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Vote for LDF is Vote for BJP: Revanth Reddy

Thiruvananthapuram, April 1 | TPN Bureau:

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy intensified his campaign in Kerala, launching a sharp attack on both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Left Democratic Front (LDF). Addressing a series of election rallies, he stated that voting for the LDF is equivalent to voting for the BJP, alleging an “understanding” between the two parties.

Revanth Reddy remarked that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan may represent different ideologies, but their governance failures are similar. He claimed that only by defeating both leaders can Kerala witness better days ahead. The Chief Minister, campaigning as a star campaigner for the Congress, toured several constituencies including Nemom, where he held a roadshow in support of UDF candidate K. S. Sabarinathan.

He asserted that the United Democratic Front (UDF) has historically drawn a “Lakshman Rekha” to prevent BJP and RSS influence in Kerala. Criticizing the state government, he alleged that development activities, including national highway projects, have stalled under



Vijayan's leadership. He further accused the BJP and LDF of maintaining a “silent understanding,” claiming that central agencies like ED and CBI target opposition leaders elsewhere but not the Kerala government.

Revanth Reddy emphasized that Kerala's comprehensive development is possible only under the UDF. He pointed out that despite being highly educated, many Malayalis are forced to seek employment abroad due to lack of local opportunities. He said the Congress has a clear roadmap to generate employ-

ment, promote industries, and ensure balanced growth in the state. Highlighting Kerala's legacy, he said the state has long been a model for literacy, social awareness, and human development. He credited former Congress leaders like K. Karunakaran, Oommen Chandy, and A. K. Antony for laying a strong foundation of inclusive and clean governance.

The Chief Minister also criticized both the central and Kerala governments, calling them a “double failure” over the past decade. He alleged that unemployment has risen and devel-

opment has stagnated under both administrations.

Drawing parallels with Telangana, he said the state is progressing rapidly under Congress leadership and expressed hope that Kerala would follow a similar path. He added that leaders like Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi would play a key role in shaping Kerala's future. In a lighter moment, Revanth Reddy used a popular Malayalam-style dialogue to target Vijayan, saying, “Your time is over,” which drew enthusiastic cheers from the crowd.

KTR Urges Centre to Establish Kazipet Railway Division

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Former Telangana Minister and senior BRS MLA K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) has formally requested Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to immediately establish a separate Kazipet Railway Division, highlighting the operational challenges faced by the existing Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway. KTR submitted a detailed letter emphasizing that the Secunderabad Division currently manages an extensive track length of 2,755 kilometers, which is projected to increase to 3,150 kilometers upon completion of ongoing doubling projects between Wadi-Raichur and Vishnupuram-Benagur. This workload far exceeds the standard limits prescribed for a railway division, making administration increasingly difficult and affecting train operations.

KTR's letter, delivered to the Union Minister by a BRS MPs delegation in Delhi, stressed that splitting the division with Kazipet as the headquarters would ease administrative burdens, enhance operational efficiency, and ensure better monitoring and maintenance of tracks. He underscored that the Secunderabad Division's stretched jurisdiction is creating logistical challenges that could disrupt timely train services and compromise safety standards. By creating a Kazipet Division, authorities would be able to decentralize operations, streamline work schedules, and improve responsiveness to local railway needs.

The proposed Kazipet Division is seen as essential not only to manage the in-

creasing workload but also to facilitate the efficient completion of infrastructure projects and upgrades in the region. KTR emphasized that operational efficiency, timely execution of projects, and effective oversight are critical for maintaining smooth railway functioning across South Central Railway's southern network. BRS MPs confirmed that Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw responded positively to the request, acknowledging the necessity of establishing a new division. The initiative is expected to significantly reduce the administrative pressures on the Secunderabad Division, allowing for more focused management of passenger and freight services, better allocation of resources, and improved service delivery.

Overall, the creation of the Kazipet Railway Division is positioned as a strategic move to enhance governance within the railway system, improve operational control, and provide long-term benefits for the growing rail network in Telangana and neighboring regions. It will also ensure that future expansion projects and increased train traffic are handled efficiently without overburdening existing administrative structures. This initiative aligns with broader goals of decentralization, efficiency, and safety within Indian Railways, addressing both current challenges and anticipated future demands.

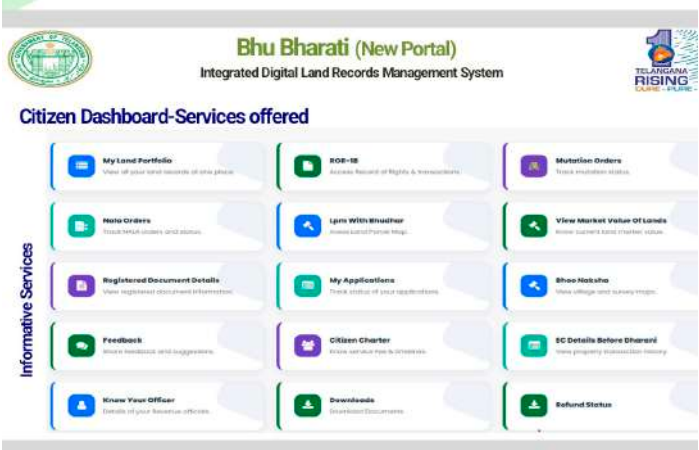
By prioritizing the establishment of a Kazipet Division, authorities aim to strengthen South Central Railway's operational capacity while meeting growing transportation needs and supporting regional development.

Bhu Bharati Portal to Offer End-to-End Land Services in Telangana

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced a major initiative to resolve land-related issues permanently through the launch of the integrated “Bhu Bharati” portal. The reform, introduced under the guidance of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, aims to bring transparency, efficiency, and ease of access to land services across the state.

The minister said the portal integrates land records, survey, and registration services under one platform to provide seamless and farmer-friendly services. It will be launched on a pilot basis from April 2 in five mandals: Kusumanchi (Kham-



mam district), Aswaraopeta (Bhadradi Kothagudem), Amangal (Rangareddy), Watpally (Sangareddy), and Kosgi (Narayanpet).

During a teleconference with revenue officials, Srinivasa Reddy directed them to ensure

smooth implementation without causing inconvenience to farmers. He emphasized that the system has been designed keeping farmers' needs in mind and should function efficiently at all levels.

The Bhu Bharati portal ena-

bles farmers to access land-related services directly from their homes using smartphones, eliminating the need to visit Mee Seva centers. Farmers can log in to view land details, request surveys, and pay fees online. Once a request is submitted, it is forwarded to licensed surveyors, who will issue notices to neighboring landowners within two days.

Survey dates will be finalized within seven days, and modern rover-based technology will be used for accurate land surveys, replacing traditional equipment. After completion, the data will be verified by mandal surveyors and approved by the Tahsildar. Land Parcel Maps (LPM) and unique “Bhoodhar” numbers, similar to Aadhaar, will then be assigned.

Survey maps will be uploaded to the portal, and applicants will receive SMS alerts at every stage of the process. As per new provisions, survey maps will also be mandatory during land registration to ensure transparency and reduce disputes.

The minister said sufficient survey staff and advanced equipment have been deployed in the pilot mandals to ensure quick execution. He noted that land disputes have long been a major challenge for farmers and expressed confidence that the Bhu Bharati portal will provide a lasting solution.

Describing it as a historic reform, Srinivasa Reddy said the initiative will strengthen the revenue system, promote transparency, and empower farmers by delivering services directly to their homes.

Hyderabad Eateries Raise Prices After LPG Price Hike

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Restaurants, food stalls and small eateries across Hyderabad have begun increasing food prices following the recent hike in prices of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), hitting customers with higher bills at a time when household budgets are already strained.

Owners of hotels and roadside eateries said that the latest increase in LPG cylinder rates has substantially raised their operating costs. LPG is a key input for most kitchens, and food businesses have traditionally relied on it for cooking. With fuel costs rising sharply, many establishments have announced a corresponding rise in the prices of popular dishes and staple items.

Some restaurants have adjusted their menu prices by up to 10 to 15 percent, while smaller eateries and tiffin centres have raised charges for traditional South Indian breakfast items and lunch meals. Customers visiting local food joints are noticing higher costs for regular items such as idli sambar, dosa, biryani and thali meals. Patrons expressed surprise and concern at the sudden jump in prices, especially since many households are already managing tight monthly expenses.



Eateries said that the combined impact of higher LPG costs along with rising vegetable and grocery prices has made it difficult for them to absorb expenses without raising rates. Several owners explained that low profit margins in the food service sector leave little room to manage sudden cost hikes, forcing them to pass on the burden to customers.

Customers reacted with mixed responses. While some expressed understanding of the business challenges, others criticised the timing and extent of the price adjustments, saying that food should remain affordable, particularly for students, daily wage workers and

lower income families who rely on budget food outlets.

Industry analysts noted that the hospitality and food service sector has been under pressure due to fluctuating input costs, seasonal changes and pandemic related disruptions. The latest fuel price increase adds to the operational challenges, prompting more eateries to reconsider menu prices. Local consumer groups have urged authorities to monitor pricing trends and ensure that any increase is justified, transparent and in line with actual cost changes. They highlighted the need for fair pricing that balances business sustainability with consumer

affordability.

Eateries also pointed out that in some cases they are exploring alternatives such as switching to bulk LPG bookings, negotiating better supply rates or adopting energy efficient cooking systems to reduce costs. However, such measures take time to implement and may offer only partial relief.

As the price increase takes effect, residents are likely to feel the impact in their daily food bills, and the sector is watching closely to see whether consumers adjust to the new cost structures or demand policy support to ease the burden.

Telangana Governor Visits Tirumala Shrine

Tirumala, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Governor Siva Pratap Shukla visited the sacred hill shrine of Tirumala Tirupati Temple on Wednesday and offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara.

The Governor arrived at Tirumala in the early hours and was accorded a traditional welcome by temple authorities at the Mahadwar. Priests and officials received him with customary honours and escorted him to the sanctum sanctorum for darshan of the presiding deity. The visit was conducted in accordance with established temple protocols for dignitaries.

Following the darshan, Vedic scholars rendered blessings to the Governor at the Ranganayaka Mandapam. Temple authorities presented him with sacred theertha prasadam and a portrait of Lord Venkateswara, as part of the customary honours extended to visiting dignitaries. He was also offered silk clothes by the temple administration as a mark of respect.

Officials of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams ensured that all arrangements were made for a smooth and hassle-free visit. Adequate security arrangements were put in place, and crowd manage-



ment measures were implemented to ensure that the visit did not disrupt the regular flow of devotees.

The Governor's visit is seen as part of customary engagements undertaken by constitutional authorities after assuming office. Visiting prominent religious and cultural institutions is a common practice, reflecting respect for the traditions and beliefs of the people.

Located in the state of Andhra Pradesh, Tirumala is one of the most revered pilgrimage destinations in the country. The temple dedicated to Lord Venkateswara attracts millions of devotees from across India and abroad

throughout the year. It holds immense spiritual significance and is known for its rich traditions and rituals.

Despite the Governor's visit, temple authorities ensured that darshan for general devotees continued without major interruptions. Special arrangements were made to balance VIP movement and public access.

The visit concluded after the Governor completed all rituals and interacted briefly with temple officials. The authorities expressed satisfaction over the smooth conduct of the visit and reiterated their commitment to maintaining efficient arrangements for all devotees visiting the shrine.

Recycling Key to Critical Mineral Self-Reliance: Kishan Reddy

New Delhi, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy emphasized that recycling will play a decisive role in achieving India's self-reliance in the critical minerals sector. During his visit to the LOHUM R&D centre and lithium-cobalt refineries in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, the minister highlighted the government's mission-mode approach toward securing critical mineral resources through sustainable and eco-friendly practices.

Interacting with scientists, engineers, and research staff at the facility, Kishan Reddy reviewed advanced technologies used for extracting lithium and cobalt from used batteries and electronic waste. He appreciated the innovative recycling and repurposing processes that not only recover valuable materials but also reduce environmental impact. Technical teams briefed him on the efficiency, scalability, and ecological advantages of modern recycling methods. The minister lauded LOHUM for its pioneering role as one of the largest lithium producers through recycling. He noted that such efforts significantly reduce India's dependence on imports while strengthening domestic supply chains. With global competition intensifying for critical minerals amid evolving geopolitical conditions, he stressed the urgent need for India to scale up its recycling capabilities. Reiterating the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kishan Reddy said that given India's limited natural reserves of critical minerals, focused efforts on recycling are essential. He also highlighted the strategic importance of the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM), which aims to ensure the availability of these resources through a comprehensive framework. The mission, with an outlay of 32,000 crore, focuses on exploration, mining, processing, and recycling of critical minerals. It also includes forging international partnerships for sourcing mineral assets, encouraging domestic exploration, and supporting research and development initiatives.



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Opposition Protests Against FCRA Amendment Bill

New Delhi, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Opposition parties staged a protest in the Parliament premises against the proposed amendments to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010, alleging that the changes could adversely impact minority institutions and restrict the flow of foreign funds.

Speaking during the protest, Congress MP Chama Kiran Kumar Reddy strongly opposed the amendment bill, stating that it would give excessive control to the government over foreign contributions. He warned that the proposed changes could act as a "tool of control" in the hands of the Centre.

Reddy alleged that the government is attempting to regulate and limit financial assistance received by minority organizations from abroad. He said the amendments to the FCRA, originally enacted in 2010, would undermine the autonomy of institutions that depend on such funding for social, educational, and charitable activities.

The Congress leader further asserted that the Opposition would resist the bill both inside and outside Parliament. "We will oppose and block this amendment bill in the House," he said, adding that the move is politically motivated.

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Ponnam Prabhakar Leads Congress Campaign in Puducherry

Puducherry, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar campaigned in Puducherry in support of Congress candidate M. Vaithianathan from the Lawspet Assembly constituency, as the party intensified its election efforts in the Union Territory.

The campaign drew participation from key Congress leaders, including AICC General Secretary Mukul Wasnik, CLP leader Khaja Nizamuddin, and AICC Secretary Anjali Nimbalkar. Together, they conducted extensive outreach across the constituency, engaging directly with voters through door-to-door visits and local meetings.

Addressing gatherings during the campaign, Ponnam Prabhakar urged the people to support the Congress party and bring it to power in Puducherry. He described Vaithianathan as a committed and accessible leader who has consistently worked among the people and stood by them in addressing public issues. He appealed to voters to elect him with a strong mandate.

The minister expressed confidence that the Congress party is poised to return to power in Puducherry, stating that there is growing support among voters in favor of the party. He emphasized that the Congress government would focus on strengthening infrastructure, improving public services, and addressing key civic concerns.

Senior leaders reiterated that the party is fully committed to the welfare of the people of Puducherry and is working with a clear roadmap to achieve progress and stability. The campaign witnessed enthusiastic participation from local party workers and supporters. As the election approaches, the Congress leadership remains optimistic about its prospects, with leaders expressing confidence that the people of Puducherry will vote for change and support the party in forming the next government.



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Highlighting the candidate's strengths, Prabhakar said Vaithianathan has a deep understanding of local issues and is dedicated to resolving them effectively. He added that electing a capable representative would ensure better governance and faster development in the constituency.

The campaign covered several areas in the Lawspet constituency, with leaders visiting neighborhoods, interacting with residents, and explaining the party's vision and commitments. Party leaders assured voters that a Congress government would focus on strengthening infrastructure, improving public services, and addressing key civic concerns.

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Centre Failing to Honour Telangana Promises: TPCC Chief

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud extended congratulations to the people of Andhra Pradesh following the Central government's decision to grant legal status to Amaravati as the state capital through a bill passed in the Lok Sabha. He described the move as a positive step for the development and administrative stability of Andhra Pradesh.

However, Mahesh Kumar Goud strongly criticized the Central government for its alleged failure to implement the assurances given to Telangana at the time of bifurcation. He said that while one state is being supported through legislative measures, the promises made to Telangana under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 are being ignored.

He pointed out that several key commitments, which are crucial for Telangana's economic and industrial growth, remain unfulfilled even after years of state formation. These include the establishment of the Bayyaram steel plant, Kazipet railway coach factory, and an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in the state. He also highlighted the long-pending demand for granting national project status to major irrigation projects, which would significantly ease the financial burden on the state.

Mahesh Kumar Goud further alleged that the Centre has failed to provide special financial assistance and industrial incentives aimed at the development of backward regions in Telangana. He said that such neglect is affecting balanced regional growth and delaying progress in key sectors. He expressed concern that the Centre's approach reflects a discriminatory attitude, where one state is being prioritized while another is left waiting for commitments to be honoured. He stated that this imbalance is not in line with the spirit of cooperative federalism and fairness. The TPCC chief urged the Central government to act immediately and fulfil all the promises made to Telangana in the Reorganisation Act. He emphasized that the aspirations of the people must be respected and that development commitments should not remain limited to paper. Reiterating his demand, Mahesh Kumar Goud said that timely implementation of these projects would not only boost infrastructure and employment but also strengthen public confidence in governance. He called for equal attention and justice to Telangana, stressing that both states deserve fair treatment and support from the Centre.



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Telangana Bans Paraquat Herbicide; Strict Action Warned

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has issued Government Order No. 24 banning the use of the highly toxic herbicide paraquat across the state. Announcing the decision, Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao said the ban comes into immediate effect and will remain in force for 60 days, covering the sale, storage, distribution, and use of the chemical.

The minister stated that paraquat, widely used in crops such as paddy, cotton, maize, grapes, and vegetables for weed control, poses severe health risks. Exposure through skin or eyes during spraying can lead to serious complications, while accidental or intentional ingestion has resulted in fatalities. According to official data, 1,167 deaths have been reported in the state due to paraquat consumption, with no effective antidote available.

He warned that strict action would be taken against those violating the ban, including traders selling the herbicide illegally. Officials have been directed to monitor online platforms as well, in coordination with vigilance and cyber-crime departments, to prevent unauthorized sales. Farmers have been advised to shift to safer alternative herbicides.

The announcement came after a review meeting held at the Secretariat with agriculture, horticulture, and Oil Fed officials. The minister also emphasized the need to promote natural farming practices and crop diversification across the state.

Officials presented a preliminary report on crop damage caused by recent rains, estimating losses in 31,504 acres across 86 mandals. The affected crops include maize (15,991 acres), paddy (7,839 acres), sesame (787 acres), sunflower (153 acres), and jowar (298 acres). The minister directed authorities to submit detailed reports at the earliest.

On fertilizer supply, he said the Centre has allocated 2 lakh metric tonnes of urea to the state for April. Officials were instructed to coordinate with companies to ensure timely delivery and maintain adequate buffer stocks ahead of peak demand in June and July.

The minister also called for awareness campaigns to discourage the use of unauthorized HT cotton seeds and to educate farmers on soil health management. Training programs will be conducted in collaboration with Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University to train youth volunteers in soil testing and sustainable practices.

Additionally, plans are underway to promote oil palm cultivation, including the establishment of a Centre of Excellence at International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics on 100 acres. The government aims to strengthen sustainable agriculture while ensuring farmer safety and environmental protection.

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Call for Bharat Ratna for Pingali Venkaiah

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Former Rajya Sabha MP V. Hanumantha Rao has urged the Central government to confer the Bharat Ratna on Pingali Venkaiah, the designer of India's national flag. Marking the occasion of the national flag's design anniversary, Hanumantha Rao hoisted the tricolour at his residence in Amberpet and paid floral tributes to Venkaiah's portrait.

Speaking on the occasion, he recalled that Mahatma Gandhi had encouraged Pingali Ven-

kaiah to design a national flag for India, which later became a symbol of unity and freedom for the nation. He said Venkaiah's immense contribution to the country's identity and independence movement deserves the highest civilian honour.

Hanumantha Rao emphasized that recognizing Pingali Venkaiah with the Bharat Ratna would be a fitting tribute to his legacy and would inspire future generations. He stated that despite Venkaiah's pivotal role in shaping a national symbol, his contributions have not received the level of recogni-

tion they deserve.

The former MP also appealed to Revanth Reddy, Chief Minister of Telangana, and N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, to write to the Central government supporting the demand. He stressed that a collective effort from state leadership could strengthen the case for awarding the Bharat Ratna to Venkaiah. Reiterating his demand, Hanumantha Rao said it is the responsibility of the Central government to honour national icons who have made invaluable contributions to the country's heritage.



Congress Govt Neglecting Roads, Alleges Prashanth Reddy

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Balkonda MLA and former minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy launched a sharp attack on the Congress government in Telangana, alleging severe neglect in road infrastructure and public works. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, he claimed that roads and bridges across the state have deteriorated significantly due to lack of fund allocation and poor maintenance.

He alleged that despite budgetary allocations of around 4,800 crore for roads in the last two budgets, the government failed to release even 25 percent of the funds. According to him, only about 1,200 crore was released, most of which went towards clearing pending bills, leaving little scope for new development works.

Drawing comparisons with the previous regime led by K. Chandrashekar Rao, Prashanth Reddy said that over 10,000 km of roads were constructed in nine years, whereas the Congress government managed to build only about 112 km of new roads in the past two and a half years. He added that out of 524 sanctioned road works, only 49 have been completed, reflecting just 9 percent progress.

Highlighting ground-level issues, he said roads under R&B and Panchayat Raj departments are in a deplorable con-



dition, filled with deep pot-holes, causing inconvenience and accidents for commuters. He cited the example of the Kappalavagu bridge on the Ar-mur-Bheemgal road, which remains unrepaired even after nine months' despite requiring minimal funds. Prashanth Reddy also alleged large-scale irregularities under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), claiming that the government is facilitating a scam worth 8,000 crore in the name of road development. He questioned the release of 1,900 crore as mobilization advance to contractors while pending bills remain unpaid and accused the govern-ment of violating norms by allowing excess project margins. On infrastructure, he stated that while only 30 lakh square feet of buildings were constructed in 60 years before Tel-

angana's formation, over 2 crore square feet were developed during the BRS regime. He alleged that the present government is neglecting maintenance of key structures, including the Secretariat, Amar Jyoti memorial, and the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Statue. He further criticized the delay in the Regional Ring Road (RRR) project, stating that even after 15 months, tenders have not been opened despite claims of completing the project in two years. He alleged that the project has not yet received final approval from the Centre and termed ministerial claims as misleading. Warning of future consequences, Prashanth Reddy said the government must immediately release adequate funds and address infrastructure gaps, failing which it will face public backlash.

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has launched a sharp attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over his recent political campaign in Kerala against the Left Democratic Front (LDF), accusing him of hypocrisy and double standards.

BJP leaders alleged that Revanth Reddy's criticism of the LDF government in Kerala stands in contrast to the performance of the Congress government in Telangana. They stated that while the Chief Minister is actively campaigning against opposition parties in other states, several key promises made to the people of Telangana remain unfulfilled.

According to BJP representatives, the Congress government in Telangana has been facing increasing criticism over delays in implementing welfare schemes, lack of clarity on major guarantees, and governance-related issues. They argued that instead of addressing these pressing concerns, Revanth Reddy is focusing on political engagements outside the state, which raises questions about his priorities.

The BJP further stated that Congress leaders often adopt different political narratives in different states, depending on electoral needs. They claimed

BJP Targets Revanth Reddy Over Kerala Campaign



that this inconsistency weakens the party's credibility and exposes what they described as opportunistic politics. In Kerala, the Congress is opposing the LDF, while in other regions it aligns its stance differently, which the BJP termed as contradictory.

Criticizing the Chief Minister's remarks against the LDF, BJP leaders said such statements appear politically motivated and aimed at gaining national visibility rather than resolving governance chal-

lenges in Telangana. They emphasized that leadership should focus on delivering effective administration rather than engaging in political rhetoric across states.

The party also highlighted that people in Telangana are closely monitoring the government's performance and are expecting concrete action on development, employment, and welfare.

BJP leaders warned that continued neglect of local issues could lead to public

dissatisfaction.

Reiterating their stand, BJP leaders urged the Chief Minister to prioritize governance in Telangana and fulfil the promises made during the elections. They stressed that accountability and consistency in governance are essential for maintaining public trust. The criticism comes at a time of heightened political activity across the country, with parties intensifying campaigns and positioning themselves ahead of upcoming elections.

BRS MPs Urge Early Start of Mega Freight Depot in Mahabubabad

New Delhi, April 1 | TPN Bureau:

A delegation of BRS leaders led by Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra submitted a representation to Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, urging the immediate commencement of the Mega Freight Maintenance Depot sanctioned for Mahabubabad in Telangana. The delegation included MPs K. R. Suresh Reddy, Divakonda Damodar Rao, Bandi Parthasaradhi Reddy, and former MLA Shankar Naik. They met the Railway Minister in his chamber at Parliament on Wednesday evening and highlighted the urgency of initiating the project. The proposed Mega Freight Maintenance Depot, sanctioned under the Railway Umbrella Works with an estimated cost of 908.15 crore, is a key infrastructure project under the South Central Railway (SCR). The MPs emphasized that the facility is strategically important for Indian Railways, as it will include periodic overhauling, regular maintenance, and sick-line examination facilities for freight rolling stock.

They informed the Minister



that the Telangana government has already taken steps to allocate 409.01 acres of land free of cost at Anantharam in Mahabubabad district. The site plan has been designed to accommodate both hilly and plain terrain, making it suitable for large-scale infrastructure development. Despite land allocation being formally communicated by the state government by December 2025, the project has not progressed beyond the planning stage, the MPs pointed out. They expressed concern that the delay

is stalling the transition to ground-level execution. The delegation also noted that expediting the project aligns with the Prime Minister's Gati Shakti National Master Plan, ensuring seamless logistics and maintenance support for freight operations in this high-density corridor. They further highlighted that delays in execution are depriving the region of significant socio-economic benefits, including direct and indirect employment opportunities for local youth in Mahabubabad. Appealing to the Min-

ister's vision for transforming Indian Railways, MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra requested immediate administrative approvals and urged that directions be issued to the Railway Board and SCR General Manager to begin groundwork and on-site execution without further delay. He expressed hope that under the Minister's leadership, the long-pending project would soon be implemented, fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Mahabubabad and contributing to regional development.

Allegations of Over 600 Crore Irregularities in Hyderabad Cricket Association Funds

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Serious allegations of financial irregularities running into hundreds of crores have emerged against the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA), according to a complaint filed by the general secretary of the Telangana Cricket Association (TCA). The TCA leadership claims that misappropriation and irregularities involving more than 600 crore took place over the last two decades in HCA's financial dealings, prompting calls for a full investigation and accountability from authorities.

TCA Secretary Guruva Reddy alleges that the irregularities span a long period and involve major financial mismanagement, including questionable transactions, lack of transparency, and alleged misuse of funds that were meant to support cricket development activities. According to the complaint, irregularities reportedly involved dubious transfers, lack of proper authorizations, and suspected manipulation of records related to historic agreements and financial dealings within the association. The TCA has urged the state government and law enforcement agencies to take swift action to investigate the allegations and bring the responsible parties to justice. One of the main points of contention concerns a long-standing agreement between HCA and a private company, in which payments appear to



have been made well before the official contract was executed. This has raised questions about the legality and propriety of such transactions, leading to broader demands for scrutiny. TCA leaders have also highlighted concerns over outdated or missing official documents, which they believe add to the suspicion of systemic financial irregularities. The alleged irregularities are not limited to a single transaction but are presented as part of a broader pattern of financial mismanagement within HCA that has persisted for many years. In addition to issues regarding agreements and fund transfers, the TCA complaint also criticizes alleged manipulation of membership and administrative decisions that may have benefited select interests rather than the sport's development. In light of these

allegations, the TCA has called for a comprehensive investigation by independent agencies to ensure proper accountability and restore confidence in cricket administration in the region. The demand includes a request for agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation to be brought in to conduct a thorough probe covering all financial records, agreements, and governance failures. As the controversy gains public attention, stakeholders in the sporting community have underscored the need for transparent governance and timely action to address the alleged misconduct. The outcome of any official inquiry could have significant implications for cricket administration in the state and may lead to broader reforms in the way sporting bodies manage and report their finances.

Illegal Liquor Belt Shops Trigger Fear Among Residents

Quthbullapur, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Residents of Balanagar basti in Gajularamaram, under the limits of Jagad-girigutta Police Station, have raised serious concerns over the growing menace of illegal liquor belt shops, alleging negligence by excise authorities and worsening law and order conditions.

According to locals, unauthorized liquor outlets are operating freely in residential areas without any licenses, creating an atmosphere of fear and insecurity. Women in the locality expressed distress, stating that they feel unsafe both inside their homes and while stepping outside due to the activities of intoxicated individuals.

Residents alleged that authorities are taking only temporary action. They said that cases are registered only when the issue gains media attention, and within a day, the same shops resume operations, openly selling liquor again. This has led to frustration among the public, who are de-



manding strict and permanent action.

The easy availability of liquor is reportedly affecting youth, leading them towards

harmful habits. During night hours, incidents such as public drinking, arguments, fights, and indecent behavior have increased significantly. Women

said they are afraid to step out after dark, while school children are also being exposed to such scenes, impacting them mentally.

As the situation worsened, local women and youth jointly approached the police station and filed a complaint. They highlighted that breaking liquor bottles on roads, creating public nuisance, and threatening behavior by drunk individuals have become daily occurrences.

A local resident, Bharati, said the situation has become unbearable. She stated that people are unable to even visit nearby markets due to fear and warned that if the problem continues, families may be forced to sell their homes and move away.

Another resident, Vijayalakshmi, expressed concern over children's safety and future. She said the situation has gone out of control in recent months, making it difficult for families to step outside safely.

Residents have demanded a permanent solution instead of temporary crackdowns. They urged the government to take strict action against illegal liquor sales, completely eliminate belt shops in residential areas, and ensure safety and peace for all residents.



Awareness Drive on Cleanliness Under 99-Day Action Plan

Quthbullapur, April 1 | TPN Bureau

As part of the 99-day action plan under the Praja Palana Pragathi initiative, an awareness meeting on cleanliness was conducted on Day 27 at the Jeedimetla Circle Office in Chintal. The program focused on promoting sanitation and public responsibility to achieve the goal of a clean city.

The meeting was held in Circle-55 of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation limits, where officials interacted with Swachh auto drivers and emphasized their role in maintaining hygiene across localities. Drivers were instructed to create awareness among the public about not dumping garbage on roads and in open areas.

Officials issued clear guidelines that garbage collected in autos must be properly covered with tarpaulin while being transported to designated dumping points. This measure aims to prevent spillage and

ensure cleaner surroundings during waste transportation.

They highlighted that auto drivers play a crucial role in maintaining sanitation at the grassroots level and urged them to actively participate in keeping their respective areas clean. Special awareness campaigns were also suggested to educate residents on the importance of cleanliness and proper waste disposal. The initiative is part of a broader effort to strengthen sanitation systems and promote civic responsibility among citizens. Authorities reiterated that achieving a "Swachh City" requires collective participation from both officials and the public. Deputy Commissioner D. Shankar Singh, AE (SWM) Sai Likhita, along with officials Jilani Pasha and Jawan, participated in the meeting and reviewed ongoing sanitation measures in the circle. They stressed the need for strict implementation of guidelines to ensure visible improvements in cleanliness across Jeedimetla.



Minister Adluri Laxman's Birthday Celebrated at Osmania University

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Birthday celebrations of State Minister Adluri Laxman were held at the Arts College premises of Osmania University under the leadership of OU JAC Chairman Kothapalli Tirupati. The event was attended by several prominent personalities, including Sociology Professor Ram Shepherd, senior Congress leader Soma Bhavana Goud from Nacharam division, and Telangana Bahujan Sangham President Velpula Sanjay. The celebrations began with cake cutting, followed by distribution of study material to students preparing for competitive examinations. A sapling was planted in the Arts College premises to promote environmental awareness. A large-

scale community meal program was also organized.

Speaking on the occasion, Kothapalli Tirupati expressed hope that Minister Adluri Laxman would achieve higher positions in the future. He also welcomed the state government's allocation of 1,000 crore for the development of Osmania University and appreciated the minister's contribution toward the university's progress. Several participants, including Laxman, Bheem Rao Naik, A.S.K. Varma Rajender, Charan, Arun, Barigela Raju, Chandu, Praveen, Ramesh, Karunakar, Pranay, Srinu, Mallikarjun, Shekhar, Narendra, and Suresh, took part in the event. The program concluded with a large community meal distribution, reflecting a spirit of celebration and social service.

Two OU Employees Caught Taking Bribe for Pension

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Two employees of Osmania University were caught red-handed by officials of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while accepting a bribe from a retired employee for processing a pension application.

According to ACB DSP Gangasani Sridhar, the incident occurred at the university's administrative building. A senior assistant, Aravind, allegedly demanded a bribe of 15,000 from the victim to process the pension. After discussions, the amount was settled at 13,000.

Aravind reportedly instructed the victim to hand over the money to his associate, Ramesh. Unable to tolerate the demand for a bribe, the victim approached ACB officials, who then laid a trap to catch the accused.

On Wednesday, ACB officials caught Ramesh while accepting the bribe amount near the Ladies Hostel bus stop. During further inquiry, the involvement of Aravind was confirmed, and both individuals



were taken into custody. Officials seized the bribe money and produced the accused before the court for judicial remand. A case has been registered, and further investigation is in progress.

Speaking on the occasion, DSP Sridhar advised the public to report any instances of corruption without fear and assured that strict action would be taken against those involved in such illegal activities.

Auto Workers Protest Over LPG Shortage in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Auto workers staged a protest at Nacharam Crossroads in Hyderabad, burning effigies of the Central and State governments over the ongoing LPG shortage. The protest was led by Telangana State Auto Union President Vemula Marayya, who alleged that both governments have failed to address the crisis.

Speaking during the protest, Marayya said auto drivers in the city have been facing severe difficulties for the past month due to the shortage of LPG. He stated that the situation has disrupted their daily livelihoods, as many auto-rickshaws depend on LPG for operation.

He demanded that the state government immediately take up the issue with the Central government and ensure a quick resolution. He also accused LPG bunk owners of charging excessive prices, fur-



ther burdening auto drivers who are already struggling due to supply shortages.

Marayya urged civil supplies officials to take strict action against those involved in overpricing and irregularities in LPG distribution. He emphasized that failure to act promptly could worsen the situation for thousands of workers dependent on LPG.

Several auto workers participated in the protest, raising slogans against both governments and demanding immediate steps to restore normal supply and regulate prices. The protest highlighted growing frustration among auto drivers, who warned of intensifying their agitation if their demands are not met soon.

Lalaguda Workshop Staff Achieve Railway Board Targets

Secunderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

The success achieved in meeting the Railway Board's targets for the year 2025-26 was made possible due to the dedicated efforts of officials, supervisors, and workers at the Lalaguda Workshop, said Arun Kumar, Division Secretary of South Central Railway Employees Sangh (SCRES), Lalaguda Workshop Division.

Celebrations were held at the Lalaguda Railway Workshop to mark the achievement of production targets for 2025-26, during which nearly 2,000 railway coaches were manufactured, contributing significantly to the Railway Board's goals. Addressing the gathering, Arun Kumar praised the collective commitment and hard

work of the entire workforce.

He said that every employee at the workshop demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism, working beyond regular hours, including weekends and holidays, to achieve the target. "This success reflects teamwork, discipline, unity, and a strong sense of responsibility among the staff," he noted.

Arun Kumar also acknowledged the leadership and guidance provided by senior officials, including Chief Workshop Manager Sumana, Deputy CME Murali, and Vikash Dubey, along with other supervisory staff. He stated that their continuous support and motivation played a crucial role in driving the team towards success.

He further added that this

milestone should inspire the workforce to aim for even greater achievements in the coming years. The union extended congratulations to all workers, supervisors, and officials for their outstanding contribution.

SCRES Chairman Adam Chandrasekhar, Deputy Divisional Secretary Madishetti Nares, CWC Member Chandrakala, office bearers, BC members, active members, and women members also participated in the celebrations and appreciated the collective effort of the team.

The event highlighted the importance of teamwork and dedication in achieving organizational goals and set a positive tone for future accomplishments at the Lalaguda Workshop.



HYDRAA Reclaims 100 Crore Government Land in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government's Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) has carried out a major enforcement operation to reclaim public land illegally occupied in the city, reclaiming property estimated to be worth around 100 crore.

Officials from HYDRAA, working in coordination with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and Revenue Department, identified a government allotted playground site in Shastripuram in Rajendranagar mandal that had been encroached upon and used for unauthorized construction. The land was originally set aside for public recreational use, but multiple structures had been built on it without proper permission.

Acting on complaints from local residents and subsequent field inspections, HYDRAA teams moved in with support from law enforcement and demolished five under construction multi-storey buildings that had come up on the encroached land. The demolitions were carried out amid tight security to ensure public safety and prevent interference with the operation. In addition to the larger buildings, other small unauthorized structures were also removed to clear the area entirely.

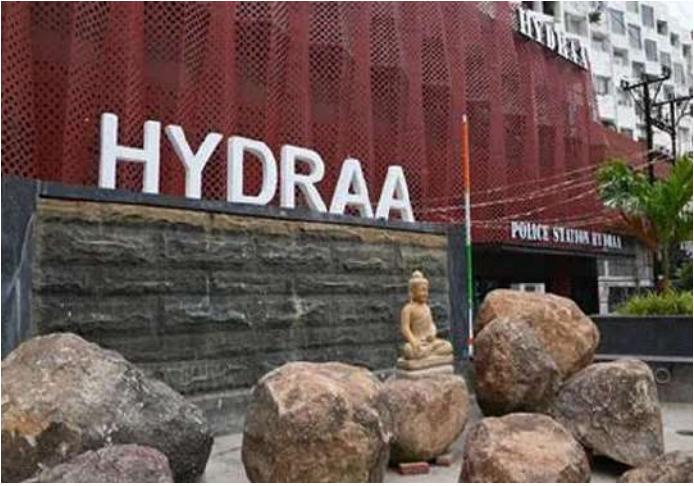
Authorities explained that the encroachments had occurred on land approved dec-

ades earlier as part of a planned urban layout, which had reserved a portion specifically for community use. Encroachers had allegedly sold or occupied plots using notarised agreements, leading to the unauthorized development. After decades of unchecked occupation, the intervention was aimed at restoring the land to its original intended purpose.

HYDRAA was established by the state government in 2024 to protect public assets and government property, including playgrounds, parks, lakes, open spaces and other community lands that have been illegally occupied or misused. The agency has already conducted several drives to remove encroachments on water bodies and open spaces in and around Hyderabad.

Through this operation and others like it, HYDRAA has reclaimed substantial parcels of urban land, reinforcing government efforts to safeguard public assets and ensure that they are used for the benefit of the community. Officials noted that the reclaimed land will be preserved for the purpose it was originally intended, benefiting residents and preventing future misuse.

The move has been welcomed by local residents who had long complained about unauthorized construction and loss of public space in the area. The enforcement action highlights the government's renewed focus on tackling encroachments and protecting public property in rapidly urbanising areas of the city.



Isnapur Councillor Fulfils Manifesto Promises

Sangareddy, April 1 | TPN Bureau

Ward 13 Councillor Lakshmi Narasimha Reddy of Isnapur Municipality in Sangareddy district is moving forward with the implementation of promises made during the election campaign, focusing on welfare and development activities in the ward.

He stated that his primary goal is to honor the commitments made to the people and ensure that benefits reach all sections of society. As part of

this effort, several welfare initiatives have been launched, particularly aimed at supporting the poor, empowering women, and securing a better future for children. He added that some of these programs are being carried out using his personal funds, which has gained appreciation from local residents. Recently, the councillor attended a wedding in the ward and provided financial assistance of 25,000 to the bride's family. He also conveyed his best wishes on the occasion. In addition, he introduced four special schemes in

the ward, including support for families with newborn girl children, marriage assistance, and pensions for elderly people and widows, with 1,000 provided under each scheme.

Lakshmi Narasimha Reddy said he is regularly interacting with residents to understand their problems and take steps for quick resolution. He emphasized that development should be reflected through actions rather than words and said he is working with that principle.

He assured that special focus is being given to improv-

ing basic infrastructure, sanitation, and welfare programs in the ward. Efforts are being made continuously to address civic issues and improve the overall quality of life for residents. The initiatives undertaken by the councillor have received a positive response from the local public, who have appreciated his dedication and accessibility. Residents expressed satisfaction that election promises are being implemented effectively, strengthening trust between the public and their elected representative.



House Sites Allotted to Textile Park Displaced Families

Warangal, April 1 | TPN Bureau

In a major relief measure, the Telangana government has allotted house sites to families displaced due to the development of the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park. The initiative is aimed at providing proper rehabilitation and support to those who lost their land for the industrial project.

The house site distribution programme was conducted in the presence of local public representatives and district officials. Beneficiaries from affected villages were handed over registration documents for residential plots developed in a newly planned township near the textile park area.

Speaking on the occasion, officials stated that the government recognizes the sacrifices made by farmers and families who gave up their land for the project. They assured that the displaced families would not only be provided housing support but also given priority in employment opportunities within the textile park to en-



sure sustainable livelihoods.

Initially, the government had proposed smaller plot sizes, but following requests from beneficiaries, the size of the plots was increased to provide better living conditions. The revised allotments are expected to help families construct comfortable homes with adequate space.

Along with house site allocation, the government has also initiated infrastructure development works in the township.

Plans include the construction of internal roads, drainage systems, electricity supply, drinking water facilities, and essential public amenities such as schools, healthcare centers, and community buildings. These facilities are being developed to ensure that the displaced families have access to a well-planned and livable environment.

Officials emphasized that the textile park project is a key

initiative aimed at boosting industrial growth and generating large-scale employment in the region. They noted that the success of such projects depends on balancing development with the welfare of affected communities. Authorities also made it clear that strict measures would be taken to prevent illegal constructions and encroachments in the newly developed areas. Proper monitoring systems are being put in place to ensure orderly development and transparency in allotments. The displaced families expressed satisfaction over the allotment of house sites and appreciated the government's efforts in addressing their concerns. Many beneficiaries said the move provides them with a sense of security and hope for a stable future. The Kakatiya Mega Textile Park is expected to emerge as a major hub for the textile industry, contributing significantly to economic development while creating employment opportunities for thousands of people in the region.

Telangana Government Hikes MeeSeva Service Charges

Hyderabad, April 1 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has announced a major revision in service charges at MeeSeva centres across the state, affecting citizens who rely on these centres for essential government documents and services. The revised fee structure, implemented from April 1, has raised charges by nearly 50 percent, marking the biggest increase in user fees in almost eight years. MeeSeva centres serve as citizen service points where people can apply for and obtain a variety of public documents, including income certificates, caste certificates, nativity certificates, birth certificates and other vital records. These centres are widely used by students, job seekers, pensioners, and ordinary residents for accessing government services without visiting multiple offices. Under the new tariff, the minimum service charge has been increased from 35 to 62. Fees for issuing key certificates like income, caste and nativity certificates have been set at 80, while birth certificates



and similar services now attract a fee of 62. Other categories of services have seen proportional increases, resulting in a heavier financial burden for those seeking routine documents. Many citizens, particularly students and unemployed youth who frequently require certificates for education and job applications, may feel the impact of higher charges. The government's decision to revise the charges was taken on the request of MeeSeva centre operators, who cited rising operational costs such as electricity, internet connectivity, and personnel expenses. Officials from the Information Technology and Communications Department issued the govern-

ment order outlining the new fee structure, stressing that the increase was necessary to ensure sustainability and uninterrupted services at franchise centres throughout the state. Despite the government's rationale, the fee hike has triggered concerns among common residents. Some have expressed anxiety that raising charges at a time when many people are struggling with everyday expenses due to inflation will increase financial pressure on ordinary families. Many feel that accessing essential documents, often required for education, social schemes and employment, should remain affordable.

The revised charges are now in effect at all authorised MeeSeva centres across Telangana. Citizens are encouraged to be aware of the new rates before paying fees and to ensure they receive proper receipts for any transactions. As the increased charges come into force, public reaction and demand patterns are expected to influence future policy adjustments around user fees for government services.

13 Devotees Injured as Shed Collapses at Kondagattu Temple

Kondagattu, April 1 | TPN Bureau

At least thirteen devotees were injured on Wednesday when a temporary shed collapsed at the famed Kondagattu Anjaneya Swamy Temple in Jagtial district while large crowds had gathered ahead of Hanuman Jayanti celebrations. The mishap occurred in the early hours as devotees were assembling near a makeshift shelter set up to provide shade and rest during the festival.

Hundreds of worshippers had assembled at the hill shrine of Lord Anjaneya Swamy to take part in the three day Hanuman Chinna Jayanthi and Hanuman Vijayotsavam festivities. As devotees moved around the temple complex, the bamboo and thatch structure - erected to shield them from the elements - suddenly gave way. The collapse left many people pinned beneath the fallen frames and mats, triggering panic among the crowd.

Those present at the scene rushed to help the injured,



pulling them out from under the debris and arranging immediate medical assistance. Local volunteers and temple staff, supported by police and emergency personnel, quickly helped evacuate the injured to nearby hospitals in Jagtial for treatment. Officials said most

of the injuries were minor, but a few devotees suffered more serious trauma and were receiving close medical attention.

Eyewitnesses attributed the incident to poor quality of materials used in constructing the temporary shelter. They expressed concern that the flimsy structure was unable to withstand not just the large number of people but also the prevailing weather conditions early on Wednesday morning. The soil beneath the poles and supports reportedly became unstable due to recent rain, contributing to the sudden collapse of the shed.

Temple authorities responded by beginning immediate repair and reinforcement work to prevent further hazards as the celebrations continued. They assured devotees that en-

hanced safety measures had been put in place across the venue, including the strengthening of temporary structures and better monitoring of crowded areas to avoid similar incidents.

Police also stepped up security arrangements around the temple, deploying additional personnel, patrols, and crowd management systems. Officers advised pilgrims visiting during the festival to follow safety instructions and report any unsafe conditions to officials on site.

Despite the accident, temple celebrations continued with religious fervour as devotees took part in rituals and offerings. Authorities reiterated their commitment to ensuring that the remainder of the festivities proceed smoothly and safely for all visitors.

Grand Hanuman Jayanti Celebrations in Rudraram

Patancheru, April 1 | TPN Bureau:

Hanuman Jayanti celebrations were held with great devotion and enthusiasm in Rudraram village under Isnapur Municipality in Patancheru constituency. The event was organized under the leadership of Ward 25 Councillor Pandu, drawing a large number of devotees and local leaders.

On this occasion, special pujas were performed at the Veera Hanuman Temple located along the national highway. MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy participated in the program and offered special prayers to Lord Hanuman. Addressing the gathering, he stated that Hanuman symbolizes devotion, strength, humility, and selfless service, adding that his life serves as an inspiration to everyone.

In light of a recent incident where unidentified persons

vandalized idols at the temple, a Bhoomi Pooja ceremony was conducted for the reconstruction of the temple. The MLA expressed hope that rebuilding the temple would further strengthen spiritual values among the people and assured his full support for the construction.

Several prominent leaders attended the program, including Isnapur Municipal Chairperson Mothe Sumalatha, former MPPs Devanandam and Gayatri Pandu, former ZPTC Srikanth Goud, former Sarpanches Sudheer Reddy and Venkanna, senior leader Venkat Reddy, and councillors Raju, Sandhya, Latha, Kishore Reddy, Rahul Reddy, Narasimha Reddy, Nagaraju, and Srinivas.

Temple committee members and devotees also participated in large numbers, making the event a grand spiritual gathering.

Warangal, April 1 | TPN Bureau

In a major breakthrough, Warangal police have successfully busted an inter-state chain snatching gang and recovered stolen gold ornaments worth approximately 15-20 lakh. The arrests mark a significant step in curbing rising incidents of chain snatching in the region.

According to police officials, the gang was involved in multiple chain snatching cases across different districts and even operated beyond state borders. Acting on specific intelligence inputs and after sustained surveillance, the police tracked down the suspects and apprehended them during a co-ordinated operation.

During the investigation, it



was revealed that the accused used motorcycles to swiftly execute the crimes, targeting women and elderly individuals

in isolated areas. They would snatch gold chains and flee the scene within seconds, making it difficult for victims and authorities to respond immediately. The gang reportedly sold the stolen gold in different locations to avoid detection.

Police teams worked meticulously, analyzing CCTV footage, tracking mobile phone signals, and gathering local intelligence to identify the culprits. Their efforts led to the recovery of a substantial quantity of gold ornaments, which are believed to be linked to several unsolved cases in the region.

Officials stated that the arrested individuals have prior criminal records and are suspected to be part of a larger network involved in similar crimes. Further investigation is underway to identify other members of the gang and uncover additional cases connect-

ed to them.

The police have urged the public, especially women, to remain vigilant and avoid wearing heavy gold ornaments in isolated or poorly lit areas. They also advised citizens to immediately report any suspicious activity to nearby police stations.

Authorities reiterated their commitment to ensuring public safety and maintaining law and order. With this successful operation, the Warangal police have sent a strong message to criminal elements that such activities will not be tolerated.

Efforts are ongoing to strengthen surveillance and deploy additional patrol teams in vulnerable areas to prevent future incidents.

Badde Nayak Extends Lifeline to Farmer Battling Paralysis

Kalyanadurgam, April 1, 2026 | TPN Bureau

In a remarkable act of compassion, Badde Nayak, Chairman of Infinity Charitable Trust, extended urgent financial support to a farmer suffering from paralysis in Y.C. Palli (Eguvapalli) village, Kambaduru Mandal. The farmer, Chendrayudu, has been bedridden due to complications from a road accident that occurred over a decade ago. With his wife Gauthami working as a laborer to sustain the family and his elderly father Chen-

nappa providing constant care, the family faced severe emotional and financial distress, worsened recently by the passing of Chendrayudu's mother Sarojamma. Upon learning of their plight through local youth, Badde Nayak immediately responded, personally ensuring that the family received 20,000 to cover urgent medical expenses. Speaking on the occasion, Nayak said, "Saving a life and bringing light to a struggling family is the greatest service. Chendrayudu must recover soon, and Infinity Trust will al-

ways stand by them." Accompanying him, Vice Chairman Suresh Kumar and other Trust members, including Tippeswami, personally handed over the assistance to the family. Local villagers, including Ramu and Venugopal, praised Nayak's generosity and his hands-on approach in reaching out to those in need. This intervention is yet another example of how Infinity Charitable Trust, under Nayak's leadership, serves as a pillar of support for vulnerable communities. By providing timely aid and

showing empathy, Nayak has reinforced the value of social responsibility and inspired others to contribute to the welfare of the disadvantaged. His consistent efforts to help marginalized families have earned widespread admiration in the constituency, with villagers hailing him as a dependable "friend in distress." Through such acts, Infinity Charitable Trust continues to impact lives, offering hope and stability to families in crisis and setting a benchmark for charitable work in the region.



Sri Sathya Sai District TDP Office Inaugurated in Puttaparthi

Puttaparthi, 01-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

With the blessings of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Sri Sathya Sai District Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office in Puttaparthi was inaugurated in a grand ceremony. The event was presided over by District In-Charge Minister Anagani Satya Prasad, who officially opened the office by cutting the ceremonial ribbon. The newly constructed office, overseen by District TDP President M.S. Raju, was designed to strengthen the party's presence and serve as a hub for district-level activities.

The inauguration began with the unveiling of the party flag near the Amulya Layout, followed by a special pooja inside the office premises. Minister Anagani Satya Prasad was joined by District Minister Savita, local MLAs, and senior party leaders, who also participated in the ribbon-cutting for various sections of the office. The program attracted party leaders, workers, and supporters from across the district, filling the venue with energy and enthusiasm.

During the event, leaders



emphasized that the office would remain open 24 hours for party workers and would focus on their welfare. Minister Anagani Satya Prasad and District Minister Savita highlighted that the office would play a central role in strengthening TDP across the district. M.S. Raju, acknowledged for his tireless work, was felicitat-

ed with shawls and floral tributes, reinforcing his role in energizing the party and inspiring young leaders. The inauguration concluded with party leaders assuring continuous support for workers and promising that the office would serve as a strong base to make Sri Sathya Sai District a cornerstone of TDP's

growth, reflecting the party's commitment to grassroots empowerment and organizational excellence. Attendees included MLAs Palle Sindhura Reddy, Kandikunta Venkataprasad, former Minister Palle Raghunath Reddy, ex-MLC Gundumala Tippeswami, and Paritala Sriram, among other party leaders and activists.

Free Electricity Scheme for Weaver Workers in Srikakulam

Srikakulam, 01-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government has launched a free electricity scheme for handloom and power loom workers to ease their financial burden. Under the initiative, each handloom worker will receive 200 units per month, while power loom workers will get 500 units of free electricity, announced State Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchennaidu.

The announcement was made during a social pension distribution program at Kotabommali Hadco Colony, where the minister, along with District Collector Swapnil Dinakar Pundkar, visited homes and distributed pensions. Minister Atchennaidu emphasized that all eligible beneficiaries would receive assistance transparently, with field-level feedback being collected to ensure proper implementation. He also highlighted several ongoing development projects in Kotabommali, including a 1 crore shopping complex, a 60 lakh Primary Agricultural Co-operative Bank, and the con-



struction of cement roads in villages previously lacking proper infrastructure. Hood housing projects, previously stalled, were completed with 8 crore, ensuring homes reach eligible poor families. The minister further announced 620 crore projects to provide clean drinking water to every household in the constituency over the next two years.

Industrial development, including the ArcelorMittal Steel Plant and a Google center, is expected to generate employment for over 50,000 people in

northern Andhra Pradesh. Atchennaidu reaffirmed the government's commitment to Amaravati as the sole capital, with assembly approval and the parliamentary bill in progress. District officials, PACS leaders, and local community members actively participated in the event. This initiative underscores the state government's focus on welfare, infrastructure development, and economic growth, improving the lives of weaver families in Srikakulam while fostering broader regional development.

Development Drive in Nellore City Led by Minister Narayana

Nellore, 01-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

Nellore city witnessed a major development drive under the leadership of State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana. Minister Narayana inaugurated several infrastructure projects aimed at improving drainage and road facilities across key urban divisions. At the 15th Division, Balajinagar Ugadi Center, he performed the ground-breaking ceremony for a 30 lakh drainage construction project. He then moved to the 46th Division, Radhamadhav Sandu, to lay the foundation for a CC road and drain project worth 28 lakh. Following the formalities, the minister interacted with local shopkeepers along Trunk Road, discussing their concerns and development needs. Minister Narayana emphasized that the coalition government is focusing on development and public welfare. He criticized the previous YSRCP



administration for mismanaging systems and diverting central funds, asserting that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's governance experience has successfully attracted 25% additional investments into the state. He also highlighted plans to boost industrial development to increase employ-

ment and restore the state's former glory, ensuring that all election promises are fulfilled. Minister Narayana further directed the construction of modern markets to provide better facilities for traders and the public. The event saw participation from several senior officials and party leaders, includ-

ing Commissioner Nandan, Mayor Sujata Ashok, Deputy Mayor Roop Kumar Yadav, former Municipal Chairperson Tallapaka Anuradha, corporators Venkateshwar, Kartam Pratap Reddy, cluster heads Ucci Bhuvaneshwari Prasad, Balaji, Anchooru Srinivasulu, Putta Ajay, division presidents

Penchal Chaudhary, Mahendra, Pakala Penchalayya, and TDP Parliament Women President Kapira Revathi. The drive reflects the government's commitment to revive Nellore's infrastructure, improve urban amenities, and ensure transparency in public welfare projects.

Amaravati Secured as Andhra Pradesh Capital, Says Minister Narayana

Nellore, 01-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

State Municipal Administration Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana expressed elation as the Lok Sabha passed the Amaravati Capital Bill, granting official legislative sanction for Amaravati as the capital of Andhra Pradesh. Speaking on the occasion, the minister credited the success to the unrelenting efforts of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, along with the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Minister Narayana announced that Amaravati will officially become the state capital from June 2, 2024, marking a historic milestone for the region. He emphasized that the long struggle of farmers who fought for Amaravati's development was the true victory, and assured that no one will be able to move even an inch of the capital from its rightful place.

Highlighting the government's development vision,

Narayana stated that while Amaravati is being built as a modern and well-planned capital, the coalition administration is committed to comprehensive development across all regions of the state. He underscored that the initiative is not just about Amaravati but about ensuring balanced growth, improved infrastructure, and better livelihoods for people in every district.

The minister's announcement was welcomed by political leaders, officials, and local stakeholders, reflecting widespread approval for the permanent establishment of Amaravati as Andhra Pradesh's seat of governance. With the Lok Sabha's backing, the coalition government aims to accelerate urban planning, infrastructure projects, and inclusive regional development alongside the capital's construction.

Amaravati's recognition as the official capital marks a new chapter in Andhra Pradesh's history, combining farmer-led victories, strategic governance, and long-term development planning.

Chandrababu Free Electricity Scheme Benefits Weavers in Kovuru

Nellore, 01-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

In a significant boost for local weavers, the Chandrababu Chandana Welectricity Scheme was launched today in Kovuru, providing free electricity to eligible weaving families. Kovuru MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy visited Inumadugu village's weaver colony to distribute eligibility certificates and explain the scheme benefits.

Under the scheme, each eligible handloom worker household will receive 200 units of free electricity per month, while households with power looms will get 500 units free

monthly. In Kovuru constituency alone, 531 weaver families are set to benefit from the initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Prashanthi Reddy highlighted that the government aims to reduce electricity costs for weavers, thereby increasing their disposable income. She explained that across the state, the scheme will cost the government around 150 crore annually, with a single handloom family saving 720 per month, totaling 8,640 per year. For power loom families, monthly savings would reach 1,800, totaling 21,600 annually.

The MLA also emphasized

that the coalition government is committed to financial empowerment of all sections of society, ensuring that welfare schemes reach those who need them most. The launch event witnessed the participation of local weaver association leaders and senior TDP coalition party representatives, who lauded the scheme as a timely support for the weaving community.

This initiative not only eases the economic burden on weavers but also strengthens the handloom sector, encouraging sustainable livelihoods and growth in Nellore district's weaving clusters.



Chittoor Residents Receive NTR Social Security Pensions

Chittoor, 01-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

In a major welfare initiative, the coalition government is delivering social security benefits across Chittoor district. MLA Gurjala Jagan Mohan and Collector Sumith Kumar personally distributed NTR social security pensions to senior citizens, widows, and single women in Ward 35, Kayanikattu Street, Chittoor.

The team visited beneficiaries' homes, ensuring the pension amounts reached them directly. Engaging warmly with the recipients, MLA Jagan Mohan explained that each eligible person receives 4,000, a distinctive initiative aimed at providing maximum support to the elderly and vulnerable. In Chittoor urban limits alone, 16,032 beneficiaries will receive a total of 7.11 crore.



Collector Sumith Kumar stated that comprehensive arrangements were made to deliver pensions door-to-door,

maintaining transparency and convenience for all recipients. Across Chittoor district, a total of 2,38,880 beneficiaries will receive

100.53 crore in NTR pensions, reflecting the government's commitment to inclusive welfare.

The distribution event also saw participation from Commissioner P. Narasimha Prasad, Chuda Chairperson Kathari Hemalatha, former Mayor S. Amud, former MLC B.N. Rajasimha, Deputy Commissioner Avineni Prasad, MHO Dr. Lokesh, former Deputy Mayor Rajesh Kumar Reddy, along with local representatives, TDP city committee members, and coalition party leaders.

This hands-on approach underscores the coalition government's promise of direct and accessible welfare for citizens, ensuring that social security measures reach those who need them most. The initiative has been widely appreciated by residents, reinforcing public confidence in government-led development and support programs.



Apollo University Launches Movie Club to Foster Student Creativity

Chittoor, 01-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

The Apollo University in Chittoor inaugurated its Movie Club in a grand ceremony on April 1, aiming to cultivate creativity, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of cinema among students. The event was attended by university officials, faculty members, and a large number of students.

The inauguration was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Dr. H. Vinod Bhatt, along with special guest Professor Vardesh Hiregange, former Director of the Gandhian Center for Philosophical Arts and Sciences, and Professor at the Manipal Academy of Higher Education. The official logo of the Movie Club was unveiled during the event.

Addressing the gathering, VC Dr. Vinod Bhatt emphasized that cinema is not merely a source of entertainment but a powerful medium to enhance students' analytical thinking and creativity. He noted that films both reflect society and are influenced by it, making it essential for students to understand

stand cinema deeply. He highlighted that the Movie Club would serve as a platform not just for entertainment but for intellectual and creative development.

Professor Vardesh Hiregange added that cinema acts as a mirror to society and encouraged students to approach films with a critical perspective, which would broaden their thinking and analytical skills.

The program also saw participation from Registrar Dr. M. Potharaju, Additional Registrar S. Anil Kumar, AIMSAR Dean Professor Alfred J. Augustine, Associate Dean Dr. Ramya Ramakrishnan, Nursing College Vice Principal Dr. Jinto Mathew, Student Affairs Director Professor Muralikrishna S., and Movie Club Faculty Coordinator D. Abhilash.

The launch of the Movie Club marks a step toward enriching student life at Apollo University by blending creativity with intellectual growth, making cinema a tool for both learning and critical engagement.



Chintamohan Advocates SC Status for Dalit Christians

East Godavari, April 01, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader Chintamohan has called for a constitutional amendment to grant Scheduled Caste status to Dalit Christians. Speaking at a press conference at Manjeera Convention Hall, Rajahmundry, he emphasized that ensuring social justice for Dalits requires immediate legislative intervention. He promised that once Congress comes to power, the party would implement this reform.

Chintamohan sharply criticized the NDA government for politicizing the judiciary, claiming that appointments and verdicts are increasingly influenced by political considerations. He questioned bureaucratic control, asking, "Should a judge need government permission to transfer from Hyderabad to Bengaluru?" He recalled that under Congress, the collegium system was prioritized to maintain judicial independence.

Addressing the Amaravati capital issue, Chintamohan stirred controversy, asserting that the capital's shift is inevitable and depends on political

decisions. He alleged that past administrations, including Chandrababu Naidu, engaged in speculative land leasing and commercial exploitation, failing to fulfill their development promises.

Highlighting Dalits as future leaders, he predicted that by 2029, they would dominate both state and national politics. He personally committed to including Dalit Christian reservations in Congress's manifesto and ensuring their implementation. Critiquing current political wealth accumulation, he questioned how leaders from humble beginnings, including Chandrababu Naidu and Jagan Mohan Reddy, amassed crores, neglecting the poor.

Chintamohan also expressed concern over local economic issues, citing the Godavari Basin gas project exporting to Europe while local communities face unemployment, and highlighted Congress's historic diplomatic successes under Rajiv Gandhi. The event saw participation from SC leaders, including Jeda Mohan, and reinforced Congress's commitment to social justice, transparency, and empowering marginalized communities.

District Collector Inspects Midday Meal Program at ZP High School

Venkatagiri, April 01, 2026 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar conducted a surprise visit to the Zilla Parishad Boys' High School in Venkatagiri to review the Dokka Seethamma Midday Meal Scheme. During the visit, he sat down with the students and shared the midday meal, engaging warmly with them and interacting closely to understand their needs and aspirations.

To assess students' proficiency in English and their confidence levels, Dr. Venkateshwar posed several questions and encouraged their participation.

During the interaction, he recognized the talent of a sixth-grade student, presenting the child with a pen as a special reward and appreciating their efforts with a "Shabash," earning admiration from everyone present.

The Collector expressed satisfaction with the taste, nutritional value, and quality of the meals, praising the hygiene standards, preparation, and distribution processes maintained by the school authorities. He acknowledged the District Education Department's efforts to ensure that students receive wholesome and quality meals.

Accompanying the Collector were District Trainee Collector Sandeep Raghu Vancey, Sri Kalahasti RDO Bhanuprakash Reddy, District Education Officer K.V.N. Kumar, along with the school's headmasters and teaching staff, who coordinated the visit and shared insights about the program's implementation.

The visit highlighted the government's commitment to student welfare and nutrition, emphasizing that midday meals not only support health but also encourage learning, attendance, and overall student development in the district.

'Yashoda' Offers New Hope for Parkinson's Patients

East Godavari, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Parkinson's disease, a severe neurodegenerative disorder commonly known as the "shaking disease," is increasingly affecting people worldwide, irrespective of age. Highlighting the growing concern, Dr. Rajesh Alugolu, Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon and Clinical Director at the Movement Disorders Research Center, Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad Hightech City, addressed a media briefing in Rajahmundry, providing crucial insights into modern treatments for this condition. Dr. Alugolu explained that approximately 42 to 60 individuals per 100,000 population suffer from Parkinson's in India. Patients like Ashok Reddy from Hurabad and Sangeeta from Kazipet recently underwent successful surgeries at Yashoda Hospital using Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) technology. Both patients have regained full independence and are performing their daily activities with ease. Medical experts noted that Parkinson's, like hyper-



tension or diabetes, is a lifelong condition, with symptoms intensifying over time. While medications provide relief during the first three to four years, their effectiveness gradually declines. For patients with advanced symptoms, DBS—approved by US-FDA and DCGI—is the only effective treatment. This technique involves implanting electrodes in specific regions of the brain, controlled by a small device placed in the chest, significantly improving patients' quality of life. Yashoda Hospital, with a 2,000-bed capacity, offers international-standard super-specialty care. The hospital

combines cutting-edge technology with accessible treatment costs, making advanced therapies like DBS available to ordinary patients. Hospital representatives, including Santosh Kumar and Ramakrishna, emphasized that such interventions provide permanent relief from tremors and movement disorders, offering renewed hope to Parkinson's sufferers.

Dr. Alugolu stressed that timely intervention with DBS can restore independence and transform the daily lives of patients, reinforcing Yashoda Hospital's commitment to world-class care for complex neurological conditions.



Central Govt. Clarifies Policy on Solar Carports, Parking Lots

Chittoor (Delhi), April 01, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao raised questions in the Lok Sabha regarding the central government's policy measures to promote solar power in carports and parking lots, seeking details on support for India's renewable energy capacity and any pilot projects with private players in Andhra Pradesh.

In response, the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy clarified that no separate incentives currently exist specifically for carports, and opportunities are available primarily under the PM Surya Ghar scheme, operational since February 2024. The written reply, provided by Union Minister Sripada Yesso Naik, also outlined that group housing societies and residential welfare associations can set up solar plants for their shared amenities, which may include EV charging points and solar carports, and financial support is available under this framework. The MP expressed gratitude to the Union Minister for the detailed response. He emphasized that while no standalone policy exists for solar carports, initiatives under PM

Surya Ghar allow residential and institutional stakeholders to adopt renewable energy solutions.

The reply also highlighted successful projects across India:

- Chandigarh: Solar carports with a capacity of 3,745 kW across 22 locations.
- Gujarat: Carports at Modhera Sun Temple, Gandhinagar Secretariat, and Statue of Unity, Kevadia, equipped with Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
- Jharkhand: 2 MW solar carport at the Jharkhand High Court premises.
- Ladakh: Advanced solar carport with battery storage in Leh, implemented by CESL.

Daggumalla Prasad Rao highlighted that such infrastructure supports clean mobility and renewable energy adoption and called for further expansion of similar initiatives nationwide to strengthen India's renewable energy capacity.

The discussion underlined the government's ongoing efforts to integrate solar energy into urban infrastructure while clarifying existing policy limits and opportunities for financial assistance.

Chittoor District Collector Cracks Down on Drugs and Medical Violations

Chittoor, April 01, 2026:

Under the leadership of District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar, a review meeting on drug and medical regulations was conducted at the Chittoor Collectorate today. The meeting was attended by representatives of the E-Gal Cell, Drug Inspectors, and members of the Medical Association to address rising concerns over illegal drug sales and misuse of medical kits in the district.

The collector highlighted the increasing misuse of abortion kits and instructed authorities to maintain strict surveillance on their sale. He emphasized

the prevention of illegal gender determination tests, citing their adverse impact on the district's sex ratio and the risks of female foeticide. Members of the Medical Association were urged to actively discourage such practices.

Regarding narcotic drugs and intoxicant powders, the collector stressed that no medical outlets should sell such substances without proper prescriptions. He instructed strict action against dealers violating regulations. All medical agencies and drug sellers were directed to maintain accurate stock registers and billing records, and to supply kits only

on the basis of valid doctor prescriptions.

In ongoing legal measures, the collector ordered the Drug Inspector to proceed under the PD Act against individuals involved in two already registered cases. Citizens with information on illegal sales or other unlawful activities were encouraged to report immediately via the E-Gal toll-free number 1972.

The collector concluded by warning all medical professionals and dealers that responsible conduct is mandatory, and violations of regulations would invite strict legal action.



Congress "Dangerous", Vote For 'Viksit Assam': PM Modi's Big Pitch Ahead Of Polls

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a sharp attack on the Congress during his campaign for the 2026 Assam Assembly elections, calling the party “dangerous” for the state and urging voters to support development under the BJP. The remarks came during his first election rally at Gogamukh in Assam’s Dhemaji district ahead of polling scheduled for April 9.

Addressing the rally, the Prime Minister criticised the Congress for attempting to introduce the Communal Violence Bill before the 2014 general elections. He claimed that such policies would have harmed Assam’s social fabric



and created divisions in society. Modi argued that the Congress had consistently pursued policies that threatened peace

“Viksit Assam” (developed Assam), highlighting development projects undertaken in the state over the past decade. He said the BJP government had focused on infrastructure growth, economic progress and improving living standards, contrasting this with what he described as the Congress’s record of instability.

The Prime Minister also expressed confidence that the BJP would return to power for a third consecutive term in the state. He emphasised that continued support for the party would ensure faster development and long-term growth for Assam. The BJP is aiming for a hat-trick victory in the north-eastern state, where elections

for all 126 assembly constituencies will be held in a single phase.

The Assam Assembly elections are scheduled for April 9, with counting of votes set for May 4. Political campaigning has intensified across the state, with both the BJP and Congress stepping up efforts to win over voters.

Modi’s remarks mark a strong start to the BJP’s campaign push, signalling a development-focused narrative while sharply criticising the opposition. With voting just days away, the contest in Assam is expected to witness intense campaigning from all major political parties.



Census 2027 Kicks Off Today; 33 Questions In Six-Month Phase 1

India’s Census 2027 has officially begun on April 1, marking the start of the first phase of the country’s largest population-mapping exercise. The initial phase, known as house-listing operations, will run until September 30, with each state and Union Territory conducting the survey within a designated 30-day window. The second phase, population enumeration, is scheduled to begin from March 1 next year.

During Phase 1, officials will ask 33 questions focusing on households, housing conditions and access to amenities. The data collected will serve as the foundation for the next stage of population enumeration. The exercise aims to create a comprehensive database covering living conditions, infrastructure availability and socio-economic indicators across the country.

The questions will include details such as building number, type of house, construction material used for floor, walls and roof, number of rooms and households residing in the structure. Enumerators will also gather information on access to basic facilities like drinking water, electricity, toilets, internet connectivity and availability of assets such as vehicles.

Officials will further collect

demographic details including the name and gender of the head of the household, ownership status of the house, and whether the family belongs to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes. Other questions will relate to living arrangements, number of married couples, and household consumption patterns. Census 2027 will be conducted in two phases, with the first focusing on housing data and the second covering population details. The reference date for the population count is set for March 2027. This census also marks a significant shift as it introduces digital tools and self-enumeration options, allowing citizens to submit details online before enumerators visit households.

The upcoming census is particularly significant as it will include caste enumeration, a long-standing demand from several political parties and social groups. The move comes more than six decades after caste data was last fully collected nationwide.

Conducted once every ten years, the census plays a crucial role in policymaking, welfare planning and resource allocation. With the launch of Phase 1, India begins one of the world’s largest data-collection exercises aimed at providing updated demographic and socio-economic information.



‘Where Was PM?': Kharge, Rijiju Clash In Rajya Sabha Over West Asia Crisis Discussion

A heated exchange broke out in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday as Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju sparred over the Opposition’s demand for a discussion on the ongoing West Asia crisis and its impact on India.

Kharge criticised the government for not agreeing to a detailed debate in Parliament, questioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s absence from the all-party meeting on the crisis. He also raised concerns over the impact of the conflict on LPG supplies, fuel prices and inflation, urging the government to address the issue comprehensively in the House.

During the discussion, Kharge asked, “Where was your PM?” and accused the government of avoiding parliamentary scrutiny on an issue affecting millions of citizens. He argued that the crisis in West Asia, including disruptions to shipping routes, could significantly affect India’s energy security and lead to rising costs for households.

Responding to the criticism, Rijiju rejected the Opposition’s allegations and said the government was not running away from any discussion. He pointed out that ministers had already made statements in Parliament regarding the West

Asia situation and its potential implications.

The exchange turned sharper when Kharge accused the Treasury benches of not allowing adequate discussion, prompting Rijiju to counter that the government had been transparent and responsive. The verbal duel led to tense moments in the House as members from both sides intervened.

The Opposition has been demanding a full-fledged debate on the crisis, citing concerns over rising fuel prices, LPG shortages and the broader economic impact. The government, however, maintained that the matter had already been addressed through ministerial statements and briefings.

The ongoing West Asia conflict has triggered global oil price volatility and concerns about supply disruptions, making it a key political issue domestically. The Rajya Sabha exchange reflects growing political tensions over how the government is handling the situation and communicating its strategy to Parliament.

The sharp confrontation underscores the political heat surrounding the crisis, with the Opposition pushing for accountability and the government defending its response amid growing economic concerns.

MK Stalin Kickstarts Poll Campaign, Slams AIADMK Ahead Of Tamil Nadu Elections

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday launched his campaign for the upcoming Assembly elections, launching a sharp attack on the opposition AIADMK and its alliance partners. The campaign kickoff comes ahead of the single-phase polling scheduled for April 23 in the state.

Addressing supporters, Stalin criticised AIADMK leader Edappadi K. Palaniswami, claiming he lacked long-term vision and leadership qualities. He also targeted the AIADMK-BJP alliance, describing it as an “anti-Tamil and opportunistic alliance” that, he alleged, would not serve the interests of the state.

The Chief Minister used the rally to highlight his government’s welfare initiatives and development projects, urging voters to back the ruling DMK for continuity and stability. Stalin emphasised that his administration had focused on infrastructure growth, welfare schemes and economic development during its tenure.



He also announced that free pump sets without electricity meters would be provided to more than 20 lakh farmers, calling it a major initiative aimed at boosting agricultural productivity and supporting rural communities. The promise is part of the DMK’s broader election strategy targeting farmers and rural voters.

Stalin further alleged that the opposition alliance lacked unity and clear policy direction. He argued that the AIADMK-BJP partnership was driven by political compulsion rather than shared goals, and urged voters to reject what he

described as divisive politics.

The Tamil Nadu Assembly elections will be held on April 23 to elect all 234 members, with counting of votes scheduled for May 4. Political campaigning has intensified across the state, with major parties stepping up outreach efforts in the final weeks before polling.

The launch of Stalin’s campaign marks the beginning of an intense political battle in Tamil Nadu, with the ruling DMK seeking a second consecutive term while the AIADMK-led opposition attempts to regain power.

RBI's New Digital Payment Rules From April 1: What Changes For UPI, Cards, Wallets

The Reserve Bank of India has introduced new digital payment rules effective April 1, aimed at strengthening security and reducing fraud in online transactions. The changes will affect users of UPI, debit and credit cards, and mobile wallets across the country.

Mandatory Two-Factor Authentication

Under the new framework, two-factor authentication (2FA) is now mandatory for all digital transactions. This means payments made via UPI, cards, or wallets will require two independent verification steps instead of relying only on OTPs. OTPs will still be used, but they must be combined with another factor such as PIN, password, fingerprint, or facial recognition.

OTP Alone No Longer Enough

The RBI has effectively ended OTP-only payments, which were considered vulnerable to fraud. Now, every transaction will require an additional verification layer to improve security and reduce cybercrime risks.

Risk-Based Authentication Introduced

Banks and payment platforms will implement risk-based authentication, meaning



high-value or suspicious transactions may require extra verification steps. Low-risk transactions on trusted devices may still be processed smoothly with minimal friction.

Stronger Protection Against Fraud

The new rules also increase bank accountability for digital fraud. Financial institutions will be required to improve fraud detection systems and speed up complaint resolution. In certain cases, customers may also be eligible for compensation if fraud occurs.

What Changes For Users

- Payments may take slightly longer due to additional

verification

- UPI, cards, and wallet transactions will become more secure
- New devices or large payments may need extra authentication
- Fraud protection and dispute resolution mechanisms will improve

The RBI’s move comes as India’s digital payments ecosystem continues to expand rapidly, increasing the need for stronger safeguards. While users may experience an extra step during transactions, the changes aim to make online payments safer and more reliable.



Kolkata Industrialist Pawan Ruia Arrested Over 315 Crore Cyber Fraud

Kolkata-based industrialist Pawan Ruia has been arrested by the Cyber Crime Wing of West Bengal Police in connection with an alleged 315-crore cyber fraud case, officials said on Tuesday. The arrest was made near a five-star hotel in the New Town area on the outskirts of Kolkata.

According to police, the case came to light after a senior citizen from Salt Lake was allegedly cheated of 93 lakh through a fraudulent mobile application that promised high investment returns. Investigators later traced the defrauded funds to bank accounts linked to shell companies allegedly connected to Ruia and his associates.

Authorities said the case appears to be part of a larger interstate cyber fraud racket. During the investigation, officials found that the money was routed through multiple corporate bank accounts and layered financial transactions before being laundered, allegedly using cryptocurrency and shell companies.

Police sources revealed that the network may be linked to

as many as 1,379 cyber fraud complaints across the country, indicating the scale of the alleged operation. Investigators also suspect that the proceeds were transferred abroad through complex financial channels.

The arrest followed a decision by the Calcutta High Court to vacate interim protection earlier granted to Ruia and his family members, clearing the way for police action. Officials said further arrests may follow as the probe expands into the wider network.

Ruia has been booked under charges including cheating, criminal breach of trust and forgery. Police have also indicated that other members of the Ruia family are under investigation.

Authorities are continuing to examine financial records, digital devices and banking transactions as part of the ongoing investigation. The case highlights growing concerns over sophisticated cyber fraud networks using shell companies and cryptocurrency to move illicit funds across borders.

Commercial LPG Prices Hiked By 195.5; No Change In Domestic Rates

Commercial LPG cylinder prices were increased by 195.50 on April 1, driven by a surge in global oil prices linked to the widening West Asia conflict. The hike affects businesses such as restaurants, hotels and catering services that rely on commercial gas cylinders.

Following the revision, a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder in Delhi now costs 2,078.50, according to state-owned oil companies. The latest increase comes after a previous hike of 114.50 per cylinder on March 1, reflecting continued volatility in

global energy markets.

Despite the increase in commercial cylinder rates, domestic LPG prices remain unchanged. A 14.2-kg household cooking gas cylinder continues to cost 913 in Delhi, with the last revision being a 60 increase on March 7.

The price hike is largely attributed to rising crude oil prices amid geopolitical tensions in West Asia, which have disrupted supply chains and increased global fuel costs. Commercial LPG prices are revised monthly, and fluctuations are typically influenced by international energy markets and currency

movements.

Commercial LPG cylinders are primarily used by hotels, restaurants and other businesses, while domestic cylinders are meant for household consumption. By keeping domestic rates unchanged, authorities aim to limit the financial burden on households despite global price pressures. The latest revision marks another increase in fuel costs amid rising geopolitical uncertainty. Analysts expect prices to remain volatile in the coming weeks, depending on global crude oil trends and developments in West Asia.



UK to Lead Global Effort With 35 Nations to Reopen Strait of Hormuz

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has announced plans to bring together 35 countries in a coordinated effort to reopen the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, following rising tensions in the Middle East that have disrupted global shipping and energy supplies. The initiative comes amid growing concerns about economic instability, fuel shortages, and increasing energy prices worldwide.

Starmer said the United Kingdom would host an urgent international meeting aimed at developing diplomatic and security solutions to restore safe passage through the narrow but crucial

waterway. The participating countries have already agreed to collaborate on ensuring freedom of navigation, protecting commercial vessels, and stabilizing global energy markets affected by the disruption.

The proposed plan involves a two-stage approach. First, diplomatic discussions will focus on reducing tensions and facilitating negotiations between regional stakeholders. Once conditions improve, military and security planners from participating nations will work together to design measures that ensure long-term maritime security in the region. The objective is to prevent further disruptions and guarantee safe

transit for ships carrying oil, gas, and other essential commodities.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most vital maritime routes, with roughly one-fifth of global oil and gas shipments passing through it daily. Any disruption to this route has immediate consequences for global energy markets, leading to price fluctuations, supply shortages, and economic uncertainty. Starmer warned that prolonged instability could trigger a global economic shock similar to past energy crises, affecting both developed and developing economies.

The announcement also comes at a time of height-

ened diplomatic tensions between Western allies. The United States has criticized several countries for not participating in military actions in the region, urging them instead to take responsibility for securing their own energy supplies. Despite this pressure, the United Kingdom has maintained its stance of prioritizing diplomacy and coordination rather than direct military involvement.

Starmer emphasized that the UK remains committed to working with international partners to stabilize the situation and protect global trade. He highlighted that cooperation among nations is essential to maintaining eco-



economic stability and preventing further escalation. The initiative to unite 35 countries marks a significant international effort to reopen one of the world's most critical shipping routes and restore confidence in global energy markets.

Oil Disruptions From Iran War May Double This Month, Europe Also at Risk

Global oil supply disruptions caused by the ongoing Iran conflict are expected to double this month and begin affecting Europe, the head of the International Energy Agency (IEA) has warned. The crisis, triggered by escalating tensions in the Middle East and disruption to key shipping routes, is already being described as one of the biggest energy shocks in modern history.

According to the IEA chief, the closure and instability around the Strait of Hormuz have significantly reduced oil supplies. Around 12 million barrels of oil per day have already been lost due to the conflict, and the agency expects losses in April to be twice as high as those recorded in March. The disruption is already affecting Asian markets and is likely to hit European countries in the coming weeks as supply shortages worsen.

The situation has been aggravated by damage to energy infrastructure across the Middle East. Reports suggest that nearly 40 major energy facilities have been affected during



the conflict, slowing production and export capabilities. The resulting supply gap is pushing up fuel prices and raising concerns about inflation and slower economic growth globally.

Experts warn that shortages of jet fuel and diesel are particularly concerning. These fuels are essential for transportation, aviation, and industrial operations, and reduced availability could disrupt supply chains and economic activity. European economies, which rely heavily on imported energy, are especially vulnerable if disruptions continue.

The energy agency is also considering releasing additional emergency oil reserves to stabilize markets. Earlier,

member countries released a record volume of oil from strategic reserves to offset supply losses, but analysts caution that continued disruptions could outweigh these efforts.

The Strait of Hormuz remains one of the world's most important energy chokepoints, handling roughly one-fifth of global oil shipments. Any prolonged disruption to this route could lead to significant price increases and economic uncertainty worldwide. With tensions still high and energy infrastructure damaged, the IEA warned that the current crisis could evolve into one of the largest global energy disruptions ever, affecting not just Asia and Europe but economies across the world.

Iran War May End in 2 Weeks, But Oil Supply Could Take Longer to Stabilise: Trump

US President Donald Trump has suggested that the ongoing Iran war could end within two weeks, raising hopes of easing global tensions. However, analysts warn that even if fighting stops soon, disruptions to global oil supplies—particularly through the Strait of Hormuz and Bab-al-Mandab—could take significantly longer to normalise.

Trump made the remark while responding to concerns over rising fuel prices and supply shortages caused by the conflict. He indicated that the United States could conclude military operations quickly, potentially without securing an agreement to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical oil transit routes. This has sparked concern that the war may end before energy supply chains are fully restored.

Experts say that reopening shipping lanes and restoring oil flows is a complex process that could take six to eight weeks even after hostilities end. They also warn that every additional week of fighting



could delay recovery by another seven to fourteen days, prolonging instability in global energy markets. The Strait of Hormuz handles nearly one-fifth of global oil shipments, making it one of the most important chokepoints for global energy supply. Meanwhile, tensions have also spread to the

Bab-al-Mandab Strait, another critical route linking the Red Sea to global markets. Disruptions in both locations have intensified fears of prolonged shortages and rising fuel prices worldwide.

Even if the conflict ends quickly, analysts caution that logistical challenges such as

clearing shipping backlogs, repairing damaged infrastructure, and restoring tanker traffic could slow recovery. Insurance costs for vessels and continued security concerns may further delay normal operations. Markets have reacted cautiously to Trump's comments. While hopes of a shorter conflict have provided some relief, uncertainty over energy supply remains high. Experts warn that global oil prices could remain volatile until maritime routes are fully reopened and supply chains stabilise. The situation has also raised concerns for countries heavily dependent on imported energy, including those in Asia and Europe. Prolonged disruptions could lead to higher fuel prices, inflation, and slower economic growth worldwide.

Although Trump's statement suggests a possible end to the conflict in the near future, the timeline for restoring global oil supply remains uncertain. Analysts believe that even with a ceasefire, the economic effects of the crisis could continue for several weeks, keeping energy markets under pressure.

Saudi Arabia, UAE Ready to Send Ground Forces to Reopen Strait of Hormuz: Report

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are reportedly considering sending ground troops to help reopen the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz, marking a major escalation in the ongoing Iran conflict. The move comes as global oil supplies remain disrupted and pressure mounts to restore one of the world's most important energy routes.

According to reports, the UAE is reviewing how it could play a direct military role in securing the Strait of Hormuz, following Saudi Arabia's earlier willingness to take similar steps. The development comes amid growing regional tensions and continued disruption to shipping lanes caused by the ongoing conflict.

The proposal reportedly includes forming a coalition with the United States and other al-



lied countries to forcibly reopen the waterway if diplomatic efforts fail. UAE diplomats are said to be pushing for a United Nations Security Council resolution that would authorise military action to restore safe passage through the Strait. Bahrain, a close US ally that hosts the US Navy's Fifth Fleet,

is also supporting the move, with a vote on the proposal expected soon. The latest development follows comments from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who indicated that Israel is building new alliances with key regional countries to counter Iran. The possibility of Gulf nations joining

the conflict directly signals a significant shift in regional dynamics and raises concerns about further escalation.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most critical oil chokepoints, with a large portion of global crude oil shipments passing through the narrow waterway each day.

Continued disruption has already affected global energy markets, pushing up fuel prices and raising fears of supply shortages in Asia, Europe, and other regions dependent on Middle East oil.

Security experts warn that deploying ground forces to reopen the Strait could increase tensions and risk direct confrontation with Iran. However, Gulf countries argue that prolonged disruption threatens their economies and global energy stability, making intervention increasingly likely.

The willingness of Saudi Arabia and the UAE to put "boots on the ground" marks a turning point in the conflict. If implemented, the move could significantly expand the scale of the war, while also increasing efforts to restore oil flows and stabilize global energy markets.

Iranian Crude Set to Return to India as First Tanker Since 2019 Heads to Gujarat

India may soon receive its first shipment of Iranian crude oil in nearly five years, as a tanker carrying about 600,000 barrels is expected to dock at a Gujarat port this week. The development comes amid the ongoing Iran-US conflict and growing concerns over global oil supply disruptions.

The tanker, named Ping Shun and flying the Eswatini flag, is currently sailing from Iran's Kharg Island — the country's main oil export hub — and is expected to reach Vadinar in Gujarat around April 4. If the shipment arrives as planned, it would mark India's first import of Iranian crude since May 2019, when purchases were halted following US sanctions on Tehran. The identity of the buyer remains unclear, but Vadinar hosts a major private refinery operated by Russia-backed Nayara Energy. The port also serves as a distribution hub supplying crude to other inland refineries, including facilities in Madhya Pradesh. This has raised speculation that Indian refiners may be looking to revive oil imports from Iran, even if temporarily, to ease supply pressures caused by the ongoing conflict.

Market analysts say the ship-

ment could signal a possible revival of India-Iran oil trade. Data from commodity tracking firm Kpler indicates the vessel loaded crude in early March and has declared Vadinar as its destination. However, analysts caution that such tankers sometimes change routes mid-journey, especially when carrying sanctioned oil, making the final destination uncertain.

The timing of the shipment is significant. The Iran war has disrupted oil supply chains, forcing countries to look for alternative sources and rebuild strategic reserves. Indian refiners are also facing tightening inventories, making Iranian crude an attractive short-term option if geopolitical conditions allow.

India was once one of Iran's largest oil buyers, importing substantial volumes before sanctions forced a halt in 2019. The arrival of the Ping Shun tanker could mark a temporary easing of restrictions or a strategic move to secure additional supplies during the ongoing crisis.

While it remains uncertain whether this shipment will lead to sustained imports, the development signals a potential shift in India's energy strategy amid global oil market volatility.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and President MasoudPezeshkian made a rare public appearance in Tehran, outlining how the ongoing war could come to an end while signalling that Iran is prepared to continue fighting if necessary. Their appearance comes amid escalating tensions and growing speculation about possible diplomatic efforts to end the conflict.

The two leaders were seen in public for the first time since recent US-Israeli strikes that killed several senior Iranian officials. The last time they were seen together publicly was during Iranian Quds Day, just days before Iran's security chief Ali Larijani was killed in the attacks. Their appearance was widely viewed as an at-



tempt to project stability and confidence amid the ongoing conflict.

Speaking to media, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi stressed that Iran is capable of defending itself and would

continue to resist military pressure. He indicated that Iran was not seeking to escalate the conflict but would respond strongly if attacks continued. Araghchi also signalled that diplomacy remained pos-

sible, provided Iran's sovereignty and security concerns were respected.

President MasoudPezeshkian also outlined conditions under which Iran would consider ending the war. He said Iran is willing to stop fighting if there are guarantees that future attacks will not take place and if the country's rights and security interests are acknowledged. The president added that Iran has both the will and capability to continue the conflict if those conditions are not met. The leaders' statements come at a time when the war continues to expand across the region, affecting energy supplies and global markets. Iran has repeatedly said it is open to a "permanent end" to hostilities but insists that any agree-

ment must prevent future conflicts and respect its strategic interests. Meanwhile, Israel has signalled that its military campaign will continue. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently stated that operations against Iran were "not over" and vowed to keep targeting what he described as threats from Tehran.

The public appearance by Iran's top leadership is seen as a significant moment in the conflict, as it signals both readiness for diplomacy and determination to continue fighting. While the possibility of negotiations remains uncertain, the statements suggest that Iran is open to ending the war—but only under conditions it considers fair and lasting.

Markets Rally On De-Escalation Hopes; Nifty Above 22,600, Sensex Jumps 1,187 Points

Indian equity markets staged a strong rebound on April 1, with benchmark indices ending sharply higher amid hopes of easing geopolitical tensions and broad-based buying across sectors. The rally helped markets snap a two-day losing streak and begin the new financial series on a positive note.

The BSE Sensex surged 1,186.77 points, or 1.65 percent, to close at 73,134.32, while the NSE Nifty gained 348 points, or 1.56 percent, to settle at 22,679.40, comfortably above the 22,600 mark. Despite some intraday profit-booking, markets held firm and ended the session with solid gains.

The broader market outperformed the benchmarks, with mid-cap stocks rising 2.2 percent and small-cap shares advancing 3.3 percent. Sector-wise, most indices ended in the green, reflecting strong investor sentiment across the board. Defence stocks led the rally, with the sector index surging more than 5 percent. Capital goods, media, and PSU bank indices gained around 3 percent each. Other sectors including auto, consumer durables, IT, metals, realty, FMCG, telecom, and private banks also posted gains ranging between 1 and 2 percent. Pharma was the only sector to end in the red, slipping about 1 percent.

The rally was largely driven by improving global sentiment after signs of de-escalation in tensions between the United States and Iran. The easing concerns boosted investor confidence and triggered widespread buying across sectors.

Global cues also supported the domestic markets, with international equities rising on optimism around geopolitical stability. Investors also returned to riskier assets following recent volatility, contributing to the strong recovery.

Analysts noted that the market opened on a positive note with a gap-up start and maintained momentum throughout the session, despite minor profit-taking during the day. The strong close reflected sustained buying interest and improving risk appetite among investors.

The sharp rebound marks a strong start to the new financial period, with investors now watching global developments, crude oil prices, and institutional flows for further direction.



PC Jeweller Shares Snap Two-Day Losses, Jump 9%

Shares of PC Jeweller rebounded sharply on Wednesday, rising nearly 9 percent and snapping a two-day losing streak amid a broader market rally and strong buying interest.

The stock had fallen around 7 percent over the previous two sessions but recovered most of the losses as investor sentiment improved across the market. The surge also came in line with gains in benchmark indices, which ended higher on hopes of easing geopolitical tensions.

During the session, PC Jeweller shares witnessed strong buying and settled with solid gains. The recovery follows recent volatility in the stock, which had been under pressure in recent trading sessions.

The broader market sentiment remained positive, with mid-cap and small-cap stocks also witnessing strong buying interest. Analysts attributed the rally to improved global cues and renewed risk appetite



among investors.

PC Jeweller has seen heightened volatility in recent weeks. The stock had earlier touched a fresh 52-week low after a series of declines, making Wednesday's rally a notable turnaround in the short term.

Market participants are now watching whether the stock can sustain the momentum after

the sharp rebound. Technical analysts note that continued buying interest and positive broader market sentiment will be key factors influencing the stock's near-term direction.

Despite the recent surge, experts advise investors to remain cautious, citing the stock's history of volatility and sharp price movements.

15% India Sell-Off Didn't Create 'No-Brainer' Bargains: Bernstein

Despite a nearly 15 percent correction in Indian equities this year, the sell-off has failed to create widespread bargain opportunities, according to a report by global brokerage Bernstein. The firm noted that while investors expected attractive valuations after the decline, clear "no-brainer" buying opportunities remain limited.

Bernstein reviewed 94 large-cap and mid-cap companies—excluding financials—to assess whether the correction had made stocks significantly cheaper. However, the analysis found that the market still lacks broad-based undervaluation, contrary to expectations following the sharp fall.

The report highlighted that Indian stocks are down about 15 percent year-to-date, yet bargains remain scarce. Instead, the brokerage observed that the market has become increasingly polarised, with limited middle ground between expensive and attractive



stocks.

Bernstein pointed out that consumer discretionary companies have been among the hardest hit, witnessing both earnings downgrades and share price declines. However, even after the correction, valuations in many sectors still do not qualify as compelling buying opportunities.

The brokerage suggested that investors should shift focus from broad market calls to stock-specific opportunities. "The best way to approach investing at this stage is to identify stock-specific dislocations across sectors," Bernstein said, indicating selective in-

vesting may outperform broader market bets.

The report also noted that large-cap stocks have been trading below their 10-year average relative to mid-caps since May 2023, marking one of the longest such stretches in recent years. This trend reflects shifting investor preferences and uneven performance across market segments.

Additionally, Bernstein warned that current macroeconomic conditions differ from previous market troughs. Rising geopolitical tensions, fuel supply risks and fiscal pressures are creating uncertainty, limiting the potential for a broad-based market rebound.

Overall, Bernstein believes that while the correction has improved valuations marginally, investors should avoid expecting easy gains across the board. Instead, careful stock selection and sector-specific opportunities may be the key strategy in the current market environment.

Kay Jay Forgings Files Draft Papers With SEBI To Raise 360 Crore Via IPO

Auto components manufacturer Kay Jay Forgings has filed draft papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise 360 crore through an initial public offering (IPO), according to its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).

The proposed IPO will consist of a fresh issue of equity shares worth 300 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of 60 crore by existing promoters. The company may also consider a pre-IPO placement of up to 40 crore, which, if completed, will reduce the size of the fresh issue accordingly.

Kay Jay Forgings plans to utilise the proceeds from the fresh issue primarily for capital expenditure, debt reduction and general corporate purposes. Around 118.8 crore will be used to set up a new forging and machining facility along with a solar power plant, while 90.51 crore will be allocated toward repayment of borrowings. The remaining funds will be used for general corporate needs.

Headquartered in Ludhiana, Kay Jay Forgings operates as a business-to-business precision engineering company that manufactures machined com-

ponents for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in the automotive sector. The company also caters to select non-automotive segments including farm equipment, mining equipment and consumer appliances.

The company is one of India's largest suppliers of crankshafts and crankshaft assemblies for two-wheelers, with an estimated market share of around 36 percent in FY25. This strong presence in the auto components segment has supported its growth and expansion plans.

Founded in 1983, Kay Jay Forgings has expanded its manufacturing footprint and product portfolio over the years, supplying precision-engineered components to domestic and international clients. The proposed IPO is expected to support its capacity expansion and strengthen its balance sheet.

The filing comes amid growing activity in the primary market, with several companies tapping capital markets to fund expansion plans and reduce debt. Market participants will now watch for SEBI approval and further details regarding pricing, timelines and listing plans.

Amir Chand Jagdish Kumar, Sai Parenteral's, Powerica Shares To List; What Latest GMP Signals

Shares of Amir Chand Jagdish Kumar (Exports), Sai Parenteral's, and Powerica are set to make their stock market debut on April 2, with grey market premium (GMP) trends indicating modest listing gains, particularly for Amir Chand Jagdish Kumar.

Among the three IPOs, Amir Chand Jagdish Kumar (Exports) is commanding the highest grey market premium. The stock is trading at a GMP of around 3.75, suggesting a potential listing gain of about



1.7-2 percent over the issue price. The 440-crore IPO was

subscribed 3.23 times during the March 24-27 bidding period, reflecting decent investor interest.

In contrast, Powerica is showing muted grey market signals, indicating limited listing gains. Earlier trends suggested the stock was trading at a minimal premium, pointing to a largely flat debut. Despite attracting investor funds, market expectations for listing gains remain subdued.

Similarly, Sai Parenteral's IPO is also expected to see a

subdued listing. Grey market data previously showed negligible or zero premium, suggesting that the shares may list close to their issue price. Investor demand for the issue remained relatively modest compared to Amir Chand Jagdish Kumar.

All three IPOs had opened for subscription between March 24 and March 27 and witnessed mixed investor participation amid volatile market conditions and geopolitical uncertainties. Market sentiment

during the period remained cautious, which also affected subscription levels and grey market trends.

Analysts note that while grey market premium provides an indication of listing expectations, it is unofficial and subject to change depending on market conditions at the time of listing. With subdued GMP trends and cautious market sentiment, investors are expected to watch the debut closely to gauge appetite in the primary market.

Online Travel Platform Travomint Files Confidential IPO Papers With SEBI

Online travel platform Travomint has filed confidential draft papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for an initial public offering (IPO), marking its first step toward a potential public listing. The filing was made by SNVA Traveltech Ltd, the company that operates the Travomint platform.

In a public notice, the Noida-based firm confirmed that it submitted its pre-filed draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) to SEBI and stock exchanges on March 30 through the confiden-

tial filing route. This method allows companies to seek regulatory feedback and refine IPO plans before publicly disclosing detailed financial information.

The confidential pre-filing route has gained popularity among companies planning to go public, as it provides greater flexibility in timing the issue and adjusting plans based on market conditions. Firms can also delay disclosure of sensitive financial data until they are ready to launch the offering.

Founded in 2017, Travomint



is a technology-driven online travel platform offering a comprehensive range of travel services. The company provides booking options for flights, hotels, car rentals, airport transfers and travel insurance through its website and mobile applications available on both

Android and iOS platforms.

The company caters to customers globally and positions itself as an all-in-one travel booking solution. Its business model focuses on digital-first services, aiming to simplify travel planning through integrated offerings and technolo-

gy-enabled platforms.

Details such as IPO size, offer structure, and timeline have not yet been disclosed, as the confidential filing allows the company to finalize these aspects after receiving regulatory feedback. The move comes amid rising IPO activity in India, with several technology-driven and consumer-internet companies preparing to tap public markets. Investors will now watch for further updates once Travomint moves ahead with a public filing and announces key details of the proposed offering.

Europe Stocks Surge Most In A Year On Hopes Of Iran War Conclusion

European stock markets recorded their biggest rally in a year as investors reacted positively to growing hopes that the Iran conflict could soon come to an end. The surge helped markets recover part of the heavy losses seen in March, when geopolitical tensions weighed heavily on investor sentiment.

The pan-European STOXX 600 index jumped about 2.5 percent, marking its strongest single-day gain in a year. The rally was broad-based, with energy, industrial and travel

stocks leading the gains as investors shifted back toward riskier assets.

Companies that had suffered steep declines last month led the recovery. Jet-engine maker Rolls-Royce and German turbine manufacturer Siemens Energy rebounded sharply, gaining as much as 10 percent. The rebound reflected renewed confidence after investors moved away from defensive positions amid improving geopolitical outlook.

The rally came as global markets responded to signals suggesting the Iran

conflict could ease soon, reducing fears over energy supply disruptions and economic slowdown. Investors had earlier pulled back from equities due to concerns about rising oil prices, inflation risks and global growth uncertainty.

Banking and travel stocks also gained strongly, as falling oil prices and easing geopolitical tensions improved the outlook for economic activity. Lower crude prices typically benefit airlines and consumer-focused sectors by reducing operating costs and boosting demand.

European markets had faced significant pressure in March, with the STOXX 600 dropping around 8 percent — its steepest monthly decline in nearly four years — amid escalating Middle East tensions and oil price volatility. Wednesday's rally therefore marked a strong recovery from recent losses.

Despite the sharp rebound, analysts warned that volatility may persist until there is greater clarity on geopolitical developments. Market participants remain cautious, noting that sudden shifts

in the conflict could again impact energy prices and investor sentiment.

Global equities also climbed alongside European markets, supported by optimism over possible de-escalation. Investors are now closely monitoring diplomatic developments and oil market trends for further direction. The rally underscores how quickly investor sentiment can shift in response to geopolitical developments, with hopes of a resolution to the Iran conflict driving one of Europe's strongest market gains in the past year.



IPL 2026: KKR Face SRH in Crucial Early-Season Clash at Eden Gardens



Kolkata Knight Riders and Sunrisers Hyderabad will lock horns in an important early-season encounter of IPL 2026, with both teams looking to bounce back after defeats in their opening matches. The contest assumes significance as an early win could help build momentum in the tournament.

Kolkata Knight Riders hold a strong advantage in head-to-head encounters between the two sides. Out of 30 matches played, KKR have won 20 while Sunrisers Hyderabad have managed 10 victories. The historical dominance gives Kolkata a psychological edge heading into the match.

KKR are expected to rely

heavily on their spin attack, with Sunil Narine and Varun Chakaravathy likely to play key roles on the Eden Gardens pitch. The batting lineup featuring Finn Allen, Cameron Green, Rinku Singh and captain AjinkyaRahane will be tasked with delivering a strong performance after a disappointing start.

Sunrisers Hyderabad, on the other hand, boast a powerful batting unit led by Travis Head, Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan. The presence of Heinrich Klaasen in the middle order further strengthens their batting depth. Their bowling attack is expected to be led by Harshal Patel and JaydevUnadkat.

The Eden Gardens surface is traditionally batting-friendly with good bounce and pace, making it ideal for stroke-play. However, spinners often come into play as the match progresses. Teams winning the toss may prefer chasing, especially with dew expected to influence the second innings.

Predicted XI Kolkata Knight Riders:

Finn Allen, Cameron Green, AngkrishRaghuvanshi (wk), Rinku Singh, Ramandeep Singh, Anukul Roy, Sunil Narine, Varun Chakaravathy, Vaibhav Arora, Blessing Muzarabani, AjinkyaRahane (c)

Sunrisers Hyderabad:

Travis Head, Abhishek Sharma, Ishan Kishan (c &wk), Nitish Kumar Reddy, Heinrich Klaasen, Salil Arora, Aniket Verma, Harsh Dubey, Harshal Patel, JaydevUnadkat, Eshan-MalingaWith explosive batting lineups on both sides and favorable batting conditions, fans can expect a high-scoring contest in Kolkata as both teams search for their first win of IPL 2026.

Rizvi's Unbeaten 70 Powers Delhi Capitals to Six-Wicket Win Over LSG

In a thrilling IPL 2026 clash at the Ekana Stadium in Lucknow, Delhi Capitals (DC) bounced back from an early collapse to defeat Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) by six wickets, thanks to an outstanding unbeaten innings from Sameer Rizvi.

Chasing a target of 142 runs, DC lost four early wickets for just 26 runs, leaving the team in a precarious position. The top order's collapse put immense pressure on the Capitals, with LSG bowlers dominating the initial overs. However, Rizvi steadied the innings and formed a resolute partnership with Tristan Stubbs.

Rizvi scored a brilliant 70 not out off 47 balls, including five fours and four sixes, showcasing both composure and aggression under pressure. Stubbs supported him with a crucial 39 not out, and the duo shared an unbeaten 119-run partnership that carried DC over the line with 17 balls to spare. Their stand not

only stabilized the innings but completely shifted momentum in DC's favor after the early setbacks.

Earlier, Delhi's bowling unit had restricted LSG to 141 all out. Lungi Ngidi and T Natarajan were the standout performers with three wickets each, while Kuldeep Yadav contributed two more. For LSG, Abdul Samad (36) and Mitchell Marsh (35) offered resistance, but it was insufficient to set a challenging target. Rizvi's heroics earned him Player of the Match honors. The victory gave Delhi Capitals an early boost in the points table and highlighted the depth and resilience of their batting lineup. Fans and analysts praised Rizvi and Stubbs for transforming a difficult situation into a comfortable win, signaling DC's potential as strong contenders this season. With this win, Delhi Capitals have set a high benchmark for themselves, while LSG will need to regroup and strengthen ahead of their upcoming fixtures. The match served as a reminder of the unpredictable and thrilling nature of the IPL, with young talents like Rizvi rising to the occasion when it mattered the



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most. This performance underlined the importance of partnerships and composure under pressure, giving Delhi Capitals momentum and confidence for the matches ahead.

"RajbhogMithai": VaibhavSooryavanshi Reveals Secret Diet After 15-Ball Fifty

Rajasthan Royals teenage sensation VaibhavSooryavanshi grabbed headlines after smashing a sensational 15-ball half-century against Chennai Super Kings in IPL 2026 — and later revealed a surprising “secret” behind his explosive innings. The 15-year-old lit up the contest with a blistering knock during Rajasthan Royals’ chase, helping his team secure a comfortable victory. His half-century, which came off just 15 balls, is the third-fastest in IPL history and underlined his growing reputation as one of the league’s most exciting young talents. After the match, Sooryavanshi had a light-hearted exchange with teammate DhruvJurel, who congratulated him on the remarkable performance. In response, the youngster jokingly revealed his



pre-match “diet”.
“AajRajbhogmithaikhakeg-ayatha match mein,” he said, indicating he had eaten Rajbhog sweet before the game. The humorous remark quickly went viral among fans,

adding a playful touch to what was already a memorable performance. Sooryavanshi’s fireworks came during a modest 128-run chase, where he dominated the bowlers with fearless strokeplay. His aggressive bat-

ting ensured Rajasthan Royals chased down the target comfortably with plenty of overs to spare. The teenage batter, who turned 15 only days before the match, smashed five sixes and four boundaries during his innings. His fearless approach against experienced international bowlers drew praise from fans and experts alike. Sooryavanshi has been regarded as a rising star since becoming one of the youngest players to make headlines in the league. His latest performance has further strengthened expectations that he could emerge as one of IPL 2026’s breakout players. With explosive batting, fearless temperament and now even a viral “Rajbhog” diet story, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi’s IPL 2026 campaign has started in spectacular fashion.

Lionel Messi In Tears During Emotional Argentina Farewell, Retirement Speculation Grows

Lionel Messi was overcome with emotion as he played what is expected to be his final match on Argentine soil, sparking fresh speculation about his international retirement after the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The 38-year-old appeared visibly emotional before Argentina’s international friendly against Zambia at La Bombonera in Buenos Aires. As fans filled the stadium with chants and tributes, Messi struggled to hold back tears while standing alongside his teammates, marking what could be his last appearance at home for the national team.

Despite the emotional atmosphere, Messi delivered a memorable performance, helping Argentina secure a convincing 5-0 victory. The Inter Miami star



set up the opening goal for Julián Álvarez before scoring himself just before half-time, registering his 116th international goal.

Messi also showed his trademark leadership during the match when Argentina were awarded a penalty. Instead of taking the shot himself, he handed the opportunity to veteran defender Nicolás Otamendi,

who converted successfully to extend Argentina’s lead. The gesture drew praise from fans and highlighted Messi’s influence on the team beyond goals.

Argentina’s dominance continued with an own goal from Zambia followed by a late strike from Valentín Barco, sealing a comfortable 5-0 win in what became an emotional night for the hosts.

The match served as a send-off ahead of Argentina’s 2026 World Cup campaign, where they will face Algeria, Austria and Jordan in the group stage. Messi is expected to captain the defending champions as they aim for back-to-back titles.

While Messi has not officially confirmed his retirement, reports suggest the 2026 World Cup could mark the final chapter of his international career. His emotional reaction at La Bombonera only intensified speculation that the legendary forward is nearing the end of his remarkable journey with Argentina.

For fans, the night was more than just a victory — it was a heartfelt farewell to one of football’s greatest players on home soil.

Tears And Despair As Italy Miss Out On FIFA World Cup Again

Four-time world champions Italy suffered another heartbreaking setback after failing to qualify for the FIFA World Cup 2026, triggering emotional scenes among players and fans. The Azzurri were eliminated after a dramatic playoff defeat to Bosnia and Herzegovina, marking their third consecutive absence from football’s biggest tournament.

Italy entered the decisive playoff match with high expectations but endured a devastating finish. The game ended 1-1 after regulation time, forcing a penalty shootout where Bosnia and Herzegovina prevailed 4-1 to secure qualification. The defeat sparked scenes of heartbreak, with Italian players collapsing on

the pitch while Bosnia celebrated a historic achievement.

The loss extended Italy’s World Cup drought, with the former champions now missing three straight editions — 2018, 2022, and 2026. It marks a remarkable fall for one of football’s most decorated nations, which last appeared at the World Cup in 2014.

Italy had taken the lead in the contest, raising hopes of qualification. However, the momentum shifted dramatically after a red card reduced them to ten men. Bosnia equalised later in the match, setting up a tense finish before sealing victory in the shootout.

The final whistle triggered emotional scenes as Italian players were seen in tears



while fans reacted with shock and disbelief. The result sparked widespread criticism and renewed debate about the state of Italian football, with

calls for major reforms growing louder. Bosnia and Herzegovina, meanwhile, celebrated a historic qualification. The victory secured their place at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, where they will compete alongside the world’s top teams. Italy’s latest failure highlights a dramatic decline for a team that once dominated global football. After winning the World Cup in 2006 and regularly featuring in the tournament for decades, the Azzurri now face serious questions about their future. For Italian fans, the defeat represents another painful chapter — one filled with tears, despair, and disbelief as the footballing powerhouse once again misses out on the World Cup stage.

"Iran Will Be At The World Cup, Everything Is Fine": FIFA Chief Gianni Infantino

Gianni Infantino has dismissed concerns over Iran’s participation in the 2026 FIFA World Cup, stating that the team will compete as scheduled despite ongoing geopolitical tensions.

Speaking during a friendly match between Iran and Costa Rica in Turkey, the FIFA president expressed confidence that Iran’s World Cup campaign would proceed without disruption. “Iran will be at the World Cup,” Infantino said, adding that he had met the players and coaching staff and that “everything is fine.”

Infantino’s comments came amid uncertainty surrounding Iran’s participation due to the ongoing conflict in the region and concerns over security. However, the FIFA chief made it clear that there were no plans to alter the schedule, stressing that matches would be played according to the original draw. FIFA has maintained that politics should not interfere with the tournament, which will be jointly hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico. The 2026 World Cup is scheduled to begin on June 11, with Iran placed in Group G.

Iran are set to open their campaign against New Zealand in Los Angeles on June 15.



strokeplay, helping New Zealand cross the line in a thrilling contest.

Earlier, South Africa had posted a formidable total of 346, putting New Zealand under pressure from the start. However, Kerr’s remarkable performance ensured that the hosts achieved the target and kept the series alive. The victory not only marked a historic moment for New Zealand Women but also highlighted the growing competitiveness in women’s cricket. Record-breaking chases and high-scoring encounters have become

more frequent, reflecting the rapid development of the women’s game.

With the series now level at 1-1, both teams will head into the deciding ODI with momentum and confidence. However, the match will be remembered primarily for Amelia Kerr’s outstanding innings and New Zealand’s record-breaking chase that rewrote the history books.



They will then face Belgium, also in Los Angeles, before taking on Egypt in Seattle in their final group-stage match.

Infantino’s visit to the Iranian team was unannounced and widely viewed as a show of support. He said he was pleased with the team’s preparations and described Iran as a strong side capable of performing

well in the tournament.

The statement is expected to ease concerns about Iran’s participation and bring clarity amid growing speculation. With the World Cup just weeks away, FIFA’s stance indicates that the tournament will proceed as planned, with Iran fully involved.



Andrea Jeremiah Not Part of YuganikiOkkadu 2

Andrea Jeremiah has confirmed that she will not be part of the sequel to YuganikiOkkadu. The original film, starring Karthi and directed by Selvaraghavan, enjoys a cult following among audiences and performed particularly well in Telugu.

The sequel, which was announced a few years ago, is expected to feature Dhanush in the lead role. However, the project has seen limited progress and has remained in development for some time. In a recent interview, Andrea Jeremiah, who played a crucial role in the first film, was asked whether she would return for the sequel. The actress clarified that she would not be part of the second installment. She stated

that working with director Selvaraghavan was extremely demanding, adding that the first film required around 200 days of shooting.

Andrea also mentioned that the experience of working on the first part helped her grow as an actor and prepared her to handle challenging roles in later projects. Despite stepping away from the sequel, she expressed respect for the project and wished the team well. YuganikiOkkadu, originally released in Tamil as AayirathilOruvan, became a cult classic over time, with fans eagerly waiting for updates on its sequel. Andrea's confirmation now clarifies that she will not reprise her role, even if the sequel moves forward.



Project Hail Mary Creates Box Office Storm, Earns \$322 Million in Just 10 Days

The Hollywood science-fiction film Project Hail Mary is creating a massive storm at the global box office. The film, which released recently, has received strong positive word-of-mouth and has already crossed \$322 million worldwide within just 10 days of its release, marking a sensational start.

Made on a budget of around \$200 million, the film opened to impressive collections from day one and continues to attract audiences across regions. After its initial release in the United States, the movie expanded to international markets including India, where it has also registered strong num-

bers and steady growth. In India, the film has surprised trade analysts by collecting 17.28 crore during its opening weekend. The day-wise performance also remained strong, with 2.8 crore on day one, 3.33 crore on day two, followed by consistent growth over the next few days. These figures highlight the growing interest among Indian audiences for high-concept science-fiction films. The film has also broken several records for Hollywood science-fiction movies in India. Reports suggest that Project Hail Mary has already collected 53% more than Interstellar, 35% higher than Dune: Part Two, and 89% more than The

Martian in comparable early-stage collections. The film stars Ryan Gosling in the lead role and is directed by Phil Lord and Christopher Miller. The story follows a physics teacher who is sent on a space mission to save Earth after scientists discover that the Sun's energy is declining, threatening life on the planet. With strong reviews, emotional storytelling, and grand visuals, Project Hail Mary is being compared to classic space dramas and is quickly emerging as one of the biggest Hollywood hits of 2026. If the momentum continues, the film is expected to achieve even bigger milestones in the coming weeks.

Melody Song “IdhiKalano” From Vijay Antony’s Vanda Devullu Released

After delivering a blockbuster like Bichagadu, the multi-talented Vijay Antony is teaming up once again with director Sasi for their upcoming film Vanda Devullu. The project is produced by RamanjaneyuluJavvaji under the Sarvanth Ram Creations banner, presented by Vijay Antony Film Corporation and Fatima Vijay Antony. The film features Vijay Antony, Swasika, Ajay, Kavya, Shakthi, Padini, Karnas, BalajiSakthivel, Divakar, Aruldoss, Bucks, Vinodhini, Munishkanth, and Kodangi Vaidivel in key roles. The recently released first-look poster has already generated strong buzz, especially with the intense, mass-appeal appearances of Vijay Antony and Swasika receiving terrific response. Now, the team has unveiled the soothing melody ‘Idi Kalano’, and it has instantly struck a chord with listeners. BalajiSriram’s composition stands out as the heart of the song. The tune flows

like a gentle breeze. It’s soft, immersive, and emotionally resonant. The arrangement beautifully blends subtle orchestration with a warm melodic structure, allowing the emotions to breathe. The interplay of strings and soft percussion elevates the romantic mood, making it a classic Vijay Antony-style soulful number with a fresh musical texture.

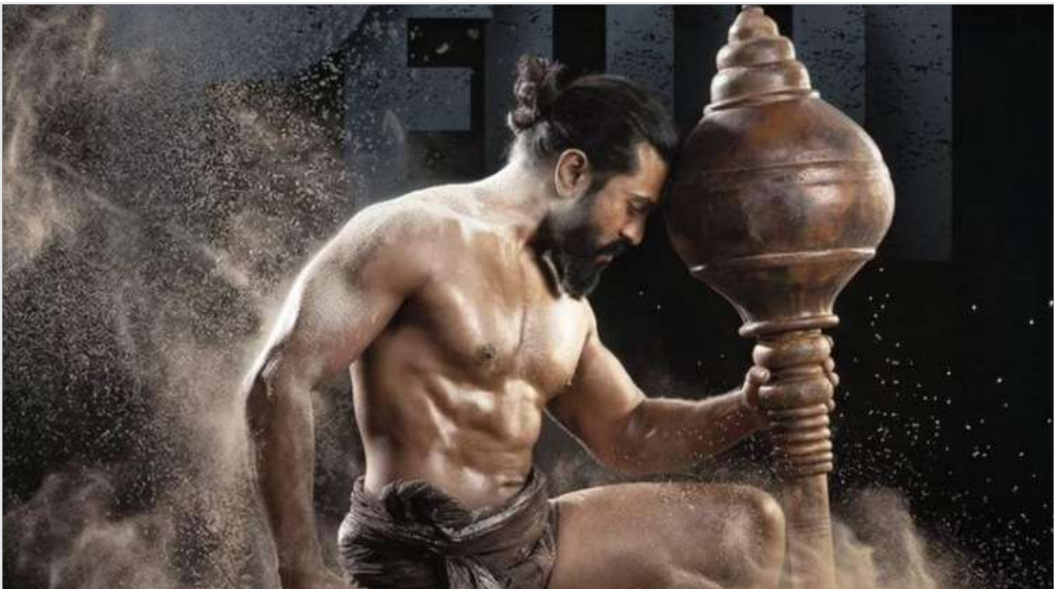
Lyricist Bhashyasree contributes deeply poetic lines that perfectly capture the delicate emotions of love, longing, and dreamlike connection. His writing paints vivid emotional imagery, making the song feel intimate and heartfelt. The soothing vocals of Shibhi Srinivasan and SireeshaBhagavatula further enrich the song. Their voices complement each other beautifully, delivering a calm yet emotionally charged performance. The tenderness in their rendition amplifies the song’s romantic flavour, making every note

linger in the listener’s mind.

The visuals featuring Vijay Antony and Swasika add another layer of charm. Their screen presence, subtle expressions, and the graceful way they portray their blooming affection make the song visually captivating.SB D a r -shanKirosh handles the cinematography. B a l a -riram is the music director, Har-ish Yuvaraj serves as the editor, and Bhashyasree has penned the dialogues.The team promises more exciting updates in the coming weeks. Vanda Devullu is gearing up for a grand summer release in May, aiming to delight audiences as a special seasonal treat.



Ram Charan’sPeddi Postponement Buzz — Real Delay Or Planned Leak?



yet, the industry is divided on whether the postponement is genuine or if the leak was intentional to build hype around the film.

Interestingly, this is not the first time the film’s release has been pushed. Initially planned for March, the makers later shifted the date to April 30 to

avoid compromising on quality and to complete pending work. Director BuchiBabu Sana is reportedly focusing heavily on delivering high production val-

ues, which could also contribute to the delay.

Meanwhile, industry insiders suggest that if Peddi misses the April slot, a late June release could be considered. This uncertainty has also prompted other filmmakers to closely watch the release calendar and adjust their own plans accordingly.

Adding to the speculation, recent reports also hinted at possible delays due to production schedules and promotional planning. Some sources indicate that the makers may deliberately allow such leaks to create curiosity and sustain buzz around the film.

Peddi, starring Ram Charan alongside Janhvi Kapoor, is one of the most anticipated pan-India films. With expectations already high, fans are now eagerly waiting for an official announcement regarding the release date.

Not Just A Star, But A Man With A Golden Heart: Prabhas Supports His Own People

Prabhas is widely known as a global star with massive box-office success, but beyond his on-screen image, the actor continues to win hearts with his humility and generosity. Despite achieving international fame, Prabhas remains grounded and maintains strong bonds with his friends and colleagues in the film industry.

One such example is his close friendship with Sharwanand. Their bond has been well-known in the industry, and Prabhas has often extended support to Sharwanand’s films in the past, including Run Raja Run and Express Raja. Now, Prabhas has once again stepped forward to support his friend’s upcoming biker-based



film. To promote the project, Prabhas recreated his iconic bike sequence from Mirchi, a scene that had earlier become

a sensation among fans. The recreated video, made especially for the biker film team, quickly went viral on social

media and grabbed widespread attention.

Known for his “Darling” persona, Prabhas continues to remain approachable and supportive of those close to him. Despite his global recognition and busy schedule, he frequently finds time to encourage friends and extend help whenever needed, further strengthening his reputation as a star with a golden heart.

Over the years, Prabhas has earned admiration not only for his blockbuster films but also for his humble nature and strong relationships within the industry. His latest gesture once again proves that beyond the stardom and records, Prabhas values friendship and loyalty above all.

“King Buddha – We Want World Peace” Title Song Launched in Hyderabad

The title song of the upcoming international film King Buddha – We Want World Peace was officially launched by Dr. Sunil Senevi at a grand event held at ITC Kakatiya in Hyderabad.

Addressing the gathering, Dr.Senevi praised director Satya Reddy for initiating a film aimed at promoting global peace. He highlighted the importance of ending ongoing conflicts across the world, including tensions between Iran and Israel, as well as the war between Russia and Ukraine. He appreciated the film’s strong message advocating peace and harmony.

Dr.Senevi expressed happiness that the film was initiated in the United States and is being shot across several Bud-



dhist nations including Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Indonesia. He also assured full support from Sri Lanka for upcoming shooting schedules, noting that the film would stand as a unique project in world cinema for being shot across multiple Buddhist nations.Recalling the devastating atomic bombings

of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Dr.Senevi stressed the need to avoid another global war and urged nations to adopt the path of peace. He added that Buddhism continues to guide global harmony, mentioning that thousands of Buddhist monks are currently conducting peace marches worldwide.

Dr.Senevi also revealed that

he had watched portions of the film shot in Hollywood and praised director Satya Reddy for his exceptional work. On the occasion, the King Buddha team honoured the minister with floral garlands and traditional shawls.Speaking at the event, Satya Reddy said that after a 30-year career in cinema, bringing the story of Gautama Buddha to global audiences through King Buddha is a dream come true. He announced plans to release the film worldwide in over 100 languages in 2027, adding that the project is being made using cutting-edge technology.Currently, key sequences depicting the birth, childhood, and education of Gautama Buddha are being filmed in Nepal, including locations in the Himalayas, Lumbini, and Kathmandu.