programme and reviewed its implementation on the ground.

Smooth Class 10 Evaluation, Says Collector

NTR District, April 09 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha stated that the evaluation of Class 10 examination answer scripts is progressing smoothly with utmost transparency and accountability across the district. On Thursday, the Collector conducted an inspection at the evaluation centre set up at KBN College. He closely reviewed the ongoing assessment process for various subjects and examined the performance of examiners engaged in the task, expressing satisfaction over their work. Dr. Lakshmisha also inspected the arrangements made at the centre to ensure a hassle-free evaluation process. He directed offi-

cially to strictly adhere to established guidelines to maintain accuracy and fairness in marking. Key aspects such as infrastructure, security measures, record maintenance, functioning of digital tabs, and the process of marks entry were thoroughly reviewed. The Collector noted that the evaluation process, which commenced on April 6, has been running efficiently without any disruptions. He appreciated the satisfactory arrangements at the centre and emphasized the importance of maintaining the same standards until completion.

District Education Officer L. Chandrakala and other officials accompanied the Collector during the inspection.



Amaravati Farmers Get 28 Returnable Plots

Amaravati, April 9 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority conducted an e-lottery to allot 28 returnable residential plots to farmers who lost their lands due to road expansion works in the capital region. The programme was held at the APCRD headquarters in Rayapudi on Thursday. The allotments

were made under the Negotiated Settlement Policy (NSP) for affected farmers in the R-1 zone of Amaravati. A total of 29 farmers from Borupalem, Kuragallu, and Undavalli villages participated in the lottery process. The initiative was taken following the directions of Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana. Officials stated that 10 returnable plots

were allotted to residents of Kuragallu village who had constructed houses before December 8, 2014, and were displaced due to road development works. Along with plots, compensation was also provided under the NSP scheme. Beneficiaries were asked to complete the registration process at the earliest. GIS teams and survey staff will assist in identifying plot locations.

Rowdy Sheeter Bunny Creates Panic in Tadepalli

Tadepalli, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Panic has gripped Tadepalli after a rowdy sheeter, Bunny alias Vikas, allegedly attacked a young man at a bar in Undavalli Centre for refusing to give him money to buy alcohol. The incident, which came to light belatedly, has raised serious concerns among local residents. According to reports, the accused assaulted the victim in an inebriated state after demanding cash. Locals say this is not an isolated case, but part of a growing pattern of violent behavior. Several such incidents are believed to have gone unreported due to fear among the

public. Residents allege that Bunny has been involved in nearly 10 to 15 clash-related cases over the past six months. His repeated attacks on innocent people have created an atmosphere of fear, even in what is considered a high-security zone. Victims are reportedly hesitant to approach the police due to intimidation. Adding to the concern, locals claim that the accused openly boasts about escaping strict punishment, stating that he can return quickly even after arrest. People are now demanding stringent action, including invoking the Preventive Detention Act and externing him from the city to ensure public safety.



AISF Protests Against 'Excess Fees' by Aditya Colleges

Vijayawada, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Members of the All India Students Federation staged a protest in Vijayawada alleging that Aditya educational institutions are collecting excessive fees from students. The protest was held near Benz Circle at an Aditya Degree College campus. AISF State Vice President M. Sai Kumar demanded

immediate action, including sealing of the institutions and cancellation of their recognition for violating fee regulation norms. He alleged that the colleges are charging far higher fees than those prescribed by Krishna University. According to AISF, while the approved undergraduate fee ranges between 8,000 and 14,500, the institution is reportedly collecting around 41,000 to 42,000 per

year. Additional charges are allegedly being collected under various heads such as attendance condonation, lab, records, and fines. Sai Kumar accused the management of misleading students with job promises and collecting large sums without proper receipts. He warned that AISF would intensify protests if authorities fail to initiate a thorough inquiry and ensure justice to students.

Navkar Mantra Brings Peace: MP Kesineni

Vijayawada, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath said that chanting or listening to the Navkar Maha Mantra brings mental peace and stability. He participated as the chief guest in the World Navkar Mahamantra Day celebrations held at Tummalapalli Kshetranya Kalakshetram under the aegis of Jain International Trade Organization. Thousands of members from the Jain

community attended the event and extended a grand welcome to the MP. On the occasion, he paid respects to Bhagwan Mahavira and took blessings from Jain spiritual leaders before joining devotees in chanting the sacred mantra.

Addressing the gathering, Sivanath said the Navkar Mantra promotes equality, calmness, and inner strength. He noted that the global celebration of the event across nearly 100 countries reflects its

spiritual significance. He also highlighted the teachings of Mahavira, stating that conquering inner negativity like anger and ego is the true path to success. The MP assured that the government would extend full support for the welfare and development of the Jain community. He praised their contributions to education, healthcare, and charity, and encouraged their active role in the development of Vijayawada and Amaravati.



SAAP Board Clears Key Measures for Sports Development

Vijayawada, April 09 | TPN Bureau

The 88th Board Meeting of the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Animeni Ravi Naidu at the SAAP headquarters in Vijayawada. The board discussed several key issues concerning the development of sportspersons in the state and approved multiple important decisions. To identify talented athletes across Andhra Pradesh, the board gave approval for conducting selection trials and facilitating their en-

try into sports academies. It also sanctioned the organization of the annual summer coaching camps scheduled for May. In a move to enhance transparency and efficiency in sports administration, the board approved the implementation of the National Sports Governance Act 2025. Additionally, financial assistance will be extended in advance to athletes representing the state in the upcoming Asian Games 2026.

SAAP Managing Director Bharani, board members, and administrative officials attended the meeting.

Lakshmisha Stresses Quality Healthcare During Surprise Visit

TR District, April 09 | TPN Bureau

Emphasizing that public health must remain a top priority, District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha asserted that there should be no compromise in delivering quality medical services to citizens. He called upon medical officers and staff to work with commitment towards building a healthier Andhra Pradesh. The Collector conducted a surprise inspection at the Ayodhya Nagar Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) in the city on Thursday. During the visit, he reviewed the quality of healthcare services being provided, staff attendance, availability of medicines, and overall hospital management. He inspected outpatient (OP) registers, drug stocks, laboratory serv-

ices, immunization programmes, and sanitation conditions within the facility.

Interacting directly with patients, Dr. Lakshmisha gathered feedback on the services being offered. He instructed officials to ensure adequate availability of essential medicines and urged doctors and staff to maintain punctuality while delivering efficient care. Special attention must be given to pregnant women and children, he noted. In view of the summer season, the Collector also directed health staff to take preventive measures against seasonal fevers and water-borne diseases, and to conduct awareness programmes among the public. He further encouraged citizens to share their feedback through QR code-based systems to help improve healthcare services.

New Shopping Complex to Empower Women Entrepreneurs

Machilipatnam, April 09 | TPN Bureau

In a major initiative to promote women's empowerment, Krishna Zilla Parishad Chairperson Uppala Harika inaugurated a newly constructed shopping complex aimed at encouraging self-employment and financial independence among women.

The complex was formally opened on Thursday in Machilipatnam in the presence of Joint Collector M. Naveen Kumar. Addressing the gathering, Harika stated that the project was initiated nearly two years ago

with a vision to support women through sustainable livelihood opportunities.

She explained that the complex would provide women with a platform to start small businesses, thereby improving their economic stability. A total of 10 shops in Machilipatnam and 12 shops in Avani-gadda have been developed to promote entrepreneurship among women.

Harika assured that the allotment of shops would be carried out in a fully transparent manner through an open tender

process. An official notification will be released soon to invite applications from eligible candidates.

She expressed confidence that the initiative would not only strengthen women financially but also boost their confidence and social standing. Additionally, the project is expected to generate revenue for the Zilla Parishad while contributing to overall socio-economic development in the district.

Senior officials and public representatives attended the inauguration ceremony.

Rapid Development Works Transform Nellore City

Nellore City, April 09 | TPN Bureau

Nellore city is undergoing rapid transformation with development works being carried out across all divisions under the guidance of Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana. On Thursday, projects worth around Rs 49 lakh were launched in the 46th and 40th divisions. These include development of parks, gym facilities, parking spaces, and modernization of drainage systems to improve civic infrastructure and public convenience. Former Municipal Chair-

person Tallapaka Anuradha, who attended as chief guest, said the minister's vision is helping resolve long-pending civic issues. She stated that areas once neglected are now being transformed into useful public spaces for residents. She emphasized that officials and local leaders are working in coordination to ensure quality execution of works. Expressing confidence, she said Nellore is on track to become a model city for development in the near future. Several local leaders, public representatives, and residents participated in the programme.



Srikalahasti Temple Hundi Income Touches Rs 2.31 Crore

Srikalahasti, April 09 | TPN Bureau

The Srikalahasteswara Temple recorded a hundi income of Rs 2.31 crore during the latest counting conducted by temple authorities. According to officials, offerings made by devotees between March 4 and April 9, spanning 36 days, amounted to Rs 2,31,10,345. The collections included 65 grams and 400 milligrams of gold, along with 721 kilograms and 680 grams of silver. In cash, Rs 2,22,33,446 was received in currency

notes, while Rs 8,76,899 came in the form of coins. Additionally, a notable quantity of foreign currency was collected, with 109 notes from countries including the United States, Malaysia, Singapore, England, Canada, Australia, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Nepal. Temple officials stated that the steady inflow of donations reflects the strong faith and devotion of pilgrims visiting the shrine. The counting process was carried out in the presence of temple trust board members and officials.

Jana Sena Extends Aid for Liver Transplant

Nellore City, April 09 | TPN Bureau

In a humanitarian gesture, the Jana Sena Party extended financial assistance to a family struggling to afford a life-saving liver transplant.

Revathi, who has been supporting her family after losing its head, recently appealed for help as her brother Venkatadri was diagnosed with severe liver damage requiring urgent surgery. Despite a family member coming forward for liver donation, the family lacked the financial means to bear the high medical expenses.

Responding promptly, district Jana Sena leaders, inspired by party chief Pawan Kalyan and under the guidance of district observer Vemulapati Ajay Kumar, contributed Rs 1 lakh towards the treatment. The amount was handed



over to the family on Thursday, offering much-needed relief.

Party leaders assured continued support, stating that the initiative was not just financial help but an effort to save a life. They reiterated that the party

would stand by its workers and supporters in times of medical emergencies. Several local leaders and party members participated in the programme.



Govt Plans Strong System to Curb Illegal Fishing

Nellore, April 09 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Himanshu Shukla said the government is committed to finding a permanent solution to illegal fishing by Tamil Nadu and Puducherry fishermen along the Andhra coast. At an interaction held in Nellore with fishermen from Tirupati, Nellore, Prakasam, and Bapatla districts, officials discussed measures to strengthen coastal surveillance.

The meeting, attended by SP Ajitha Vejenla, focused on improving coordination and involving local fishing communities in monitoring activities. The Collector announced that four high-speed patrol boats would be procured under a central scheme, with a target to operationalize them by June 15. Fishermen suggested opting for 650 HP steel boats and requested government support for maintenance and

repairs. Authorities plan to form special patrol teams involving police, marine, fisheries, and forest departments along with fishermen. A dedicated WhatsApp group will also be created for real-time communication and grievance redressal. The Collector assured full support for fishermen's welfare and emphasized that a robust system would be established to prevent illegal fishing permanently.

Intoxicated Youths Vandalise Restaurant in Chilakaluripet

Chilakaluripet, April 9 | TPN Bureau

An incident of vandalism caused panic in Chilakaluripet after five youths allegedly damaged property at a local restaurant while under the influence of drugs. The incident took place near Eagle Biryani Family Restaurant, where three young women and two young men reportedly rammed into the restaurant's signboard, leading to severe damage. The impact destroyed the board and also affected equipment at a nearby tiffin centre.

The restaurant management stated that the damage could amount to nearly 1.5 lakh, expressing concern over the unexpected attack.

On receiving information, urban police rushed to the spot and took the accused into custody. They were shifted to the police station after confirming their intoxicated condition. Police also removed the damaged signboard and cleared a vehicle from the road to restore traffic. No injuries were reported. Authorities said further investigation is underway.



Govt Focus on Local Jobs in Industries: Subhash

Ranastalam, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash said the government is committed to providing employment opportunities for local youth in industries located in the Etcherala constituency. He made these remarks during a meeting with alliance leaders at the camp office of MLA Nadukuditi Eswara Rao. The minister stated that increasing investments in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will generate large-scale job oppor-

tunities. Subhash emphasized that both organized and unorganized sector workers should make use of insurance schemes provided by the central government. He assured that the state government stands firmly in support of workers' welfare and employment generation. The minister also promised full support for the development of the Etcherala constituency. Several leaders from TDP, BJP, and Jana Sena parties attended the meeting and discussed development initiatives and employment prospects in the region.

Worker Safety is Non-Negotiable: Minister Subhash

Srikakulam, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash stressed that worker safety must be treated as a top priority, stating that when a worker enters a company, their life is effectively in the hands of the management.

He said a series of industrial accidents occurred after the new government took office, attributing them to the previous administration's negligence towards worker safety and health. He alleged that no efforts were made earlier to strengthen ESI infrastructure. In contrast, the present government has approved seven ESI

hospitals and 23 dispensaries and initiated their establishment.

The minister expressed concern over workers not using safety equipment, citing instances where fines were imposed for not wearing helmets. However, he emphasized that awareness is more important than penalties, reminding workers to consider their families dependent on them.

He said the government is focusing on "Engage, Educate, Enforce" strategies and has signed MoUs with universities to develop skilled manpower. Workers were also urged to register on the e-Shram portal.

Solar Scheme Launched in Nellore Rural Constituency

Nellore Rural, April 09 | TPN Bureau

Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy inaugurated the Prime Minister Surya Ghar scheme at Penubarthi village in the constituency on Thursday, along with TDP leader Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy.

Addressing the gathering, the MLA urged all eligible beneficiaries to make use of

the scheme, which aims to promote solar energy adoption among households. He announced that the initiative is being implemented with an outlay of Rs 36 crore, benefiting nearly 3,000 people in the Nellore Rural constituency.

He assured residents of Penubarthi, Kalivelapalem, Madarajuguduru, and Kakupalli villages that any local issues would be addressed promptly. He also highlighted that three-

phase electricity works in the constituency have been completed 100 percent, placing Nellore Rural at the top in the district. The MLA appreciated the efforts of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for working towards the state's development and sought continued public support.

Several local leaders, public representatives, and party members attended the programme.



MP Calls for Focus on Pending Vijayawada Projects.

Vijayawada, April 09 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) directed officials to prioritize completion of pending development projects in the city. He chaired a review meeting at the municipal corporation office on Thursday with senior officials, including District Collector Dr. Lakshminisha and Municipal Commissioner Dhyanchan-

dra. The meeting focused on stalled works such as stormwater drainage, road construction, sanitation, and overall urban infrastructure. The MP said key issues have already been brought to the notice of Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana and stressed the need for speedy execution. Discussions were also held on improving municipal revenues through existing and potential sources. He reviewed

the progress of railway-related pending projects, including bridges at Vambay Colony and Madhuranagar, and provided directions on canal beautification works. Kesineni Sivanath informed officials that a meeting with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will be held soon to address city issues. He instructed officials to prepare comprehensive development plans ahead of the meeting.

Lucky Shopping Mall Opens 16th Store in Tirupati

Tirupati, April 09 | TPN Bureau

Lucky Shopping Mall marked the grand opening of its 16th store in Tirupati, adding a new destination for fashion enthusiasts in the city.

The showroom, located near the Income Tax Office and close to VV Mahal, was inaugurated with a ceremonial lamp lighting by popular actress Sreleela. Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu and TTD Board member Bhanu Prakash Reddy attended the event as chief guests.

The new outlet offers a wide range of clothing collections,

catering to men, women, and children. From ethnic wear to western outfits, the mall aims to provide a comprehensive shopping experience under one roof. Attractive inaugural offers drew significant attention from customers.

Speaking on the occasion, the management stated that Lucky Shopping Mall is committed to delivering a complete family shopping experience with modern trends at affordable prices.

The launch event marked the beginning of a vibrant fashion destination in Tirupati, attracting shoppers and fashion lovers alike.



TDP Office Construction Reviewed in Chittoor

Chittoor, April 09 | TPN Bureau

Construction works of the district Telugu Desam Party office building in Chittoor were reviewed by MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan and district TDP president Shanmugam Reddy on Thursday. The leaders inspected the ongoing construction near the RTC bus stand and provided suggestions to ensure quality and timely com-

pletion. They directed the contractors to speed up the work and maintain steady progress. The MLA emphasized that updates on the construction progress should be regularly communicated to the state party leadership. He also stressed the importance of completing the building at the earliest to strengthen party activities in the district. Local leaders, including

Heatwave Alert Issued for Parts of Andhra Pradesh

Amaravati, April 09 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority has issued a warning of heatwave conditions and rising temperatures across several districts of the state on Friday.

Managing Director Prakhar Jain stated that North Coastal Andhra districts are likely to experience heatwave conditions, while Rayalaseema districts may record high temperatures. At the same time, due to a trough extending from Telangana to Tamil Nadu, parts of Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Konaseema, Annamayya, and Chittoor districts may witness light to moderate rains accompanied by thunderstorms.

Severe heatwave conditions are expected in 16 mandals across Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Polavaram, and Eluru districts. Additionally, heatwave impact is likely in 19 mandals across Vizianagaram, Manyam, Polavaram, Eluru, and NTR districts. Overall, around 54 mandals may be affected.

Officials advised people to remain cautious amid fluctuating weather conditions. Women, children, and the elderly have been urged to take precautions and stay hydrated by consuming ORS, buttermilk, lemon water, and coconut water to prevent dehydration.

Fake Ticket Racket Busted at Dwaraka Tirumala Temple

Eluru, April 09 | TPN Bureau

A major fake ticket scam has been unearthed at the Dwaraka Tirumala Temple, popularly known as "Chinna Tirupati," with police arresting seven accused involved in the fraud. The scam came to light on March 15 when temple officials detected 61 fake tickets of Rs 200 denomination during a routine check. Following a complaint, a case was registered and a detailed investigation was launched. Police revealed that the racket involved temple staff and an interstate software network. A computer supervisor allegedly masterminded the operation, while a software engineer developed fake ticket-generating software resembling original temple tickets. Outsourcing staff then sold these counterfeit tickets to devotees, diverting the cash. Under the supervision of Eluru SP Pratap Shiva Kishore, special teams used technical evidence to track and arrest seven key accused, while others are already in remand. Police seized a laptop, thermal printer, and mobile phones used in the crime. Officials warned of strict action against those exploiting devotees' faith and said further investigation is underway.



Advertisement for a job fair in Srikalahasti on April 15, 2026. It features a photo of a man and lists various participating companies like Apollo, Exelco, and others. The text is in Telugu and English, mentioning 50+ vacancies and 2000+ candidates.

Mega Job Fair in Srikalahasti on April 15

Srikalahasti, April 09 | TPN Bureau

A mega job fair will be held in Srikalahasti on April 15, providing a significant opportunity for unemployed youth in the constituency. MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy announced that the event is being organized to mark the birth anniversary of former minister Bojjala Gopala Krishna Reddy. He said the initiative reflects the commitment of the state government led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to create employment opportunities for youth. More than 50 reputed companies are expected to participate, offering over 2,000 job vacancies across various sectors. Candidates with qualifications ranging from Class 10 to postgraduate level are eligible to attend the job fair. The MLA urged youth to utilize this opportunity to secure stable employment and build their careers. He emphasized that empowering young

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Ensure Strict Implementation of Reservation Rules: SC Commission

Tirupati, April 09 | TPN Bureau

State SC Commission Chairman Jawahar stressed the need for strict implementation of reservation rules across all government departments and called for responsible delivery of welfare schemes to Scheduled Caste communities. He was speaking at a review meeting held at the District Collectorate after receiving petitions under the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS). The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Chinna Ramudu, members, District Collector S. Venkateswar, SP L. Subbarayudu, and Joint Collector R. Govind Rao. The Chairman expressed concern over improper implementation of orders at lower levels, especially in police and revenue cases, and warned against labeling genuine complaints as false. He directed officials to resolve grievances within 15-20 days and ensure justice at the ground level.

Officials informed that 105 petitions were received and assured timely resolution. The SP said cases would be reviewed thoroughly, while the Joint Collector highlighted coordinated efforts between departments. Commission members also stressed the need for basic infrastructure, including burial grounds in SC colonies, and better follow-up on grievances.

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Pulivarthi Venkata Prasad Inaugurates Job Mela at Pakala

Pakala, April 09 | TPN Bureau

A job mela was conducted at Government Degree College, Pakala, under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation, with the support of Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Venkata Prasad. The event was inaugurated by the MLA, who emphasized the government's commitment to creating employment opportunities for youth. He recalled that a job mela held earlier in Naravaripalle helped 611 candidates secure jobs in multinational companies. He stated that such job fairs would be organized every three months in the constituency. Around 12 companies participated in the event, offering nearly 900 job opportunities. A total of 276 candidates attended, with 109 selected and 26 shortlisted. Offer letters were distributed to selected candidates. Officials said the initiative aims to connect job seekers with employers and improve employment prospects for youth.

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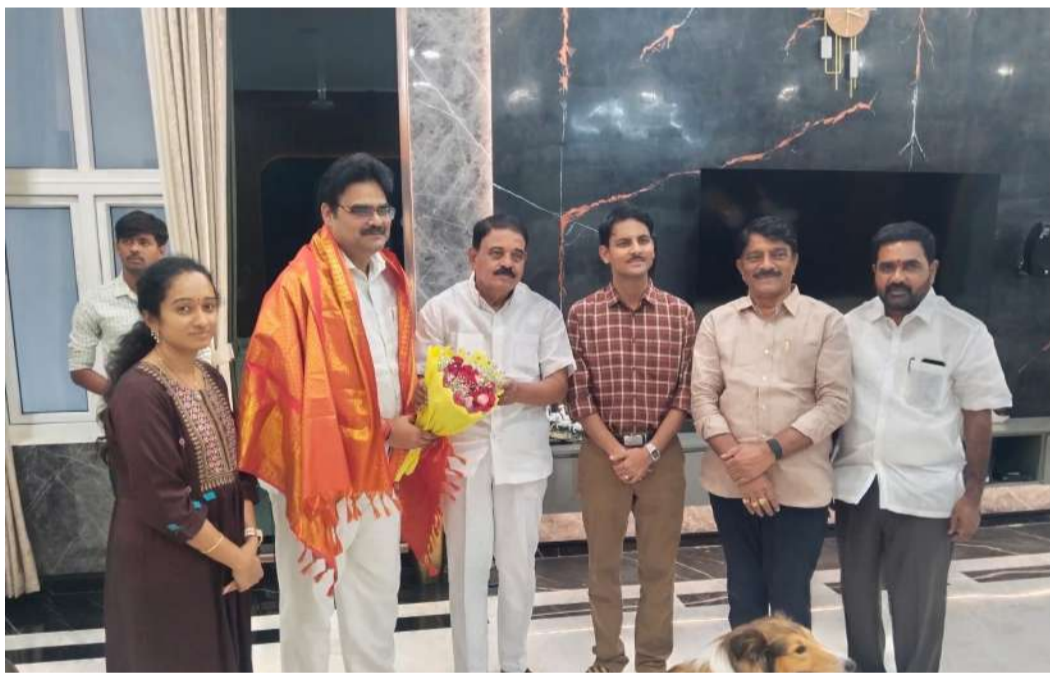
TDP Worker Drowns in Debt After Spending 70 Lakh on Village Project

NTR District, April 09, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Bade Madan, a devoted TDP worker from Share Muhamadpet village, is facing severe financial and personal hardship after spending nearly 70 lakh of his own money to execute a village tank development project under the "Neeru Chettu" scheme between 2016 and 2018. Covering approximately 150 acres, the project was carried out entirely at his expense, with the expectation of government reimbursement, which has not materialized. Despite dedicating over

four decades to party activities, Madan claims complete neglect by officials and local representatives, including repeated appeals to the constituency MLA. He is now trapped in debt, struggling to sustain his family, and feels betrayed by the system he trusted. Madan expressed his frustration: "I devoted my life to the party and spent my own money for village development. Now, no one acknowledges my work. Is this justice?" Villagers warn that failure to address his plight could trigger large-scale protests.

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Lanka Dinakar Visits Former Minister Palle Residence in Anantapur

Anantapur, April 09 | TPN Bureau

AP 20-Point Programme Implementation Committee Chairman Lanka Dinakar visited the residence of former minister Palle Raghunatha Reddy in Anantapur district on Thursday as part of his official tour. He was accorded a warm welcome with floral bouquets by Palle Raghunatha Reddy, Puttaparthi MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy, and PVKK Engineering College Chairman Palle Venkata Krishna Kishore Reddy. The guests also felicitated him with a shawl. Speaking on the occasion, Lanka Dinakar said his visit is aimed at reviewing the implementation of welfare and development schemes of the central and state governments. He informed that a review meeting with officials will be held at the Sri Sathya Sai district collectorate on Friday. He stated that the governments led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu are prioritizing welfare and development. Local BJP leaders and party representatives were also present during the visit.

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Beware of APK Fraud Scams: Chittoor SP Issues Alert

Chittoor, April 09 | TPN Bureau

Chittoor district police have alerted the public over rising APK-based cyber fraud cases. District SP Tushar Dudi warned that fraudsters are targeting people through fake mobile application files shared via SMS and WhatsApp. According to police, scammers impersonate banks, courier services, and government agencies, sending messages about KYC updates or account issues. These messages contain links that download malicious APK files. Once installed, these apps can access sensitive data like OTPs, bank details, and personal information, and may even take control of mobile devices. The SP advised citizens to download apps only from official platforms and avoid clicking on unknown links. Sharing OTPs or granting unnecessary permissions should be strictly avoided. Users should also keep the "Install from Unknown Sources" option disabled. In case of fraud, victims should immediately contact their bank, report to police, or call the cybercrime helpline 1930 for assistance.

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Promoting Agriculture: MLA Arani Srinivasulu Urges Support for Farmers

Tirupati, April 09, 2026 | TPN Bureau

MLA Arani Srinivasulu has called for greater support to agriculture during a ceremony at Timmanayudu Palem Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society. The event marked the oath-taking of the newly appointed Single Window Chairman, Naresh Reddy, along with Directors Rajasekhara Reddy and Sampurna. Highlighting concerns over shrink-

ing agricultural land due to urbanization in Tirupati, MLA Srinivasulu emphasized that the NDA government is committed to taking all measures to support farmers. He urged the new management to work diligently for the benefit of local cultivators and bring recognition to the government. DCB Chairman Amos Rajasekhara Reddy encouraged the board to demonstrate commitment and integrity in their work. He also promised continuous support for the development of the

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Chittoor Steps Up Road Safety Measures

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District Collector Sumit Kumar has directed all departments to coordinate effectively to curb road accidents in the district. During a District Road Safety Committee meeting, he emphasized identifying black spots on highways and ensuring quick emergency response with nearby hospitals, ambulances, and medical staff details. The Collector instructed officials to improve safety infrastructure by installing signboards, solar blinkers, proper lighting, and road markings on

key highways including NH-140 and NH-69. Special attention is being given to accident-prone areas and pending road safety works. District SP Tushar Dudi stressed that wearing helmets is mandatory for all two-wheeler riders and called for widespread awareness campaigns among youth. Plans are underway to provide lighting and CCTV surveillance on Mogili Ghat road. Authorities have been asked to complete all safety measures within deadlines to reduce accidents.



Step Forward for Mangalam-Renigunta Road Project

Tirupati, April 09 | TPN Bureau
A key step has been taken towards reviving the long-pending Mangalam-Renigunta road project in Tirupati. The foundation ceremony for shifting the Telugu Ganga pipeline was performed at Mangalam, paving the way for resumption of road works. TUDA Chairman Dollars Divakar Red-

dy, along with Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu, Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani, and other leaders, participated in the event. The 2.9-km stretch from Mangalam RTO office via Shetipalli to Renigunta has been pending since 2019. Officials stated that 2.9 crore has been allocated by TUDA for pipeline shifting, which is crucial for re-starting the road construction.

Earlier, the project was sanctioned with 19.5 crore but remained stalled. Speaking on the occasion, Divakar Reddy directed officials to complete pipeline works at the earliest to remove obstacles delaying the road project. Once completed, the long-awaited road construction will begin, easing traffic issues and improving connectivity for residents in the region.



Free Cancer Screening Camps to Begin in Tirupati Urban

Tirupati, April 09, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Tirupati Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), under TTD, will organize free cancer screening camps (Pink Bus) in Tirupati urban areas starting April 10. The initiative is led by SVIMS Director and Vice-Chancellor Dr. R.V. Kumar, with guidance from Community Medicine Professor and Pink Bus Principal Investigator Dr. Anju D. Ade. Nodal officers Dr. Bhavani and Dr. Sivasantosh will supervise the camps. In coordination with the District Health Department, the Pink Bus program aims to raise awareness about cancer and provide mobile screening for early detection. Previously, screenings were

conducted across all village health centers in the district. Services offered include oral cancer checks for men and women, mammograms for breast cancer detection in women, and Pap smear tests for cervical cancer. Camps begin at 10 a.m., and participants are required to bring their Aadhaar card and phone number. Initial camps in Nehru Nagar Urban PHC area are scheduled at:
• April 10: IS Mahal Secretariat
• April 13: Chinna Bazaar Street
• April 17: Rajanna Park
• April 21: Giripuram
• April 24: Padmavathi Park
Residents of surrounding areas are encouraged to participate.



Tirumala Focuses on Hygiene and Sanitation for Pilgrims

Tirumala, April 09, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is prioritizing hygiene, sanitation, and environmental protection to ensure a safe experience for the 80,000-1 lakh daily pilgrims visiting Tirumala. The 4.5 sq km hill town is divided into three zones and seven wards for effective sanitation management. Plastic use is banned, and D&O trade li-

censes are strictly monitored. Ward-1, around the Srivari Temple, is managed directly by TTD staff, while Wards 2-7 rely on three contracted agencies. Waste collection is robust, with nine tipper vehicles making 45 trips daily, covering around 3,056 bins over 400 km. In 2025, 16,689 metric tons of biodegradable and 8,222 metric tons of non-biodegradable waste were collected. A total of 354 toilet blocks—including permanent, institutional, and

temporary facilities—serve devotees across wards. Drinking water is supplied through mobile water tanks by Srivari Sevaks. Food and water quality are monitored daily at the NABL-accredited TTD laboratory, with a new state-of-the-art food lab established for advanced testing. Devotees have praised the TTD for maintaining continuous sanitation services, clean toilets, and a hygienic environment despite heavy footfall.

Education and Skill Training Empower Tribal Women in Nellore

Nellore District, Sarvepalli Constituency, April 09, 2026 | TPN Bureau
Tribal communities in Sarvepalli are being empowered through education and skill development, stressed MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy during a certificate and machine distribution event at Venkatachalam Youth Training Center. Thirty tribal women from Nellore and Tirupati districts, who underwent 45 days of training in jute bag making, received jute bag production machines worth 24,000 each. Reddy urged the women to utilize the machines effectively to enhance their family in-

come and improve economic status. Highlighting his ongoing commitment to tribal welfare, Reddy said, "Every child must study for a bright future. Poverty in tribal areas must be addressed, and government schemes should reach all eligible beneficiaries." He also mentioned initiatives like Aadhar card distribution for over 3,000 tribal families, adoption of 10 tribal colonies by companies, and support for goat and sheep rearing. Education-focused programs like the Talliki Vandana scheme and improvements in Gurukula facilities aim to provide sustainable upliftment for tribal communities.



Machilipatnam Sees Boost in Development Initiatives

Machilipatnam, April 09, 2026 | TPN Bureau:

Minister for Mines, Groundwater Resources, and Excise, Kollu Ravindra, conducted the second day of ward inspections in Machilipatnam Municipality, interacting with residents and addressing their concerns. Ward 8 locals welcomed him with traditional drums and cheers, appreciating the direct engagement. Ravindra emphasized the government's commitment to citizen welfare and rapid development, highlighting achievements like 24-hour drinking water supply, completion of over 3,000 houses, and construction of eight

reservoirs with plans for four more. He assured immediate action on public grievances and reinforced the implementation of welfare schemes such as free gas, pensions, and fisheries support. The minister criticized previous mismanagement, noting disrupted infrastructure and stalled projects. He underscored the current administration's focus on attracting investments worth 13.5 lakh crore, creating six lakh jobs with a five-year goal of 20 lakh, and supporting industrial growth including ArceclorMittal Steel and upcoming Google data centers, ensuring employment opportunities for local youth.



APTO Protest Intensifies at Valuation Centre

Kurnool, April 09 | TPN Bureau

The Federation of Andhra Pradesh Teachers Organisations intensified its agitation against the state government by staging a protest at a valuation centre in Kurnool on Thursday. The demonstration took place at Montessori School, A-Camp, under the leadership of

district chairman M. Madhusudhan Reddy and general secretary G. Bhaskar. Hundreds of teachers participated, wearing black badges and raising slogans to press their demands. Leaders called for the formation of a PRC committee, implementation of 30% interim relief, and scrapping of the Contributory Pension Scheme

in favor of the Old Pension Scheme. They warned of stronger protests, including hunger strikes, if demands are not met. FAPTO also announced relay hunger strikes in Vijayawada later this month. After the protest, leaders met the District Education Officer, seeking clearance of pending dues and better facilities at evaluation centres.

Proper Management of Anna Canteens Emphasized by Commissioner

Tirupati, April 09, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati Municipal Commissioner N. Maurya has directed strict measures to ensure Anna Canteens are managed efficiently and provide quality service. During a surprise inspection at the Anna Canteen in the SVIMS complex on Thursday, the Commission-

er interacted with diners to understand their concerns. Commissioner Maurya emphasized that food served must be clean, hygienic, and of good quality. He reminded staff that rice represents the sacred "Parabrahma" and urged visitors to take only what they need to avoid wastage. Each person should collect only one token. He also instructed staff to main-

tain the cleanliness of the canteen premises, provide safe drinking water, and ensure that all food items meet hygiene standards. The Commissioner stressed that operations should be conducted in a way that prevents any complaints from the public, reinforcing the importance of disciplined and transparent management in all Anna Canteens.



PM Modi Announces 6 Guarantees For Bengal, Targets Trinamool With 'Hisaab' Warning

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled six key guarantees for West Bengal while launching a sharp political attack on the ruling Trinamool Congress during a rally in Haldia. The announcement comes ahead of the upcoming assembly elections, scheduled to be held in two phases, with polling on April 23 and April 29 and counting on May 4.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister accused the Mamata Banerjee-led government of fostering corruption, appeasement politics, and an atmosphere of fear in the state. He argued that West Bengal's progress depends on a "double-engine government," referring to BJP governments at both the Centre and the state level working together. According to him, such governance would help improve sectors like fisheries, food production, and industrial development while restoring investor confidence.

Six Guarantees For West Bengal

The Prime Minister outlined six major guarantees that he promised to implement if the BJP forms the government in West Bengal.

The first guarantee focused on ending what he described as



an "atmosphere of fear" in the state. He alleged that people are often forced to seek justice through courts and assured that a BJP government would restore faith in law and order.

The second guarantee was aimed at ensuring accountability within the government system. Modi promised that ad-

ministrative mechanisms would be made more responsive and transparent to serve the public effectively.

The third guarantee involved reopening files related to alleged corruption, scams, and cases involving crimes against women. He said that all pending cases would be investigated

thoroughly.

The fourth guarantee emphasized strict action against corruption. Modi stated that anyone involved in corrupt practices — irrespective of their position — would face legal consequences and be held accountable under the law.

The fifth guarantee ad-

ressed issues related to refugees and illegal infiltration. He promised that refugees would be given constitutional rights, while illegal infiltrators would be identified and expelled.

The sixth guarantee focused on government employees and teachers. Modi assured that the 7th Pay Commission would be implemented in West Bengal if the BJP comes to power, claiming that employees have been living under uncertainty for years.

'SabkaSaath' With A 'Hisaab' Warning

While reiterating his "SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas" slogan, the Prime Minister added a strong political message aimed at the ruling party. He declared that there would also be "hisaab" — accountability — for those accused of looting public funds. He warned that individuals involved in corruption would be investigated and punished. The announcement marks a significant escalation in the BJP's campaign strategy in West Bengal, with Modi positioning his party as a governance-focused alternative. With elections approaching, the six guarantees are expected to play a central role in shaping the political narrative in the state.



Kerala Elections 2026: Key Seats Witness Three-Way Battle Between LDF, UDF And BJP



Kerala voted for a new Assembly in a high-stakes election marked by intense contests between the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF), the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF), and the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). While Kerala has traditionally seen bipolar contests between the LDF and UDF, the BJP's growing presence has turned several constituencies into three-cornered battles that could influence the final outcome. Counting of votes is scheduled for May 4.

The ruling LDF is seeking another term, banking on governance, welfare programmes, and development initiatives. Meanwhile, the UDF is hoping to capitalise on anti-incumbency sentiments, while the BJP is aiming to expand its footprint in a state where it has historically struggled to gain significant ground.

Nemom: BJP's High-Profile Test

Nemom remains one of the most crucial battlegrounds in the state, particularly for the BJP. The party had secured its first-ever Kerala Assembly victory from this seat in 2016 and is now looking to regain it. BJP state president Rajeev Chandrasekhar has led an aggressive campaign here, hoping to convert growing support into a victory. The contest is expected to be tight, with both LDF and UDF candidates also mounting strong challenges.

Dharmadam: Chief Minister's Turf Under Spotlight

Dharmadam, the constituency associated with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, is another closely watched seat. While the LDF has traditionally held an advantage here, the UDF is attempting to make inroads and turn the contest competitive. The outcome could send a strong political signal about the ruling alli-

ance's popularity. **Thrissur: A Three-Cornered Contest**

Thrissur has emerged as one of the most unpredictable constituencies, with all three alliances investing heavily in campaigns. The seat is witnessing a tight triangular contest, with narrow margins expected to determine the winner. Analysts consider Thrissur a potential swing seat that could influence the broader electoral narrative.

Other Key Seats To Watch

Several other constituencies across the state are witnessing strong triangular fights. These seats are significant not only due to prominent candidates but also because even small vote swings could determine outcomes. With all three alliances competing aggressively, local factors, candidate appeal, and turnout levels are expected to play crucial roles.

High Stakes For All Alliances

The 2026 Kerala Assembly election is shaping up as a crucial political contest. For the LDF, it is an opportunity to retain power and reinforce its governance record. For the UDF, it is a chance to return to power. Meanwhile, the BJP aims to increase its presence and transform Kerala's traditionally bipolar politics into a multi-cornered contest.

With several constituencies witnessing close three-way battles, the results could hinge on narrow margins, making this one of the most closely watched elections in Kerala's recent political history.

Hardeep Puri's Qatar Visit Gains Significance Amid Iran War, Energy Supply Concerns

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri's two-day visit to Qatar comes at a crucial time as India navigates growing energy security concerns triggered by the ongoing Iran-related tensions in West Asia. The trip is seen as a key diplomatic effort aimed at safeguarding India's fuel and gas supplies amid disruptions in global energy markets.

India's dependence on imported natural gas makes the visit particularly important. The country imports nearly 50 percent of its liquefied natural gas (LNG) requirements from international markets, with about 40 percent of those supplies coming from Qatar. However, the current geopolitical tensions have disrupted these supplies due to closures of major gas production facilities and limited movement through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz.

The situation has worsened after Iranian strikes on Qatar's energy infrastructure since

late February. These attacks damaged key facilities, including two LNG production units and a gas-to-liquids plant. The disruption has taken offline roughly 12.8 million tonnes per year of LNG output, representing nearly 17 percent of Qatar's export capacity. Reports suggest repairs could take three to five years, raising long-term concerns over global gas availability and prices.

With supplies tightening, India has already begun diversifying its sourcing strategy. The government is increasing imports from alternative suppliers such as the United States, Australia, and Russia to offset potential shortages. During his visit, Puri is expected to hold discussions with Qatari officials to ensure continued LNG supply and explore ways to strengthen energy cooperation.

Another major concern is LPG availability in India. Fears of a shortage emerged after Iran restricted movement through the Strait of Hormuz,

a crucial shipping route that carries nearly one-fifth of the world's oil supply. Despite these concerns, the Petroleum Ministry has maintained that LPG supplies in India remain stable, with no major shortages reported. Officials said domestic deliveries continue normally, with over 5.35 million cylinders delivered in a single day recently.

The developments also coincide with broader diplomatic activity in the region. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is expected to visit the UAE soon, with energy security likely to remain a top agenda item. These visits underline India's proactive diplomatic engagement with Gulf nations to secure energy supplies during geopolitical uncertainty.

Puri's Qatar visit therefore highlights India's efforts to protect its energy interests, stabilize supply chains, and maintain fuel availability for domestic consumers amid ongoing tensions in the Middle East.



Sunetra Pawar Set To Win Baramati Bypoll Unopposed After Congress Withdraws Candidate

In a major political development in Maharashtra, Deputy Chief Minister Sunetra Pawar is set to win the Baramati Assembly by-election unopposed after the Congress party withdrew its candidate from the contest. The decision clears the path for her victory in a seat long considered a stronghold of the Pawar family.

The Congress had earlier fielded advocate Akash Vishwanath More as its candidate for the by-election. However, following discussions and appeals from political leaders, the party decided to withdraw its nomination. The move came after Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis reportedly spoke to Congress state chief Harshwardhan Sankal, requesting the party to step aside and allow Sunetra Pawar to be elected unopposed.

The Baramati bypoll was necessitated after the death of former Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar in a plane crash earlier this year. Sunetra Pawar, his wife, was nominated as the candidate to carry forward his political legacy. The emotional factor sur-

rounding Ajit Pawar's death has also played a significant role in shaping the political atmosphere in the constituency.

Baramati has long been a political stronghold of the Pawar family. Ajit Pawar had represented the constituency multiple times and enjoyed strong voter support. In the previous election, he secured a massive victory margin, reinforcing the family's influence in the region. With Congress stepping aside, Sunetra Pawar's election now appears almost certain.

Initially, the bypoll was expected to be competitive after Congress decided to field a candidate. However, political negotiations intensified in the final stages, leading to the withdrawal. Several candidates also pulled out of the race, further strengthening Sunetra Pawar's position. The Baramati by-election was scheduled for April 23, with counting expected in early May. But with the withdrawal of major opponents, Sunetra Pawar's unopposed election is now highly likely, marking a significant moment in Maharashtra politics and further consolidating the Pawar family's hold over the influential constituency.

Vijay's Political Entry Triggers Minority Vote Split Debate In Tamil Nadu

Actor-turned-politician Vijay's entry into Tamil Nadu politics has sparked a fresh debate over whether minority votes — traditionally aligned with the DMK — could split in the upcoming Assembly elections. With polling just weeks away, political observers say the emergence of Vijay's party, Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK), may alter the state's long-standing electoral equations.

Christians and Muslims together account for nearly 15 percent of Tamil Nadu's electorate, and these communities have historically supported the DMK and its allies. However, Vijay's entry into

politics has created uncertainty about whether this consolidated voting pattern will hold in the upcoming elections.

Vijay, whose birth name is Joseph Vijay and who identifies as a Christian, has been attempting to attract minority voters through his campaign messaging and outreach. During a recent rally in Tirunelveli, attended largely by young supporters, there were indications that some voters from minority communities may consider supporting the TVK. The rally reflected a possible shift in political preferences, particularly among younger voters who appear less tied to tradi-

tioned party loyalties.

Some attendees at the rally expressed openness to backing Vijay's party. A Christian supporter said he would vote for Vijay, emphasizing unity beyond religion, while a young Muslim voter also voiced support for the actor-politician. Such reactions have intensified discussions about a generational change in voting patterns, with younger voters potentially reshaping Tamil Nadu's political landscape. Vijay also directly targeted minority voters during his speech, claiming that minorities were increasingly backing his party. He projected himself as a secular alternative and at-

tempted to appeal to Congress supporters as well. In his remarks, Vijay accused Chief Minister M.K. Stalin of influencing the state Congress leadership, while asserting that the "real Congress" supporters were moving towards his party. Political analysts say even a small shift in minority votes could have a significant impact, particularly in closely contested constituencies. Tamil Nadu has traditionally seen bipolar contests, and a third force gaining traction could change electoral outcomes in multiple seats. The entry of Vijay's party has therefore introduced a new layer of unpredictability in the election.

However, it remains unclear whether this potential shift will translate into actual votes. While some voters appear receptive to Vijay's message, established alliances and traditional loyalties still hold strong in many regions. The final outcome will depend on how effectively Vijay's party converts enthusiasm into electoral support.

With elections approaching, the battle for minority votes is expected to intensify. Vijay's entry has already changed the narrative, turning what was once a predictable voting bloc into one of the most closely watched factors in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.



UK, Norway Launch Operation To Deter Russian Submarines; Warn "Won't Take Eyes Off Putin"

The United Kingdom and Norway conducted a month-long joint military operation to monitor and deter Russian submarines suspected of operating near critical undersea infrastructure in the North Atlantic. The mission involved a warship, surveillance aircraft, and hundreds of personnel tasked with tracking suspicious Russian naval activity near underwater cables and pipelines north of the UK.

UK Defence Secretary John Healey described Russia as the primary threat to the UK and its allies, warning that Britain would remain vigilant despite global tensions elsewhere. He stated that Russia might attempt to exploit distractions caused by conflicts in the Middle East, adding, "We will not take our eyes off Putin."

The operation tracked one Russian attack submarine along with two specialised spy submarines believed to be linked to Moscow's deep-sea research division. British officials suspected the vessels were conducting reconnaissance around vital infrastruc-



ture such as communication cables and energy pipelines. After being closely monitored for weeks, the submarines eventually left the area.

According to British authorities, the joint operation en-

sured that the Russian vessels could not carry out any covert activity. Officials emphasised that the submarines' movements were exposed, sending a clear warning that any attempt to damage infrastructure

would face serious consequences.

The development comes amid growing concerns over undersea infrastructure security. Critical cables and pipelines carry internet data, en-

ergy supplies, and communications between countries, making them strategic targets during geopolitical tensions. Western governments have increasingly focused on protecting such assets, particularly as Russia's naval activity in northern waters has intensified.

British officials also highlighted broader geopolitical tensions, linking Russia's actions to ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East. The UK further signalled a tougher stance by stating that it is prepared to intercept vessels suspected of being part of Russia's "shadow fleet," which allegedly helps transport oil in violation of sanctions.

The operation reflects strengthening military cooperation between the UK and Norway as both countries work to counter rising maritime threats. Analysts say similar missions may continue as NATO allies increase surveillance and protection of critical infrastructure in the North Atlantic.



Ceasefire Chaos: Israel Strikes Lebanon, Iran Fires Back; Trump Faces Tough Choices

The fragile ceasefire between the United States and Iran quickly descended into chaos after Israel launched a massive missile strike on Lebanon, killing over 250 people just hours after the truce was announced. The sudden escalation triggered fresh tensions across the Middle East, raising doubts about whether the ceasefire can hold.

Israel reportedly fired around 100 missiles targeting Hezbollah positions in Lebanon, leading to heavy casualties and widespread destruction. The strikes came shortly after the US-Iran ceasefire, but Israel clarified that its operations against Hezbollah were not part of the agreement. This disagreement over the scope of the truce became a major source of tension.

Iran reacted strongly to the strikes, firing missiles and re-closing the Strait of Hormuz, further escalating the situation. The move raised concerns over global oil supply and regional stability, while also threatening to derail ongoing peace efforts.

The ceasefire itself remains fragile, with Iran claiming Lebanon should have been included in the agreement, while the United States and Israel insist the truce applies only to direct US-Iran hostilities. This disagreement has increased tensions and complicated diplomatic efforts.

The developments have left US President Donald Trump with three key options. The first is to resume military action against Iran, which could escalate the conflict further. However, analysts warn that continued fighting could strain US military resources, with reports suggesting missile and drone stocks are already being depleted rapidly.

The second option is to pursue diplomacy. US Vice President JD Vance is expected to travel to Pakistan to hold peace talks with Iranian officials. Pakistan has played a key role in brokering the ceasefire, and Washington may rely on diplomatic efforts to stabilise the situation. However, continued Israeli strikes could undermine these negotiations.

The third option involves pressuring Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to halt attacks in Lebanon. Analysts say this approach could help preserve the ceasefire, but it may be politically difficult for Washington given its close ties with Israel.

Meanwhile, tensions remain high across the region. Continued strikes, missile launches, and conflicting interpretations of the ceasefire have raised fears of a broader Middle East conflict. The coming days are expected to be critical in determining whether diplomacy can succeed or if the region slides back into war.



Israel Questions Pakistan's Role in US-Iran Talks, Calls It "Not Credible"

Israel has expressed skepticism over Pakistan's role as a mediator in the ongoing ceasefire talks between the United States and Iran, with Israel's ambassador to India stating that Islamabad is "not a credible player" in the negotiations. The remarks highlight growing disagreements among key stakeholders involved in efforts to stabilise tensions in the Middle East.

Israel envoy Reuven Azar said that while the United States may have its own reasons for involving Pakistan in the talks, Israel does not view Islamabad as a reliable intermediary. He added that Israel's primary objective remains eliminating Hezbollah's presence in southern Lebanon, which it considers a major security threat.

"We don't see Pakistan as a credible player. I think that the United States has decided to use the services of the facilitation of Pakistan for their own reasons," Azar said in remarks to media. His comments came ahead of planned US-Iran talks expected to take place in Islamabad, where Washington is likely to send a delegation led by US Vice President JD Vance.

Despite its reservations, Israel indicated it still supports US-led diplomatic efforts aimed at reducing tensions with Iran. However, Israeli of-

ficials emphasised that their conflict with Hezbollah in Lebanon is separate from US-Iran hostilities and would continue regardless of ceasefire negotiations. The statement comes amid broader disagreements over the scope of the ceasefire. Iran has argued that fighting in Lebanon should also be halted as part of the truce, while Israel maintains that operations against Hezbollah will continue. These differing interpretations have complicated diplomatic efforts and raised doubts about the durability of the ceasefire. Pakistan has recently emerged as a key mediator in attempts to reduce tensions between Washington and Tehran. Islamabad has hosted discussions and facilitated communication between the two sides, but its role has drawn mixed reactions from regional players. The Israeli envoy's comments reflect growing friction among allies over how to manage the fragile ceasefire. Analysts say such disagreements could make negotiations more difficult and increase the risk of renewed conflict in the region. Overall, while diplomatic efforts continue, Israel's skepticism toward Pakistan's mediator role underscores the fragile nature of the US-Iran ceasefire and the challenges facing peace negotiations.

US Declares Victory Over Iran, But What Has It Really Achieved?

The United States has declared victory following its recent conflict with Iran, but questions remain about whether Washington actually achieved its key objectives. After more than a month of fighting and a temporary ceasefire brokered for negotiations, analysts say many of the original goals remain unresolved.

US President Donald Trump described the ceasefire as a major success and claimed that American forces met their military objectives. However, the goals of the war shifted repeatedly during the conflict — ranging from dismantling Iran's nuclear programme and weakening its military to pursuing regime change in Tehran. Many of these objectives remain uncertain or incomplete.

One major point of contention is the Strait of Hormuz. While the US announced that Iran would allow ships to pass through the waterway, Tehran

still retains control of the strategic route, which carries about 20 percent of global oil supply. Analysts suggest that leaving Iran in control could actually strengthen Tehran's leverage compared to the situation before the war.

On the military front, US officials claim they significantly weakened Iran's defence capabilities. According to the US Defence Secretary, Iran's navy and air force suffered heavy damage, and its missile and drone programmes were severely affected. However, experts note that Iran's military continues to function and has still conducted strikes in the region, indicating that the threat has not been eliminated.

Another key objective — stopping Iran's nuclear ambitions — also remains unresolved. The US has insisted Iran should halt uranium enrichment, but there is no clear indication that Tehran has agreed. In fact, some analysts

warn that the conflict may push Iran to accelerate its nuclear ambitions, as the war may reinforce the idea that nuclear-armed states face fewer attacks.

Washington has also suggested that regime change occurred in Iran, but analysts dispute this claim. Although leadership changes took place after the conflict, the same political system remains in power, and there is little evidence of major policy shifts.

Meanwhile, the ceasefire negotiations may even give Iran additional leverage. Tehran could seek sanctions relief, financial compensation, and influence over regional conflicts as part of future talks. Experts say the US may now rely more on diplomacy after demonstrating military strength.

Overall, while the US has declared victory, analysts say the outcome remains mixed, with several strategic goals still uncertain and negotiations likely to shape the final results.

Iran War Paused, But Lebanon Remains a Dangerous Flashpoint

The conflict between the United States and Iran has temporarily paused following a fragile ceasefire, but tensions in Lebanon continue to threaten the truce and risk reigniting wider regional conflict. While Washington and Tehran agreed to halt hostilities and begin negotiations, disagreements over Lebanon have created uncertainty about the durability of the deal.

Ceasefire Dispute Over Lebanon

A major source of tension is whether Lebanon is covered under the ceasefire. Iran maintains that fighting in Lebanon should stop as part of the agreement, while the United States and Israel argue that the truce applies only to direct US-Iran hostilities. This disagreement has created confusion on the ground and weakened confidence in the ceasefire.

Iranian officials have warned that continued Israeli strikes in Lebanon could undermine negotiations. Tehran also accused Washington of violating key conditions, including allowing attacks on Hezbollah and refusing to address Iran's nuclear demands. These developments have made planned talks between the US and Iran more difficult.

Israeli Strikes Escalate Tensions

Shortly after the ceasefire announcement, Israel launched large-scale airstrikes across Lebanon targeting Hezbollah positions. The attacks

killed more than 250 people and injured over 1,000, marking one of the deadliest escalations since the conflict began.

Israel has stated that its operations against Hezbollah will continue regardless of the US-Iran truce. In response, Hezbollah resumed rocket attacks toward northern Israel, further escalating tensions and threatening to derail diplomatic efforts.

Lebanon's Role in Wider Conflict

Lebanon has become a flashpoint because Hezbollah, backed by Iran, remains deeply involved in the conflict. Fighting between Israel and Hezbollah has been ongoing since early March, displacing large numbers of civilians and worsening the humanitarian crisis. The violence has drawn Lebanon further into the broader Middle East conflict.

Fragile Pause, Uncertain Future

Although the US-Iran ceasefire aims to create space for diplomacy, continued violence in Lebanon has made the situation unstable. Analysts warn that if Israeli strikes continue and Hezbollah retaliates, the pause in the Iran war could quickly collapse.

Overall, while direct fighting between the US and Iran has temporarily paused, Lebanon remains the key flashpoint. The outcome of developments there will likely determine whether the region moves toward peace or slips back into broader conflict.



Did US Push Pakistan to Broker Iran Ceasefire? What Report Says

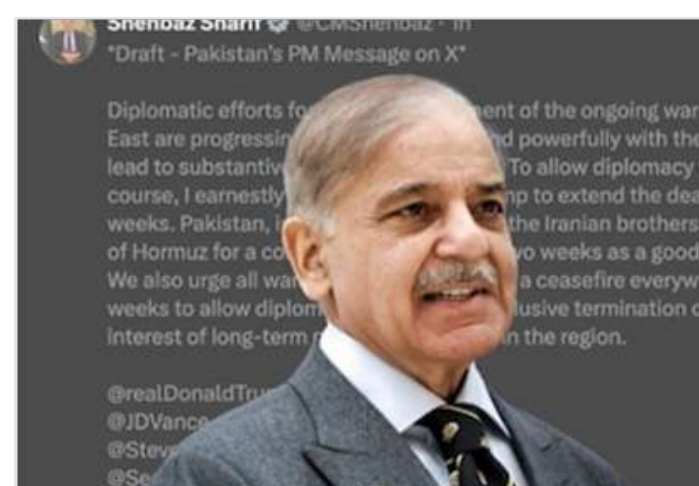
A new report has raised questions about Pakistan's role as a neutral mediator in the US-Iran ceasefire, suggesting that Washington may have actively encouraged Islamabad to help secure a truce with Tehran. The development sheds light on behind-the-scenes diplomacy during the recent conflict.

According to the report, the US administration had been quietly leaning on Pakistan for weeks to convince Iran to agree to a pause in fighting and reopen the strategically important Strait of Hormuz. Pakistan's role was seen as crucial because both Washington and Islamabad believed Iran would be more receptive to a proposal

delivered by a Muslim-majority neighbouring country that had maintained neutrality during the conflict.

The report also suggested that US President Donald Trump had strong incentives to seek a ceasefire. Rising oil prices and the resilience of Iran's leadership reportedly increased pressure on Washington to de-escalate tensions. Despite tough public rhetoric — including threats to destroy Iran's infrastructure — the US was said to be increasingly eager for a temporary truce.

Pakistan's role reportedly involved back-channel diplomacy and efforts to "sell" the ceasefire proposal to Tehran. As a neighbouring country



that had not been directly targeted by Iran, Islamabad was viewed as a credible intermedi-

ary capable of facilitating negotiations between the two sides.

Nifty Sees Profit Booking After Rally; 24,000 Key Level for Bulls, Bank Nifty Eyes 55,800 Breakout

The benchmark indices witnessed profit booking after a strong rally in recent sessions, with the Nifty 50 declining nearly 1 percent. The pullback followed an impressive 8 percent surge over the past few sessions, prompting investors to lock in gains at higher levels. Weak global cues, rising crude oil prices, and slightly elevated volatility also contributed to cautious sentiment, indicating a possible consolidation phase after the sharp uptrend.

Despite the decline, the broader market trend remains positive. The Nifty continues to trade above its short-term moving averages, including the 10-day and 20-day exponential moving averages, both of

which are trending upward. However, the index still trades below medium- and long-term averages, suggesting that sustained buying is needed to confirm a stronger bullish trend. Immediate support for the index is placed around 23,500, while resistance is seen near 24,000. A breakout above this level could push the index toward the 24,200-24,300 zone.

The Nifty opened lower and remained under pressure throughout the session, eventually closing lower by more than 200 points at 23,775. The formation of a bearish candle on daily charts suggests consolidation following the recent rally. However, analysts believe the earlier bearish pattern has been invalidated, and

the current consolidation could help form a higher bottom, strengthening the bullish structure. Technical indicators also indicate underlying strength. The MACD remains in positive territory with expanding histogram bars, while the RSI has eased slightly but continues to hold above neutral levels. These signals suggest that while short-term weakness may persist, the overall trend remains supportive. Options data indicates a likely trading range of 23,500-24,000 in the near term. Heavy call open interest around 24,000 and above suggests resistance, while strong put open interest near 23,000 points to solid downside support.

Meanwhile, the Bank Nifty also experienced profit booking after rallying more than 11 percent in recent sessions. The index declined sharply but continues to trade above key short-term averages, indicating that the overall trend remains stable. Analysts see immediate resistance for Bank Nifty around 55,300-55,400, followed by the crucial 55,800 level. On the downside, support is expected near 54,300-54,400. A decisive breakout above 55,800 could trigger fresh upside momentum in banking stocks.

Overall, experts expect short-term consolidation but maintain a positive outlook as long as key support levels remain intact.



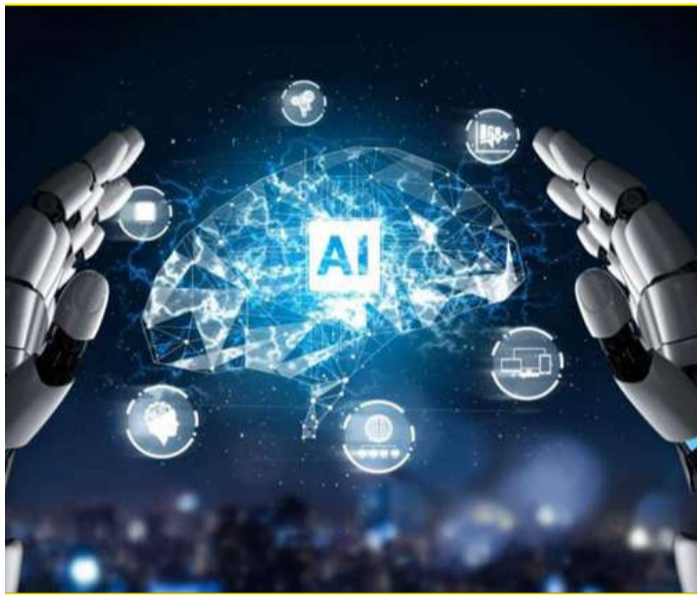
Global AI Data Centre Expansion Faces Major Roadblocks

Ambitious global plans to expand artificial intelligence (AI) data centres are running into multiple challenges, raising concerns about delays, rising costs, and execution risks. While technology giants and governments are racing to build massive computing infrastructure to support AI growth, several structural hurdles are slowing progress.

One of the biggest challenges is the shortage of advanced memory chips required for AI workloads. High-bandwidth memory (HBM), a crucial component for AI servers, is already in limited supply due to surging demand. This shortage is pushing up costs and extending delivery timelines, making it difficult for companies to scale data centres as quickly as planned. The competition for GPUs, chips, and related infrastructure has intensified as AI adoption accelerates worldwide.

Geopolitical tensions are also complicating expansion plans. Trade restrictions, supply chain disruptions, and strategic competition between major economies are affecting access to critical hardware and materials. These factors are increasing uncertainty for companies investing billions of dollars in AI infrastructure. As a result, timelines for several large projects are being revised, and costs are rising beyond initial estimates.

Another major hurdle is the massive power requirement of AI data centres. These facilities consume significantly



more electricity than traditional data centres, placing pressure on power grids and raising concerns about sustainability. Many regions lack the infrastructure needed to support large-scale AI facilities, forcing companies to invest in dedicated power sources and cooling systems, further increasing project costs. Environmental concerns, including water usage, carbon emissions, and land requirements, are also drawing scrutiny from regulators and local communities.

In addition, financing such large projects is becoming increasingly challenging. Building hyperscale AI data centres requires billions of dollars in capital, and rising interest rates, economic uncertainty, and longer project timelines are making investors

more cautious. Companies are therefore adopting phased expansion strategies instead of aggressive rollout plans.

Despite these challenges, demand for AI computing infrastructure continues to grow rapidly. Governments and tech companies remain committed to building data centre capacity to support AI development, cloud computing, and digital transformation. However, experts believe the pace of expansion may slow as companies navigate supply constraints, geopolitical risks, and environmental concerns.

Overall, while the AI data centre boom remains intact, the road ahead is becoming more complex, with execution risks likely to shape the next phase of global AI infrastructure development.

TCS Reverses Hiring Slowdown, Adds 2,356 Employees in Q4FY26A

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) reversed its two-quarter decline in workforce numbers by adding 2,356 employees in the fourth quarter of FY26, signalling cautious optimism in hiring after a period of contraction. The move comes after the company reduced headcount in the previous two quarters amid slower demand and operational restructuring.

Despite the modest hiring recovery in the March quarter, TCS ended the full fiscal year with a net reduction in its workforce. The company's overall employee count declined by more than 23,000 during FY26, reflecting continued industry-wide caution, automation-led efficiencies, and selective hiring strategies. The company's workforce rationalisation in earlier quarters was driven by changing project requirements and productivity improvements.

Attrition at TCS also inched higher during the quarter. The company reported an attrition rate of 13.7 percent, slightly up



from 13.5 percent in the previous quarter. The marginal increase indicates ongoing talent movement within the IT sector, though attrition levels remain relatively stable compared to historical trends.

The hiring uptick coincided with a strong financial performance in the fourth quarter. TCS reported robust profit growth on a sequential basis, with consolidated net profit rising sharply quarter-on-quarter. Revenue also sur-

passed market expectations, supported by steady demand across key markets and verticals. The improved financial performance likely encouraged the company to resume selective hiring toward the end of the fiscal year.

Industry observers note that IT companies, including TCS, have become more cautious with hiring as clients focus on cost optimisation and automation. The increased adoption of artificial intelligence and

productivity tools has also reduced the need for large-scale hiring, prompting firms to maintain leaner teams.

Historically, TCS has been one of the largest recruiters in the Indian IT sector. However, the current hiring trend reflects a shift toward measured growth rather than aggressive expansion. The company had previously seen workforce reductions in FY24 — the first such decline in nearly two decades — highlighting the evolving dynamics of the IT services industry.

Going forward, analysts expect hiring to remain selective and aligned with deal wins and project demand. While the addition of 2,356 employees marks a positive shift, sustained hiring momentum will depend on global demand recovery and client spending trends.

Overall, the latest quarter signals stabilisation in workforce strategy, with TCS cautiously balancing growth opportunities with operational efficiency.

Bank Nifty Snaps 5-Day Rally; HDFC, SBI, Canara Bank Fall Up to 3%

Banking stocks witnessed profit booking on April 9, with shares of HDFC Bank, State Bank of India, Canara Bank, and Punjab National Bank declining up to 3 percent. The selling pressure dragged the Bank Nifty index lower by nearly 2 percent, snapping its five-day winning streak. The decline came after a strong rally in banking stocks, prompting investors to lock in gains at higher levels. The Bank Nifty index saw broad-based selling, with all 14 constituent stocks trading in the red during the session. Heavyweight stocks such as HDFC Bank led the decline, while other major lenders including SBI and Canara Bank also faced notable losses. Despite the drop, analysts believe the correction is largely due to profit booking following the recent surge, and the overall



trend in banking stocks remains constructive.

The recent rally in banking stocks had pushed the Bank Nifty higher over the past few sessions, making the index vulnerable to short-term consolidation. Market participants turned cautious after the sharp upmove, leading to selling pressure across both private and public sector banks. However, analysts note that the fun-

damentals of banking stocks remain intact, suggesting that the pullback may be temporary.

From a technical perspective, analysts highlighted key levels to watch for Bank Nifty. Immediate support for the index is seen around the 54,500-54,300 zone, while stronger support is placed near 54,000. On the upside, resistance is expected around 55,300, followed

by 55,800, which remains a crucial breakout level for further upside momentum. A decisive move above 55,800 could trigger fresh buying interest in banking stocks.

The broader market sentiment also turned cautious, with investors opting to book profits after recent gains. The selling pressure in banking stocks weighed on benchmark indices, as financials carry significant weightage in the market. Despite the decline, analysts expect volatility to remain elevated in the near term while maintaining a positive outlook for the sector.

Overall, experts believe the current decline reflects healthy consolidation after the recent rally. As long as key support levels hold, Bank Nifty may resume its upward trend once buying interest returns to the banking space.

Ola Electric Shares Jump 19% on Battery Breakthrough and Demand Revival

Shares of Ola Electric surged nearly 19 percent on April 9, defying broader market weakness, after the company announced progress in its in-house battery development and signs of improving demand. The stock climbed to around Rs 36.15, gaining Rs 5.88 during the session, while extending its rally to more than 21 percent over the past two trading days.

The sharp rise in the stock came after the company highlighted advancements in its in-house battery technology, which investors see as a major step toward improving margins and reducing dependency on external suppliers. The development is expected to strengthen Ola Electric's long-term competitiveness, particularly as battery costs account for a significant portion of electric vehicle manufacturing expenses. In addition to the battery breakthrough, improving demand trends also supported the rally. The company has recently shown signs of recovery in sales, boosting investor confidence after a period of sluggish performance. Stronger order inflows and improving operational metrics have reinforced expectations that the company may be entering a turnaround phase.

Market participants also viewed the development positively as the company continues to focus on backward integration and cost optimisation. Producing batteries in-house



could help Ola Electric reduce production costs, enhance supply chain efficiency, and improve profitability over time. These factors collectively strengthened sentiment around the stock, leading to aggressive buying despite weakness in broader indices.

The rally is particularly notable as it comes at a time when the broader equity markets were under pressure, indicating strong stock-specific momentum. Investors appeared optimistic about the company's growth prospects, especially with improving demand and technological advancements supporting long-term expansion plans.

Ola Electric has faced challenges in recent months, including slowing sales and increased competition in the

electric two-wheeler segment. However, the latest developments suggest that the company is working toward strengthening its market position through innovation and operational improvements. Analysts believe that sustained demand recovery and continued progress in battery technology will be key drivers for the stock going forward. If the company maintains momentum in sales and successfully executes its cost-reduction strategy, the stock could see further upside. Overall, the sharp rally reflects renewed investor confidence, driven by technological advancement, improving demand trends, and expectations of stronger financial performance in the coming quarters.

BPCL, HPCL and Other OMC Stocks Slip as Investors Stay Cautious on Strait of Hormuz

Shares of oil marketing companies (OMCs) such as BPCL, HPCL, and Indian Oil Corporation declined in early trade on April 9, as investors remained cautious over developments surrounding the Strait of Hormuz. The uncertainty comes ahead of planned US-Iran talks, with conflicting signals from geopolitical developments raising concerns that any ceasefire or reopening of the crucial shipping route may be temporary.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important oil transit routes, handling a significant portion of global crude shipments. Any disruption or uncertainty around the region tends to influence crude oil prices sharply, which in turn affects oil marketing companies. Investors remained wary as Tehran warned of possible retaliation, adding to concerns that the situation could



remain volatile despite expectations of reopening.

As a result, shares of major OMCs came under selling pressure. BPCL, HPCL, and Indian Oil Corporation declined during the session, reflecting cautious sentiment in the sector. Market participants preferred to book profits after recent gains, particularly as the stocks had rallied earlier on hopes of easing geopolitical

tensions and falling crude prices.

Oil marketing companies are especially sensitive to crude price volatility. When crude oil prices rise sharply, these companies face margin pressure, as they may not be able to fully pass on higher costs to consumers. Conversely, falling crude prices typically support their margins. The uncertainty surrounding the Strait of

Hormuz has therefore created a mixed outlook for the sector.

Broader market sentiment also remained cautious, with investors closely tracking geopolitical developments in the Middle East. The situation is expected to keep crude prices volatile, which could continue to impact oil marketing stocks in the near term.

Analysts suggest that investors should watch crude oil price trends and geopolitical developments carefully. Any sustained reopening of the Strait of Hormuz could improve sentiment, while renewed tensions may trigger further pressure on OMC stocks. Overall, the decline in BPCL, HPCL, and other oil marketing companies reflects investor caution amid geopolitical uncertainty, with the sector likely to remain volatile until clarity emerges on global oil supply conditions.

Sunil Gavaskar Defends David Miller After One-Run Heartbreak in IPL 2026

Cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar has defended David Miller following his team's narrow one-run defeat in the Indian Premier League 2026, saying the South African batter should not be blamed for the loss.

The dramatic finish saw Miller fall short while chasing a modest target, leading to criticism from fans and pundits. However, Gavaskar pointed out that focusing solely on the final moment overlooks the bigger picture of the match. He emphasized that losses in close contests are usually the result of mistakes across all 40 overs rather than one player's performance in the

closing stages.

Gavaskar explained that several opportunities earlier in the game could have changed the outcome. Missed catches, dot balls, and lack of intent in the middle overs all contributed to the narrow defeat. According to him, blaming Miller alone is unfair when the entire team had chances to put the game beyond reach.

The former India captain also noted that Miller had shown composure under pressure and tried to take the game deep, which is often the best strategy in tight run chases. He added that finishing games in high-pressure situations is never

easy, especially when the required run rate climbs and field placements become more aggressive.

Gavaskar further stressed that cricket is a team sport and victories or defeats cannot be pinned on a single player. He highlighted that players who take responsibility in crunch moments deserve support rather than criticism, even if the result doesn't go their way.

The thrilling match once again highlighted the unpredictable nature of the IPL, where games frequently go down to the final ball. Such close encounters often spark debates about decision-making, batting order, and strategy, but Gavaskar

urged fans to appreciate the overall contest instead of targeting individuals.

Despite the heartbreaking loss, Gavaskar believes Miller's approach was correct and praised his calmness under pressure. He also said that such experiences can strengthen players mentally and help them perform better in future matches.

The one-run defeat added another dramatic chapter to IPL 2026, with Gavaskar's remarks offering a balanced perspective — reminding fans that in cricket, the result is shaped by the entire team's performance, not just the final shot.



Mukul Choudhary Powers LSG to Thrilling Win Over KKR

In a nail-biting Indian Premier League 2026 clash at Eden Gardens, the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) secured a dramatic three-wicket victory over the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), thanks to a sensational late innings by young batter Mukul Choudhary. The match went down to the final delivery, providing fans with a high-octane finish to remember. Chasing a competitive target of 182, LSG faced a tense battle as wickets tumbled at crucial stages. Ayush Badoni anchored the innings with a gritty 54 off 34 balls, holding the chase together and providing stability under pressure. His composed batting set the stage for Choudhary to turn the game in LSG's favor. Choudhary's innings was a masterclass in calculated aggression. Coming in with the equation favoring KKR, he smashed an unbeaten 54 off just 27 balls, finishing the match in style and guiding LSG home. His timely boundaries and smart running between the wickets highlighted his growing reputation as a clutch performer.



KKR had earlier posted 181 for 4, thanks to steady contributions from Angkrish Raghuvanshi (45) and Ajinkya Rahane (41). Their innings laid a strong foundation, but they were unable to contain the late surge from LSG's batting line-up. On the bowling front, KKR's Anukul Roy and Vaibhav Arora claimed two wickets each, but their efforts were undone by the explosive finish from Choudhary and the supporting batsmen. LSG's bowlers had earlier kept the game within reach, making the final overs a tense affair. The victory strengthens LSG's position in the IPL points table and under-

scores the emergence of Mukul Choudhary as a rising star in the league. His performance not only delivered the win but also provided a blueprint for finishing under pressure, a skill every team covets in the T20 format. For KKR, the loss is a tough blow in their early-season campaign, highlighting inconsistencies that could affect their playoff ambitions. The thrilling encounter, filled with high stakes and dramatic twists, will be remembered as one of the standout chases of IPL 2026, showcasing the excitement and unpredictability that the tournament consistently delivers.

Yuvraj Singh Recalls Cancer Battle: "Doctors Said I Had 3-6 Months To Live"

Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has opened up about the most difficult phase of his life, revealing that doctors once told him he had just three to six months to live during his battle with cancer. The shocking prognosis came at a time when he was trying to establish himself in Test cricket and preparing for a tour of Australia.

Yuvraj shared that the diagnosis left him stunned, as thoughts about mortality immediately crossed his mind. He recalled waiting years for a regular spot in the Test side and being desperate to play on the Australia tour when he received the devastating news. Doctors then asked him to choose between continuing to play cricket or immediately starting treatment.

Despite the severity of his condition, Yuvraj initially wanted to keep playing. He explained that he wasn't sure how much time he had left and wanted to make the most of his



cricketing career. However, medical advice made it clear that delaying treatment could be life-threatening, especially as the tumour was located between his lungs and heart and was pressing on vital nerves.

Eventually, Yuvraj travelled to the United States for treatment as his condition worsened. He underwent chemotherapy and fought through a physically and emotionally ex-

hausting period. The cricketer also recalled how his doctor encouraged him with reassuring words, telling him he would walk out as someone who had never had cancer — a statement that gave him confidence and hope.

Yuvraj's battle with cancer became one of cricket's most inspiring comeback stories. After completing treatment, he returned to international

cricket in 2012, defying the grim prognosis he had initially received. His resilience and determination continue to inspire fans and athletes around the world.

The 2011 World Cup hero's revelation highlights not just his achievements on the field, but also his courage off it — proving that his greatest victory may have been his fight against cancer.

Babar Azam Loses Cool After Virat Kohli Comparison By Reporter



"Joke Of The Century": Babar Azam, Marnus Labuschagne's Peace Gesture Sparks Internet Trolls

Pakistan Super League 2026 witnessed an unusual pre-match moment that quickly went viral, but not for the reasons organisers had hoped. A peace gesture involving Babar Azam and Marnus Labuschagne ahead of a PSL clash triggered heavy trolling across social media.

Before the match between Peshawar Zalmi and Hyderabad Kingsmen, captains Babar Azam and Marnus Labuschagne, along with league officials, released a white dove as a symbol of peace. The gesture was reportedly organised following recent geopolitical developments and a ceasefire announcement involving global tensions.

However, instead of being appreciated, the act drew widespread criticism online. Many users labelled the gesture as unnecessary and awkward, with some calling it the "joke of the century." Social media platforms were flooded with memes and sarcastic comments, as fans questioned the relevance of such a symbolic move in a cricket match.

The trolling intensified further when developments around the ceasefire reportedly changed shortly after the ceremony. This timing led to more ridicule, with critics mocking the league for attempting a dramatic gesture tied to sensitive global issues. The moment quickly gained traction online and became one of the most talked-about incidents from the PSL season.

Despite the backlash, the gesture appeared to be intended as a goodwill message promoting peace. However, the internet reaction highlighted how such symbolic acts in sporting events can sometimes backfire, especially when linked to complex geopolitical situations.

The incident adds to a growing list of viral moments from PSL 2026, with the tournament repeatedly grabbing attention for off-field happenings. While organisers aimed to deliver a positive message, the reaction demonstrated how quickly public sentiment can shift in the age of social media.

Pakistan captain Babar Azam lost his cool during a press conference after a reporter compared him with Virat Kohli and questioned his ability to finish matches. The incident occurred following a Pakistan Super League 2026 match where Babar failed to take his team across the line despite getting a solid start. Leading Peshawar Zalmi, Babar scored 43 runs off 37 balls while chasing a modest target of 146 against Hyderabad Kingsmen. However, he was unable to finish the game, and the match went down to the final ball before his team eventually secured victory. During the post-match press conference, a reporter asked Babar about comparisons with Kohli, pointing

ing out that the Indian star often finishes matches in similar situations. The question appeared to frustrate Babar, who dismissed the comparison and called it a misconception. Responding sharply, Babar said the comparisons should stop and insisted that he has finished many matches in his career. He urged the reporter to move on and not draw parallels between him and Kohli. The Pakistan batter has frequently faced criticism regarding his strike rate and finishing ability in limited-overs cricket, particularly in T20s. Despite being one of Pakistan's most consistent batters, critics have often questioned his approach in run chases and his ability to accelerate in crucial moments. In the

ongoing PSL season, Babar has scored 82 runs in two matches at a strike rate of over 126, but his boundary count has remained relatively low, which has further fueled the debate around his finishing ability. The exchange quickly went viral on social media, with fans divided over the reporter's question and Babar's reaction. While some supported Babar for defending himself, others believed comparisons with top players like Kohli are inevitable given their similar batting styles. The incident once again highlights the constant scrutiny faced by modern cricket stars, especially when comparisons involve players like Kohli, who is widely regarded as one of the best finishers in world cricket.



From Guyana to RCB: Romario Shepherd Reflects on His Cricket Journey

West Indies all-rounder Romario Shepherd has opened up about his inspiring journey from humble beginnings in Guyana to representing Royal Challengers Bengaluru in IPL 2026. The hard-hitting all-rounder reflected on his early struggles, inspirations, and the experience of playing alongside some of the biggest names in world cricket.

Shepherd, who grew up in Linden, Guyana, recalled how his love for cricket started in modest surroundings. With limited resources, he and his friends improvised using wooden pieces as bats and makeshift balls. Playing barefoot on rough surfaces was common, and injuries were part of the learning process.



Despite the challenges, these early experiences shaped his determination and passion for the game. Interestingly, Shepherd revealed he was not always known for his power-hitting. In one of his early matches, he scored 129 runs across 40 overs without hitting

a single six. At that stage, his focus was more on finding gaps and building innings rather than clearing the boundary. Over time, however, his game evolved into that of a destructive all-rounder. A major influence on Shepherd's career was fellow West Indies star Dwayne

Bravo. Watching Bravo dominate matches with both bat and ball inspired Shepherd to become a multi-dimensional player. He recalled how listening to radio commentary often featured Bravo excelling in multiple roles, which motivated him to develop similar skills. Shepherd's breakthrough came in 2018 during the Caribbean Premier League, where his ability to bowl yorkers and hit big shots caught attention. One memorable moment came when he faced Bravo for the first time and hit him for a six, a significant milestone against his childhood hero. Now part of RCB, Shepherd expressed excitement about being in a star-studded dressing room. He spoke warmly about team-

mates like Virat Kohli and Tim David, highlighting the friendly and supportive atmosphere within the squad. Shepherd also noted that Kohli, known for his intense on-field persona, is surprisingly humorous off the field. For Shepherd, representing RCB carries special meaning. Growing up, many West Indies fans supported the franchise because of legends like Chris Gayle. Now wearing the same colours, Shepherd described the franchise as more than just a team, calling it a family and acknowledging the massive global fanbase that comes with it. His journey from a small yard in Guyana to one of the IPL's biggest franchises stands as a testament to perseverance, talent, and ambition.

Rajamouli-Mahesh Babu's 'Varanasi' Story Leaked? Plot Promises Time-Travel, Mythology And Global Stakes

The much-anticipated film featuring S. S. Rajamouli and Mahesh Babu continues to generate massive buzz after reports of the film's story being leaked online. Titled Varanasi, the big-budget project is already being described as one of the most ambitious films in Indian cinema.

According to the leaked details, Mahesh Babu will reportedly play a character named Rudhra, a devoted follower of Lord Shiva who embarks on a dangerous mission across different timelines. The story is said to revolve around Rudhra's search for a powerful cosmic artifact hidden across centuries. As he uncovers ancient secrets, he discovers that a mastermind is manipulating events with the aim of achieving global domination.

The film is expected to blend mythology, science fiction, and time-travel elements—a combination rarely seen in Indian cinema. The narrative reportedly expands beyond India, turning into a globe-trotting adventure with large-scale action sequences and historical references. Reports also suggest that actor Prithviraj Sukumaran may play the antagonist, with his character believed to be central to the global conflict in the film. Meanwhile, Priyanka Chopra Jonas is expected to appear as a key female lead, reportedly playing a mysterious and powerful character named Mandakini. Interestingly, the film is also said to include mythological references, with Mahesh Babu possibly appearing as Lord Rama in a special episode. These elements indicate that Rajamouli is planning a grand cinematic universe blending mythology with futuristic storytelling.

The film is currently in production and is expected to release in 2027. While the makers have kept official plot details under wraps, the alleged leak has only heightened excitement among fans worldwide. Given Rajamouli's track record with films like Baahubali and RRR, expectations are sky-high. If the leaked storyline turns out to be accurate, Varanasi could redefine the scale of Indian filmmaking with its ambitious blend of mythology, adventure, and global storytelling.



Hansika Motwani Files 2 Crore Defamation Case Against Sister-in-Law

Actress Hansika Motwani has filed a 2 crore defamation case against her estranged sister-in-law Muskan Nancy James, escalating an ongoing family dispute into a legal battle. The case has been filed in a Mumbai sessions court after the actress alleged that false accusations were made against her. According to reports, Muskan Nancy James had earlier accused Hansika and her brother Prashant Motwani of domestic violence and harassment. Hansika has denied these allegations, calling them baseless and defamatory. In response, she approached the court seeking 2 crore in damages and requested a public apology.

ongoing family dispute that has drawn public attention in recent months.

Reports suggest that the controversy may also be linked to a financial disagreement involving 27 lakh. Hansika reportedly claimed that the accusations surfaced during this dispute, further intensifying tensions between the two families. Hansika Motwani, who has worked in several Telugu and Tamil films, has recently been focusing on female-centric roles. Despite fluctuations in her career, she continues to remain active in the film industry. Meanwhile, the legal battle with her sister-in-law has now added another layer of controversy to her personal life. With the case now in court, further developments are expected in the coming weeks as both sides prepare to present their arguments.

'Jailer 2' Faces Challenge in Locking Star-Studded Cameos

Superstar Rajinikanth's highly anticipated sequel Jailer 2 is creating massive buzz, but the makers are reportedly facing challenges in finalising big-ticket guest appearances. Directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, the film aims to replicate the blockbuster success of the first installment with even bigger surprises.



The original Jailer became a huge hit largely due to its powerful cameo appearances, especially by Mohanlal and Shiva Rajkumar, whose entry scenes created a frenzy in theatres. Hoping to recreate that magic, Nelson planned to bring more big stars into the sequel. However, things have not gone as expected.

Reports suggest that Nandamuri Balakrishna was initially considered for a powerful guest role. There was strong industry buzz that he had even agreed to appear, but the plan reportedly fell through due to date issues or script changes.

Following this, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan was also approached for a cameo. However, he is currently busy with his own film King and is said to have declined the offer. Meanwhile, there are also reports that a potential role in-

volving Vijay Sethupathi may have been dropped. Interestingly, the film's shooting is already nearing completion, and the release announcement is expected soon. Despite this, the makers are still trying to lock in a major star for a surprise appearance. This has created curiosity around whether the team will bring in new names or proceed with the existing lineup.

Even with these challenges, expectations remain sky-high for Jailer 2. Fans are confident that Rajinikanth's signature style and Nelson's mass-entertainment approach will deliver another blockbuster, regardless of cameo additions.

Massive Paychecks for 'Raaka': Allu Arjun, Atlee Command Record Remunerations

The upcoming pan-India film Raaka, starring Allu Arjun and directed by Atlee, is already making headlines even before production begins. The film is reportedly being mounted on a massive scale, with industry buzz suggesting that a significant portion of the overall budget is being allocated to star remunerations.



The project is being produced by Kalanithi Maran under the banner of Sun Pictures. According to reports, the film's total budget is expected to range between 800 crore and 900 crore, making it one of the most expensive Indian films ever planned. What has surprised many is that nearly half of this amount could go toward paying the lead actor, director, and key technicians.

Sources suggest that Allu Arjun is likely to receive a record-breaking remuneration for Raaka, following the phenomenal success of his recent films and his growing pan-India appeal. His popularity across

multiple markets, especially after the blockbuster success of Pushpa, has significantly boosted his market value. As a result, producers are reportedly willing to invest heavily in securing his presence for the ambitious project.

Director Atlee, who has delivered several commercial hits and gained nationwide recognition, is also expected to receive a substantial paycheck. Known for his large-scale storytelling and mass-appeal films, Atlee's involvement has further raised expectations for Raaka. The film is said to feature high-octane action sequences, grand visuals, and a global-level production scale.

Apart from the lead actor

and director, the film is expected to include top-tier technicians and possibly international talent, which will further add to the overall production cost. Reports also indicate that the makers are planning extensive shooting schedules across multiple international locations, reinforcing the film's grand vision. With such a massive budget and star-studded team, Raaka is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious projects in Indian cinema. While official announcements regarding cast, storyline, and release date are still awaited, the buzz around remuneration figures alone has already created enormous anticipation among fans.

If the reports turn out to be accurate, Raaka could set new benchmarks not only in terms of scale but also in the economics of Indian filmmaking.

Varun Tej's 'Korean Kanakaraju' First Single To Release On April 11

The makers of Korean Kanakaraju, starring Varun Tej, have announced that the film's first single will be released on April 11. The announcement was made through a fun promotional video featuring Varun Tej along with director Merlapaka Gandhi and music composer S. Thaman.

In the video, the team humorously discussed expectations for the songs, with Varun Tej asking Thaman to deliver music on the scale of blockbuster albums. The light-hearted conversation has already generated curiosity among fans, building excitement ahead of the first song's release. Korean Kanakaraju is being made as an Indo-Korean horror comedy, a genre that blends humor with supernatural elements. The film features Ritika Nayak as the female

lead, while comedian Satya plays a key supporting role. The unique India-Korea backdrop is expected to be one of the film's major highlights.

The music for the film is composed by S. Thaman, and the upcoming track is reportedly titled "Kamsahamnida," marking the beginning of the film's promotional campaign. The makers are planning to gradually roll out promotional content following the first single launch.

Directed by Merlapaka Gandhi, Korean Kanakaraju has already generated strong buzz due to its unusual concept and international backdrop. Portions of the film were also shot in South Korea, adding to the cross-cultural appeal of the project. With the first single set to release on April 11, the promotional campaign for Korean



Kankaraju is officially underway, and fans are eagerly waiting to see what the team has in store.

Ram Charan's 'Peddi' Release Likely Delayed Over Pending Special Song

Ram Charan's much-anticipated film Peddi is reportedly facing another delay, with the makers now working on a revised release date. The film was initially scheduled to hit theatres on April 30, but recent developments suggest that meeting the deadline may be difficult.



According to reports, the delay is mainly due to a pending special song that is yet to be filmed. While the set for the song is already completed, the team is still struggling to finalize the actress who will appear in the number. This unresolved casting issue has slowed down the film's final schedule.

Meanwhile, Ram Charan reportedly travelled to Jamnagar to attend Anant Ambani's birthday celebrations. Before leaving, the actor is said to have asked the team to lock the actress quickly so that the song shoot could be completed as he re-

no official confirmation regarding her involvement.

At the same time, director Buchi Babu Sana is currently in Chennai working with music composer A.R. Rahman on the background score. Producer Venkata Satish Kilaru is also reportedly in discussions with Netflix regarding revised release plans.

Peddi, starring Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor, has been generating significant buzz as one of the biggest upcoming Telugu films. However, with the special song yet to be shot and post-production still underway, fans may have to wait a little longer for the film's release.

Samantha Praises Supriya, Shares Emotional Note Ahead Of 'Dacoit' Release

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu showered praise on producer Supriya Yarla gadda ahead of the release of the film Dacoit. Samantha took to social media to appreciate Supriya's dedication and hard work behind the project, expressing confidence that the film would achieve blockbuster success.

The film Dacoit, starring Adivi Sesh and Mrunal Thakur, is directed by Shaneil Deo and produced under the SS Creations banner. The romantic action thriller is set for theatrical release this week, creating strong anticipation among audiences.

In her heartfelt Instagram post, Samantha wrote that she had personally witnessed the effort and passion Supriya invested in the film.

She highlighted Supriya's perseverance and commitment, stating that she truly deserves a blockbuster. Samantha also extended her best wishes for the film's success and hoped that Supriya would continue to receive blessings for her efforts.

The film also features filmmaker and actor Anurag Kashyap in a negative role, adding further curiosity around the project. The movie is being promoted as a romantic action thriller with high expectations from fans and industry insiders alike.

Meanwhile, Supriya Yarla gadda recently relaunched the SS Creations banner and introduced a redesigned logo during the film's pre-release event. She revealed that the logo carries personal elements connected to her family, including symbolic references to her grandparents and childhood memories. According to her, the logo represents her journey and emotional connection to filmmaking, and it took nearly two years to complete.

With Samantha's support and growing buzz, Dacoit has gained additional momentum ahead of its release, raising expectations for a strong opening at the box office.

