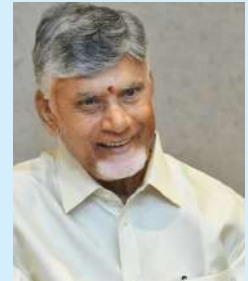




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Rajanagaram Land Scam Allegations Resurface Over “Ava Lands” Issue

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The controversial “Ava lands” in Korukonda mandal of Rajanagaram constituency have once again triggered a political storm, with fresh allegations of large-scale irregularities, repeated exploitation, and misuse of government-acquired land originally meant for the poor. Locals and political observers allege that what was once presented as a welfare-driven initiative for housing the poor has now turned into a recurring source of illegal income for influential figures. The lands, located in low-lying areas that remain submerged for nearly six months a year due to Godavari floodwaters and heavy rains, were earlier valued at a maximum of around 7 lakh per acre in the open market. However, during the previous government’s implementation of the “Housing for All” scheme, hundreds of acres in this region were reportedly acquired at inflated rates. Allegations suggest that the government procurement price was fixed at around 45 lakh per acre, while actual pay-



ments to farmers were significantly lower, estimated at around 20 lakh per acre. The remaining funds, according to these claims, were allegedly diverted through intermediaries, local representatives, and officials. Critics describe the system as a deeply entrenched network where public funds were used under the name of beneficiaries, while the actual financial gains were siphoned off by politically connected individuals. The lands, despite being distributed on paper to

poor beneficiaries as house sites, remain unutilised even today, as the area is unsuitable for habitation due to persistent waterlogging and marshy conditions. “No beneficiary has been able to construct a house there,” locals claim, pointing out that the land remains submerged or muddy for most of the year, making it unfit for residential development. As a result, the allotted plots exist only as records, with no real housing activity on the ground. In recent developments, alle-

gations have emerged that the same lands are now being used for agricultural activities. With the government holding ownership and beneficiaries unable to occupy the land, certain local political operators and alleged benamis have reportedly taken control of large portions.

Crops such as maize, paddy, and sugarcane are now being cultivated illegally across hundreds of acres, generating substantial annual income for private individuals.

This has further intensified concerns that government-acquired welfare land is being systematically misused for private gain. The issue has reignited public anger, with residents demanding a comprehensive and independent investigation. They argue that the land acquisition process involved corruption, and its current misuse reflects continued exploitation of public assets. Local voices are now urging the coalition government to intervene, identify those responsible behind the alleged irregularities, and ensure strict legal action against all involved.



Allegations of Illegal Activities, Tax Evasion Rock Coastal “Recreation Club”

Narsimhulu

A high-profile private club located along the coastal region has come under intense scrutiny amid allegations of illegal gambling, financial irregularities, and lack of regulatory oversight. What is marketed as a premium recreational destination is now being described by critics as a hub of unchecked activities and unaccounted wealth. The club reportedly offers a wide range of facilities, including card gaming, food, alcohol, and private rooms, attracting affluent visitors from various regions. While such amenities are not uncommon in elite clubs, sources allege that gambling operations are being conducted on a large scale, raising serious legal concerns. Observers say the environment encourages high-stakes games, turning the club into a lucrative center for unofficial cash flow. Financial transparency is another major issue. Allegations suggest that the club generates revenue far beyond what is officially declared. While records reportedly show an annual income of around 40 crore, insiders claim the actual earnings could exceed 100 crore. Despite this, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) paid is said to be limited, indicating possible tax evasion. The club is believed to be registered as a society, which mandates strict adherence to rules and transparent accounting practices.

However, critics argue that these norms are being routinely ignored. Questions are also being raised about the role of authorities such as GST officials, Income Tax departments, and regulatory bodies, with accusations that enforcement has been weak or deliberately overlooked. Political interference is also alleged to play a role in the club’s operations. Locals claim that control of the business shifts depending on which party is in power, with elected representatives allegedly managing affairs through proxies. Though these claims lack official confirmation, they have fueled public suspicion. Concerns have also been raised about law enforcement inaction. Despite complaints filed by a few individuals highlighting irregularities, no significant action has been taken so far. Some whistleblowers have even alleged intimidation, forcing them to seek protection and raise the issue publicly. Membership fees at the club have reportedly surged from 5,000 in earlier years to nearly 5 lakh now, reflecting its exclusivity and growing demand. Critics say this steep rise, without clear justification, further indicates the scale of operations. With multiple allegations surfacing, citizens are demanding a comprehensive investigation into the club’s activities. Many believe that only coordinated action by enforcement agencies can bring clarity and accountability to the issue.

Polavaram Project Lands Turn Into Alleged Illegal Cultivation and “Revenue Source” for Locals

Ch raju

The Polavaram Project, widely regarded as the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh, has come under fresh scrutiny amid allegations that rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) lands meant for displaced families are being misused for private gain. The multi-purpose irrigation project, designed to provide drinking water, irrigation support, and flood control, includes a large-scale rehabilitation component for families displaced due to submergence. As part of this initiative, the government acquired land and developed housing colonies to resettle affected communities. However, reports indicate that nearly 100 acres of surplus land in Jeelugumilli remained unused after allotments were completed. This land continues to be under the jurisdiction of the Irrigation Department, with the District Collector acting as the custodian. According to local allegations, instead of being preserved for future public use, these lands have been converted into commercial agricultural



al fields. Oil palm cultivation, a high-value crop with strong industrial demand, is reportedly being carried out extensively on the site. The plantations are said to be generating significant income, as private companies procure oil palm produce regularly. This has led to claims that certain groups have taken control of the land and are benefiting from its commercial exploitation without authorization. Residents further allege that rather than curbing encroachments, influential individuals have allowed such activities to continue in exchange

for informal payments. Sources claim that these practices began during the previous administration and have persisted even after a change in government. Despite expectations that the new administration would review and rectify the situation, locals say the cultivation has continued uninterrupted. There are also unverified claims that higher informal payments are now being demanded from those using the land, intensifying concerns over ongoing misuse of public property. Administrative inaction has also drawn criticism. It remains unclear whether

officials are unaware of the developments or have chosen not to intervene. Some local observers believe that the issue has not yet reached the formal attention of the district administration. While there is no officially confirmed evidence naming specific individuals, residents are calling for immediate government intervention. They are urging authorities to conduct a comprehensive investigation, identify those responsible, and reclaim the land for its intended public purpose under the Polavaram rehabilitation framework.



Is This Justice? TDP Worker’s Ordeal Raises Questions in NTR District

Kumar Chand - Amaravati Bureau

A man’s commitment to public service has allegedly turned into a personal tragedy, raising serious concerns over administrative apathy and political neglect in NTR District. The story of Bade Madan, a long-time worker of the Telugu Desam Party, is now drawing attention for all the wrong reasons.

Bade Madan, a resident of Sher Mohammad Pet, is known locally as a dedicated party worker who has spent over four decades serving the party and his village. Inspired by the ideology that society is a temple and people are its gods, he set out to contribute to rural development in a meaningful way. Driven by this vision, Madan undertook the development of a village pond under the Neeru-Chettu Scheme between 2016 and 2018. With the aim of improving irrigation and benefiting farmers, he personally supervised the work covering nearly 150 acres. In the process, he reportedly spent around 70 lakh from his own pocket, expecting reimbursement through government funds allocated under the scheme. However, things took



an unexpected turn. Despite completing the works, Madan alleges that he has not received any reimbursement. He claims that officials failed to release the funds and that even local political leadership did not extend support. This has left him in severe financial distress, burdened with heavy debts.

Sources allege that repeated appeals to authorities and public representatives, including the local MLA, have gone unanswered. Madan, who once placed unwavering trust in the system, now finds himself struggling for basic survival. His family’s financial condition has reportedly deteriorated, pushing them into a crisis.

“I dedicated my life to the party and spent my own money

for the development of my village. But today, no one is even acknowledging my efforts. Is this justice?” Madan questions, expressing deep anguish. The issue has sparked debate in the Jaggayapet constituency, with locals questioning whether grassroots workers are being used and then abandoned. Villagers warn that if justice is not delivered soon, protests could intensify. Residents are now urging authorities to intervene immediately, verify the work executed, and ensure that due payments are released to Madan. The case highlights broader concerns about the implementation of government schemes and the accountability of officials involved.

Assistant professor recruitment row resurfaces

K Kalyan Krishna Kumar

The long-pending issue of Assistant Professor recruitment has resurfaced, with experts and aspirants alleging administrative lapses and political interference that derailed the process, leaving thousands of candidates in uncertainty.

To fill 1,385 faculty positions, including 1,109 Assistant Professors, 185 Associate Professors, and 91 Professors, across 14 universities, the government issued G.O. Ms. Nos. 28 to 41 on June 30, 2017. Recruitment notifications followed in late 2017 and early 2018. In a first-of-its-kind move, the APPSC conducted examinations for Professor and Assistant Professor posts in 64 subjects between April 9 and 14, 2018, with 24,074 can-

didates appearing and 3,436 qualifying.

While four universities issued interview call letters in December 2018 and appointed 17 Professors, interviews for Assistant Professor posts scheduled in January 2019 were abruptly halted. The APPSC Assistant Professor Exam Qualified Association alleges there were no valid reasons for this suspension.

Dr. Ravibabu Birudu, a biotechnology scientist from Mangalagiri, said, “As per G.O. Ms. No. 99 (March 8, 1996), notifications were issued to fill 1,109 Assistant Professor posts, with 33 1/3% reservation for women in each category. He alleged that sympathisers of the YSRC filed High Court petitions with malicious intent to block

these appointments, claiming that horizontal reservation for women and persons with disabilities was not followed.” He said that the state government is doing justice only to the professors while keeping them aside.

Dr. Koteswara Rao Kundeti, Senior Analyst at the National Center of Meteorology, Abu Dhabi, said, “G.O. Ms. No. 63 (April 17, 2018) on the horizontal roster for women and persons with disabilities came into effect that day. As per Section 34 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, a 4% reservation is mandated, later reinforced by G.O. Ms. No. 2 (February 19, 2020). These orders enhancing horizontal reservation came after job notifications were issued. The YSRC government concealed that these



would apply prospectively, leading to the cancellation of the notifications,” he

alleged. A guest faculty member, Dr. Mohan Dev from Vizianagaram, remarked, “The

fact that education department officials failed to incorporate that Government Orders regarding horizontal reservations were issued after the respective recruitment notifications raises suspicions that they are indirectly furthering the YSRC’s agenda.” Dr. Suneetha from Srikakulam alleged irregularities, citing a 2024 appointment at Yogi Vemana University, claiming, “In an effort to safeguard an individual’s job who is close relative of the then Chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the then government informed the Supreme Court that it would reinstate the professors, while simultaneously adopting a hostile stance regarding the positions of Assistant Professors.” She also appealed to the coalition government to

look into the issue and do justice to the aspirants.

Speaking to True Point, Principal Secretary (Education) Sasidhar Kona said that several irregularities were found in the appointments made at the time, leading the High Court to quash the notifications. The Division Bench later upheld the Single Judge’s orders. He stated that professors who had already joined approached the Supreme Court. Citing administrative necessity and their continued service for over seven years, the government filed an affidavit seeking to retain them. However, the Principal Secretary made it clear that since the Assistant Professor notification had already been quashed, there was no scope to grant them any relief.

Naidu Expresses Displeasure Over Secretaries' Performance

Amaravati, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has expressed dissatisfaction over the performance of senior bureaucrats, particularly department secretaries, during a recent high-level review meeting in Amaravati.

Reviewing the progress of various welfare schemes and development programmes, the Chief Minister reportedly found several departments lagging behind in achieving their targets. He questioned officials on delays and the lack of meas-

urable outcomes despite clear instructions and deadlines issued earlier. Naidu emphasized that governance should reflect in visible results on the ground, not just in reports and presentations. He made it clear that inefficiency and negligence would not be tolerated and warned officials to improve their performance immediately.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister pointed out gaps in coordination among departments and stressed the need for better monitoring at the field level. He directed secretaries to take personal responsibility for the implemen-



tation of key schemes and ensure that benefits reach the intended beneficiaries without delay. Highlighting accountability, Naidu reiterated that the government's credibility de-

pends on timely and effective service delivery. He urged officials to adopt a more proactive approach and focus on resolving bottlenecks that hinder progress. The Chief Minister also called for the use of technology-driven monitoring systems to track implementation in real time and enhance transparency. He instructed departments to submit updated progress reports and take corrective steps wherever necessary. The review reflects the state government's focus on speeding up development works and strengthening administrative efficiency to meet public expectations.



Minor Girl Murdered in Kadapa, Accused Arrested

Kadapa, April 10 | TPN Bureau

A brutal murder of a minor girl in Khajipet mandal of Kadapa district has sparked widespread outrage, after a youth allegedly killed her for rejecting his advances.

According to police, the accused Avula Venkatesh had been harassing the victim for some time, pressuring her to marry him. When she refused, he reportedly attacked her at her residence on Friday using a sharp weapon and slit her throat. The girl sustained severe injuries and collapsed due to heavy bleeding. Family members and locals rushed her to RIMS Hospital, but she died on the way. Police acted swiftly and took the accused into custody within a short time. A case of murder has been registered, and as the victim was a minor, provisions under the POCSO Act are being invoked.

Authorities have launched a detailed investigation into the incident. The shocking crime triggered tension in Khajipet and nearby villages, with locals and student groups staging protests demanding strict punishment for the accused. Demonstrations were also held on the Kurnool-Kadapa national highway, leading to traffic disruptions for some time before police intervened.

District in-charge Minister Savitha expressed deep shock over the incident and condemned the act. She assured that stringent legal action would be taken against the accused and that justice would be delivered to the victim's family.

The incident has raised serious concerns over the safety of women and girls, with calls for stronger preventive measures and awareness to curb such crimes.

AP to Inaugurate India's First Quantum Test Facility in Amaravati

Amaravati | April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh is set to make a major leap in advanced technology with the inauguration of India's first indigenous quantum testing facility in Amaravati, marking a key milestone in the state's push towards becoming a global innovation hub.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate the facility, which is part of the broader "Amaravati Quantum Valley" initiative aimed at developing a full-scale ecosystem for quantum computing research, testing, and innovation. The project is being implemented under the National Quantum Mission with support from leading academic institutions and technology partners.

Officials said the facility will serve as a dedicated platform for testing and validating quantum computing components, enabling startups, researchers, and industry players to collaborate on next-generation technologies.

The initiative is expected to position Andhra Pradesh as one of India's leading states in frontier technologies.

The project is also part of a larger vision to transform Amaravati into a global technology hub, attracting investments in semiconductors, artificial intelligence, and advanced computing. According to government sources, multiple research institutions and industry partners are involved in the development of the quantum ecosystem.

The announcement comes as the state government continues to approve large-scale investments across IT, energy, and manufacturing sectors, reinforcing its focus on innovation-driven growth. Officials believe the quantum facility will boost scientific research capabilities and create new opportunities for skilled youth.

The inauguration is scheduled around World Quantum Day, symbolizing India's entry into a new era of indigenous quantum technology development.

Srikakulam CSR Push: "District of Opportunity," Says Union Minister Rammohan Naidu

Srikakulam | April 10 | TPN Bureau

Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu on Friday said that Srikakulam should no longer be seen as a backward district, but as a "district of opportunity" with immense potential for development and investment. He was speaking at the 3rd South India CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Conference held at Shanti Convention Centre on the outskirts of Srikakulam, organised by Tiny Loop and Bachpan Bachao organisations. The Minister called on stakeholders to align with the vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's "P-4" initiative and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Viksit Bharat goal.

Rammohan Naidu praised PUC Chairman and MLA Kuna Ravikumar for bringing a major CSR platform to the district, noting that nearly 50 NGOs and 13 major corporate companies participated in the event. He said CSR initiatives are playing a key role in bridging develop-



ment gaps at the grassroots level. He highlighted successful projects such as solar lighting in coastal fishing villages under the Sagarmala programme, implemented with Coal India CSR funds, calling it a model for rural transformation. He also said that while companies are mandated to allocate 2% of profits for CSR activities, organisations like Tiny Loop and Bachpan Bachao help guide effective implementation on the ground. District Collector

Swapnil Dinakar Pundkar informed that CSR projects worth 41.44 crore have already been completed, while proposals worth 45 crore are under consideration. He added that collaboration with top firms like Infosys, Wipro, Tech Mahindra, and others will reshape the district's future. Leaders also stressed industrial growth, skill development, and infrastructure expansion to create local employment and reduce migration.



Cabinet Panel Clears Extension for Ramayapatnam Port Works

Amaravati, April 10 | TPN Bureau

A Cabinet Sub-Committee has approved the extension of the timeline for completion of Phase-1 works of the Ramayapatnam Port, aiming to accelerate infrastructure development and improve connectivity. The meeting was held at the Secretariat and attended by Ministers Payyavula Keshav, B. C. Janardhan Reddy, and Kandula Durgesh. The panel reviewed the progress of the greenfield port project and discussed measures to fast-track construction and strengthen supporting infrastructure. The Sub-Committee granted Extension of Time (EOT) to ensure smooth completion of the first phase. Discussions also focused on improving cargo movement through better road and rail connectivity to the port. Officials were directed to prepare proposals for constructing a northern access

road to the port, including land acquisition and budget requirements. The committee also emphasized the need to develop railway connectivity, including plans for a double railway line, and asked officials to submit detailed proposals covering land acquisition and funding aspects. The Ministers instructed departments to finalize all new proposals related to road and rail infrastructure before the next Sub-Committee meeting. Officials from the Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board, including CEO Abhishek Kumar and Chief Engineer G. V. Raghava Rao, along with representatives of the executing agency, participated in the meeting.

Once completed, the port is expected to boost development in the south coastal region and generate large-scale employment opportunities for local people.

YSRCP Leaders Will Be Remembered as "Historyless," Says Rammohan Naidu

SRIKAKULAM, April 11, 2026 | TPN BUREAU

Union Minister Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu launched a sharp attack on the YSR Congress Party leadership, alleging that they are attempting to spread negativity over the proposed development of the state capital Amaravati. He said that by opposing the constitutional and legislative support for Amaravati in Parliament, YSRCP leaders have placed themselves on the wrong side of history and will be remembered as "historyless."

Addressing the media in Srikakulam, the Minister accused YSRCP leaders of repeatedly making baseless allegations and creating confusion over development projects in Andhra Pradesh. He asserted that the Central Government remains fully committed to supporting the state's infrastructure growth and capital region development. Highlighting ongoing development works in Srikakulam district, Rammohan Naidu said several key projects are being implemented with Central assistance. He specifi-



cally mentioned progress in irrigation and water resource projects, stating that the Vamsadhara project works are nearing completion. He added that efforts are being made to complete the long-pending works on priority. The Minister also informed that a gazette notification has been issued with Central approval for constructing the Neredu Barrage on the Vamsadhara river. He said this project will significantly im-

prove irrigation facilities and benefit farmers across the region. Rammohan Naidu reiterated that the Central Government is committed to balanced regional development and assured that more projects will be sanctioned for North Coastal Andhra Pradesh in the coming months. He urged political parties to support development initiatives instead of creating obstacles for public welfare projects.



AP Government Invites PM for Bhogapuram Airport Inauguration

Visakhapatnam | April 11, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government has formally invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the upcoming Bhogapuram International Airport, a major greenfield aviation project being developed near Visakhapatnam.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has reportedly requested the Prime Minister to attend the inauguration ceremony, which is expected to mark a significant milestone in the state's aviation infrastructure development. The airport, also known as Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport, is being developed to serve the north coastal Andhra region and enhance global connectivity.

Officials said the project is in its final stages of construction, with terminal buildings, runway works, and connectivity infrastructure progressing

rapidly. The government is planning a grand inauguration once all essential works are completed.

The Bhogapuram airport is expected to replace and supplement existing air traffic from Visakhapatnam Airport, significantly increasing passenger capacity and boosting regional economic growth. It is also expected to improve tourism, trade, and investment opportunities in the region.

The invitation to the Prime Minister highlights the project's national importance and its alignment with India's expanding aviation network. The state government is also coordinating with central agencies to finalize inauguration dates and ensure smooth execution of the event.

Once operational, the airport is expected to become a key aviation hub for Andhra Pradesh, supporting both domestic and international flight operations.

BJP Leadership Meet in Delhi, AP Unit Plans 15-Day Expansion Drive

Delhi, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president P.V.N. Madhav met the party's national president Nitin Nabin in New Delhi on Friday and held extensive discussions on organisational strengthening and key political developments in the state.

During the meeting, Nitin Nabin released a pictorial book documenting the bus yatra conducted in Andhra Pradesh to mark the centenary celebrations of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The national president appreciated the initia-

tives undertaken by the state unit and lauded its efforts in reaching out to the public through large-scale programmes.

P.V.N. Madhav, in an official statement, expressed gratitude for the recognition and support extended by the national leadership. He said the discussions focused on the current political situation in Andhra Pradesh, coordination among party cadres, and effective implementation of upcoming programmes.

Madhav also announced that the state unit has prepared a special 15-day action plan aimed at strengthening

the party's presence across Andhra Pradesh. The plan will focus on expanding organisational structure from the village level to the booth level, ensuring deeper grassroots connectivity.

As part of the initiative, the party will intensify awareness campaigns on Central government welfare schemes, promote BJP ideology among the public, and launch membership drives to induct new workers into the organisation. Leaders believe these steps will help energise party activities across the state and improve coordination between various organi-

sational wings.

Senior leaders including B.L. Santhosh, Shivprakash, state organisation general secretary Madhukar Ji, state general secretaries N. Ram Ramesh Naidu and Sanareddy Dayakar Reddy, and OBC Morcha state president Rongali Gopi Srinivas were also present during the meeting. Party leaders expressed confidence that the deliberations in Delhi would further strengthen the BJP's organisational base in Andhra Pradesh and enhance its outreach programmes ahead of upcoming political activities.



Ministers Push Fast-Track Power Works in Amaravati

Amaravati, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Ministers Gottipati Ravi Kumar and Pon-guru Narayana have directed officials to expedite the devel-opment of power infrastruc-ture in the Amaravati Capital Region, emphasizing the need for timely execution and strict adherence to the approved master plan.

The directions were issued during a high-level review meeting held at the Secretariat with officials from the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) and the Energy De-partment. The meeting was at-tended by CRDA Commissioner Vijayarama Raju, CPDCL CMD Pullareddy, along with other senior officials.

During the meeting, the Min-isters conducted a detailed re-view of ongoing power infra-structure works across the capital region. They instructed officials to accelerate all pend-ing works and ensure comple-

tion within the stipulated time-lines without any delays. Stressing the importance of planning, the Ministers made it clear that all works must be carried out strictly in accord-ance with the master plan, without any deviations.

The Ministers also highlight-ed the need for better coordina-tion between departments, par-ticularly in the shifting of high-tension power lines, which is crucial for the smooth execution of other infrastruc-ture projects. They directed of-ficials to complete this process within the prescribed time-frame to avoid bottlenecks in development activities.

Ensuring uninterrupted power supply to key establish-ments was another major focus of the meeting. The Ministers instructed officials to give pri-ority to providing reliable elec-tricity to the residences of judges, ministers, public repre-sentatives, and All India Ser-vice officers in the capital re-



gion.They emphasized that a strong and dependable power infrastructure is vital for the overall growth and functional-ity of Amaravati as a capital city. The Ministers also stressed maintaining high-quality standards in execution while adhering strictly to dead-lines.The review meeting re-flects the government's com-mitment to fast-tracking infrastructure development in Amaravati and ensuring that essential services like power are efficiently established to support administrative opera-tions and future expansion.

YSRCP Moves NHRC Over Derogatory TV Remarks

Tadepalli/New Delhi, April 9 | TPN Bureau

The YSR Congress Party (YS-RCP) has lodged a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) over alleged derogatory re-marks aired on ABN Andhra Jyothi.

Tirupati MP Maddila Guru-moorthy, in his complaint, sought urgent intervention against a programme titled “Weekend Comment by RK” telecast on April 4, 2026. He al-leged that the broadcast con-tained abusive and defamatory comments targeting former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mo-han Reddy and YSRCP support-ers.The complaint highlighted a controversial remark de-scribing party supporters in an offensive and degrading man-ner, stating that it crossed the limits of fair political criticism

and harmed the dignity and reputation of individuals. Gu-rumoorthy also raised con-cerns over gender insensitiv-ity, noting that the comments trivialised marital relation-ships and undermined wom-en's dignity.

He argued that the telecast violated the right to reputation and dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution and accused the channel of airing unveri-fied content without offering an opportunity for response. The wide circulation of the programme across platforms further intensified its impact, he said.Citing key Supreme Court judgments, the MP urged the NHRC to take action against those responsible, en-sure removal of the content, and enforce ethical media standards to prevent such inci-dents in the future.

Youth Must Embrace Challenges and Stay Focused on Goals: Nara Lokesh

Bengaluru, April 10 | TPN Bureau:

Andhra Pradesh IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh urged students to embrace challenges and fo-cus on their goals instead of blindly following trends. He was speaking as the chief guest at the IB Diplo-ma Programme Gradua-tion Day 2026 held at Green-wood High International School in Sarjapur, Bengaluru.

Addressing the students, Lokesh said graduation is not just a ceremony but a milestone where dreams meet opportunities. He ap-preciated the student-cho-sen theme “Pioneering

Possibilities,” calling it a reflection of curiosity and courage. He encouraged students to question “What next?” and “Why not?”, which are essential for suc-cess in today's world.

He emphasized that edu-cation is not just about what one learns, but how one thinks. Recalling his time at Carnegie Mellon and Stanford, Lokesh said real learning shapes think-ing and decision-making abilities. He advised stu-dents to pursue their own goals rather than follow changing trends.

Sharing his personal journey, Lokesh spoke about his electoral defeat

in 2019 and how he turned it into motivation through his statewide Yuvagalam padayatra. He highlighted that perseverance and de-termination lead to suc-cess, as seen in his later electoral victory.

He stressed that in a world of shortcuts, ethics remain the strongest founda-tion. “What you do when no one is watching defines your character,” he said, urging students to uphold integrity and moral values. Lokesh concluded by en-couraging students to dream big, work hard, stay grounded, and contribute to society, calling them fu-ture leaders and global citizens.



YS Jagan Condemns Brutal Murder of Minor Girl, Slams Law and Order Situation

Tadepalli | April 10 | TPN Bureau

Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party president Y.S. Jag-an Mohan Reddy has expressed deep shock over the brutal murder of a 16-year-old girl, Keerthana, in Khajipet of YSR district, calling the incident a disturbing reflection of the de-teriorating safety environment for women in the state.

According to reports, the mi-nor girl was allegedly attacked inside her residence by a man who was reportedly obsessed with her. The accused is said to have slit her throat, leaving her critically injured. She was im-mediately shifted to Kadapa RIMS hospital, but succumbed to her injuries during treat-ment, triggering widespread outrage and grief.In a strongly worded statement issued from Tadepalli, Y.S. Jagan Mohan

Reddy condemned the incident and stated that such heinous crimes against women are un-acceptable in a civilized soci-ety. He said the repeated occur-rence of attacks on women indicates a serious failure of governance and law enforce-ment mechanisms.The YSRCP leader alleged that under the current administration, wom-en's safety has deteriorated sig-nificantly and criminals are operating without fear of con-

sequences. He further criti-cized the government for fail-ing to implement preventive measures despite rising inci-dents of violence, claiming that police vigilance and mon-itoring systems have weakened. Calling for immediate justice, Jagan Mohan Reddy demanded that the accused be arrested without delay and that the case be fast-tracked in a special court to ensure swift punish-ment. He emphasized that

strict legal action is necessary to deter such obsession-driven crimes and prevent recur-rence.He also conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the be-reaved family of Keerthana, praying for their strength to endure the irreparable loss. Party leaders and workers have also expressed grief over the incident, joining calls for stronger protection mecha-nisms for women across the state.



“Mavigan’ Joke Reflects YSRCP Ideology of Violence,” Says Sharmila

VIJAYAWADA, April 11, 2026 | TPN BUREAU

Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee president Y. S. Sharmila launched a scathing attack on the YSR Congress Party, alleging that its political ideology is rooted in violence and destruction. Speaking at a public meeting in Vijayawada, she strongly criticised the ruling party and its leadership over their stand on the state capital Amaravati and recent political narratives.

Sharmila ridiculed the pro-posal of naming Amaravati as “Mavigan,” referring to com-ments made by YSRCP leaders. She sarcastically suggested that if such naming conven-tions were to be followed, Puliwendula could also be re-named in a similar fashion, mocking the political symbol-ism behind the proposals. She further stated that leaders are attempting to project names filled with “guns and axes,” re-flecting what she described as a destructive mindset.

“Kill, destroy, and ruin’ seems to be their ideology,” she alleged, claiming that such an approach has defined the YS-RCP's political conduct. She also criticised the previous five-year tenure of the party, saying that not even a single brick was laid for the capital during that period. She pointed out that the demolition of Pra-ja Vedika immediately after coming to power reflected their governance style.

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ing their time in office. She also referred to earlier discus-sions on three capitals, ques-tioning the contradictions in policy decisions.

On Amaravati, Sharmila re-iterated that the Congress party has already clarified its po-sition in support of the capital and has extended backing in Parliament. She said the Cen-RCP's political conduct. She also criticised the previous five-year tenure of the party, saying that not even a single brick was laid for the capital during that period. She pointed out that the demolition of Pra-ja Vedika immediately after coming to power reflected their governance style.

Raising questions on the fea-sibility of the “Mavigan” con-cept, she asked why no such model was implemented dur-

Man Arrested in Vizag for Online Harassment of Renu Desai

VISAKHAPATNAM, April 11, 2026 | TPN BUREAU

A man from Visakhapatnam has been arrested by cyber-crime police for allegedly post-ing abusive and harassing comments against actress and filmmaker Renu Desai on so-cial media, officials said.

According to police, the ac-cused created a fake profile on a social media platform and used it to post objectionable and offensive remarks after viewing one of her recent posts. The complaint was filed following repeated instances of online harassment, prompt-ing a detailed investigation by the cybercrime unit.

Officials traced the digital footprint of the fake account and identified the suspect based on technical evidence, including IP tracking and mo-bile device usage. The accused was taken into custody from his residence in Visakhapat-nam and later shifted for fur-ther questioning.

Police stated that prelimi-nary investigation confirmed the involvement of the arrest-ee individual in creating and operating the fake account. They added that more details



will be revealed after comple-tion of the interrogation process.

Cybercrime officials have re-iterated that strict action will be taken against individuals misusing social media plat-forms to harass, threaten, or defame others. They warned that such activities are punish-able under cyber laws and can

lead to imprisonment and fines.

Renu Desai had reportedly approached authorities earlier seeking action against persis-tent online abuse targeting her on social media platforms. Po-lice assured continued moni-toring of such cases and urged the public to use digital plat-forms responsibly.

AP Government Clears Over 7,000 Crore Pending Bills: APNGOs Express Satisfaction

Vijayawada | April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh Non-Gazetted Officers' Association (APNGOs) has welcomed the state government's decision to release long-pending employee and pensioner dues amounting to over 7,000 crore, expressing gratitude on behalf of employ-ees and retirees across the state.

In a statement issued from Vijayawada, APNGO State President Alaparathi Ven-kateswara Rao and General Secretary D.V. Ramana thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for issu-ing orders to clear the massive backlog of payments that had been pending for several years. They also appreciated Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, the Chief Secretary, and other officials for playing a key role in expediting the process.

The leaders noted that em-ployees and pensioners have been facing severe financial difficulties due to delays in re-tirement benefits and other dues over the past few years. They said that many retired employees, especially those who served for decades, have been struggling without timely settlement of their post-retire-

ment benefits.

According to the association, the government has initiated phased payments covering var-ious categories, including 1,880 crore towards GPF dues, 72 crore for group insurance, 79 crore under APGLI, 3,600 crore towards gratuity, 1,800 crore for surrender leave en-cashment, 236 crore for police personnel leave encashment, and additional medical reim-bursements and other pending bills, collectively exceeding 7,000 crore.

The APNGO leaders stated that the decision reflects the government's commitment to employee welfare and is in line with assurances given during discussions with JAC rep-resentatives. They also noted that the swift implementation of the orders within a week of announcement is a positive development.

They further said that they will continue to bring other pending demands, including pay revision commission is-sues and remaining arrears, to the attention of the govern-ment and will work towards resolving them in coordination with the AP JAC.

APSRTC Launches Mandatory Periodic Health Check-ups for All Employees

Vijayawada, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

In a major initiative aimed at protecting employee health and preventing untimely deaths, the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) has announced the introduction of mandatory Periodic Health Check-ups (PHC) for its entire workforce.

The decision was formally announced by the Commissioner, PTD & Ex-Officio Vice Chairman & Managing Director of APSRTC. The move comes in response to a rising number of employee deaths, especially among drivers, caused by cardiac arrests and other serious health complications.

Until now, periodic medical examinations were restricted only to drivers. With the new policy, the corporation has extended the health check-up system to cover all categories of employees. All staff members aged above 45 years, including drivers and conductors, will now be required to undergo mandatory health screenings once every six months. The existing periodic medical examination protocol for drivers will

continue unchanged as per current norms.

The primary objective of this expanded health check-up programme is to detect serious ailments such as heart, liver, kidney, and other life-threatening conditions at an early stage. Early diagnosis is expected to enable timely medical intervention and significantly reduce the risk of medical emergencies while on duty.

The new Periodic Health Check-up system will be implemented across all APSRTC depots and units starting from May 1, 2026.

APSRTC officials stated that this proactive measure reflects the corporation's strong commitment to employee welfare. By prioritising health monitoring, the organisation aims not only to safeguard the well-being of its staff but also to enhance overall operational efficiency and ensure uninterrupted public transport services.

This initiative has been widely welcomed as a positive and forward-looking step towards creating a healthier and more secure working environment for thousands of APSRTC employees across Andhra Pradesh.

AP JAC Amaravati Hails Government for Clearing 6,979 Crore Pending Bills

Vijayawada, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh Joint Action Committee (AP JAC) Amaravati has expressed profound gratitude to the state government for initiating the payment of long-pending bills to employees and pensioners, describing it as a significant relief measure.

In a statement issued on Friday, AP JAC leaders Bopparaju Venkateswarlu and Paliseti Damodar Rao thanked Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu for fulfilling the assurances given during the employees' unions meeting on October 18, 2025. The leaders particularly appreciated Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav for giving priority to retired employees and families of deceased staff as per the request made by AP JAC. The government has begun releasing approximately 6,979.85 crore in pending dues, providing direct benefit to around 1,85,584 employees and pensioners. The payments, which commenced over the last two days, are expected to continue today and tomorrow. Break-up of the benefits being released:

- Gratuity: 3,612.03 crore benefiting 59,874 persons
- APGLI: 79.05 crore benefiting 4,984 persons
- GPF: 1,940.13 crore benefiting 32,399 persons

Surrender Leave Encashment: 1,111.76 crore benefiting 21,720 persons

Additional Surrender Leave (Police – 2025 First Batch): 236.87 crore benefiting 66,607 persons

The leaders recalled that AP JAC Chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu and the state leadership had repeatedly taken up the issue of pending bills with the Finance Minister, Chief Secretary, and other officials. They specially mentioned the written representation submitted to Payyavula Keshav on February 23, 2026, during the Assembly session, urging priority clearance of dues for retired and deceased employees' families.

AP JAC expressed heartfelt thanks to Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav for his positive and prompt response, and for personally taking the matter to the Chief Minister, which led to the swift release of funds despite heavy workload.

The committee stated that it would continue to work in coordination with the government to ensure timely release of all pending benefits for both pensioners and serving employees in the future as well. "Our struggle for the welfare of employees and pensioners will continue unabated," the leaders affirmed.

MLA Inspects School, Reviews Midday Meal Scheme

Vijayawada, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Last Constituency MLA Gadde Ramamohan said the coalition government is giving top priority to the education sector and ensuring quality facilities in government schools.

The MLA conducted a surprise inspection at Bellapu Sriramulu Municipal School in the 6th division of Vijayawada on Friday. During his visit, he reviewed the implementation of the midday meal scheme and interacted with school staff.

He stated that under the supervision of Education Minister Nara Lokesh, a special menu has been introduced to

provide nutritious food to students. He noted that 100 percent of students in the school are now availing the midday meal, compared to lower participation in the previous administration.

The MLA also highlighted infrastructure issues, stating that the school building has weakened over time and suffered minor damage due to recent rains and falling rocks. He assured that the matter would be brought to the notice of authorities and resolved soon.

He further suggested steps to improve drainage and maintenance and said efforts would be made through corporate social responsibility initiatives to upgrade facilities.



NTR Police Launch Bus Drive to Curb Road Accidents

Vijayawada, April 10 | TPN Bureau

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, NTR District Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhara Babu launched a special bus inspection drive to identify and address accident-prone black spots in the district.

The programme was conducted under the directions of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, with the participation of District Collector Lakshminisha and officials from 12 depart-

ments. The team inspected 28 accident-prone locations over a 40-km stretch from Ketanakonda to Enikepadu.

The Commissioner stated that road accident deaths reduced from 453 in 2024 to 378 in 2025, attributing the decline to awareness programmes. However, he noted that speeding continues to be a major concern, especially among two-wheeler riders. Authorities have identified 123 black spots in the district and are taking measures to reduce accident

severity.

He also highlighted that financial assistance has been provided to 281 hit-and-run victims as per Supreme Court guidelines. Officials stressed strict enforcement of helmet use, prevention of drunk driving, and curbing minor driving.

The administration plans to improve infrastructure at black spots and intensify awareness campaigns to ensure road safety and save lives.



Fly 91 Service Boosts Vijayawada Air Connectivity

Amaravati, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister Kollu Ravindra attended the inauguration of 'Fly 91' flight services at Gannavaram Airport, marking the launch of new connectivity between Vijayawada and Hyderabad.

Speaking at the event, the Minister said that expansion of air connectivity is a strong indicator of economic growth

and regional development. He stated that the government is committed to providing air connectivity to every district in the state.

Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu participated in the programme virtually and appreciated the efforts to strengthen the aviation sector.

Kollu Ravindra highlighted the transformation of Vijayawada airport from a small facility into a modern airport

capable of handling international flights. He added that construction of a new terminal and expansion of the runway are progressing at a fast pace.

He further stated that Andhra Pradesh currently has seven airports, with plans to establish nine more in the future. Improved air connectivity will enhance passenger travel, boost cargo movement, and support overall economic development in the state.

Use Tax Rebates Before Deadline: VMC Commissioner

Vijayawada, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanachandra has urged citizens to make use of the tax concessions announced by the government and clear their dues within the stipulated time.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner said that taxpayers can avail a 50 per-

cent interest waiver by paying the pending property tax dues for the financial year 2025-26 in one lump sum. He also stated that citizens can get a 5 percent rebate by paying advance property tax, including house tax and vacant land tax, for the financial year 2026-27.

He informed that these benefits are available only till April 30, 2026, and appealed to the public not to miss the op-

portunity. To facilitate citizens, tax payment centers will remain open even on holidays, ensuring convenience for all taxpayers. The Commissioner emphasized that timely payment of taxes will help improve civic infrastructure and services in the city. He requested all residents to take advantage of the scheme and contribute to the development of Vijayawada.



Minister Subhash Offers Prayers at Kanaka Durga Temple

Vijayawada, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasanamshetty Subhash visited the famous Indrakeladri hill shrine of Goddess Kanaka Durga in Vijayawada and offered special prayers.

The Minister was warmly received by temple officials and priests upon his arrival at the temple. He had darshan of the deity and performed special rituals seeking blessings.

After the Pooja, Vedic scholars offered him traditional blessings. The temple Assistant Executive Officer (AEO) presented him with sacred holy water (teertham), prasadam, and a ceremonial cloth as part of temple honours.

The Minister's visit was conducted smoothly with arrangements made by temple authorities, while devotees present at the temple witnessed the proceedings.

Collector Urges Citizens to Donate Blood

Machilipatnam, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Krishna District Collector D.K. Balaji has urged citizens to come forward and donate blood to save lives of people in need.

On the occasion of National Survey Day, the Collector, along with Joint Collector M. Naveen, inaugurated a blood donation camp at the Collectorate premises on Friday. The camp was organized by the Survey and Land Records Department.

The Collector and Joint Collector also donated blood, setting an example and encouraging others to participate. Several survey staff members

actively took part in the camp. Speaking to the media, the Collector said that organizing a blood donation camp on National Survey Day is a commendable initiative. He emphasized that blood is crucial for patients suffering from accidents, anemia, and various medical conditions.

He appreciated the efforts of the Survey Department in conducting the camp and called upon citizens to donate blood regularly. He also suggested that people can visit Indian Red Cross Society centers to donate blood during their free time. Officials, medical staff, and volunteers participated in the programme.

Jaggayyapeta Set to Emerge as Industrial Hub - Kesineni Sivanath

Jaggayyapeta, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) said Jaggayyapeta is set for rapid transformation into a major industrial hub in the coming years. He made these remarks while laying the foundation stone for development works worth Rs 7.15 crore in the town.

The projects, funded under the District Mineral Development Fund, include construction of roads, drainage systems, and culverts. The MP stated that with Amaravati gaining legal status as the state capital, regions like Jaggayyapeta will witness significant growth.

He emphasized that the gov-

ernment is planning large-scale industrial development, requiring around 1,400 acres of land. This includes proposals for defence industries and water-related projects. He added that infrastructure works such as National Highway expansion and railway line upgrades are progressing.

N. Chandrababu Naidu is committed to overall state development, he said, adding that efforts are underway to secure more central funds.

Local MLA Sriram Rajagopal and other leaders expressed confidence that these initiatives will significantly improve infrastructure and create employment opportunities in the region.

Sanitary Inspector Suspended After Death Incident at Kanaka Durga Nagar

Vijayawada, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Temple Executive Officer V.K. Seena Nayak has suspended Sanitary Inspector Rajini Priya for alleged negligence of duty following the death of an unidentified person, believed to be a beggar, in a toilet facility at Sri Kanaka Durga Nagar near Indrakeladri hill. In an official statement, the EO said a show-cause notice has also been issued to the sanitation agency Padmavathi Hospitality & Facilities Management Service, seeking an explanation for lapses in maintaining hygiene and supervision.

He further stated that two supervisors and two sanitary workers working in the Kanaka Durga Nagar area under the agency have been removed from their duties with immediate effect. Despite regular weekly training sessions for sanitation staff on maintaining cleanliness and interacting with devotees, the negligence displayed in this incident is unfortunate, the EO said. He added that even a review meeting was conducted on April 9 to guide staff on sanitation responsibilities.

The incident, he noted, has affected the reputation of the temple and highlighted the need for stricter accountability among sanitation personnel.



Goal, Hard Work Key to Success: Governor Nazir

Rajamahendravaram, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Governor Abdul Nazeer emphasized that clear goals, hard work, and determination are the keys to success while addressing students at the 16th and 17th convocation ceremonies of Adikavi Nannaya University.

Congratulating the graduates, the Governor said they had achieved an important milestone through dedication and perseverance. Quoting A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, he highlighted the importance of continuous effort in achieving one's goals. He also stressed that ed-

ucation should not only impart knowledge but also develop analytical thinking and empathy.

Referring to the National Education Policy 2020, he noted that significant reforms are underway in higher education, aiming for 50 percent gross enrolment by 2035. He encouraged students to contribute to society and play a vital role in achieving the vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047." The Governor received a warm welcome from district officials and public representatives and was accorded a ceremonial farewell after the event.



Beware of Fake Social Media Profiles: Prakasam SP

Prakasam, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Prakasam District Superintendent of Police has warned citizens to stay alert against rising cyber frauds involving fake social media profiles. He advised people not to respond immediately if they receive urgent money requests from known contacts on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. The SP explained that cybercriminals create fake accounts using photos and details collected from unsecured profiles. They send friend requests to the victim's contacts,

who often accept them assuming it is a genuine second account. Later, fraudsters initiate conversations and request money citing emergencies.

He urged the public to verify such requests by calling the concerned person before transferring money. Citizens were also advised to lock their social media profiles to enhance privacy and security.

The SP further asked victims to report such incidents immediately by calling helpline 1930 or filing complaints on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal.



Resolve Revenue Issues Promptly: Nellore JC

Nellore, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Nellore Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu directed revenue officials to work responsibly and ensure speedy resolution of public grievances related to revenue matters. He chaired a review meeting at the Collectorate and discussed key issues such as revenue clinics, PGRS grievances, mutations, dotted lands, Section 22A cases, zero accounts, resurvey matters, and pending court cases. The Joint Collector reviewed pendency mandal-wise with tah-

sildars and emphasized the need for a planned approach to clear backlogs efficiently. He instructed officials to thoroughly understand recent government amendment circulars and implement them effectively. Stressing on legal matters, he directed tahsildars to file counters in court cases on time without delay. He also ordered immediate correction of errors in pattadar passbooks and disposal of resurvey-related petitions without pendency. Senior revenue officials and staff attended the meeting.



Three School Buses Gutted in Kadapa Fire Incident

Kadapa, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Three buses belonging to private schools were gutted in a fire incident at Kogatam village in Kamalapuram mandal of Kadapa district late Thursday night. According to reports, buses from various private schools in Proddatur are usually parked in an open area in the village after dropping students. On Thursday, the buses were parked as usual after completing their trips. However, around midnight, a fire suddenly broke out, engulf-

ing three buses. Locals noticed the flames and immediately alerted the fire department. Fire personnel rushed to the spot and managed to bring the blaze under control, preventing further damage. While no casualties were reported, the buses were completely damaged in the incident. Police have launched an investigation to determine the cause of the fire. Authorities are examining whether the incident occurred due to a short circuit or if it was an act of mischief by unidentified persons.



'Mana Badi-Gnana Bata' Campaign Launched in Nellore

Nellore, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Nellore Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu announced that "Mana Badi-Gnana Bata" education awareness programmes will be conducted across the district from April 10 to 18 to increase student enrolment in government schools. The Joint Collector unveiled posters and pamphlets

at the Collectorate, prepared by the Education Department, marking the launch of the campaign. He stated that government schools are being developed to match corporate institutions with improved infrastructure, experienced teachers, and quality education. He highlighted that students are being provided with facilities such as modern laboratories, smart

TVs, free educational kits, and nutritious midday meals under government initiatives. Schools are scheduled to reopen on June 12 with enhanced facilities. Appealing to parents, he urged them to enroll their children in government schools for a better future. District officials and education department representatives participated in the programme.



Collector Orders Fast-Tracking of Waste Processing in Kurnool

Kurnool, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Kurnool District Collector Dr. A. Siri has directed officials to expedite the scientific processing of legacy waste at the Gargayapuram dump yard under the city's solid waste management initiative. During an inspection visit, the Collector, along with Municipal Commissioner P. Viswanath and public health officials, reviewed operations at the sewage treat-

ment plant (STP) in Devanagar and the dump yard at Gargayapuram. She emphasized the need to complete bio-mining and bio-remediation processes swiftly to clear accumulated waste spread across nearly 15 acres and make the land reusable. Officials were instructed to scientifically segregate recovered materials and prepare an action plan for establishing a waste-to-energy unit and a Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The Collector

also stressed improving the functioning of the STP as per standard operating procedures and ensuring continuous monitoring of treated water quality. Further, she directed the early transfer of infrastructure maintenance responsibilities from the Public Health Department to the Municipal Corporation to streamline operations. Senior officials from municipal and public health departments participated in the inspection.

Collector Warns of Action Over Water, Sanitation Lapses

Kurnool, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Kurnool District Collector Dr. A. Siri warned officials of strict action for negligence in drinking water supply and sanitation management. At a review meeting with MPDOs and RWS officials, she highlighted issues like falling groundwater levels and borewell failures causing water shortages. Despite water availability from Tungabhadra sources, she questioned lapses in distribution and directed officials to ensure equal supply to all areas. The Collector stressed that repeated complaints or negative reports would lead to disci-



plinary action, including withholding increments. She also ordered immediate clearance of garbage in villages and strict monitoring of sanitation practices. Officials were instructed to fix pipeline leakag-

es, prevent water wastage, and maintain proper chlorination records in overhead tanks. She emphasized that ensuring safe drinking water and cleanliness is a primary responsibility of all departments.



Barashahid Dargah Gateway Inaugurated in Nellore Rural

Nellore Rural, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy and State Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Aziz inaugurated the newly constructed entrance gateways of the Barashahid Dargah, built at a cost of Rs 2.30 crore. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said the dargah will be further developed with the support of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Minister Ponguru Narayana, and MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy. He as-

sured that he would continue to work for the development of the dargah. Abdul Aziz stated that the Barashahid Dargah is a symbol of communal harmony, where people from all religions participate in the annual Rotte festival. He added that development works will continue to enhance facilities for devotees. He also noted that efforts are now being made to improve infrastructure, which were pending earlier. Deputy Mayor Syed Tahseen and other community leaders and religious representatives attended the programme.



Steps Initiated for Service Roads at Allipuram Cross

Nellore, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Sarapalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy has initiated measures to address frequent accidents and traffic congestion at Allipuram Cross on the national highway. The MLA, along with National Highways Project Director Chowdary and Corporation Commissioner Nandan, inspected the area and reviewed possibilities for constructing service roads. Officials observed that the lack of service roads has been a major cause of repeated traffic jams and road accidents at the junction.

It was decided that constructing service roads on both sides of the highway would significantly improve traffic flow and enhance road safety. Plans are underway to build a service road from NTR Nagar petrol bunk to Narukuru Road along the highway. Discussions were also held on extending service roads from Allipuram junction up to NTR Nagar to streamline vehicle movement. The MLA directed officials to expedite the proposals and complete the works at the earliest to prevent accidents and resolve long-standing traffic issues in the area.

CPI Padayatra for MGNREGS Continuation

Anantapur, April 10 | TPN Bureau

The Communist Party of India (CPI) and agricultural labour unions have launched a three-day padayatra in Anantapur district demanding the continuation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). The march is being led by CPI National Secretary K. Ramakrishna along with senior leaders including Muppalla Nageswara Rao, Akkineni Vanaja, and

State Secretary Gujjala Eswaraiiah. Leaders alleged that the proposed VBG Ramji scheme would weaken rural employment and harm poor workers. They opposed the requirement for states to contribute 40 percent of funds, calling it unfair. The CPI also accused the Centre, led by Narendra Modi, of attempting to dilute MGNREGS. A public meeting will be held on April 12 at Bandlapalli, with participation from D. Raja and other leaders.



Shettipalli Land Registrations Begin, Major Relief to Beneficiaries

Tirupati, April 10 | TPN Bureau

The long-pending issue of Shettipalli lands has finally been resolved with the official commencement of the registration process, bringing relief to residents of the area.TUDA Chairman Dollars Divakar Reddy supervised the registration process and termed it a historic step. TUDA Vice Chairman R. Govind Rao and Sub-Registrar Sriram Kumar were also present during the programme.Speaking on the occasion, Divakar Reddy said the issue, which had remained unresolved for nearly 40 to 50 years, was addressed within 100 days of assuming office. He credited the support of Chief

Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Nara Lokesh, along with coordination among officials, for achieving this milestone.The registration process began at 8 AM across Tirupati, Rural, and Renigunta sub-registrar offices, ensuring transparency. The government is bearing approximately Rs 16 crore towards registration fees, ensuring beneficiaries do not incur any cost.Around 900 beneficiaries owning less than two cents of land are being allotted two cents free of cost. Authorities also announced plans to develop Shettipalli into a mega township with roads, drainage, electricity, and other infrastructure facilities.



Sullurupeta to Be Developed as a Model Constituency: MLA Nelavala Vijayasree

Sullurupeta Constituency, April 10 | TPN Bureau:

MLA Dr. Nelavala Vijayasree said that Sullurupeta constituency will be developed into a model constituency under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. She conducted an extensive tour in Tada mandal on Friday and launched several development activities.At Karu village, she laid the foundation stone for a village clinic building being constructed at a cost of 36 lakh. In Tadakandriga, she inaugurated two secretariat buildings, a village health clinic, and a Rythu Seva Kendram. She also inaugurated a solar panel system at the Tada

MPDO office and flagged off Swachh Rath vehicles to strengthen sanitation services. Later, during a Praja Darbar program, the MLA distributed cheques worth 4,53,614 to nine beneficiaries under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. She stated that 15 village health clinics have been sanctioned in the constituency and instructed officials to complete them at the earliest.She emphasized that these clinics will improve healthcare facilities in rural areas and assured continued support for people facing medical and financial difficulties. Former MP Nelavala Subrahmanyam, local leaders, and officials attended the program.



Free Cancer Screening Camp Conducted by SVIMS in Tirupati

Tirupati, April 10 | TPN Bureau:

A free cancer screening camp was organized at IS Mahal Secretariat in Tirupati under the supervision of Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences. The program focused on early detection and awareness of cancer through visual presentations and medical tests.As part of the camp, women were provided mammogram and Pap smear tests to detect breast and cervical cancer. Additionally, oral cancer screening was conducted for both men and women using a mobile "Pink Bus" facility.The

initiative was conducted under the guidance of SVIMS Director and Vice Chancellor Dr. RV Kumar. The program was supervised by Community Medicine Professor Dr. Anju Damu Ade, along with nodal officers Dr. Bhavani and Dr. Siva Santosh.With support from the district medical and health department, awareness rograms and mobile cancer screening services are being intensified across Tirupati district.Officials also announced upcoming Pink Bus camps on April 13 at Chinnabazaar Street and April 17 at Rajanna Park under Nehru Nagar Urban PHC limits.

Strict Measures to Prevent Maternal and Infant Deaths: Collector G. Lakshmisha



NTR District, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau:

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha directed officials to take stringent measures to prevent maternal and infant deaths in the district. He emphasized that dedicated and disciplined services from ASHA workers to medical officers are crucial in saving lives.The Collector chaired a

review meeting of the Maternal and Infant Death Monitoring and Response Committee at the Collectorate. He reviewed the performance of health officials, specialists, and field-level staff.Speaking on the occasion, he said every life is valuable and even small precautions can help prevent deaths. He instructed officials to analyze the causes of past maternal and infant deaths

and prepare a comprehensive action plan to avoid recurrence. He stressed the importance of regular health check-ups for pregnant women from the early stages and directed ANMs and ASHA workers to create awareness at the village level. Special care should be given to high-risk pregnancies, ensuring proper nutrition, medicines, and timely medical support

Gudivada Youth Murdered in Haryana

Krishna District, April 10 | TPN Bureau:

A shocking incident has come to light as a youth from Gudivada was brutally murdered in Haryana. The deceased has been identified as Bandla Rishikesh (26), a native of Bethavolu in Gudivada.

Rishikesh had completed his B.Tech from Lovely Professional University in Punjab and was working as a software employee in Hyderabad. About ten days ago, he had traveled to Haryana and was reportedly working



in a software-related job while staying in a rented room along with friends. On Friday, he was found

dead in a pool of blood in his room under suspicious circumstances. Local police informed Gudivada police, who then confirmed his identity and alerted his family members.

Rishikesh's father is said to run a small grocery shop for livelihood. Upon receiving the tragic news, family members immediately left for Haryana.

Police have initiated an investigation into the incident, and further details regarding the motive and circumstances of the murder are yet to be known.



Special Focus on Roads, Drainage and Drinking Water in Tirupati: MLA Arani Srinivasulu

Tirupati City | April 10 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu has stated that special focus is being given to improving roads, drainage systems, and drinking water supply in the city to ensure better civic infrastructure for residents.

On Friday, the MLA performed ground-breaking ceremonies for road and drainage works in Divisions 43 and 41. In 43rd Division, he laid the foundation stone for a CC road

construction project worth 30 lakh in Sapthagiri Nagar. Later, he also initiated works for drainage and CC road development in the 41st Division.

He assured that efforts are being made to ensure pothole-free roads, prevent drainage overflow, and resolve drinking water pipeline leakages, ensuring uninterrupted supply of clean drinking water to the public. He said internal road development is being given top priority.Arani Srinivasulu

also noted that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan are closely monitoring Tirupati's development. He added that all election promises will be fulfilled in a phased manner. During the visit, he directed engineering officials to immediately resolve UDS-related issues in Sapthagiri Nagar. Local leaders, engineers, and civic representatives participated in the programme.



Expedite Land Acquisition for NH-716: Tirupati JC

Tirupati, April 10 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati Joint Collector R. Govindarao has directed officials to expedite land acquisition works for National Highway 716 connecting Renigunta and Kadapa.The Joint Collector, along with Srikalahasti RDO Bhanu Prakash Reddy, inspected the ongoing land acquisition process and reviewed progress on the ground. He stressed the importance of completing the acquisition without delays to ensure timely execution of the highway

project.During the visit, residents of Karakambadi Indiranagar Colony appealed to the officials to facilitate the payment of pending land compensation. Responding positively, the Joint Collector assured that necessary steps would be taken to ensure that eligible landowners receive their due compensation at the earliest. He instructed concerned officials to coordinate effectively and resolve issues related to compensation and land records to avoid delays in the project.



Infant Deaths Reviewed at District-Level Meeting

Tirupati, April 10 | TPN Bureau

A district-level review meeting on infant deaths was conducted under the supervision of District Medical and Health Officer Dr. V. Balakrishna Naik at the DMHO office.The meeting reviewed ten infant deaths reported across the district during February and March. The DMHO sought detailed explanations from medical officers of primary health centres and doctors from hospitals where treatment was provided to understand the causes behind the

deaths.He also assessed the services rendered by ANMs, ASHA workers, mid-level health providers, and Anganwadi staff. Emphasizing the importance of timely healthcare, the DMHO directed field staff to regularly visit pregnant women, lactating mothers, and infants to ensure proper medical care, guidance, and monitoring.He warned that any delay or negligence in providing services would invite strict action. Several senior doctors, health officials, and front-line workers attended the meeting.



Paritala Sunitha Visits Srikalahasteeswara Temple

Srikalahasti, April 11 | TPN Bureau

MLA and former minister Paritala Sunitha visited the famous Sri Kalahasteeswara Swamy Temple along with her family and offered special prayers.On her arrival, Temple Executive Officer B.K. Venkatesulu extended a warm welcome and arranged for darshan inside the sanctum, followed by Vedic blessings. The temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva along with Goddess Jnana Prasoonamba, is a

prominent pilgrimage destination attracting devotees from across the region. During the visit, special rituals were performed, and temple priests offered blessings to the MLA and her family.Temple Trust Board members including Gurrappa Shetty, Gopinath, and Lakshamma, along with invited guest Shailaja, Protocol AEO Mohan, and temple officials participated in the programme. Local leaders and party representatives were also present on the occasion.

TDP Leaders Challenge YSRCP for Debate on Development in Penamaluru

Kankipadu, April 10 | TPN Bureau

At a press meet held at the TDP office in Kankipadu, Penamaluru constituency, Krishna district spokesperson Tummalapalli Hari Krishna and other coalition leaders challenged the YSRCP to a public debate on development works in the region.

The leaders said they are ready to compare development achieved during the previous YSRCP government and the pre-

sent coalition rule. They praised MLA Bode Prasad for initiating development works worth nearly 200 crore in the constituency, including key infrastructure projects in Tadigadapa Municipality. They highlighted that recently 105 crore worth of works were launched in Tadigadapa, including master plan roads and civic infrastructure covering multiple constituencies. According to them, these programmes received strong public response

with large participation. The coalition leaders alleged that opposition parties are unable to accept the pace of development and are making baseless allegations. They defended efforts to secure municipal funds, stating these are aimed at improving basic facilities like drinking water, roads, and drainage. They urged opposition leaders to engage in constructive politics focused on public issues rather than criticism.



Apollo University Hosts Grand Sports & Cultural Day-2026 in Chittoor

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The “Sports and Cultural Day-2026” celebrations at Apollo University were held with great enthusiasm on Friday evening, showcasing the talents and creativity of students in a festive campus atmosphere. The event, conducted at Murakambattu Apollo Knowledge City, marked the conclusion of two weeks of inter-collegiate sports competitions. Students actively participated in events such as cricket, volleyball, badminton, and athletics, displaying strong sportsmanship and team spirit.

Vice-Chancellor H. Vinod Bhatt, who attended as the chief guest, said that participation matters more than victory and appreciated the improved

performance of students in both sports and cultural activities. He noted that Apollo students are also performing well in inter-university competitions. Winners of various sports events were felicitated with prizes and certificates during the programme. Organisers appreciated all participants for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the competitions. The cultural performances were a major attraction, featuring classical dances, modern choreography, drama, fashion shows, and socially themed skits that impressed the audience. Senior university officials and faculty members participated in the event, making it a memorable celebration of sports and culture on campus.



SP Tushar Dudi Inspects Ramakuppam Police Station

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Chittoor District SP Tushar Dudi, IPS, conducted a surprise inspection at Ramakuppam Police Station and reviewed law and order, case investigations, and station records. He examined case diaries, crime records, village rosters, and pending investigation files. The SP directed officials to speed up arrests in pending cases and ensure effective investigation in serious offences including crimes against women, property cases, and road accidents. He emphasized that there should be no compromise

in maintaining peace and public safety. He also reviewed road safety measures and instructed officials to identify accident-prone black spots and take preventive action. The SP ordered increased visible policing near schools, hotels, and public places, along with strict night and day patrolling. He also stressed awareness programmes on road safety, cyber-crime, loan app frauds, and child protection laws in schools and colleges. Officials including ASP Dr. Tarun Pahwa and SDPO Parthasarathi participated in the inspection.

Chittoor Community Clinic Inaugurated; Collector Urges Public Use

Chittoor | April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Sumit Kumar urged residents of Chittoor Municipal Corporation to effectively utilize the newly inaugurated Community Health Clinic for better and affordable healthcare services. The clinic at Mitur was inaugurated as part of a joint initiative between the Andhra Pradesh Government and Christian Medical College Vellore (CMC Vellore). The facility aims to strengthen ward-level health services and reduce pressure on major hospitals by offer-

ing primary care closer to the public. The Collector said government-medical institution collaboration is essential to ensure equal access to quality healthcare. He appreciated the partnership with CMC Vellore as a key step in improving health infrastructure. CMC Vellore Director Dr. Biju George said outpatient services will begin from April 13, operating Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Officials said the clinic will serve nearby colonies with improved and low-cost medical services.

Waltair Division Felicitates Top Ticket Checking Staff

Visakhapatnam | April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Divisional Railway Manager Lalit Bohra felicitated the best-performing ticket checking staff of Waltair Division for their outstanding performance in the year 2025-26. The event was held in the presence of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager K. Pavan Kumar. Officials appreciated the efforts of ticket checking teams including station staff, amenities staff, and squad teams for their dedication. The division achieved 26.21 crore in ticket checking revenue from fare and penalties, registering a 3.05% growth compared to the previous year. This performance reflects improved enforcement and passenger compli-



ance across the division. TTI Y. Appala Raju of Vizianagaram stood as the top performer by detecting over 850 cases and generating 50.20 lakh in revenue. Other staff members were also felicitated for their

contributions. The DRM praised their commitment, stating the achievement sets a new benchmark and motivates others to ensure discipline and efficiency in railway operations.

TDCO Houses Housewarming Ceremony for 1,648 Beneficiaries: MLA Sudheer Reddy

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Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy has announced that a grand housewarming ceremony will be conducted for 1,648 TDCO housing beneficiaries in the constituency, marking a major welfare milestone.

Addressing a media conference along with temple committee representatives and coalition leaders, the MLA said

that the coalition government led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is committed to the welfare of the poor and ensuring “a house for every eligible family.” He said the initiative reflects the vision laid down by late leader Bojjala Gopala Krishna Reddy, whose efforts have now come to fruition. The housewarming programme is scheduled to be held on April 15, coinciding with the birth anniversary of the late leader.

The MLA stated that personally participating in the distribution and housewarming of these homes is a matter of pride and emotional satisfaction. He extended his wishes to all beneficiaries, hoping they live happily in their new homes. Coalition leaders also invited the public to participate in the event and make it a grand success, highlighting it as a significant step in the government’s housing welfare programme.

Anganwadi Workers Key to Child Health: CDPO Jhansi

Vetapalem | April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

CDPO Jhansi has called upon Anganwadi workers to play a key role in protecting child health and ensuring proper nutrition through effective implementation of the “Poshan Pakhwada” programme. She addressed a project-level meeting held at Pandilapalli and said the 15-day awareness campaign, from April 9 to 23, should focus on nutrition education for pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children. She instructed workers to spread awareness on healthy food habits and child care practices. She also reviewed PMMVY registrations and Poshan Tracker App data entry, stressing accuracy while updating records of beneficiaries, especially migrant fami-



lies. PHC doctor Dr. S. Jayakumar highlighted rising cases of both malnutrition and obesity among children and advised continuous awareness on balanced diet

and hygiene. Officials, supervisors, and Anganwadi workers participated in the meeting, aiming to strengthen community health services at the grassroots level.

MLA Srinivasulu, SAAP Chairman Ravi Naidu Inspect NTR Sports Complex

Tirupati | April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

SAAP Chairman Ravi Naidu along with Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu inspected the newly constructed Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao Sports Complex at Gollavanigunta, Tirupati, which is ready for inauguration. During the visit, they reviewed the final works and infrastructure facilities at the sports complex. They instructed officials to complete all pending works in a planned manner without any delay or irregularities. The leaders emphasized that proper coordina-



tion among departments is essential to ensure smooth inauguration arrangements. They directed officials to maintain quality standards and complete preparations within the scheduled time. They stated that the sports complex will help promote

sports activities among youth and support the development of emerging talent in the region. Officials assured that all arrangements will be completed on time for the upcoming inauguration ceremony, ensuring smooth execution of the event.



SC Commission Chairman KS Jawahar Visits Srikalahasti Temple

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K.S. Jawahar, Chairman of the Scheduled Caste Commission, Andhra Pradesh, on Friday visited the sacred Sri Kalahasteswara Swamy Temple in Srikalahasti Temple for darshan. Temple Executive Officer B.K. Venkatesulu warmly received him and arranged for special inner sanctum darshan along with Vedic blessings. The visit was conducted as per

temple protocols with due honours extended to the dignitary.

Officials including Protocol AEO Mohan and APRO Ravi were present during the visit and coordinated the arrangements. The temple authorities ensured a smooth and respectful darshan experience for the Chairman. The visit concluded with Vedic priests offering traditional blessings, highlighting the spiritual significance of the temple and its rituals.



Red Sanders Smuggler Gets 5-Year Jail, 6 Lakh Fine

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In a major verdict against forest offences, a court has sentenced a red sanders smuggler to five years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of 6 lakh. The judgment was delivered by the RSASTF ADJ Court judge Justice Narasimhamurthy on Friday in connection with Crime No. 21/2017. The accused, R. Ramarajan from Tiruvannamalai district of Tamil Nadu, was arrested in the Nagapatla East Forest Beat area under Chamala Section in Tirupati district while attempting illegal transportation

of red sanders logs from the Sheshachalam forests.

The Andhra Pradesh Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF), led by L. Subbarayudu under the supervision of SP J. Kuleshakar, pursued the case with strong evidence and ensured conviction through coordinated prosecution efforts. Special Public Prosecutor Aluguri Amaranarayana presented key evidence in court, leading to the conviction. Following the verdict, the accused was shifted to Nellore Central Jail. Officials said the ruling sends a strong warning to smugglers operating in the Sheshachalam forest region.



Padmavati Ammavari Vasanthotsavam from April 30 in Tiruchanur

Tirupati | April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The annual Vasanthotsavam of Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple will be held in a grand and devotional manner from April 30 to May 2, temple authorities announced. The festivities will begin with Ankurarpanam on April 29 at 6 PM, marking the ceremonial start of the three-day event. Devotees can participate in the Vasanthotsavam service by paying 150 and receive the blessings of Goddess Padmavathi. A major highlight will be the Swarna Rathotsavam on May 1 at 9:30 AM, ex-

pected to attract large numbers of devotees. Daily Snapanam Tirumanjanam will be performed from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM, followed by evening processions through the mada streets between 7:30 PM and 8:30 PM, allowing devotees to have darshan of the goddess. As part of the preparatory rituals, Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam will be held on April 28 from 6 AM to 9 AM, involving purification of the temple premises with sacred substances. The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has requested devotees to participate in large numbers and seek divine blessings.

PM Modi Congratulates Nitish Kumar on Rajya Sabha Oath, Praises His Political Experience

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday congratulated Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar after he took oath as a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha. The Prime Minister praised Kumar's long political experience and his contributions to governance, saying his presence in Parliament would further strengthen democratic functioning.

In a message posted on social media, PM Modi described Nitish Kumar as one of the most experienced leaders in the country. He noted that Kumar's commitment to good governance has been widely recognised and appreciated across political circles. The Prime Minister also expressed confidence that Nitish Kumar's experience would enhance the dignity and functioning of Parliament.

"Nitish Kumar ji is one of the most experienced leaders in the country. His commitment to good governance has been appreciated everywhere," PM Modi said in his message. He further added that Kumar has made an indelible contribution to the development of Bihar and that it would be a pleasure to see him back in Parliament once again.



Nitish Kumar, who has had a long and influential political career, has previously served as a Member of Parliament

and also held key portfolios as a Union Minister. His return to Parliament marks a significant moment in national politics, particularly as he transitions from state-level leadership to a more prominent role in national policymaking.

The oath-taking ceremony took place in New Delhi and was attended by several senior political leaders. Among those present were Union ministers and prominent leaders from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), reflecting the political significance of Kumar's return to the national stage.

Nitish Kumar's move to the Rajya Sabha is seen as an important political development, especially for Bihar politics. His shift to national politics is expected to pave the way for leadership changes in the state and influence future political alignments. Analysts believe his experience and administrative background may play a key role in parliamentary debates and policymaking at the national level.

Having served multiple terms as Bihar Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar is widely known for his governance initiatives and administrative experience. His return to Parliament after a long gap underscores his continued relevance in Indian politics and signals a new phase in his political journey.

With Prime Minister Modi extending his congratulations and highlighting Kumar's achievements, the development reflects continued cooperation within the NDA and sets the stage for Kumar's renewed role in national politics.



Amit Shah Rejects Claims Of BJP Links With HumayunKabir, Gives "Babri" Remark

Union Home Minister Amit Shah dismissed claims of any connection between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former Trinamool Congress leader HumayunKabir, responding to a viral sting video that surfaced ahead of the West Bengal elections. Shah said the BJP would prefer to remain in opposition for decades rather than align with leaders associated with building a Babri Masjid-style structure in West Bengal.

The controversy erupted after a sting video allegedly showed HumayunKabir claiming he had been in contact with senior BJP leaders and struck a 1,000-crore deal to help defeat the Trinamool Congress. The authenticity of the video, however, has not been independently verified. The development triggered sharp political reactions, with the Trinamool Congress targeting both Kabir and the BJP.

Responding to questions about the video, Amit Shah strongly denied any possibility of an alliance with Kabir. He said the BJP and Kabir were "like the South Pole and the North Pole" and could never come together. Shah further added that the BJP would rather sit in the opposition for 20 years than support individuals who talk about constructing a Babri Masjid-like structure in Bengal.

HumayunKabir had earlier drawn attention after advocating the construction of a mosque in West Bengal styled

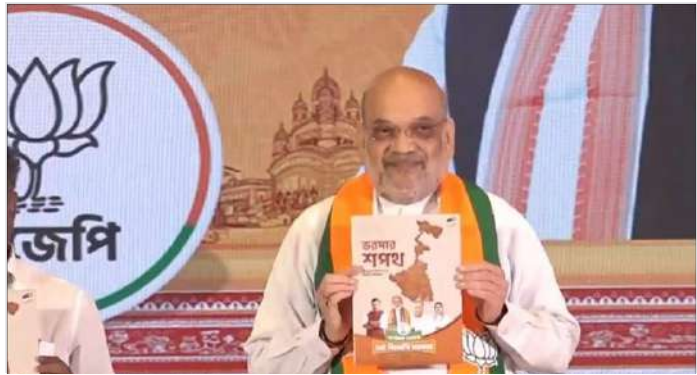
after the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, which triggered political controversy. Shah referenced this issue while rejecting any suggestion of ties between the BJP and Kabir.

In his remarks, Shah also alleged that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's party was capable of producing multiple such videos for political gain. He accused the Trinamool Congress of attempting to create confusion ahead of elections and reiterated that the BJP would not compromise its principles.

Meanwhile, HumayunKabir dismissed the sting video as fake and claimed it was generated using artificial intelligence to malign his image. He alleged that the Trinamool Congress was behind the video and warned that he would file defamation cases if proof was not provided.

The controversy also impacted Kabir's political alliances. The All India Majlis-e-IttehadulMuslimeen (AIMIM), which had earlier supported his newly formed party, announced that it would end its alliance following the sting controversy.

With elections approaching, the episode has intensified political tensions in West Bengal, with parties trading allegations over the sting video and its implications. Shah's remarks underline the BJP's attempt to distance itself from the controversy while attacking its political rivals in the state.



Uniform Civil Code In 6 Months, 3,000 For Women: Amit Shah Announces BJP's Bengal Manifesto

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday released the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) manifesto for the 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections, promising sweeping reforms including implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) within six months and monthly financial support of 3,000 for women. The manifesto, titled "SankalpPatra," outlines the party's roadmap for governance, welfare, and economic development in the state.

West Bengal is scheduled to vote in two phases, with polling set for April 23 and April 29. The BJP is aiming to challenge the ruling Trinamool Congress with a mix of welfare schemes and governance reforms.

A major highlight of the manifesto is the promise to implement the Uniform Civil Code within six months if the BJP comes to power. Amit Shah said the move would ensure equal laws for all citizens and strengthen governance in the state. The commitment reflects the party's long-standing position on uniform civil laws across communities. Another key announcement was a monthly financial assistance of 3,000 for women to promote economic independence. The scheme aims to provide direct financial support to eligible

beneficiaries and strengthen women's welfare in the state.

The manifesto also includes several other promises targeting employment, governance, and economic revival. The BJP pledged job opportunities, improved infrastructure, and industrial development, including reviving projects like Singur to boost manufacturing and employment in the state.

Additionally, the party promised stronger law-and-order measures, anti-corruption actions, and governance reforms. The manifesto also highlights plans for better healthcare, education, and social welfare schemes, positioning the BJP as an alternative to the current government. The BJP also focused on women's empowerment and employment generation, proposing reservation for women in jobs and other economic initiatives. These measures aim to attract key voter groups ahead of the elections.

With elections approaching, the release of the manifesto marks a significant moment in West Bengal politics. Amit Shah urged voters to support the BJP's vision of development and governance, while the party seeks to expand its presence in a state where it is attempting to unseat the ruling Trinamool Congress.

Congress' Baramati Withdrawal Not A Retreat, But A Calculated Political Strategy

The Congress party's decision to withdraw its candidate from the Baramati bypoll may appear to be a political setback at first glance, but party leaders have described the move as a carefully planned strategy shaped by both political sensitivity and long-term electoral considerations. The development has cleared the way for SunetraPawar, wife of the late AjitPawar, to gain a stronger position in the upcoming election.

The bypoll was necessitated following the death of AjitPawar in a plane crash earlier this year. In what party leaders described as a "mark of respect," Congress decided to withdraw its candidate roughly two weeks before the April 23 polling date. The move reflects a combination of political courtesy and strategic thinking, aimed at maintaining alliances and goodwill in Maharashtra's complex political landscape.

Initially, the Congress had fielded a candidate from Baramati, signalling that it would not compromise on its ideological opposition to the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance. However, the later decision to withdraw demonstrated flexibility in approach and a broader political calculation. Leaders within the party indicated that the withdrawal was not a sign of weakness but rather a tactical decision to strengthen relationships and preserve future political opportunities.

The decision was reportedly taken under the leadership of Maharashtra Congress chief HarshwardhanSapkal, who assessed both the emotional sentiment following AjitPawar's death and the potential benefits of maintaining political harmony. By stepping back, Congress signalled that it was willing to prioritise long-term political positioning over short-term electoral gains.

Political observers believe

the move could also help Congress maintain relevance in Maharashtra politics while avoiding a potentially difficult contest in a constituency closely associated with the Pawar family. Baramati has long been considered a stronghold of the Pawar family, making the bypoll a sensitive political test. Meanwhile, even though Congress withdrew its candidate, the election will still take place as independent candidates remain in the fray. However, the absence of a major opposition contender has significantly strengthened SunetraPawar's chances.

Overall, Congress' withdrawal from the Baramati bypoll reflects a multi-layered political strategy. By balancing respect, alliance dynamics, and future electoral calculations, the party has positioned itself for long-term gains while avoiding a direct confrontation in a politically symbolic constituency.



Strike Delayed During Operation Sindoor To Respect Namaz, Says Army Chief

Chief of Army Staff General UpendraDwivedi has revealed that the Indian Army deliberately delayed a planned strike on terrorist camps during Operation Sindoor to avoid disrupting "namaz", highlighting the force's emphasis on ethical conduct even during military operations. The disclosure offers a rare insight into the decision-making process behind the operation and reflects a balance between strategic objectives and humanitarian considerations.

Speaking on the podcast "Before I Became Me" by IIMUN, General Dwivedi explained that the operation allowed flexibility in timing, with commanders able to launch the strike at different hours. However, once it became clear that individuals at the target loca-



tion were engaged in prayers, the Army decided to postpone the action. He said the decision was guided by a broader value system and respect for religious practices, even in hostile environments.

"When we were to destroy these targets, the timing was two o'clock, four o'clock, anytime. But we made sure that when the people on the other side were going through their 'namaz' prayer in the terrorist

camp, we said this time will not touch...." General Dwivedi said, adding that the strike was carried out later at a suitable time. His remarks underlined the Army's emphasis on restraint and professionalism while executing sensitive missions. The Army Chief's comments also reflected his leadership philosophy, which integrates ethical judgment into military strategy. He noted that such decisions are not accidental but stem from institutional values guiding the armed forces in complex operational environments. This approach, he suggested, strengthens both operational credibility and moral authority.

General Dwivedi also spoke about personal influences that shaped his leadership style. He credited his daughters for shaping his views on gender

inclusion and workplace norms within the Army, highlighting the importance of diversity and inclusivity in modern military leadership.

Operation Sindoor, launched to target terrorist infrastructure, has been described by military leaders as an example of evolving warfare strategy that blends precision, coordination, and restraint. The Army Chief's remarks provide further insight into how operational planning goes beyond tactical considerations to include humanitarian and ethical factors. (The revelation underscores the Indian Army's effort to maintain professional standards while conducting counter-terror operations, demonstrating that military effectiveness can coexist with respect for human values even in high-risk situations.



Poll Flying Squad Checks TVK Chief Vijay's Vehicle In Tamil Nadu, No Cash Found

Actor-turned-politician and TamilagaVettriKazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay's vehicle was inspected by an election flying squad in Tamil Nadu ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections. Officials stopped and searched the vehicle as part of routine checks being conducted to ensure compliance with the Election Commission's guidelines during the poll period.

The incident occurred near the Madurai-Sivaganga border when Vijay was travelling by road for his election campaign. Flying squad teams, deployed across the state to monitor violations of the Model Code of Conduct, intercepted the vehicle and carried out a thorough inspection. These checks are part of standard procedures aimed at preventing the transport of unaccounted cash, gifts, or other prohibited items during elections.

Officials conducted a detailed search of the vehicle to ensure there were no violations of election rules. Vijay reportedly cooperated fully with the authorities during the inspection, which lasted only a short time. After completing the checks, officials confirmed that no unaccount-

ed cash or suspicious items were found. The vehicle was then allowed to proceed with the campaign schedule.

Election authorities have intensified surveillance across Tamil Nadu as the state prepares for Assembly elections scheduled later this month. Flying squads, static surveillance teams, and other monitoring units have been deployed statewide to curb illegal cash distribution and other electoral malpractices. Such checks have become common during the election period and apply to candidates from all political parties.

Vijay, who is contesting his first Assembly election, has emerged as a significant political player in Tamil Nadu with his party aiming to challenge established political forces. The vehicle inspection comes amid heightened monitoring of campaign activities and movements of political leaders across the state. With no violations found, the incident ended without controversy, and Vijay continued his campaign as scheduled. The episode highlights the Election Commission's strict enforcement of poll rules and the routine nature of such checks during election season.

Lebanese President Calls for Ceasefire Before Talks With Israel

Joseph Aoun has said that a ceasefire with Israel is the only viable solution to the escalating conflict, stressing that negotiations cannot begin while fighting continues. His remarks come amid intensified Israeli strikes in Beirut and growing regional tensions. **Ceasefire 'Only Solution,' Says Lebanese President** President Joseph Aoun stated that the situation facing Lebanon can only be resolved through a ceasefire that would pave the way for direct negotiations between Lebanon and Israel. He made the comments after meeting representatives of the country's Maronite community, noting that Lebanon's proposal for a

ceasefire and talks is receiving positive international responses. Aoun also said Lebanon is continuing discussions with other countries to build diplomatic support for a ceasefire and negotiations, signaling ongoing international engagement in efforts to de-escalate the crisis. **Israel Open to Talks, But Fighting Continues** Meanwhile, Benjamin Netanyahu said he has directed officials to begin direct talks with Beirut as soon as possible. However, Israeli officials indicated that negotiations could take place even while military operations continue, with no ceasefire currently in place. Netanyahu also reiterated

that Israel is not observing a ceasefire in Lebanon and will continue targeting positions linked to Hezbollah. The comments came as Israeli forces launched fresh strikes in Lebanon, further escalating tensions. **Heavy Casualties and Escalating Violence** The conflict has intensified in recent days, with reports indicating that more than 300 people were killed in Israeli bombardments in Lebanon within 24 hours. The continued violence has raised concerns about regional stability and humanitarian conditions. EyalZamir also stated that Israeli forces are continuing combat operations in Lebanon and are not current-

ly in a position to agree to a ceasefire, reinforcing Israel's stance on ongoing military action. **Iran Warns Talks May Collapse** Iran has warned that peace negotiations could remain suspended if Israeli attacks continue in Lebanon. Reports suggest that planned diplomatic talks involving multiple countries may be delayed until a ceasefire is implemented. Additionally, diplomatic efforts are underway, with Pakistan offering to mediate talks between the parties. However, continued strikes have placed the fragile truce under strain, raising doubts about immediate progress.

Growing International Pressure International leaders and diplomatic channels are increasingly pushing for de-escalation, as fears grow that the conflict could expand across the region. The situation remains fluid, with ceasefire calls intensifying even as military operations continue. In summary, Lebanon is pushing for a ceasefire as a prerequisite for negotiations with Israel, while Israel has indicated willingness for talks but without halting military operations. The conflicting positions highlight the fragile diplomatic environment and uncertain path toward peace in the region.



Islamabad Prepares for US-Iran Peace Talks; Lebanon Conflict Casts Shadow – All You Need to Know

Pakistan's capital Islamabad is preparing to host high-stakes peace talks between the United States and Iran following a fragile ceasefire, but uncertainty remains as ongoing Israeli strikes in Lebanon threaten to derail the diplomatic effort. The proposed negotiations are seen as a crucial step toward reducing tensions in West Asia and stabilising global energy markets. **Why Talks Are Being Held**The possible meeting comes after a two-week ceasefire agreement between the United States and Iran, which temporarily halted hostilities following weeks of intense conflict. The war escalated after a US strike killed Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on February 28, triggering a broader regional conflict involving Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon. Pakistan emerged as a key mediator during the crisis and invited both Washington and Tehran to hold direct negotiations in Islamabad. If held, the talks could mark the first in-person discussions between US and Iranian officials since the conflict began. **Lebanon Conflict Complicates Talks** Despite preparations, the negotiations remain uncertain

because Iran has linked its participation to a halt in Israeli strikes in Lebanon. Israel has continued military operations against Hezbollah, creating a major obstacle to diplomatic progress. The continued violence has raised concerns that the fragile ceasefire between the United States and Iran may collapse before talks even begin. The Lebanon conflict has therefore become one of the biggest hurdles in moving forward with negotiations. **What Will Be Discussed** If talks proceed, discussions are expected to focus on several key issues:

- Extending the ceasefire between the US and Iran
- De-escalating regional tensions
- Maritime security in the Strait of Hormuz
- Ending hostilities involving Israel and Hezbollah
- Broader peace framework for the Middle East

 The Strait of Hormuz remains a critical topic because it is one of the world's most important oil shipping routes. Any disruption could impact global energy supplies and inflation. **Security Tightened in Islamabad** Pakistan has stepped up se-

curity arrangements ahead of the potential talks. Authorities deployed additional forces and increased security measures around key government buildings and diplomatic areas in Islamabad. The preparations reflect the high stakes and sensitivity surrounding the negotiations. **Why Pakistan Is Playing Mediator** Pakistan's diplomatic role has grown significantly during the crisis. The country maintains relations with both Washington and Tehran, allowing it to act as an intermediary. Officials hope the talks could help prevent a wider regional war and stabilise the situation. **What Happens Next** The success of the Islamabad talks depends largely on whether tensions in Lebanon ease. If Israeli strikes continue, Iran may delay or withdraw from negotiations, potentially jeopardising the fragile ceasefire. In summary, Islamabad is preparing for crucial US-Iran peace talks following a temporary ceasefire, but ongoing fighting in Lebanon threatens to derail the diplomatic effort. The coming days will determine whether negotiations proceed and whether the fragile peace holds.

Trump Says Oil Will Flow Through Strait of Hormuz Amid Iran Tensions; Peace Talks Remain Uncertain

U.S. President Donald Trump has said oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz will continue "with or without" Iran's cooperation, as uncertainty persists over ceasefire terms and ongoing conflict involving Iran, Israel, and Lebanon. **Trump Criticises Iran Over Oil Movement** Trump criticised Iran's handling of oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, calling it a "very poor job." He said the situation did not match the agreement reached between Washington and Tehran, adding that oil flow through the crucial maritime route would continue regardless of Iran's stance. His comments highlighted uncertainty surrounding the ceasefire and what exactly the deal covers. The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most critical en-

ergy chokepoints, through which a significant portion of global oil supplies passes. Any disruption in the route has immediate effects on global oil prices and energy markets. **Ceasefire Still Fragile** The remarks came after a fragile ceasefire between the United States and Iran, brokered with mediation efforts involving Pakistan. The truce aimed to reduce tensions and restore safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz, while paving the way for broader peace negotiations. However, continued military actions in Lebanon have raised doubts about whether the ceasefire will hold. Iran has warned that peace talks could become "unreasonable" if Israeli strikes continue, underlining the fragile nature of the agreement.

Israel-Lebanon Conflict Adds Complications Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered direct talks in Washington aimed at disarming Hezbollah, even as Israeli military operations continue in Lebanon. The ongoing strikes have complicated diplomatic efforts and increased regional tensions. Iran has also expressed concern that continued Israeli military action could undermine the ceasefire and derail negotiations between Washington and Tehran. **Peace Talks Expected** Peace talks between the United States and Iran are expected to focus on de-escalation measures, maritime security in the Strait of Hormuz, and broader frameworks to end the conflict. The proposed discus-

sions could mark the first direct talks between the two sides since the conflict escalated earlier this year. **Global Impact** The situation remains fluid, with global markets closely watching developments. Any disruption to the Strait of Hormuz could affect oil prices, inflation, and economic growth worldwide. In summary, Trump's statement that oil will flow through the Strait of Hormuz underscores growing pressure on Iran, while ongoing Israeli strikes in Lebanon and fragile ceasefire terms continue to complicate diplomatic efforts. The coming days will be crucial in determining whether peace talks move forward or tensions escalate further.

No Ceasefire in Lebanon as Israel Intensifies Strikes; US Signals Possible Talks

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ruled out a ceasefire in Lebanon, stating that military operations against Hezbollah will continue despite growing international pressure and ongoing diplomatic efforts. The announcement came as Israel launched fresh strikes in Lebanon, further escalating tensions in the region. **Israel Rejects Ceasefire Calls** Netanyahu asserted that there is "no ceasefire in Lebanon" and emphasized that Israeli forces would continue their campaign against the Iran-backed Hezbollah group until all security objectives are achieved. He reiterated that Israel considers its operations in Lebanon separate from the broader ceasefire linked to the ongoing US-Israel-Iran conflict. The Israeli military also confirmed new strikes targeting what it described as Hezbollah positions, indicating that operations would proceed "with full force" despite diplomatic



developments. The continued attacks have raised fears of further escalation across the Middle East. **Heavy Casualties Raise Global Concern** According to reports cited by international media, more than 300 people were killed in Israeli bombardments in Leba-

non within 24 hours of the ceasefire announcement earlier in the week. The scale of the strikes triggered concern from humanitarian organisations and global leaders, who called for restraint and de-escalation. The rising death toll and continued strikes have intensified fears that the conflict could widen, potentially destabilising the region further. **US Signals Possible Talks** Despite the ongoing fighting, diplomatic efforts appear to be underway. A US State Department official indicated that Israel and Lebanon may hold talks in Washington next week. The proposed discussions are expected to focus on disarming Hezbollah and reducing tensions between the two sides. However, there has been no official confirmation from either Israel or Lebanon regarding participation in the talks. Lebanon has reportedly indicated that it would prefer a formal ceasefire before entering negotiations, highlighting a major

obstacle to diplomacy. **Trump Urges Restraint** Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump said he had urged Netanyahu to scale back military operations in Lebanon to support diplomatic efforts. Speaking to media, Trump stated that he asked Israel to "low-key it," suggesting that Washington is pushing for reduced hostilities to enable negotiations. **Fragile Situation Continues** The ongoing strikes and uncertain diplomatic efforts have created a fragile situation in the region. While talks are being considered, the absence of a ceasefire and continued military action suggest that tensions remain high. In summary, Israel has rejected calls for a ceasefire in Lebanon and continues military operations against Hezbollah, even as the United States signals possible peace talks. With casualties rising and diplomacy still uncertain, the conflict remains volatile with no immediate resolution in sight.

Rift Within Republicans Over Trump's Iran Ceasefire Efforts

A growing divide has emerged within the Republican Party over U.S. President Donald Trump's efforts to secure a ceasefire with Iran, highlighting tensions within his political base and the broader "America First" coalition. The disagreement has intensified as Trump shifted between threatening Iran and pursuing diplomatic negotiations. **Republican Support Base Faces Strain** The internal friction began after the war involving the United States, Israel, and Iran escalated in late February 2026. Trump's move to push for a fragile ceasefire surprised many supporters who viewed him as taking a tougher stance against Iran. Some Republicans expressed frus-

tration, arguing that the ceasefire contradicted Trump's earlier strong rhetoric, including threats to escalate military action. The disagreement has exposed divisions within Trump's traditional "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) base. Several conservative commentators and long-time allies publicly criticized the President's handling of the conflict, further deepening the rift. **Trump Hits Back at Critics** Trump responded sharply to critics, including Tucker Carlson, Megyn Kelly, Candace Owens, and Alex Jones. In a social media post, Trump dismissed them as having "low IQs" and accused them of opposing efforts to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.



These remarks intensified tensions within conservative circles, with critics pushing back strongly against Trump's comments and policy shifts. **Conservative Figures**

Voice Opposition Some prominent conservative voices criticized Trump's approach to negotiations with Iran. Candace Owens reportedly referred to Trump as a "Mad King," while others

questioned the administration's diplomatic strategy. Laura Loomer, a Trump supporter, also opposed negotiations with Iran and criticized Vice President JD Vance's involvement in peace talks negotiating with Iran was unacceptable despite backing Trump overall. Meanwhile, Marjorie Taylor Greene, once a strong Trump ally, went further and suggested invoking the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office after his aggressive rhetoric during the crisis. **Political Impact Ahead of Elections** The internal divisions have raised concerns about potential political fallout ahead of U.S. midterm elections. Analysts suggest that the party's future could depend on

whether voters remain focused on domestic issues like inflation and economic conditions rather than foreign policy conflicts. Republican strategist Chris Wilson said the party hopes the Iran conflict fades from public attention before elections, noting that foreign policy issues rarely determine midterm outcomes. **Approval Ratings and Public Sentiment** Trump's handling of the conflict also comes amid mixed public approval ratings. A poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that only about four in ten Americans approved of Trump's performance as president. While 63 percent of Republicans supported airstrikes on Iranian targets,

only about 20 percent backed sending ground troops. Rising fuel prices also emerged as a concern, with many Republican voters worried about economic impacts from the conflict. **Uncertain Path Ahead** Despite the tensions, Trump continues to maintain strong support within segments of the Republican Party. However, the ongoing disagreement over Iran policy highlights growing divisions within his political base and raises questions about the long-term unity of the MAGA movement. The situation remains fluid, with the ceasefire and negotiations still evolving. The political consequences of this internal rift could become clearer as diplomatic efforts progress and elections approach.

Sensex Surges 900 Points, Nifty Reclaims 24,000 as Markets Rebound Strongly

Indian equity markets witnessed a strong rebound on April 10, 2026, with benchmark indices rallying sharply after recent volatility. The BSE Sensex jumped more than 900 points, while the Nifty 50 climbed back above the crucial 24,000 mark, reflecting improved investor sentiment and broad-based buying across sectors.

Strong Closing Gains

At the closing bell, the Sensex surged 918.60 points, or about 1.20 percent, to settle at 77,550.25. The Nifty 50 also ended higher by 275.50 points, or 1.16 percent, closing at 24,050.60. Markets opened on a positive note and maintained upward momentum throughout the session, supported by buying in banking,

financial, auto, and metal stocks. The Nifty even touched an intraday high of 24,074.05 before ending near day's peak levels. The rally marked a sharp recovery after the previous session's weakness, indicating renewed confidence among investors. Broader markets also participated in the rally, though gains were more pronounced in large-cap stocks.

Banking Stocks Lead Rally

One of the major contributors to the market's rise was the banking sector. The Nifty Bank index climbed around 2 percent during the day, with leading lenders showing strong performance. Stocks such as ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, and Federal Bank emerged among top gainers, boosting overall mar-

ket sentiment.

Financial stocks saw strong buying interest as investors returned to fundamentally strong companies following recent corrections. The sector's performance helped lift both benchmark indices significantly.

Global Cues Support Market Sentiment

Positive global cues also played a key role in boosting domestic markets. European markets traded higher during the session, while global equities remained stable, providing additional support to Indian stocks. Meanwhile, crude oil prices softened, which improved inflation outlook and strengthened investor confidence.

Lower crude oil prices are particularly beneficial for In-

dia, as the country is heavily dependent on imports. This development helped reduce concerns about inflation and fiscal pressure, further supporting equity markets.

Sectoral Performance Mixed

While most sectors ended in the green, the IT sector remained under pressure and was among the few laggards during the session. However, strong gains in banking, auto, and financial stocks more than compensated for losses in select sectors. Midcap and smallcap stocks also witnessed buying interest, though their gains were relatively modest compared to large-cap stocks.

Market Outlook

Analysts believe that the sharp rebound indicates un-



derlying strength in the market, but caution remains due to global uncertainties. Investors are advised to remain selective and focus on fundamentally strong stocks, especially in banking and fi-

ancial sectors. Overall, the day's performance reflects resilience in Indian markets and suggests that investors are willing to buy dips amid improving global sentiment and stable

domestic fundamentals. With Nifty reclaiming the 24,000 level, market participants will now watch upcoming global cues and corporate developments for further direction.

Coal India Falls Over 4% After Cost Absorption Decision; Emerges Top Nifty Loser

Shares of Coal India declined sharply on April 10, 2026, falling more than 4 percent to become the top loser on the Nifty 50 index. The drop came after the state-run coal producer announced measures to absorb rising input costs instead of passing them on to consumers, a move that raised concerns about margin pressure among investors.

Stock Performance

Coal India stock dropped about 4.2 percent during the session, slipping to around 435. The decline occurred even as the broader market remained positive, highlighting company-specific concerns. The stock's fall placed it among the worst performers on the benchmark index for the day.

The weakness in Coal India shares came after the company indicated that it would absorb rising operational costs and take pricing-related steps to maintain coal affordability. Investors reacted negatively to the development, as absorbing costs could weigh on profitability in the near term.

Rising Input Costs Behind the Fall

Coal India revealed that key input costs have surged significantly in recent weeks. Prices of explosives, which are essential for mining operations, have jumped sharply. Ammonium nitrate—a major component used in explosives—surged around 44 percent to 72,750 per metric tonne.

Additionally, industrial diesel prices have risen nearly 54 percent, increasing from about 92 per litre to around 142 per litre. Diesel is another major expense for Coal India, as it is heavily used in mining and



transportation activities.

These steep increases in operational costs have significantly impacted the company's expense structure. However, instead of passing the higher costs to customers, Coal India decided to absorb the burden to keep coal prices stable.

Measures Taken by Coal India

To manage rising costs while maintaining affordability, Coal India has taken several steps:

- Absorbing higher input costs internally
- Reducing reserve prices in some coal auctions
- Increasing the frequency and volume of coal auctions
- Ensuring adequate supply to domestic consumers

These measures aim to prevent a rise in coal prices that could affect power generation costs and inflation across the economy.

Impact on Investors

While the company's move is seen as beneficial for power

producers and consumers, investors worry that cost absorption could reduce margins and profitability in the near term. This concern led to selling pressure in the stock.

Coal India plays a crucial role in India's energy sector, supplying coal to power plants and industries. Any change in pricing or cost structure has broader implications for the economy and the company's earnings outlook.

Market Outlook

Analysts suggest that Coal India's decision reflects a strategic move to support domestic energy stability amid global volatility. However, the stock may remain under pressure in the short term if input costs continue to rise.

Going forward, investors will closely monitor crude oil prices, geopolitical developments, and Coal India's pricing strategy. These factors will determine whether the stock stabilizes or faces further volatility in the coming sessions.

Stock Market Holiday on April 14: NSE, BSE to Remain Closed for Ambedkar Jayanti

Indian stock markets will remain closed on April 14, 2026, on account of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti. Both the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) will suspend trading across all major segments, resulting in a shortened trading week for investors and market participants.

Markets to Stay Shut Across Segments

Trading in equity, equity derivatives, and currency derivatives segments will remain closed on Tuesday, April 14. This means there will be no activity in stocks, futures and options, or currency markets for the entire day. The closure applies to all investors, including retail traders, institutional investors, and brokers. The holiday comes shortly after multiple recent market closures, including Good Friday earlier in April. As a result, the coming week will have fewer trading sessions, which may lead to increased volatility in the remaining days.

Commodity Market Timings

While equity markets will remain closed for the full day, commodity trading on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) typically remains shut in the morning session during such holidays and reopens in the evening session. Investors trading commodities should check exchange notifications for final timings.

Upcoming Market Holidays in



2026

Ambedkar Jayanti is among several scheduled stock market holidays in 2026. After April 14, the next trading holiday will be observed on May 1 for Mahatma Day. Other holidays later in the year include Bakri Eid, Muharram, Ganesh Chaturthi, Gandhi Jayanti, and Dussehra. (

What Investors Should Know

Market holidays can sometimes lead to higher volatility before or after the break, as

traders adjust their positions. Investors may also see changes in global markets during the holiday period, which could influence domestic markets when trading resumes. Market participants are therefore advised to plan their trades, settlements, and portfolio adjustments accordingly. Long weekends and holidays often impact liquidity, which may affect short-term price movements. **Trading to Resume on April 15** Normal trading activity across

all segments will resume on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Investors will closely track global cues, crude oil prices, and foreign institutional investor activity once markets reopen. In summary, April 14, 2026, will be a non-trading day for Indian stock markets due to Ambedkar Jayanti. Traders and investors should plan their strategies accordingly and stay updated on global developments during the holiday period.

Business in the Week Ahead (April 13–17, 2026): Earnings Season, Global Tensions and Key Data in Focus

The upcoming week from April 13 to April 17, 2026, is expected to be packed with significant triggers for markets and businesses. Global geopolitical tensions, corporate earnings announcements, macroeconomic indicators, and market volatility are likely to keep investors cautious. The ongoing conflict in West Asia continues to influence crude oil prices, inflation expectations, and investor sentiment, making the week ahead particularly crucial for market direction.

Geopolitical Tensions Remain the Biggest Risk

One of the most important factors influencing markets remains the ongoing conflict in West Asia. Rising tensions have pushed crude oil prices higher, which directly impacts inflation, currency movement, and corporate profitability. Since India is heavily dependent on crude imports, any sharp rise in oil prices could increase costs for industries such as aviation, logistics, chemicals, and manufacturing. Investors are therefore expected to closely monitor developments in the geopolitical situation, which may drive market sentiment throughout the week. Additionally, fluctuations in crude oil prices may also affect the rupee. A weaker rupee can raise import costs while benefiting export-oriented sectors such as IT and pharmaceuticals. Currency movement, therefore, remains another important factor

to watch in the coming week.

Earnings Season to Kick Off

The upcoming week will also mark the beginning of the new earnings season, which is expected to set the tone for market direction. Investors will closely track quarterly results from major companies, as earnings guidance will provide insights into business performance amid global uncertainties. The IT sector will be in focus, particularly as companies prepare to announce their quarterly numbers. Analysts expect mixed results due to cautious spending by global clients, though a weaker rupee could support revenue growth for export-oriented firms. Market participants will also watch management commentary on demand outlook, cost pressures, and future growth.

Global Economic Data to Drive Sentiment

Apart from corporate earnings, several global economic indicators are scheduled for release during the week. These include inflation data, GDP numbers, and manufacturing indicators from major economies such as the United States and China. These data points are expected to influence global market sentiment and foreign investment flows. US inflation and growth numbers will be particularly important, as they may impact expectations around interest rate decisions by the Federal Reserve. Any indication of prolonged

high interest rates could lead to foreign investor outflows from emerging markets like India.

FII and DII Activity Under Watch

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) have been cautious in recent weeks, and their activity will remain a key trigger. Continued selling by foreign investors could keep markets under pressure. On the other hand, domestic institutional investors (DIIs) have been providing support to the markets, helping cushion declines.

Market experts believe that clarity on geopolitical tensions and crude oil prices will determine whether FIIs return as buyers.

Market Volatility Likely to Continue

Overall, volatility is expected to remain high during the week. Technical indicators suggest that markets may continue to react to global developments rather than domestic fundamentals. Investors are therefore advised to remain selective and cautious while making investment decisions.

In conclusion, the week of April 13–17, 2026, is expected to be eventful with key triggers including geopolitical developments, corporate earnings, global economic data, and institutional investor activity. These factors will play a crucial role in shaping market sentiment and determining short-term direction for equities.

Gold ETF Inflows Slow in March; Silver ETFs Continue to See Outflows

Gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) witnessed a moderation in inflows during March 2026, while silver ETFs continued to experience outflows, reflecting changing investor sentiment and volatility in precious metal prices, according to data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

Gold ETF Inflows Drop Sharply

Gold ETFs recorded net inflows of 2,265.68 crore in March, significantly lower than 5,254.95 crore in February. This represents a decline of about 56.9 percent on a month-on-month basis. The slowdown comes after strong inflows earlier in the year, particularly in January when gold ETFs saw investments exceeding 24,000 crore.

Despite continued positive inflows, overall assets under management (AUM) of gold ETFs declined during the month. AUM dropped from 1.79 lakh crore in February to 1.71 lakh crore in March. The decline in assets was mainly due to mark-to-market losses following a correction in gold prices during the period.

Market experts noted that the moderation in inflows reflects normalization after strong investor interest earlier in the year. Analysts also pointed out that investors may have slowed fresh allocations as gold prices witnessed volatility



in March.

Silver ETFs Extend Outflows

Silver ETFs continued to remain under pressure, extending their outflow trend during March. The category had already witnessed its first net outflow in nearly 28 months in February, when investors withdrew about 826 crore. The continued outflows in March suggest weakening investor interest in silver-based investment products. The fall in silver ETF assets was sharper compared to gold ETFs, reflecting both investor withdrawals and price corrections in silver. The trend indicates that investors may be shifting preferences or reducing exposure to sil-

ver amid market volatility.

Investor Sentiment Shifts

The contrasting trend between gold and silver ETFs highlights changing investor behavior. While gold continues to attract inflows, albeit at a slower pace, silver ETFs are witnessing consistent withdrawals. This divergence suggests investors may be favoring gold as a safer asset during uncertain market conditions.

Gold is often considered a hedge against inflation and market volatility, which may explain continued interest despite slowing inflows. On the other hand, silver tends to be more volatile due to its industrial demand component, which may have contributed to

investor caution.

Outlook for Precious Metal ETFs

Analysts believe that the direction of gold and silver ETFs will depend on several factors, including global interest rates, inflation trends, currency movement, and geopolitical developments. Any further volatility in global markets could influence investor allocations toward safe-haven assets like gold. Overall, March data indicates that while gold ETFs continue to attract investments, the pace has moderated significantly. Meanwhile, silver ETFs remain under pressure with continued outflows, reflecting cautious investor sentiment toward precious metals.

Patidar Blazes Half-Century as RCB Post Massive Total Against RR

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) put up a commanding batting display against Rajasthan Royals (RR) in their IPL 2026 clash, powered by a brilliant knock from captain Rajat Patidar, who led from the front with a fluent half-century. His explosive innings formed the backbone of RCB's imposing total, setting up a strong contest for the second innings. After losing the toss, RCB were asked to bat first and got off to a shaky start with an early wicket in the powerplay. However, Patidar steadied the innings with a mix of caution and aggression. He timed the ball beautifully, rotating strike effectively while also punishing loose deliveries to keep the scoreboard moving at a healthy rate. Patidar's innings of 63 runs off just 40 balls included crisp boundaries and powerful sixes, showcasing his ability to accelerate under pressure. At one stage, RCB found themselves in a precarious position after losing quick wickets in the middle overs, but the skipper's composure ensured the team did not collapse.

He was well supported by the middle order, as RCB's lower batting unit added valuable runs in the death overs. A late surge helped the team cross the 200-run mark, putting Rajasthan Royals under significant pressure in the chase. Virat Kohli also contributed with a quickfire start, while other batters chipped in with useful cameos to push the total further. The partnership-building approach in the middle overs proved crucial in rebuilding momentum after early setbacks. RR bowlers struggled to contain the flow of runs, especially in the final overs where RCB capitalised with aggressive stroke play. Despite picking up wickets at regular intervals, Rajasthan Royals failed to stop the scoreboard from accelerating.

RCB eventually finished with a formidable total, widely seen as above-par on the surface. The innings highlighted Patidar's growing reputation as a dependable leader and match-winner for the franchise, particularly in high-pressure situations. With a challenging target ahead, the match now promises a thrilling second half as Rajasthan Royals look to chase down a strong RCB total.



Yuvraj Singh Reacts After Stuart Broad Threw His Signed Jersey in Dustbin

Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh recently reacted to an unusual incident involving former England pacer Stuart Broad, revealing that he had no issues with Broad throwing his signed jersey into the dustbin. The incident dates back to the iconic 2007 ICC T20 World Cup, when Yuvraj Singh smashed six consecutive sixes in an over bowled by Stuart Broad—one of the most memorable moments in cricket history. Following that match, Broad's father, Chris Broad, reportedly asked Yuvraj Singh to sign an Indian jersey for his son as a gift. However, when Stuart Broad received the signed jersey, he reportedly threw it into the dustbin out of frustration and anger following the historic six-sixes moment. Yuvraj Singh's Reaction Speaking about the incident, Yuvraj Singh said that he completely understood Broad's reaction and even described it as "acceptable." He acknowledged that Broad would have been extremely upset after conceding six sixes in a single over, which justified his emotional response at the time. Yuvraj added that such reactions are natural in competitive sports, especially after a moment that becomes part of cricketing folklore. His response reflected sportsmanship and mutual respect between the two players despite the intense on-field rivalry. One of Cricket's Most Iconic Moments The six-sixes over remains one of the most celebrated moments in cricket history. During that match, Yuvraj Singh smashed six consecutive deliveries over the boundary, creating a record that still stands as one of the most explosive displays of batting in T20 cricket. Despite the painful memory, Stuart Broad later went on to build a highly successful career for England, becoming one of their leading fast bowlers across formats. The incident, however, continues to resurface as one of the most talked-about episodes between India and England in T20 cricket. Sportsmanship Beyond Rivalry Yuvraj Singh's reaction highlights the respect shared among players beyond on-field rivalries. Instead of taking offense, he acknowledged Broad's emotions and treated the situation with humor and understanding. Even years after the famous six-sixes moment, the story continues to capture fans' attention—not just for the record itself, but also for the human emotions behind it.



“Not Out of Syllabus”: Arjun Tendulkar’s Warning Comes True as MukulChoudhary Lights Up IPL 2026

Lucknow Super Giants' young sensation MukulChoudhary stunned the Indian Premier League with a breathtaking match-winning knock, but for teammate Arjun Tendulkar, the performance came as no surprise. The left-arm all-rounder had already warned about Mukul's explosive batting abilities well before the game, and his prediction proved spot-on. MukulChoudhary Turns Match on Its Head During Match 15 of Indian Premier League 2026 at Eden Gardens, Lucknow Super Giants chased down 182 runs against Kolkata Knight Riders in a dramatic last-ball finish. MukulChoudhary emerged as the unlikely hero, smashing an unbeaten 54 off just 27 balls to seal a thrilling three-wicket victory. The 22-year-old wicketkeeper-batter displayed fearless strokeplay, hitting sixes across the ground and turning a difficult chase into a memorable win. When Mukul walked in, LSG still needed 54 runs in the final overs. Despite facing quality bowlers, he unleashed a barrage of shots, showing composure and power under pressure to guide his side home on the final ball. Arjun Tendulkar Saw It Coming Interestingly, Arjun Tendulkar had predicted Mukul's potential even before the match. During an earlier interview, he spoke about Mukul's impressive six-hitting ability after watching him in practice sessions. “MukulChoudhary hits amazing sixes. I saw him in a practice match. He hits everywhere—square leg, point, upper cut, even behind the bowler,” Tendulkar had said, praising his teammate's 360-degree batting skills. These comments resurfaced after Mukul's heroics, with many fans noting that Tendulkar's assessment was remarkably accurate. His ability to spot talent early earned appreciation across cricket circles. Praise from Captain and Coach LSG captain Rishabh Pant also lauded Mukul's performance, admitting he had “no words” to describe the young batter's brilliance. He highlighted the importance of trusting young players and allowing them to express themselves on the big stage. Meanwhile, LSG head coach Justin Langer praised Mukul's athleticism and game awareness. He compared Mukul's running between wickets to ViratKohli and his finishing ability to MS Dhoni, calling him a rare combination of power and composure. A Star is Born MukulChoudhary's sensational knock has quickly made him one of the most talked-about players in IPL 2026. His fearless batting and calm temperament under pressure suggest that Lucknow Super Giants may have discovered a future match-winner. While many labelled his performance as “out of syllabus,” Arjun Tendulkar's earlier warning suggests that Mukul's rise was only a matter of time. If this innings is any indication, IPL 2026 may just be witnessing the arrival of another exciting young star.



Loan, Jail and a Father’s Sacrifice: The Emotional Story Behind MukulChoudhary’s IPL Blitz

MukulChoudhary's sensational performance in IPL 2026 captured national attention, but behind his match-winning knock lies a deeply emotional story of sacrifice, struggle and unwavering belief from his family—especially his father. A Father Who Risked Everything MukulChoudhary's father, DalipChoudhary, went to extraordinary lengths to support his son's cricketing dream. According to him, he sold his house and even landed in jail while trying to arrange money for Mukul's cricket training and development. The financial strain and mounting debts forced him into extreme situations, but he never gave up on his son's ambition. Dalip revealed that he took multiple loans to fund Mukul's coaching, travel, equipment and tournament participation. With limited financial resources, the family struggled for years, but Mukul's father remained determined to see his son succeed in cricket. At one point, the financial burden became so severe that Dalip reportedly had to face legal consequences, including spending time in jail due to unpaid loans. Despite the hardships, he continued to back Mukul's dream, believing that one day his sacrifices would pay off. Breakthrough Moment in IPL 2026 That dream finally began to turn into reality when MukulChoudhary delivered a stunning performance for Lucknow Super Giants in IPL 2026. The young wicketkeeper-batter smashed an unbeaten 54 off 27 balls against Kolkata Knight Riders, leading his team to a thrilling last-ball victory. Coming in during a difficult chase, Mukul showed remarkable composure and fearless hitting, turning the game around with a flurry of sixes and boundaries. His knock not only secured victory for his team but also announced his arrival as one of the brightest young talents of the season. From Small Town to Big Stage MukulChoudhary hails from Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan and rose through domestic cricket before earning an IPL contract. The 21-year-old wicketkeeper-batter impressed selectors with his aggressive batting style and ability to finish games under pressure. His journey from a small town to the IPL stage was far from easy. Limited resources, financial struggles and uncertainty marked the early years of his career. However, the support from his family—particularly his father—kept him motivated. Sacrifice Finally Pays Off After Mukul's match-winning knock, his father's sacrifices gained attention, highlighting the emotional journey behind the young cricketer's rise. The innings symbolised not just a personal milestone but also a moment of redemption for the family's years of struggle. Mukul's success story is now being hailed as an inspiring example of perseverance, hard work and parental sacrifice. From loans and jail to IPL heroics, the journey reflects how determination and belief can overcome even the toughest challenges. With IPL 2026 still underway, MukulChoudhary's story is only beginning.

IPL 2026: 118 Crore Auction Bet Yet to Deliver, Big Buys Fail to Fire So Far

The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 auction saw franchises spend heavily on top players, but several big-money signings worth nearly 118 crore combined have so far failed to justify their price tags. While the tournament is still in its early phase, the lack of returns from these expensive picks has become a talking point among fans and analysts alike. Expensive Signings Yet to Make an Impact According to reports, many of the top earners from the IPL 2026 auction have struggled to deliver impactful performances so far. Despite expectations of match-winning contributions, these players have either failed to perform consistently or have had limited opportunities in the playing XI. One of the most notable names mentioned is Cameron Green, who has yet to make a significant impact in IPL 2026 despite being among the high-profile purchases. His subdued performances have raised questions about whether franchises may have overpaid during the auction frenzy. The issue is not limited to one player alone. Several high-value acquisitions across teams are yet to justify their hefty price tags. In a tournament where teams invest heavily to strengthen key areas, poor returns from expensive signings can affect team balance and overall performance. Early Days, But Concerns Remain Experts, however, believe it

may be too early to judge the players. The IPL is a long tournament, and fortunes can change quickly. A few match-winning performances can turn the narrative around and justify the investment. Still, the lack of contributions so far has added pressure on these players to deliver soon. Teams often rely on big-money signings to anchor batting line-ups, provide breakthroughs with the ball, or deliver in crunch situations. When these expectations are not met, it can impact team momentum and standings. Auction Pressure in IPL The IPL auction has always been known for high-stakes bidding wars, where franchises compete aggressively to secure top talent. This often leads to inflated price tags and increased expectations. Historically, several expensive buys have struggled in the initial matches before bouncing back strongly later in the tournament. Teams therefore remain hopeful that their costly investments will eventually pay off. What Lies Ahead With IPL 2026 still unfolding, franchises will hope their high-value players hit form soon. A strong performance in upcoming matches could quickly change perceptions and silence critics. For now, however, the 118 crore auction bet remains largely unproductive, leaving teams waiting for their expensive signings to finally deliver and justify their hefty price tags.

IPL 2026: KKR Slam ‘Umpiring Blunder’ After Last-Ball Defeat to LSG

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) expressed frustration over an alleged umpiring mistake following their heartbreaking last-ball defeat to Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in IPL 2026. The controversy centered around the dismissal of opener Finn Allen, which KKR believes played a crucial role in the match's outcome. Controversial Catch Sparks Debate The incident occurred during KKR's innings when Finn Allen attempted a big shot that resulted in a top-edge toward deep third-man. LSG fielder DigveshRathi completed the catch near the boundary, and Allen was declared out by the on-field umpires. However, replays later suggested that Rathi's foot may have touched the boundary cushion while holding the ball, raising doubts over the legality of the catch. Despite the uncertainty, the decision was not referred to the third umpire, which angered the KKR camp. The lack of review became a major talking point after the match, especially given the high-stakes nature of the encounter. Rowman Powell Calls It a “Blunder” KKR all-rounder Rowman Powell openly criticised the decision after the match, calling it an “umpiring blunder.” He suggested that similar situa-



tions in the past had been referred to the third umpire, adding that officials had “gone upstairs for lesser things” in other matches. Powell also admitted that conditions played a role in the defeat but stressed that the controversial decision impacted the game's momentum. His remarks reflected frustration within the KKR camp following the narrow loss. MukulChoudhary’s Heroics Seal Thriller The controversy overshadowed what was otherwise a thrilling contest. Lucknow Super Giants chased down a target of 182 runs in dramatic fashion, thanks to a sensational knock from MukulChoudhary. The 21-year-old smashed an unbeaten 54 off 27 balls, hitting multiple sixes to guide LSG to a three-wicket victory on the final ball.

At one stage, LSG were struggling at 128 for 7, but Choudhary's late assault turned the game around and stunned KKR. His performance has quickly made him one of the standout players of IPL 2026. Debate Over Umpiring Standards The incident has reignited debates about umpiring standards in the IPL, particularly regarding the use of technology and consistency in referrals. Critics argued that such decisions should automatically be reviewed to avoid controversy in closely contested matches. Despite the disappointment, KKR will look to move on quickly, while LSG will take confidence from their dramatic victory. However, the umpiring controversy is likely to remain a major talking point as IPL 2026 continues.

Dhurandhar 2 Creates History; First Hindi Film to Enter 1000 Crore Nett Club

Ranveer Singh's blockbuster Dhurandhar 2: The Revenge has scripted history at the Indian box office by becoming the first-ever Hindi film to cross the 1000 crore nett mark in India. Directed by Aditya Dhar, the high-octane spy thriller has delivered a record-breaking theatrical run, setting a new benchmark for Bollywood and redefining the scale of Hindi cinema's commercial success.

A Landmark Moment for Bollywood

There was a time when 500 crore nett collections were considered an extraordinary milestone for Hindi films. However, the industry has

steadily grown in scale, and blockbuster films have pushed boundaries over the years. With Dhurandhar 2, Bollywood has now entered a new era, where 1000 crore nett collections are achievable for Hindi-language films.

The film's remarkable performance highlights the growing global reach of Hindi cinema and the increasing appetite among audiences for large-scale action spectacles. Dhurandhar 2 achieved this milestone without including dubbed language versions, making the feat even more impressive.

Massive Box Office Performance

Released amid huge expect-

tations, Dhurandhar 2 witnessed a thunderous opening and maintained strong momentum at the box office. The film crossed 1000 crore nett in India within weeks of its release, making it one of the fastest films to achieve the milestone.

According to reports, the film's domestic net collections crossed 1,048 crore, while worldwide earnings surged beyond 1,600 crore, reflecting its massive appeal both in India and overseas markets.

The film's strong word-of-mouth, repeat viewership, and large-scale theatrical release contributed significantly to its historic run. Even

after entering later weeks, the movie continued to attract audiences, maintaining steady occupancy levels across major cities.

Star-Studded Cast and Big-Scale Production

Dhurandhar 2 features a powerful ensemble cast including Ranveer Singh, Sara Arjun, R Madhavan, Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Rampal, and several others. Directed by Aditya Dhar, the film is backed by Jio Studios and B62 Studios and has been praised for its high production values and gripping storyline.

The movie's success also reflects the increasing demand for large-scale spy-action films in India, similar to glob-



al blockbuster franchises. The sequel built upon the success of its predecessor and expanded the story on a much bigger canvas. Setting New Benchmarks

With this achievement, Dhurandhar 2 has not only become the first Hindi film to enter the 1000 crore nett club but also joined the elite list of Indian films that have crossed the milestone overall. The success has further strengthened Ranveer Singh's position as one of Bollywood's biggest box office stars.

The film's historic run marks a turning point for Bollywood, showcasing the industry's ability to produce global-scale blockbusters. As Dhurandhar 2 continues its theatrical journey, it is expected to break more records and set new standards for Hindi cinema in the years to come.

“Piracy is Unacceptable”: Chiranjeevi Backs Vijay After Jana Nayagan Leak Shock

The Tamil film industry was left stunned after major portions of Thalapathy Vijay's highly anticipated film Jana Nayagan were leaked online, triggering strong reactions from celebrities and fans alike. Among those who voiced firm support was Megastar Chiranjeevi, who condemned the piracy incident and extended his backing to Vijay and the film's team.

Chiranjeevi Condemns Piracy

Chiranjeevi took to social media to express his disappointment over the leak, calling it an unfortunate development that undermines the hard work of hundreds of people involved in filmmaking. He emphasized that cinema is built on trust, creativity, and teamwork, and incidents like piracy severely damage the industry. The Megastar urged fans not to support pirated content and requested strict action against those responsible for leaking the film. His reaction quickly gained traction, with fans and industry insiders praising him for standing by Vijay during a difficult time.

Major Leak Creates Industry Shock

The leak reportedly involved



significant portions of Jana Nayagan, which surfaced online and spread rapidly across social media platforms. The incident raised serious concerns, especially because the film is one of the most anticipated releases and is believed to carry huge expectations at the box office. Reports also suggested that the leak occurred before the film's official release, making it even more damaging for the producers and distributors. The unexpected breach sparked debates about security lapses and the increasing threat of piracy in the digital era.

Industry Unites Behind Vijay

Chiranjeevi was not alone in reacting to the piracy shock. Several film personalities, including actors and technicians, voiced their support for Vijay and condemned piracy. Many called for strict legal action and appealed to fans to avoid watching leaked content.

The incident also reignited conversations about strengthening anti-piracy measures and protecting big-budget films from online leaks. With Jana Nayagan being one of Vijay's most awaited projects, the leak has added pressure on the makers ahead of its release.

Huge Expectations Around Jana Nayagan

Directed by H. Vinoth, Jana Nayagan has generated massive buzz ever since its announcement. The film features Vijay in a powerful role and is expected to be a high-octane political action drama. Given the scale and expectations, the leak has come as a major setback for the team.

Despite the setback, fans have rallied behind Vijay, echoing Chiranjeevi's message to avoid piracy and support the film in theatres. The industry now hopes that strict measures will be taken to prevent further leaks and protect the film's release.

Ajith Kumar to Split Time Between Films and Racing; Follows PawanKalyan’s Approach

Tamil star Ajith Kumar is reportedly planning a major shift in how he balances his professional commitments, choosing to divide his time between films and his long-time passion — motorsport racing. Interestingly, this strategy is being compared to the approach followed by PawanKalyan, who has been managing both cinema and political responsibilities simultaneously.

Ajith's Next Film WithAdhikRavichandran

According to recent reports, Ajith Kumar is set to collaborate once again with director AdhikRavichandran after the success of Good Bad Ugly. The gangster action drama performed well at the box office and provided a much-needed boost to Ajith's career. Riding on that momentum, the actor is now preparing for his next project, which is expected to begin filming in the first week of May.

Split Schedule Between Films and Racing

What makes this development particularly interesting is Ajith's proposed



working pattern. Reports suggest that the actor will dedicate around 15 days each month for film shooting, while spending the remaining days focusing on his racing commitments. Ajith has always been passionate about motorsports, and this move signals his intention to pursue both careers seriously.

Ajith Kumar is widely known in the industry not only for his acting career but also for his love for professional

racing. Over the years, he has participated in multiple racing events and has maintained strong interest in motorsports even during his peak acting years. This new schedule aims to help him maintain a balance between his cinematic commitments and personal passion.

Inspired by PawanKalyan's Model

The move is being compared to PawanKalyan's work style, where the actor balances politi-

cal duties along with film projects. By adopting a similar model, Ajith appears to be prioritizing flexibility rather than committing to back-to-back film schedules.

This strategy could also allow Ajith to carefully choose projects and avoid burnout, while continuing to pursue his interests outside cinema. Fans have reacted positively to the news, appreciating the actor's decision to follow his passion without stepping away completely from films.

What This Means for Fans

While Ajith may not appear in films as frequently as before, the new schedule suggests that he is far from stepping away from cinema. Instead, he is restructuring his work style to accommodate multiple interests — a move that reflects his independent personality and unconventional career choices.

With his upcoming collaboration with AdhikRavichandran already generating buzz, fans are now eager to see how Ajith balances high-octane action films with real-life racing commitments in the coming months.

Rising star MamithaBaiju has shared exciting insights about her upcoming film Vishwanath& Sons, starring Suriya in the lead role. The actress described the film as a perfect blend of entertainment and emotional depth, raising expectations among fans ahead of its release.

A Fun Ride With Emotional Depth

In a recent interaction, MamithaBaiju revealed that Vishwanath& Sons will not just be a typical commercial entertainer but will also offer meaningful storytelling. She said the film has a strong “soul-searching core” combined with humor and entertaining moments, making it a wholesome cinematic experience.

According to Mamitha, the film is designed to be a “full-on jolly ride” that balances comedy, emotions, and engaging storytelling. Her comments suggest that audiences can expect both light-hearted entertainment and deeper emotional themes woven into the narrative.

Strong Supporting Cast and Crew

Apart from Suriya and MamithaBaiju, the film also features veteran actresses RaveenaTandon and Radhika Sarathkumar in key roles, adding further weight to the project. The movie is being produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the banners of Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas. The music for the film is composed by G. V. Prakash Kumar, who is expected to deliver an emotionally rich soundtrack that complements the film's tone.

A Different Role for Suriya

Vishwanath& Sons marks a shift from Suriya's usual action-heavy roles. The film is expected to focus more on relationships, personal growth, and emotional storytelling. Directed by VenkyAtluri, the movie revolves around a middle-aged man navigating life, ambitions, and relationships, set against a family drama backdrop. This unique storyline, combined with MamithaBaiju's youthful energy and Suriya's mature screen presence, has already generated strong buzz in the industry.

Growing Buzz Around the Film

The film has been creating excitement ever since its announcement, with fans eagerly waiting to see the fresh pairing of Suriya and MamithaBaiju. Industry insiders believe the emotional storyline, strong performances, and entertaining elements could make Vishwanath& Sons one of the most talked-about releases of 2026. With MamithaBaiju promising a fun-filled entertainer backed by meaningful storytelling, expectations are steadily rising. As the film moves closer to release, audiences are now eager to witness this emotional yet entertaining cinematic journey on the big screen.

MamithaBaiju on Suriya’s Vishwanath& Sons: “A Fun-Filled Entertainer With Soul-Searching at Its Core”



Buzz: Sara Arjun to Headline Madhubala Biopic

Young actress Sara Arjun is reportedly set to take on one of the most challenging roles of her career; as she is likely to headline a biopic based on legendary Bollywood icon Madhubala. The project has already generated significant buzz in the film industry, given the stature of the personality and the scale of the production.

Big Opportunity for Sara Arjun

According to reports, Sara Arjun, who gained widespread attention after her performance in Dhurandhar: The Revenge, has been chosen to portray Madhubala in the upcoming biographical drama. The film is expected to be directed by Jasmeet K Reen, while acclaimed filmmaker Sanjay LeelaBhansali will reportedly produce the project.

The casting has reportedly come after months of speculation, with several leading actresses being considered for the role. However, Sara Arjun's recent performances and screen presence are believed to have impressed the makers, leading them to finalise her for the iconic character.

Extensive Preparation Planned

Playing Madhubala — often regarded as one of the most beautiful and talented actresses in Indian cinema — is no easy task. Reports suggest that Sara Arjun will undergo extensive preparation to convincingly portray the legendary star. This includes physical transformation, dialect training, costume trials, and detailed look tests to recreate the golden era of Hindi cinema.

The makers are said to be paying close attention to authenticity, aiming to recreate Madhu-

bala's timeless elegance and on-screen charm. The film is expected to capture not only her cinematic journey but also the emotional and personal aspects of her life.

Film to Go on Floors Soon

The biopic is currently in the pre-production stage and is expected to begin filming later this year. With a reputed production house and a strong creative team backing the project, expectations are already high. The film is also likely to be mounted on a grand scale, reflecting the legacy of Madhubala and the golden era of Bollywood.

Career-Defining Role

For Sara Arjun, this project could become a major turning point. Having transitioned successfully from a child artist to a lead actress, portraying Madhubala presents both a huge opportunity and a significant challenge. Industry observers believe that if executed well, the film could elevate her to the next level in Indian cinema.

With strong buzz already building around the project, fans are now eagerly waiting for an official confirmation and further details about this ambitious biopic.

