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Revanth Reddy Challenges Critics: Come to Telangana to See Guarantees in Action

Kochi, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday launched a strong counter-offensive against critics of the Congress-led United Democratic Front's (UDF) poll guarantees, inviting them to visit Telangana to witness how such promises are successfully implemented.

Releasing the UDF manifesto for the upcoming Kerala Assembly elections here, Revanth Reddy asserted that doubts over the feasibility of the guarantees could be cleared by seeing the Congress government's performance in Telangana. "If anyone has doubts about how guarantees can be fulfilled, they should come to Telangana. They can directly observe our schemes and our track record," he said.

He extended a specific invitation to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his ministers to visit Telangana, promising to showcase on-ground implementation of welfare schemes. The event, held in Kochi, marked the formal release of the UDF's election document, which prominently features five "Indira Guarantees" inspired by Rahul Gandhi's announcements.

Revanth Reddy launched a sharp attack on both Pinarayi Vijayan and former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), drawing parallels between their styles of governance. He accused them of family rule, corruption, and inefficiency. "Modi



The UDF manifesto promises five Indira Guarantees:

- ➡ 1.Free bus travel for women in KSRTC buses.
- ➡ 2.₹1,000 monthly financial assistance for college-going girls.
- ➡ 3.Welfare pensions hiked to ₹3,000 per month.
- ➡ 4.₹25 lakh health insurance per family in the name of former CM Oommen Chandy.
- ➡ 5.Interest-free loans up to ₹5 lakh for youth self-em ployment.

the people. Revanth Reddy highlighted his government's priorities: controlling corruption, maximising central schemes, and securing due funds for the state.

Detailing Telangana's

achievements, he said the Congress government began implementing guarantees from its first Cabinet meeting. Key accomplishments include waiving 21,000 crore in farm loans benefiting 25 lakh families, providing 12,000 per acre annually under Rythu Bharosa (totaling 18,000 crore yearly), filling 67,173 government jobs with appointment letters distributed publicly, and introducing the Mahalakshmi scheme for free bus travel for women.

He added that the RTC has been turned from loss to profit with 10,000 buses and 50,000 employees, women save 6,000–7,000 monthly due to free travel, 200 units of free electricity are provided, 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses sanctioned at 5 lakh each, and 500 gas cylinders supplied. Revanth Reddy expressed confidence in turning Telangana into a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and \$3 trillion by 2047, with a current growth rate of 10.8 percent without raising taxes.

Additional assurances include five dream projects in maritime and aviation sectors and establishment of a Tribal University in Wayanad.

Senior leaders including KPCC President Sunny Joseph, Kerala CLP leader V.D. Satheesan, AICC General Secretary Deep Das Munshi, UDF Convenor Adoor Prakash, and IUML leader P.K. Kunhalikutty attended the event.

Revanth Reddy described the UDF as a workers' alliance with honest leaders and exuded confidence that Kerala was poised for a new golden era under UDF rule.

Revanth Reddy Reviews Future City, Skills University Works

Hyderabad, April 2 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy reviewed the progress of construction works under the prestigious Bharat Future City project being developed by the state government.

During his visit, the Chief Minister inspected the ongoing construction of the Future City Development Authority (FCDA) office buildings and examined the overall layout and design plans of the project area. He issued several suggestions to officials to ensure the infrastructure is developed in a modern, efficient, and sustainable manner.

He also reviewed the construction progress of buildings related to the Young India Skills University (YISU). Stressing the importance of

skill development for youth, the Chief Minister directed officials to expedite the works and ensure timely completion of the facilities.

Officials briefed him on the current status of construction, timelines, and key features of the project. The Chief Minister emphasized maintaining high standards in quality and design, considering the project's importance in shaping the state's future growth. Accompanying him during the inspection were Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, YISU Vice-Chancellor Subba Rao, and other senior officials.

The review highlights the government's focus on accelerating infrastructure development and creating world-class facilities aimed at boosting employment opportunities and economic growth in Telangana.



Kharge to Address Puducherry Rally on April 4

Puducherry, April 2 | TPN Bureau

Preparations are in full swing for a massive public rally scheduled to be held on April 4 in the Orleanpet Assembly constituency of Puducherry, where Mallikarjun Kharge, President of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), will attend as the chief guest.

Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar conducted an extensive review of the arrangements along with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and other key leaders. The leaders assessed venue readiness, security measures, crowd management plans, and logistical support to ensure the smooth conduct of the high-profile political event.

The rally is expected to draw a large gathering of party



workers, supporters, and the general public, as the Congress leadership aims to strengthen its outreach and consolidate support in the Union Territory. Party sources indicated that the event will serve as a platform

to highlight key policy issues and mobilize grassroots cadres ahead of upcoming political developments.

Several senior Congress leaders participated in the preparatory meeting and inspection.

Among them were AICC General Secretary and Member of Parliament Mukul Wasnik, senior Congress leader and Uttarakhand MLA Qazi Nizamuddin, and Puducherry Pradesh Congress Committee

President V. Vaithilingam.

Also present were Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader R. V. Vaithilingam, former Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy, AICC Secretary Anjali Nimbalkar, and several other senior party functionaries.

Leaders emphasized the importance of meticulous planning and coordination to make the rally a grand success. They also interacted with local organizers and volunteers, offering guidance on execution and urging them to ensure maximum participation from all sections of society.

The upcoming visit of Kharge is seen as a significant political development for the Congress party in Puducherry, with expectations that his address will energize the cadre and set the tone for future political activities in the region.



No Power Tariff Hike; Shock Death Compensation Raised in Telangana

Hyderabad, April 2 | TPN Bureau

In a major relief to electricity consumers, the Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) has announced that there will be no increase in power tariffs for the financial year 2026-27.

At the same time, the Commission has increased compensation for deaths caused by electric shock from 5 lakh to 8 lakh. The revised compensation will come into effect from April 1 and will apply even in cases where the accident occurred due to consumer negligence.

The ERC directed power distribution companies (DISCOMs) to ensure that compensation is paid within two months of the incident. In case of any delay, the companies will be required to provide valid reasons for the lapse.

The decision is part of the Commission's broader tariff orders aimed at balancing consumer relief with improved service delivery. By retaining existing tariff rates, the move is expected to ease the financial burden on households, farmers, and industries across the state.

In addition to maintaining current charges, the ERC is-

sued several guidelines to enhance consumer services and ensure accountability in the power sector. The Commission also emphasized safety measures to reduce the incidence of electrocution accidents, particularly in rural and agricultural areas.

Officials noted that the increase in compensation reflects growing concerns over frequent electrocution incidents and aims to provide better financial support to affected families.

The state government has also stepped in to support power distribution companies by committing substantial subsidies to bridge the gap between revenue and expenditure, ensuring that consumers are not burdened with additional charges.

The latest decision highlights the government's dual focus on consumer welfare and safety, while also addressing long-standing concerns related to compensation delays and inadequate financial support for victims of electrical accidents.

Overall, the ERC's orders are expected to benefit a wide range of electricity users while reinforcing accountability and safety in the power distribution system.

Supreme Court Refuses to Intervene in Group-1 Recruitment

New Delhi/Hyderabad, April 2 | TPN Bureau

The Supreme Court of India has declined to intervene in the Group-1 recruitment process conducted by the Telangana State Public Service Commission, upholding the earlier judgment of the Telangana High Court.

A bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath dismissed a petition filed by Group-1 aspirants who had challenged the High Court's ruling. The petitioners had alleged irregularities in the examination process and sought cancellation of the notification along with a demand for re-conducting the exam.

Earlier, the Telangana High Court's division bench had examined the matter and found no evidence of malpractice in the Group-1 examination. Dissatisfied with the verdict, the candidates approached the Supreme Court, arguing that their concerns were not adequately considered.

During the hearing, counsel representing TGPSC informed the court that the evaluation



process was conducted three times to ensure accuracy and transparency. It was also asserted that the recruitment process was carried out without any scope for irregularities.

After hearing arguments from both sides, the apex court refused to interfere with the High Court's findings and dismissed the petition.

The ruling brings clarity to the ongoing controversy surrounding the Group-1 recruitment process and is expected to pave the way for further steps in the selection process to proceed without legal hurdles.

Renuka Chowdhary Flags Delay in Telangana Railway Projects

New Delhi, April 2 | TPN Bureau

Congress MP Renuka Chowdhary on Thursday raised concerns in the Rajya Sabha over the delay in several railway projects in Telangana, despite receiving necessary clearances and approvals.

Raising the issue during the Zero Hour, Chowdhary pointed out that multiple railway projects in the state have already completed surveys and submitted Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), yet continue to remain stalled. She said these delays are adversely impacting connectivity and slowing down the state's overall development.

Highlighting the challenges faced by a relatively new state like Telangana, she emphasized that such infrastructure projects should have been treated as a priority. She also warned that prolonged delays lead to significant cost escalations, putting additional financial burden on the exchequer.



The Congress leader further referred to commitments made under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, expressing concern that several assurances remain unfulfilled. She specifically mentioned the long-pending railway manufacturing unit at Kazipet, which, she noted, has not materialized even after more than a decade since it was promised in Parliament. Questioning the delay, Chowdhary asked what value such constitutional assurances hold if they are not implemented.

She stressed that continued

inaction on these projects is causing hardship to the people of Telangana and hindering economic growth.

Her remarks come amid ongoing concerns over infrastructure development in the state, with several railway and transport projects reportedly facing delays due to procedural, financial, and administrative hurdles. The issue has once again brought focus on the need for faster execution of sanctioned projects to improve connectivity and support regional development in Telangana.

India’s Energy Security Must Begin at Home

Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

India’s recent fuel supply concerns have once again exposed a hard truth: the country’s energy system remains far more fragile than it should be. For a nation that speaks proudly of economic growth, infrastructure expansion and energy transition, the basic question is still unanswered-how secure is the ordinary household when fuel supplies are disrupted? The answer, unfortunately, is not reassuring.

Energy security in India is often discussed in terms of global crude prices, imports, refining capacity and international tensions. But the real test of energy security is much closer to home. It lies in whether a family can cook its meals without fear, whether a hospital can continue functioning during a shortage, and whether schools, old-age homes and essential services can survive even a few days of supply disruption. That is why India must now rethink its fuel strategy with a simple but powerful principle: energy security must begin at the household level. The first step is to reduce dependence on a single source of energy. Every household should be encouraged to use at least two or more options such as LPG, PNG, solar energy or electric

ity through induction cooking. A family that depends only on LPG becomes vulnerable the moment there is a supply interruption. But a household with multiple options is far more resilient. This is not merely a technical reform. It is a basic protection for everyday life. This is especially important because LPG today is central to domestic life in India. More than 33 crore households rely on it, including around 1.29 crore consumers in Telangana alone. Yet India still has no dedicated strategic LPG reserve under state control. This is a serious gap in national preparedness. The country has long understood the importance of strategic crude reserves, but LPG, which directly affects kitchens and families, remains neglected. In any real crisis, an LPG disruption can create panic within days. India urgently needs state-controlled strategic LPG reserves to protect households during emergencies, supply failures or sudden price shocks. At the same time, India’s push toward cleaner and more diversified household energy use is being weakened by poor pricing policy. While subsidised LPG is available to many households at around 500 per cylinder, equivalent PNG usage often costs nearly



800. This makes PNG, which is supposed to be a cleaner urban alternative, more expensive than LPG. That is a contradiction that no family budget can ignore. If the government genuinely wants households to move from LPG to PNG, then PNG connections must receive subsidy support on par with LPG. Without price parity, transition will remain a policy slogan, not a practical shift.

Fuel security is not only about homes. It is also about protecting essential institu-

tions. Hospitals should be required to maintain at least a seven-day fuel reserve. School kitchens serving mid-day meals, orphanages, old-age homes, hotels and critical industries should maintain a minimum five-day reserve. These institutions cannot be left exposed to sudden shortages. Protected supply channels must be created so that essential services continue uninterrupted during a crisis. A country that cannot secure fuel for hospitals and school meals is not prepared

for disruption. Another urgent reform is transparency. Every fuel scare in India follows the same pattern: rumours spread, panic grows, queues form and hoarding begins. Often, the fear becomes larger than the shortage itself. The best response is not just official statements, but real-time public information. India should create a digital platform showing live stock levels at every petrol pump and LPG distributor. Such a system would reduce panic buying, improve trust

and allow authorities to respond faster. Transparency is one of the strongest tools in crisis management. Oil Marketing Companies must also share data in a much more detailed and timely way. Fuel availability should be tracked at the district level, distributor level and in real time. Better data means better planning, faster intervention and greater accountability. Telangana’s own experience has shown that real-time monitoring can help governments manage crises more effectively. This should become a national standard. India must also be willing to manage demand during fuel stress. Work-from-home is one practical and low-cost option. In sectors where remote work is already common, temporary work-from-home advisories can reduce fuel use significantly by cutting daily commuting. Public transport should also be strengthened immediately during such periods. Bus and metro services in cities like Hyderabad must be increased so people have reliable alternatives to private vehicles. Temporary odd-even restrictions in metro cities can also help reduce traffic and conserve fuel.

Finally, India must accelerate electric cooking and gas storage obligations. Subsidised induction stoves for

PMUY households can give millions of families a second cooking option, reducing permanent dependence on LPG. At the same time, City Gas Distribution entities should be required to maintain at least a 15-day gas buffer stock. India cannot continue running such a critical system without reserve discipline. The larger message is clear. Energy security is not just about what India imports or stores underground. It is about how well the country protects its people when things go wrong. A strong energy policy must first protect the kitchen, the hospital and the school before it speaks of grand ambitions. If India truly wants a resilient future, it must start where energy matters most-in the everyday lives of its people.



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Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Counters Kishan Reddy in Lok Sabha on Musi Revival and State Finances

New Delhi/Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Bhuvanagiri Lok Sabha member Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy strongly countered Union Minister of State for Home G. Kishan Reddy in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, defending the Telangana Congress government’s initiatives on the Musi river revival project and highlighting the state’s financial challenges.

Participating in the debate, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy criticised the previous BRS regime while urging greater co-operation from the Central government for key development projects in Telangana.

On the ambitious Musi river rejuvenation project in Hyderabad, the MP informed the House that the Telangana government has already taken concrete steps. “We have prepared a preliminary proposal report seeking a \$500 million loan from the World Bank for the Musi riverfront development and pollution abatement,” he stated.

He added that the detailed report has been submitted to the concerned Union Ministry and NITI Aayog for necessary approvals and funding support.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy accused the BRS government of large-scale corruption during its ten-year rule, which



he said pushed Telangana deep into debt. “While BRS was looting the state, the BJP at the Centre remained silent and took no action against the misuse,” he alleged.

The MP demanded that the Central government extend full cooperation for critical projects including the second phase of the Hyderabad Metro Rail, the Musi river revival, and the Regional Ring Road (Triple R). “The Centre and its ministers must actively support Telangana’s development without political bias,” he emphasised.

He pointed out that the state became burdened with heavy debts under BRS rule due to alleged mismanagement and scams. In contrast, he said the

current Congress government is focusing on transparency and seeking genuine central assistance for people-oriented projects.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy urged the Union government to treat Telangana’s growth as a national priority and provide timely financial and technical support.

The exchange in Parliament underscores the ongoing political friction in Telangana between Congress and BJP leaders, even as both parties navigate their equations at the national level. Issues like Musi rejuvenation, which impact millions in the Greater Hyderabad region, continue to dominate local and national political discourse.

MP Mallu Ravi to Undertake Padyatra for Dornakal-Gadwal New Railway Line

New Delhi, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Nagar Kurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi has announced that he will undertake a padyatra (foot march) to press for the early sanction and execution of the new Dornakal-Gadwal railway line. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan here on Wednesday, the MP described Nagar Kurnool as one of the most backward parliamentary constituencies that desperately needs better railway connectivity for its development.

Mallu Ravi said he has been consistently raising the demand for the Dornakal-Gadwal railway line in every Parliament session since becoming MP for the third time. He has submitted several representations to the Railway Minister and even got Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to write letters on the issue.

“Recently, I met the Railway Minister in his office and highlighted that this line would act as a lifeline for Nagar Kurnool district,” he said. The proposed line will connect Dornakal in Suryapet district, pass through Nalgonda, enter Irvin village in Kalwakurthy Assembly constituency, proceed via Veldanda, Velpoor, Taduru to Nagar Kurnool, and then connect to Wanaparthy and finally to Gadwal near Sriram Nagar.

The MP revealed that he vis-



ited the Railway Board on Wednesday and collected the survey map and Detailed Project Report (DPR) from Director Abhishek. He was assured that a meeting of Executive Directors would be held within a week or ten days to finalise the full DPR and send it to the Cabinet.

Mallu Ravi appealed to the Railway Ministry to include the project under the Most Backward Area Development Scheme instead of the general plan, citing the example set by former Railway Minister Nitish Kumar in 1998. He argued

that treating it as a general project would face hurdles due to low revenue returns in backward areas.

He also demanded early sanction of the Kalwakurthy-Macherla railway line, which would connect Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and benefit both states.

The MP informed that he raised the issue during Zero Hour in Parliament the same day and urged the government to allocate funds in the current budget and start works immediately.

Mallu Ravi expressed grati-

tude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for his support through letters and meetings with the Railway Minister. He appealed to all political parties and local leaders, including MLAs of Kalwakurthy, Wanaparthy, Nagar Kurnool and Gadwal, to extend support for the padyatra, which will begin soon from Irvin village to Sriram Nagar.

He said the people of Nagar Kurnool have suffered injustice for decades after Independence as no new railway lines were laid in this backward region. “It is time to correct this historical neglect,” he added.

Harish Rao Urges Young Lawyers to Become Voice of Justice and Protect Democracy

Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister T. Harish Rao on Thursday attended the valedictory ceremony of “DUCIMUS – WE LEAD”, a programme organised by students of Osmania University Law College at the Tagore Auditorium.

Addressing the graduating law students, Harish Rao said stepping into Osmania University always brings back a flood of old memories and emotional moments from the Telangana movement. He congratulated the students for choosing law as their profession at a time when most youth are drawn towards software and medical fields.

“Completing law and wearing the black coat makes you the future guardians of the

Constitution written by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. You are something special,” he told the young graduates.

Harish Rao highlighted the historic role played by lawyers in India’s freedom struggle and various social movements. He named Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, and Dr. Ambedkar as leaders who were lawyers. “Even in the Telangana statehood movement, lawyers stood at the forefront — be it the Sagara Haram, Million March, road blockades, or the Osmania University agitation,” he recalled.

Quoting Martin Luther King Jr., he said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” He urged the young lawyers to always stand on the side of the oppressed and be-



come their voice.

Pointing out that over five

crore cases are pending in Indian courts, Harish Rao said

justice is still not reaching the poor. “It is the duty of lawyers

to stand with the victims and ensure justice is delivered,” he emphasised.

The former minister strongly criticised the Congress government’s move to bring the ‘Hate Speech Bill’, terming it a ‘Freeze Speech Bill’ aimed at curbing freedom of expression. “Whenever someone questions the government or exposes its failures, cases are being filed. This is an attempt to silence democratic voices,” he alleged. He reminded the students that democracy rests on four pillars — Legislature, Executive, Judiciary, and Press — and described the Judiciary as the most important among them. “Freedom of speech and expression is a fundamental right given by Dr. Ambedkar. It is your duty as young lawyers to protect this right,” he said.

Harish Rao recalled the sacrifices made during the Telangana movement. He particularly remembered the martyrdom of Venu Gopal Reddy at Tagore Auditorium and young Yadayya near the NCC gate during the Assembly siege. “Telangana was born out of immense struggles and sacrifices. It is our collective responsibility to protect and develop this state,” he added.

He expressed concern that fewer lawyers are entering politics these days and urged the youth to actively participate in politics to provide new direction to the nation.

The programme concluded on an inspirational note, with Harish Rao motivating the future lawyers to uphold justice, constitutional values, and democratic principles.

Legislative Council Proceedings Disappointing, Says Madhusudanachari

Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Opposition Leader in the Telangana Legislative Council Madhusudanachari strongly criticised the way the recent Legislative Assembly and Council sessions were conducted, describing them as highly unsatisfactory and lacking in substance. Addressing a media conference here on Thursday, Madhusudanachari alleged that the Congress government used the sessions merely to cover up its failures, betrayals and alleged scams instead of addressing people's issues and fulfilling poll promises.

"It is unfortunate that there was no meaningful discussion on people's problems or on the guarantees given by the Congress. The government has lowered the dignity of the House," he said.

Recalling the past, he said earlier sessions witnessed serious debates on public issues, and many problems were resolved during Budget sessions. "People used to watch Budget sessions with hope that something good would happen for them. But this time, the sessions were reduced to a farce," he added.

The former Speaker pointed out that the Legislative Council sat for only six days with minimal

participation from ministers. He criticised the frequent adjournments in the name of 'Tea Breaks' that lasted for hours. "Once, the House was adjourned for over two hours just because the Chief Minister was arriving from Delhi. On another day, the session was postponed for four hours and resumed only at 10 pm," he revealed.

Madhusudanachari said Question Hour, which should have been held for all six days, was conducted only for two days. Important adjournment motions brought by BRS were rejected outright. Bills were introduced and passed hurriedly without any proper

discussion. He accused the ruling party of indulging in personal attacks whenever the opposition raised valid questions. "When we tried to conduct ourselves with dignity in the Elders' House, the government responded with suspensions and undemocratic behaviour," he lamented. The opposition leader said none of the issues raised by them in the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting were taken up for discussion. Key topics such as gas shortage, Musi river pollution, Education Commission, and problems of retired employees were not allowed for debate. "Instead of answering on priority is-

ues, the government simply brushed them aside. We will continue to expose the government's failures both inside and outside the House," he warned. Madhusudanachari also took a dig at Congress leaders, saying their entire focus seems to be revolving around Delhi rather than solving people's problems in Telangana. "Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's list of administrative failures is growing day by day," he remarked. The sharp attack from the senior BRS leader indicates rising political heat in the state as the opposition steps up pressure on the Congress government over governance issues.



Dasoju Sravan Kumar Slams Musi Beautification Project, Vows Continued Protest

Hyderabad, April 2 | TPN Bureau

A round table meeting held in Hyderabad witnessed sharp criticism of the proposed Musi River beautification project, with leaders alleging misuse of public funds and threats to the livelihoods of the poor.

The meeting was attended by MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar, who addressed participants alongside Gellu Srinivas Yadav and representatives of various student organizations. The gathering focused on concerns over the ongoing plans for the Musi River's redevelopment.

Speaking at the event, Sravan Kumar strongly condemned what he described as a "conspiracy" to siphon off massive public funds in the name of Musi beautification. While expressing support for the rejuvenation of the river, he made it clear that development should not come at the cost of displacing poor families or demolishing their homes.

"We are not against the development of the Musi River, but we firmly oppose any policies that destroy people's livelihoods," he stated, emphasizing the need for a balanced and humane approach to urban development.

He also accused the government of diverting public attention from pressing issues by promoting the project without transparency. Questioning the financial viability, he pointed out that the project is being pushed forward without a clear Detailed Project Report (DPR), despite involving an estimated expenditure of lakhs of crores, at a time when the state's financial condition remains strained.

Recalling earlier efforts under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, he said Musi rejuvenation had previously been initiated on scien-



tific lines, including the construction of sewage treatment plants (STPs), with strict instructions to avoid displacement of residents.

Sravan Kumar further stressed that under the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, conducting a Social Impact Assessment is mandatory before acquiring land. Any violation of these provisions, he warned, would be unconstitutional and against democratic principles. He criticized any attempts at forced evictions, calling them unjust and unacceptable.

Alleging that there is a larger plan to hand over riverfront lands to corporate entities, he expressed concern that such moves could leave thousands of poor families homeless. He cautioned that people would not tolerate land grabbing under the guise of development.

The MLC lauded student organizations for actively raising public concerns and urged them to continue their involvement. He called for a united struggle involving students and civil society groups to safeguard people's rights and livelihoods.

Concluding his address, he asserted that the fight against injustice would continue. "Truth and justice will prevail, and our struggle for the people will go on," he said.

Harish Rao Accuses Kishan Reddy of Betraying Telangana's Self-Respect in Rajya Sabha

Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Thursday launched a sharp attack on Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy for his remarks in the Rajya Sabha, accusing him of distorting history and undermining Telangana's self-respect.

Harish Rao said Kishan Reddy, who had "run away" without resigning during the Telangana statehood movement, has once again committed betrayal by speaking against the state in Parliament.

He strongly refuted Kishan Reddy's claim that handing over seven mandals to Andhra Pradesh was part of the original Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. "It is a complete distortion of history. The seven mandals were transferred to Andhra Pradesh through an amendment and ordinance brought by the BJP government itself. Kishan Reddy also played a role in that betrayal," he alleged.

Harish Rao reminded that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had called

for a Telangana Bandh to protest the move and exposed the "treachery". "Today, Kishan Reddy is trying to reverse the narrative like 'Uta Chor Kotwal Ko Dantta'," he remarked.

The BRS leader also criticised Kishan Reddy for echoing Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's "false propaganda" against the Kaleshwaram project in Parliament. "Is it a lie that Kaleshwaram is the world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation project? Is it a lie that water is being lifted from 148 metres to 618 metres? Is it a lie that Kaleshwaram water is reaching farmers' fields even in this summer heat?" he asked.

Harish Rao challenged Kishan Reddy to visit the fields with him to see the flowing canal water. He questioned the minister's logic of asking whether KCR spent money from his own pocket for the project. "Does the Central government spend its own money on national highways and other projects? Are they printing currency in Dubai?" he asked sarcastically.

He pointed out that even senior BJP leaders like Nitin Gadkari and CWC Chairman

Masood had earlier praised the Kaleshwaram project. Harish Rao cited the latest Economic Survey of India (Chapter 8), which states that Telangana's irrigated area increased from 1.31 crore acres in 2014 to 2.2 crore acres in 2023, mainly due to Kaleshwaram and Mission Kakatiya.

"Does this not appear before your eyes, or do you only hear what Revanth Reddy says?" he asked.

Harish Rao said when BRS MP Suresh Reddy spoke responsibly about implementing the promises in the Reorganisation Act and allocation of funds to Telangana, Kishan Reddy failed to support him and instead indulged in cheap politics.

He alleged a "dark understanding" between Congress and BJP, pointing out that with 8 MPs each from both parties in Parliament, they are suppressing Telangana's voice instead of representing it. "It is a matter of shame," he added.

Harish Rao warned that Telangana's self-respect cannot be compromised for political gains and vowed to continue exposing such "betrayals".



Sardar Sarvayi Papanna Goud Fought Caste Oppression 400 Years Ago, Says Jagriti Leader

Kamareddy, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Jagriti Kamareddy district president Edu-rugatha Sampath Goud on Thursday paid rich tributes to Sardar Sarvayi Papanna Goud, describing him as a visionary leader who championed the cause of Bahujans four centuries ago against upper-caste dominance.

Speaking at the death anniversary programme organised at the Jagriti office, Sampath Goud said Sardar Sarvayi Papanna Goud was a courageous fighter who challenged the oppressive system even at a young age of eight. "Unable to tolerate the atrocities of upper castes, he built a massive army under the banner of Bahujan ideology and emerged as a powerful leader," he stated.

Highlighting Papanna Goud's remarkable achievements, Sampath Goud said the leader marched with an army of 12,000 soldiers and conquered the Golconda Fort, even declaring himself as its ruler. "He had dreams of capturing the Delhi Fort as well, but conspirators eliminated him," he lamented.

The Jagriti leader alleged that Papanna Goud's history was deliberately suppressed

and preserved in the London Museum so that people in India, particularly Bahujans, would not know about his valour. "Only recently has his inspiring story come to light," he added.

Sampath Goud drew parallels between Sardar Sarvayi Papanna Goud's struggle and the present-day efforts of BRS leader K. Kavitha. "Just like Papanna Goud fought for the upliftment of BCs, SCs and STs, Kavithakka is coming forward with the same determination to work for the welfare of Bahujans," he said.

He appealed to all sections to take inspiration from Sardar Sarvayi Papanna Goud's ideals and march forward under Kavitha's leadership to achieve social justice and empowerment for backward communities.

Leaders and workers of Telangana Jagriti paid floral tributes to the portrait of Sardar Sarvayi Papanna Goud on the occasion and resolved to propagate his ideology among the masses.

The event highlighted the growing interest in rediscovering local Bahujan icons and their contribution to social reform centuries ago.

Keesara Mahipal Reddy Hits Back at Dasoju Sravan Kumar

Hyderabad, April 2 | TPN Bureau

A political war of words intensified in Telangana as PCC General Secretary Keesara Mahipal Reddy launched a sharp counterattack against BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar over his recent remarks targeting the Congress party.

Responding strongly, Mahipal Reddy dismissed Dasoju's allegations against Congress leaders over alleged hate speech, terming them as "po-

litical drama." He criticized the BRS leader for what he described as selective outrage and accused him of making baseless statements for political mileage.

Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Mahipal Reddy alleged that Dasoju Sravan Kumar has a history of aligning with ruling parties for personal and political gains. In a sarcastic remark, he suggested that Dasoju should rename himself as "Dasoham Sravan," mocking

his shifting political stance.

He further urged Dasoju to first reflect on the remarks made by BRS leaders during their tenure in power before commenting on hate speech. Recalling past instances in the Assembly, Mahipal Reddy questioned the credibility of BRS leaders raising such issues now.

In a scathing attack, he labeled the BRS as a "party of abuses" and accused Dasoju of frequently changing political affiliations to suit his inter-

ests. He said such behavior reflects ideological inconsistency and opportunism.

Defending the current government, Mahipal Reddy stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the administration is working tirelessly for public welfare. He alleged that criticism from opposition leaders stems from frustration and an attempt to gain attention.

He also took a dig at what he called "farmhouse politics," suggesting that some leaders

are disconnected from ground realities while targeting a government focused on governance.

Despite his sharp remarks, Mahipal Reddy noted that Congress workers have so far exercised restraint. However, he warned that continued provocation would be met with a strong response. The exchange highlights the growing political tensions in the state, with both sides intensifying their rhetoric ahead of key political developments.



Autism Rally in Hyderabad Spreads Message of Acceptance and Inclusion

Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day, a vibrant rally was held here in Qutbullapur to promote greater understanding and acceptance of individuals with autism. Organised by ABC Child Development Center and Special School, the event saw children with autism marching from Qutbullapur to Suchitra Circle, carrying colourful placards and banners that delivered a powerful social message.

The rally highlighted the global theme for 2026, “Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value,” emphasising that autism is not a disease but a different way of

experiencing the world. Organisers stressed that society should move beyond mere awareness to genuine acceptance, appreciation of unique talents, and full inclusion of autistic individuals in all spheres of life.

“Autism is not an illness. With proper opportunities and support, these children can showcase their extraordinary abilities and become active contributors to society,” said the event coordinators. They urged people to view autistic children with empathy and love rather than pity, adding that one supportive step from society can help them take many steps forward.

Participants walked en-

thusiastically, spreading slogans such as “Not just in words, show love through support,” “If we take one step, they will move forward,” and “See with the heart – the message from autism children.” The colourful procession aimed to create visible awareness in the local community and encourage inclusive attitudes in schools, workplaces, and public spaces. Ms. Kalyani and Mr. Parthiv Goud from the management of ABC Child Development Center led the initiative. Teachers including Sujatha, Radhika, Shashikala, Jyothi, Sandhya, Shivani, Divya, Manasa, Maunika, Jaffer, Swathi, Pushpa, and Anita actively

participated along with parents of the children.

The event underscored the need for collective responsibility. Organisers called upon families, educators, and the wider community to provide encouragement and equal opportunities so that every autistic child can thrive. They reiterated that true inclusion begins with understanding neurodiversity and valuing every life equally. This local effort aligns with global observances marking April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day, designated by the United Nations to promote respect for the rights and dignity of autistic persons worldwide.



MDMA Drug Peddling Racket Busted in Hyderabad; 25.65 Grams Seized, Two Held

Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

In a swift operation, the Special Operations Team (SOT) of LB Nagar Zone and Nagole Police of Malkajgiri Commissionerate busted an MDMA drug peddling case, seizing 25.65 grams of the banned narcotic substance and arresting two accused persons.

The arrests were made on April 1, 2026, evening, following credible tip-off information. The two suspects were intercepted while arriving on two Honda Activa scooters (TS-08-EL-3973 and TS-07-EV-6557) at Nagole X Roads. Upon search in the presence of mediators, the MDMA drug concealed in polythene covers inside a black bag was recovered from the dummies of the vehicles.

The seized items include 25.65 grams of MDMA, three mobile phones, cash of Rs. 5,190, two Honda Activa vehicles, and a small weighing machine. The total value of the seized property is estimated at Rs. 3,61,990. A case has been registered under Cr. No. 196/2026 under Sections 8(c)



read with 20(B)(ii)(A) and 29 of the NDPS Act at Nagole Police Station.

The arrested accused are:

1. Junaid Raza Siddiqui, 36, son of late Javed Razak, a Sales Manager in US IT Staffing, resident of 9-4-87/B, Minor Residency, Al Karim Colony, Toli Chowki, Mehdiapatnam, Hyderabad.

2. Sunil Subba @ Johny, 29, son of Sanjay Subba, a Bar Tender/Chef, resident of Plot No.103, Vijay Residency, Road No.1, Sun City, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad, native of Calcutta.

According to police, both accused are friends and previously ran a restaurant at Sun City near Khali Mandir, Bandlaguda. Investigation revealed that they were allegedly involved in selling MDMA sup-

plied by Mohammed Ansari, a local resident, and one Raju. The drug was reportedly procured from Himachal Pradesh and distributed in Hyderabad to earn quick money.

The accused were arrested at 10:00 PM on April 1 and have been remanded to judicial custody. Mohammed Ansari and Raju, identified as key suppliers, are currently absconding, and efforts are underway to trace and arrest them.

The operation was carried out under the direct supervision of Shri Avinash Mohanty, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, and under the guidance of Shri K. Manohar, DCP SOT, Smt. B. Anuradha, IPS, DCP LB Nagar Zone, and Shri MD. Shakir Hussain, Addl. DCP SOT, along with Nagole police personnel.

Senior police officials stated that Malkajgiri Police remain committed to curbing the drug menace through sustained efforts, including drug awareness campaigns and disrupting supply chains. They appealed to the public to cooperate with police and share any information regarding drug-related activities to ensure community safety.

Pocharam Resident Stages Protest Demanding Resolution to Drainage Issue

Pocharam, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A resident staged a protest in front of his plot here on Wednesday, urging Pocharam Municipality officials to intervene and resolve a long-pending drainage problem that is severely affecting his property.

Kishore, the aggrieved plot owner, voiced his concerns before the media, stating that drainage water from surrounding areas is continuously flowing into his flats, causing significant inconvenience and hindering construction work.

Speaking to reporters, Kishore explained that five years ago, his family purchased a 700-square-yard vacant plot in Survey No. 758 at Narapally Chowdaryguda in his mother's name. Despite the plot remaining empty, municipality officials allegedly allowed drainage water to be diverted into their property. He alleged that the entire sewage from a nearby McDonald's outlet, an apartment complex, and colony residents is being routed through his plot.



“This drainage water is making it extremely difficult for us. The flow of dirty water has turned our plot into a dumping ground for municipal waste,” Kishore lamented.

He appealed to the Pocharam Municipality authorities to respond immediately and deliver justice by providing a proper drainage alternative. “Once the issue is resolved, we can start construction work on our

plot without further delay,” he added. Kishore requested the municipal officials to take swift action and ensure fair treatment so that his family can proceed with building their house.

The protest highlights growing civic concerns in the Pocharam area regarding improper drainage management and alleged unauthorised diversion of sewage lines by lo-

cal establishments and residential colonies. Residents in similar situations often face health hazards and delays in development due to such civic lapses. Local authorities are yet to respond officially to the protest. The issue is expected to draw attention from municipal engineers to inspect the site and suggest remedial measures for proper sewage diversion.



CP's Model School Celebrates Graduation Day with Joy and Values

Quthbullapur, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Graduation Day at CP's Model School in Bahadurpally Green Hills Colony, Dundigal Circle, was celebrated with immense joy and enthusiasm on Thursday. The event marked a significant milestone in the academic journey of the young students, who were beaming with pride as they completed an important phase of their schooling.

The programme began with the traditional lamp lighting by the chief guests. Former Vice Chairman of Dundigal Municipality Padmarao, colony elders Ravinder, Beerappa, Praveen, and school Principal Veeranna along with coordinator Neeraja Jyothi graced the occasion as chief guests.

Addressing the gathering, the guests congratulated the students on their achievements and emphasised the importance of imbibing strong moral values along with academic excellence. “Education is not just about scoring marks. Students should grow with good character, discipline, and values that will guide them

throughout their lives,” they advised.

Graduation certificates were then distributed to the little graduates amid applause and cheers from parents and teachers. The students showcased their talents through a colourful cultural programme featuring vibrant dances, melodious songs, and short skits that entertained the audience.

Parents and guests showered praise on the children for their impressive performances. The event reflected the harmonious blend of academics and extra-curricular activities at the school. A large number of parents, school management members, and teachers attended the function, making it a memorable occasion for the young students. The school management expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, parents, and staff for their support in making the event a grand success.

The Graduation Day at CP's Model School left the children and their families with cherished memories that will remain etched in their hearts for years to come.

Quthbullapur, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Hanuman Jayanti was celebrated with great fervour and devotion at Sri Veer Anjaneya Swamy Temple in Mallampet on Thursday. From the early hours of the morning, a large number of devotees thronged the ancient temple, creating a vibrant spiritual atmosphere across the locality.

Special abhishekam, archana and other rituals were performed for Lord Hanuman, filling the air with chants and bhajans. The entire area resonated with devotional fervour as devotees offered prayers seeking blessings for health, prosperity and fulfilment of their wishes.

Former councillor and HADAC Committee President



Anjaneyulu Mudiraj actively participated in the celebrations. He offered prayers to Lord Anjaneya and later ad-

ressed the gathering. Speaking on the occasion, Anjaneyulu Mudiraj described the temple as a 500-year-old spirit-

ual landmark of the region. “This historic temple has been a centre of faith for centuries. Devotees believe that darshan of Lord Hanuman here fulfils their sincere wishes,” he said.

He informed that the HADAC Committee, along with local residents, is preparing comprehensive plans for the overall development of the temple. “We have successfully protected the temple land, worth several crores of rupees, from illegal encroachments. We will continue to take strict measures to safeguard the temple properties in the future as well,” he assured.

Later, Anjaneyulu Mudiraj flagged off a grand padyatra by waving the sacred Hanuman flag. Hundreds of devotees carrying Hanuman flags and

chanting “Jai Hanuman” marched through the village streets in a colourful procession. The padyatra passed through the main thoroughfares of Mallampet amid chants and religious slogans, spreading devotion and enthusiasm. The entire programme was marked by piety, discipline and community participation. Local residents and temple devotees expressed happiness over the grand celebrations and hoped that such events would strengthen cultural and spiritual values in the area.

The successful conduct of Hanuman Jayanti at the historic Sri Veer Anjaneya Swamy Temple once again highlighted the deep-rooted faith of the people in Lord Hanuman in the Quthbullapur region.

Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao Launches Logo of Young Entrepreneurs Summit – YES 2026

Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Secretary Sri K. Ramakrishna Rao formally launched the official logo of the Young Entrepreneurs Summit (YES) 2026 – Telangana Business Expo at his chamber on Wednesday evening.

The logo was unveiled in the presence of social entrepreneur Mr. Varaprasad Singireddy (Jai), Founder & CEO of the Joy of Aspirations & Innovation Foundation, and his team, who are organising the summit.

YES 2026 is scheduled to be held from April 10 to 12, 2026, at the HITEX Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad. It is being positioned as Telangana's largest business expo and a major na-



tional-level platform to promote entrepreneurship, MSME development, and enterprise growth.

The three-day event is expected to attract over 300 exhibitors, industry leaders, fi-

nancial institutions, investors, startups, and aspiring entrepreneurs. It will feature a multi-sector business expo, a national-level entrepreneurship conference, skill-building workshops, and dedicated knowledge sessions focused on business development, market access, and scaling enterprises.

A special highlight of the summit is the Women Entrepreneurs Pavilion, aimed at encouraging greater participation of women-led businesses and promoting inclusive entrepreneurship.

Officials said the summit will give special focus to grassroots and semi-urban entrepreneurs by creating opportunities for networking, partnerships, mentorship, and

institutional support. It is expected to contribute significantly to self-employment, new enterprise creation, and sustainable economic growth in the state.

The Government of Telangana has endorsed the initiative. Free visiting passes for the expo can be registered at www.yes4growth.org.

Speaking after the logo launch, organisers expressed confidence that YES 2026 would serve as a vibrant platform where “knowledge meets opportunity” and inspire thousands of young minds to take the entrepreneurial route.

The launch of the logo marks the formal beginning of promotional activities for this major entrepreneurship festival in Hyderabad.

CBIT Hosts Cybercrime Awareness Session for Students

Hyderabad, April 2 | TPN Bureau

The Digital Defence Club (DDC) of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology organized an awareness session on “Cyber Crimes and Emerging Trends” on April 2, 2026, aiming to educate students on rising digital threats and safety measures.

The session was conducted under the guidance of Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu, Assistant Director (Student Affairs) Dr. Nagendranath, and faculty coordinators Ms. P. Kiranmaie and Mrs. Kavita Agarwal. The event was also attended by Prof. B. Srinivas Reddy, Head of the Department of Physics, along with other faculty members.

A team of police officials led the session, including Detective Inspector Rajesh, Sub-Inspector Sri Venkatesh, Mr. Mahesh, and Ms. Rajalakshmi. The officers provided valuable insights into the increasing number of cybercrime cases



and the evolving tactics used by fraudsters. The speakers highlighted common online scams such as impersonation calls, fake job offers, Google task scams, and fraudulent reward schemes. Students were

cautioned against downloading unauthorized applications, especially those promoted through social media platforms, and were advised to verify sources before making any online financial transactions.

Officials also shared crucial information on reporting cybercrimes. Students were informed about the national cybercrime helpline number 1930 and the official reporting portal, cybercrime.gov.in. They

were encouraged to approach nearby police stations, including Narsingi Police Station, in case of emergencies. The session also covered the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) system, which helps in blocking lost or stolen mobile phones, thereby preventing misuse. Real-life case studies were presented during the session, making it interactive and relatable for students. Emphasizing the importance of digital literacy, the speakers urged students to adopt responsible online behavior and to remain vigilant against suspicious activities. They stressed that timely reporting of cybercrimes can significantly help in preventing further damage. The event concluded with the felicitation of Detective Inspector Rajesh by the faculty members. Overall, the session proved highly informative and beneficial, equipping students with essential knowledge and practical awareness to stay safe in an increasingly digital world.



Florida University Team Proposes Collaboration for Digital & Sustainable Agriculture in Telangana

Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A delegation from the University of Florida (UF-SNRE), led by Dr. K. Ramesh Reddy, Director of the School of Natural Resources and Environment, held a productive meeting with Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao here on Thursday. The delegation proposed a joint partnership with Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University (SKLTGHU) in the areas of research, extension, and education. They also discussed the establishment of a Telangana Digital and Sustainable Agriculture Centre (TDSAC) in collaboration with the state government and SKLTGHU.

The proposed collaboration aims to introduce modern technologies in Telangana's agriculture sector, including digital and precision farming, Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based systems, remote sensing, and drone technology.

The Florida University representatives shared their views on developing climate-resilient crops, improving soil health, and enhancing water use efficiency. Special focus was given to promoting high-value crops such as strawberry and blueberry in Telangana, along with setting up processing industries to add value and increase farmers' income.

They suggested working to-

gether to develop food processing and value-added industries, which would expand market opportunities for Telangana farmers.

Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao welcomed the proposals and stated that such international collaborations would play a key role in technically strengthening the agriculture sector and enhancing farmers' income in the state.

The Minister directed officials to constitute a Task Force Committee to work out the modalities for implementing the proposed initiatives.

The meeting was also attended by former ANGRAU Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Raghu Vardhan Reddy and SKLTGHU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Raji Reddy.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister emphasised that adopting advanced technologies and sustainable practices would help Telangana farmers achieve higher productivity and better returns even in the face of climate change.

Both sides expressed confidence that this partnership would open new avenues for transformative growth in Telangana's agriculture and horticulture sectors through knowledge exchange, technology transfer, and joint research programmes.

The delegation is expected to submit a detailed proposal shortly for further consideration.



Jagtial Tax Collections Dip Amid 'Missing Arrears' Row

Karimnagar, April 2 | TPN Bureau

The Jagtial municipality has come under scrutiny following a sharp dip in property tax collections, along with allegations that high-value arrears were removed from official records.

According to available data, the civic body collected 7.36 crore against a total demand of 14.01 crore across 27,821 assessments, achieving only 54 percent of the target. This marks a notable decline compared to last year's 65 percent collection rate. The shortfall has triggered controversy, with claims that several pending high-value tax arrears were allegedly removed or deactivated from the municipal online portal. Critics argue that this may have been done to present improved collection performance figures toward the end of the financial year. Reports suggest that certain government-linked properties were among those missing from the active arrears list, including dues associated with key public offices such as the district Superintendent of Police (SP) office, the

SP's official residence, and a local fire station. Further discrepancies were observed in the number of listed assessments, with a noticeable drop recorded within a short span, raising concerns over transparency and data accuracy in tax administration. Municipal Commissioner Spandana, however, denied any wrongdoing and attributed the issue to technical factors and re-categorisation of records. Officials maintained that there was no deliberate attempt to manipulate data and that the changes were part of routine system updates. Despite the clarification, the issue has drawn criticism from various quarters, with calls for greater accountability and transparency in municipal revenue management. Observers have emphasized the need for a thorough audit to ensure that all dues are properly recorded and recovered. The controversy underscores broader concerns about revenue collection efficiency in urban local bodies, especially as municipalities rely heavily on property taxes to fund civic services and infrastructure development.

Konda Surekha Expresses Anger Over Illegal Dumping of Industrial Waste

Hyderabad, April 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Forest, Environment and Endowment Minister Konda Surekha on Thursday expressed strong displeasure over the illegal dumping of industrial waste in leather park lands at Polepally in Jadcherla constituency.

The minister reacted sharply after learning that local MLA Anirudh Reddy had lodged a complaint with the Pollution Control Board, but officials failed to take any action.

"It is highly unfortunate that officials are not responding even to complaints from public representatives. If they ignore elected representatives, how can they be expected to address the grievances of common people?" she questioned.

Konda Surekha announced

that she would conduct a comprehensive review of the situation. She directed all District Pollution Control Board officials across the state to mandatorily attend the review meeting scheduled to be held at the Secretariat on Monday.

She also instructed representatives of Red Zone industries to participate in the meeting.

The minister made it clear that strict decisions would be taken in the meeting to strengthen pollution control measures and proper management of industrial waste in the state.

"Public health is of paramount importance. We will not tolerate any negligence in matters related to people's health and environment," she warned. Konda Surekha emphasised that the government is committed to taking strin-

gent action against industries that violate pollution norms and dump waste illegally. She assured that necessary steps would be initiated immediately to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

The development comes amid growing concerns over industrial pollution in several parts of Telangana, particularly in areas like Jadcherla, which host several industrial units and leather parks.

Local residents and farmers have repeatedly complained about contamination of soil and groundwater due to unchecked dumping of hazardous waste.

The minister's strong stance and decision to hold a high-level review meeting is being seen as a firm signal that the state government will not compromise on environmental protection and public health issues.



Sajjanar Warns of Crackdown on Food Adulteration

Hyderabad, April 2 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad Police Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar has issued a stern warning against food adulteration, stating that strict action will be taken against those endangering public health.

Addressing a meeting with food business operators at the old police commissionerate office in Basheerbagh, Sajjanar described food adulteration as a serious threat to society. He emphasized that such activities are not merely illegal practices but direct attacks on public health.

The meeting witnessed participation from around 200 representatives from various sectors, including meat, milk, bakery products, tea powder, and other food-related businesses. Sajjanar urged traders



to maintain quality standards and act responsibly, stressing that ensuring safe food is a shared responsibility.

Highlighting recent enforcement efforts, the Commission-

er revealed that within the past month, authorities registered 92 cases, seized nearly 62 tonnes of adulterated food items, and arrested 98 individuals involved in such illegal

activities.

He also underscored the importance of compliance with regulations, stating that all food business operators must obtain proper licenses from the

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). He encouraged traders to promptly report any instances of adulteration to the police.

Assuring support to law-abiding business operators, Sajjanar said that the police department would stand firmly with those maintaining quality standards. He added that ensuring a healthy and safe environment requires collective effort from all stakeholders.

Senior officials, including Task Force DCP Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath and Additional DCP A. Srinivasa Rao, along with representatives from the health department, also attended the meeting.

The initiative was welcomed by traders, who expressed willingness to cooperate with authorities in curbing food adulteration and safeguarding public health.



Massive Devotee Turnout at Kondagattu for Hanuman Jayanti

Karimnagar, April 2 | TPN Bureau

A massive influx of devotees was witnessed at the famous Kondagattu Anjaneya Swamy Temple on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, as thousands gathered to offer prayers and participate in the grand celebrations.

The festivities, observed as part of a three-day Hanuman Chinna Jayanthi event, attracted devotees from across Telangana and neighboring states. Many pilgrims, including those undertaking Hanuman Deeksha, visited the temple in large numbers, creating a vibrant and spiritual atmosphere. Special rituals such as Abhishekam, Archana, and other religious ceremonies were performed with devotion throughout the day.

Temple authorities made elaborate arrangements to handle the huge turnout of devotees. The temple remained open round the clock to ensure smooth darshan, while special measures were taken to manage long queues and avoid overcrowding. Paid services were temporarily suspended to facilitate the free movement of pilgrims within the premises.

District administration and police officials closely monitored the situation and implemented comprehensive arrangements to ensure the safety and convenience of visi-

tors. Adequate drinking water facilities, sanitation services, and queue management systems were put in place. Special arrangements were also made at the Kalyanakatta for devotees opting for tonsuring as part of their religious vows.

Security was tightened significantly, with a large number of police personnel deployed across the temple premises and surrounding areas. CCTV surveillance was enhanced to keep a close watch on crowd movement, and traffic restrictions were imposed on the ghat road to prevent congestion and ensure smooth vehicular movement.

The health department also set up medical camps and stationed ambulances to provide immediate assistance in case of emergencies. Officials from various departments coordinated effectively to manage the event without any major disruptions.

The huge turnout at Kondagattu once again highlighted the temple's prominence as a major spiritual center in the region. Devotees expressed satisfaction over the arrangements and successfully completed their darshan.

The celebrations concluded on a devotional note, reflecting the deep faith and cultural significance associated with Hanuman Jayanti, as thousands of devotees sought the blessings of Lord Hanuman.

Master Plan Proposed for Development of Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Ontimitta

Kadapa, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reviewed a comprehensive master plan for the development of Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Ontimitta during his district visit on Thursday. Prepared by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), the plan aims to enhance temple precincts and position the area as a major temple tourism destination.

At the TTD Guest House in Ontimitta, the Chief Minister examined the detailed map outlining infrastructure improvements, visitor facilities, and development strategies. District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri and TTD JEVO V. Veerabrahmam presented the



plan and explained measures to transform the temple area into a prominent religious and cultural hub.

Chief Minister Naidu offered specific guidance on improving accessibility, amenities, and visitor experience

while preserving the heritage of the temple. He emphasized phased implementation and careful planning to ensure that

devotees enjoy a spiritually enriching experience, while tourism growth supports the local economy.

The master plan includes crowd management strategies for festivals, upgraded sanitation and water facilities, landscaping, organized parking, and enhanced amenities for visitors. Officials noted that these measures are aimed at making Ontimitta a model temple tourism site in the region.

The review highlights the government's commitment to heritage conservation coupled with modern development, ensuring that Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple emerges as a key spiritual and cultural landmark in Kadapa district, attracting devotees and tourists alike.



Janasena Provides Financial Support to Families of Party Workers

Mangalagiri, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Janasena Party has extended financial support to families of its dedicated workers who recently lost their lives in various accidents, reaffirming the party's commitment to its cadre. In a ceremony held at the party headquarters in Mangalagiri, insurance cheques worth 1.30 crore were distributed among 26 families, with each family receiving 5 lakh.

Over the past three days, the party has distributed a total of 2.65 crore in insurance cheques to 53 families across the state, ensuring that the families of active Janasena members receive timely support. Party Chief Secretary Ram Talluri emphasized that Janasena considers its volunteers and "Veeramahilas" (women warriors) as part of the leader Pawan Kalyan's extended family and will stand by them in times of need.

Speaking at the event, Talluri highlighted that the initiative reflects the party's long-standing commitment to providing financial security to members' families who selflessly serve the organization. "The decision taken by our party president, Shri Pawan

Kalyan, ensures that families of our active members feel supported and reassured in times of adversity," he said.

He further added that the initiative is part of the party's ongoing efforts to recognize and support grassroots-level workers and their families. "Janasena Party will always stand as a pillar of support for families of members who dedicate themselves to the party's mission," Talluri noted.

The distribution ceremony in Mangalagiri was marked by a sense of solidarity, as party leaders personally handed over the insurance cheques to bereaved families, assuring them that their sacrifices are recognized and honored. Party officials also stressed that the financial aid is intended not only as compensation but also as a means to empower families and provide them with stability during challenging times. Over the last three days, the party has successfully extended support to families across the regions of Uttarandhra and Rayalaseema, reflecting its focus on welfare for those who contribute to its growth. With this initiative, Janasena reaffirms its pledge to stand by the families of active members, providing both moral and financial support.

Tirumala Education Institutions to Host Awareness Seminar on JEE & NEET

East Godavari, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirumala Education Institutions, situated in Kateeru village of Rajahmundry Rural constituency, is all set to organize a comprehensive awareness seminar for students completing their 10th grade and their parents. The seminar will be held on 4 April 2026 at the institution's Rajahmundry campus.

Chairman Nunn Tirumala Rao said the initiative is aimed at providing students with clear guidance on competitive exams like JEE Advanced, JEE Main, and NEET, which serve as gateways to top universities and professional courses across the country. "The seminar will offer detailed insights into exam preparation strategies, how to manage time effectively, and ways to approach different subjects to maximize performance," he stated.

In addition to academic guidance, the seminar will also focus on the role of parents in shaping their children's future.

Rao emphasized the importance of parental support and guidance in creating a conducive environment for learning and growth. "We aim to equip parents with knowledge on how to mentor their children, help them set realistic goals, and nurture essential values such as discipline, perseverance, and integrity," he added.

The awareness seminar is expected to attract a large number of students and parents from the surrounding regions, highlighting the growing demand for structured guidance in competitive exam preparation. Tirumala Rao explained that the seminar is part of the institution's broader efforts to create awareness among students about the opportunities available at premier universities and the preparation needed to excel in these highly competitive exams.

Students and parents interested in attending the seminar are requested to register in advance through the institution's official website, www.tirumal-

aedu.com. For those unable to register online, on-the-spot registration will be available on the morning of the event, with the campus opening at 9:00 AM for this purpose.

For further inquiries, Tirumala Education Institutions have provided contact numbers: 7997989322 and 7997989323. The institution urges students and parents to take advantage of this opportunity to gain practical insights, prepare effectively for exams, and understand the holistic approach needed to secure admission in prestigious universities while developing strong personal values.

The seminar underscores Tirumala Education Institutions' commitment to guiding students and parents alike in making informed decisions about education and career pathways, ensuring that the next generation is equipped to achieve academic success and personal growth.

JanaSena Celebrates Parliamentary Approval of Amaravati

Tirupati, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau



Following the historic parliamentary approval of Amaravati as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh, the JanaSena Party held grand celebrations in Tirupati on Thursday. Acting on directives from the party's central office, Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu led party leaders, workers, and women activists in festivities at the NGO Colony Party Office, illuminating lamps in a Diwali-style celebration and expressing collective joy.

Participants enthusiastically chanted "Jai Ho Amaravati", highlighting the community's pride and relief at the long-awaited legislative recognition of the capital. During the event, MLA Srinivasulu, along with JanaSena joint dis-

trict presidents, Dr. Pasupuleti Hariprasad (Chairman, State Handicrafts Development Corporation), and city president Rajareddy, extended gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for supporting the passage of the Amaravati amendment bill in Parliament. Speakers also lauded the combined efforts of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and IT Minister Nara Lokesh, emphasizing their dedication to making Amaravati a model

capital. They expressed confidence that, under this leadership, Andhra Pradesh would serve as a role model for governance and development nationally. Key attendees included Konda Rajamohan, Cricket Vijay, Suman Babu, Anand, Ramesh Naidu, Amudala Venkatesh, Jeevan, Manju, Arkat Krishna Prasad, Neeladri, Alwar Murali, Subrahmanyam, Prabhakar Reddy, Balaji, Sudhakar, Shravan, along with women leaders Keerthana, Shireesha, Madhulatha, Divya, and Sudha, who actively participated in the celebrations, reflecting strong grassroots support for the capital project. The event underscored JanaSena's commitment to Amaravati's development and demonstrated widespread public enthusiasm for the capital's legal recognition.



Grand Rathotsavam Celebrated at Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Ontimitta

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The annual Rathotsavam of Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Ontimitta was celebrated with grandeur on Thursday, attracting devotees from across Kadapa district. Part of the Brahmotsavam festivities, the event began at 10:30 AM with a ceremonial procession of Sri Kodandarama, along with Sri Seeta and Lakshmana, through the village streets, blessing devotees along the way.

Devotional performances, including Chekka Bhajanas and Kolata dances, added to the festive ambiance, while devotees pulled the chariot with devotion, offering camphor and other ritualistic offerings. The Rathotsavam symbolizes spiritual teachings, where the human body is likened to a chariot, the soul as the rider, intellect as the charioteer, mind as reins, and senses as horses—reminding devotees to discern between the material

and spiritual realms.

Local devotees Guruvayya and Subbamma distributed bananas and prasadam, fostering community participation and devotion. Officials from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), including Additional Executive Officer CH Venkayya Choudhary, JEVO V. Veerabrahmam, Deputy EO Prashanthi, and Temple Inspector Naveen, supervised rituals and crowd management to ensure smooth coordination. The festival drew large numbers of devotees, reflecting the temple's cultural and spiritual significance in Kadapa district. The Rathotsavam concluded with final rituals in the temple premises, leaving participants spiritually uplifted and reaffirming their faith. The event showcased the harmonious blend of tradition, devotion, and community involvement that defines Ontimitta's temple celebrations, reinforcing its status as a key pilgrimage site.

YSRCP Criticized for Credit Theft, Kadapa Leaders Challenge Minister BC Janardhan Reddy

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Kadapa YSRCP district president P. Ravindranath Reddy strongly condemned remarks by BC Minister Janardhan Reddy claiming a lack of development in Kamalapur constituency, calling them "shameful and misleading." Speaking at the YSRCP district office, Ravindranath accused the minister and coalition opposition leaders of attempting to take credit for projects initiated under the YSRCP government.

He noted that Minister Janardhan Reddy had recently performed a groundbreaking

ceremony for the railway overbridge in Kamalapur, yet publicly claimed the area lacked development. "It is shameful to make such statements without knowing the facts," Ravindranath said, emphasizing that government achievements should not be misrepresented.

Ravindranath outlined ongoing and completed projects, including road widening on Ammaarishala Street, construction of a polytechnic college and government medical facilities, and improvements to water supply and drainage systems. He highlighted that funds for the railway overbridge were sanctioned under

the YSRCP government alongside 67 similar projects nationwide. The leader also criticized opposition leaders for allegedly profiting from sand and soil extraction and illegally operating crushers. He questioned whether Minister Janardhan Reddy, MLA Chaitanya Reddy, or Putha Narasimha Reddy were willing to discuss these allegations openly. Ravindranath reaffirmed his support for YSRCP Chief YS Jagannathan Reddy, describing him as a "true leader" committed to Kamalapur's development. The briefing was attended by senior YSRCP figures, including former Deputy Chief Minister Anjad Basha



and ex-Mayor Paka Suresh, underscoring the party's engage-

ment with local governance and accountability.

Chandrababu Naidu Congratulates Kadapa Collector for National SCOCH Award

Kadapa, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu personally congratulated Kadapa District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri for receiving the prestigious SCOCH (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises) Award in recognition of the Smart Kitchen initiative under the Dokka Seetamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme. The award honors excellence in governance, innovation, and transparency at the national level.

During his district tour, the Chief Minister visited the TTD Guest House in Ontimitta, where Dr. Cheruku-

ri briefed him on the project and presented the award memento. Naidu praised the Collector and the administrative team for their dedication to improving public services and student welfare.

The Smart Kitchen project is designed as SAFE, MODERN, AUTOMATED, RELIABLE, and TRANSPARENT, ensuring students receive hygienic, nutritious, and flavorful meals through technology-driven operations. Currently, five kitchens are operational across Kadapa, with 33 more under construction—seven expected to be completed within the week and the remaining 26 by the end of April.

The SCOCH Award high-

lights Kadapa district's exemplary integration of technology and transparency in government schemes, setting a benchmark for other regions. During the visit, the Chief Minister also met district officials, including Joint Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena and Rajampet Sub-Collector Bhavana, to review ongoing developmental projects.

Kadapa's Smart Kitchen initiative demonstrates how innovation, efficiency, and accountability can transform public services, ensuring timely delivery of mid-day meals to students while earning national recognition for governance excellence.



Special Boat Patrolling Task Force Strengthens Coastal Security in Kadapa District

Nellore, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

In a decisive move to curb illegal fishing and protect local fishermen, Andhra Pradesh authorities have strengthened coastal patrols along the state's territorial waters. Mechanized fishing boats from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry have repeatedly entered AP waters illegally, causing damage to nets and intimidating fishermen.

A Special Boat Patrolling Task Force has been established under Kadapa District Collector Himansu Shukla IAS and District SP Dr. Ajit Vejendla IPS, working jointly with AP Fisheries, Coastal Security Police, Forest Department, and local fishermen. Daily patrols are launched from Juwvaladinne Fishing Harbour, supported by Marine Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, and volunteers.

On Thursday, two patrolling boats were deployed along key stretches, including Juwval adinne-Tummalapenta and K r i s h n a Patnam Port-Kothu-Vakadu.

Boat-1 (IND.



AP.N.4.MM.789): Staffed by Coastal Security personnel, a Fisheries officer, local volunteers, and operated by Konduru Narasimham with fisherman Sanjeevayya assisting; drone surveillance by D. Harshavardhan.

Boat-2 (FKKD1107M): Crew included Coastal Security Police, Fisheries officers,

and a Forest official; assisted by local fishermen Raja, Suresh, and Ravi. During operations, a Puducherry boat attempted illegal entry but escaped offshore. Drone footage identified it as IND.P.Y.P.K. MMI1786, with tampered registration numbers. A Tamil Nadu vessel IND-TN-02-MM-32, carrying 11 personnel, was in-

tercepted and brought to Juwvaladinne for investigation. Authorities stressed ongoing vigilance and urged the public to report suspicious activity at 112. The task force highlights Andhra Pradesh's commitment to safeguarding fishermen, ensuring coastal security, and preventing illegal exploitation of marine resources.

Development in Andhra Pradesh Possible with Amaravati, Says Kovuru MLA Prashanthi Reddy

Nellore, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh's development is closely linked to the establishment of Amaravati as its capital, stated Kovuru MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy on Thursday. Speaking at a cheque distribution program organized at the VIPR office, she emphasized the pride that farmers who contributed land for Amaravati should feel and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his pivotal role in the legal recognition of the capital.As part of the event, MLA Prashanthi Reddy distributed CMRF (Chief Minister's Relief Fund) cheques worth approximately 66 lakh to 67 beneficiaries across Kovuru constituency and Nellore Parliament area. She noted that the financial support would assist families in distress, demonstrating the coalition government's commitment to welfare initiatives for the underprivileged.Addressing media reports, the MLA condemned false claims by Sakshi Channel, warning that deliberate misinformation would not be tolerated and in-



structing district authorities to take strict action against irregularities.Highlighting ongoing development work, she cited projects such as the 48 crore Kanigiri Reservoir repair and 10 crore allocation to Upputera, as well as road construction, gravel works, and community facilities across villages. She contrasted these achievements with the lack of tangible progress under her predecessor.Concluding her

address, MLA Prashanthi Reddy reaffirmed the government's commitment to transparent and accountable development, ensuring citizens directly benefit from state initiatives. The program underscored the dual focus on honoring Amaravati contributors and supporting economically disadvantaged families, reinforcing public confidence in the administration's welfare and development agenda.

Kurnool District to Get Five Veterinary Generic Medicine Outlets: Collector Orders Action

Kurnool, 03 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Kurnool district administration has initiated steps to set up five generic medicine outlets for livestock across the district, taking into account the high population of cattle, goats, and sheep. District Collector Dr. A. Siri issued directions to relevant committee members to establish these outlets in areas with the highest livestock density.

On Thursday, a committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Collector Dr. A. Siri at the Collectorate, with participation from the Sheep Federation and officials from the Animal Husbandry Department. Dr. Siri instructed that generic medicine outlets should be established in Kurnool, Adoni, Pattikonda, Kodu-



mur, and Holagunda using government veterinary hospitals or other government-owned properties, in compliance with state government guidelines. Committee members were asked to provide full cooperation in implementing the initiative.

To facilitate the outlets, the Roads & Buildings SE will provide rent proposals for government properties, and revenue officials will assist with lease proposals and site estimations. The Drug Control Officer will be responsible for granting li-

censes to the outlets. Four of the outlets will be managed under the supervision of Sheep Cooperative Societies, while one will be set up through a Self-Help Group (SHG).

During the meeting, JD of Animal Husbandry Hemant Kumar explained that the cost of establishing each Sheep Federation outlet has been fixed at 3.61 lakh. Four of the outlets have already been progressed, while the Holagunda outlet will be set up by a SHG with a central government subsidy of 1.5 lakh under the Operation Block Program. The remaining four outlets will be partially subsidized with 1.5 lakh each by the Andhra Pradesh Sheep Federation.

Committee members present included JD Animal Husbandry Hemant Kumar, R&B SE Maheshwar Reddy, AD Drugs Con-

trol Hari Har Teja, DCO Shireesh, and AD Sheep Development Ravi Prakash Reddy, among others.

The initiative aims to provide affordable, accessible medicines to farmers and livestock owners, improving veterinary care in the district and ensuring the health and productivity of livestock. By utilizing both cooperative society frameworks and self-help groups, the administration seeks to balance community participation with effective service delivery.

Collector Dr. Siri emphasized that timely establishment of these outlets is critical for the welfare of livestock and local farmers and urged all departments to coordinate closely to ensure smooth implementation

Ex-Mayor Flags Issues in Kadapa Ward Reorganization Plan

Kadapa, 03 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former Kadapa Municipal Corporation Mayor Suresh has raised concerns over the state government's recent notification proposing the reorganization of wards in Kadapa city. The notification suggests increasing the number of wards from 50 to 66, creating 16 new wards by splitting larger ones into smaller units.Suresh criticized the move, pointing out that the authorities are relying on outdated 2011 census data, nearly 16 years old, rather than the forthcoming 2027 population census, which will include updated demographic and caste information. He warned that this could result in large disparities in voter distribution—some wards with 2,500–3,000 voters, while others could have 7,000–8,000 voters—undermining administrative efficiency, fair representation, and equitable resource allocation.

He also noted that municipal regulations stipulate ward re-

organization should occur once every ten years, yet Kadapa last underwent reorganization in January 2020. Implementing another restructuring just six years later would violate these guidelines.

Suresh formally requested the Municipal Commissioner to halt the current or proposed ward reorganization, refrain from initiating new changes until after the 2027 census results, and ensure that future restructuring adheres to the ten-year interval rule.The appeal received support from former corporators Bala Swamy Reddy, Shafi, and Sriranjana Reddy, who joined Suresh in urging the authorities to reconsider the process to prevent unnecessary administrative burdens and public inconvenience.The ex-mayor emphasized that using outdated data could lead to disputes and additional costs, making postponement until accurate, updated census figures a prudent step for the city's governance.

Amaravati Gains Legal Status as Capital, Celebrations Across State

Tirupati, 02 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh MLA Arani Srinivasulu expressed delight over Parliament's approval of Amaravati as the state's permanent capital. He described it as a historic victory fulfilling the aspirations of five crore Telugu people. On Thursday, MLA Srinivasulu, along with NDA coalition leaders, performed rituals at Panchamukha Anjaneya Swamy Temple in Krishnapuramthana, followed by cake-cutting and celebratory fireworks. Leaders exchanged cakes and shared their joy, marking the culmination of long-standing public demand for a single capital.

Srinivasulu acknowledged the pivotal role of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in ensuring parliamentary approval, as



well as the support of farmers, women, and Pawan Kalyan, President of the Jana Sena Party, in achieving legal recog-

nition for Amaravati. He expressed confidence that under the experienced leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Amaravati will develop over the next decade into a modern city comparable to Singapore.

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The MLA also emphasized that alongside Amaravati, the Polavaram project will be completed under the NDA coalition government, driving comprehensive development across the state. He criticized the previous five-year rule under former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of delaying state progress through the "three-capitals drama" and the newly proposed "Mavigan" scheme.The celebratory event was attended by several prominent leaders including TDP in-charge Sugunamma, Green & Beautification Corporation Chairperson, Dr. Pasupulati Hariprasad, state Yadava Corporation Chairman Narasimha Yadav, BJP district president Samanchi Srinivas, TDP cluster in-charges Jebi Srinivas, Dampuri Bhaskar, and Jana Sena city president Raja Reddy among others.

Women’s Quota Bill: Congress vs BJP Clash Over ‘Hurry’ in Parliament

A sharp political confrontation has erupted in Parliament between the Indian National Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party over the government’s push to fast-track steps related to the women’s reservation law. At the centre of the debate is the implementation of the 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies under the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam passed in 2023. While both parties support women’s reservation in principle, they are divided over the timing and process. Congress questions the urgency. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has raised concerns about the government’s urgency, questioning why such major changes are being rushed. He argued that there is no immediate need to fast-track the process since the law is expected to come into effect from the 2029 general elections. The Congress has also demanded broader consultations, including an all-party meeting, to ensure transparency and consensus before moving



ahead with any amendments or implementation steps. The party believes that such an important reform should not be handled hastily. **BJP pushes for faster implementation** The BJP-led government,

however, is exploring ways to speed up the rollout of the quota. It is considering options to overcome delays linked to the Census and the delimitation process, which are currently prerequisites for implementation.

The government’s stance is that quicker action will help ensure that women’s representation in legislatures becomes a reality without unnecessary delays. It has also been examining structural changes, including the possibility of increas-

ing the number of parliamentary seats to accommodate the quota. **Core issue behind the clash** The disagreement is not about the idea of reservation itself but about how and when it should be implemented:

- Congress view: No urgency, need for wider consultation and clarity
- BJP view: Act quickly, remove procedural hurdles, and ensure timely rollout

Broader political context The issue is linked to several larger factors, including the pending Census, constituency delimitation, and potential expansion of Parliament seats. These elements make the implementation process more complex and politically sensitive. **Conclusion** Although there is broad political agreement on enhancing women’s representation, the current clash highlights differences in approach between the two major parties. The final outcome will determine how soon and in what manner one of India’s most significant electoral reforms is put into practice.



India’s Defence Exports Hit Record 38,424 Crore in FY 2025-26: Rajnath Singh

India’s defence exports have reached an all-time high of 38,424 crore in the financial year 2025-26, marking a major milestone for the country’s growing defence manufacturing sector. Announcing the achievement, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said exports recorded a sharp growth of over 62% compared to the previous financial year, reflecting rising global demand for India’s indigenous defence products and technologies. The previous year’s defence exports stood at 23,622 crore, indicating a substantial increase within a short span. Officials described the surge as a landmark achievement that highlights the steady progress of India’s defence ecosystem. A notable aspect of this growth is the balanced contribution from both public and private sectors. Defence Public Sector Undertakings accounted for a significant share, while private companies also played a crucial role, underlining the expanding participation of industry players in the sector. India’s defence exports have nearly tripled over the past five years, showcasing sustained

momentum and increasing international confidence in Indian-made military equipment. The country is now supplying defence products to over 80 nations, strengthening its position in the global market. Government initiatives aimed at promoting domestic manufacturing, easing export regulations, and encouraging innovation have been key drivers behind this growth. Policy reforms and streamlined procedures have enabled Indian firms to become more competitive globally. The achievement is also aligned with India’s broader vision of self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, which focuses on boosting indigenous production and reducing dependence on imports. Officials believe that with continued policy support and industry participation, India’s defence exports are likely to grow further in the coming years. Overall, the record-breaking figures signal a strong upward trajectory for India’s defence sector, positioning the country as an emerging global player while reinforcing its push toward self-sufficiency.



Judicial Officers ‘Held Hostage’ in Bengal: Supreme Court Raps State, Mamata Reacts

A major controversy has erupted in poll-bound West Bengal after judicial officers were allegedly held “hostage” by a mob, prompting strong remarks from the Supreme Court and a sharp political response from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The incident took place in Malda district, where seven judicial officers—engaged in an election-related verification exercise—were surrounded and detained by a group of people for several hours. The protest was reportedly triggered by anger over deletion of names from the electoral rolls ahead of the Assembly elections. The situation escalated to such an extent that security forces had to intervene late at night to safely rescue the officials. The episode raised serious concerns about the safety of judicial personnel and the conduct of election-related processes. Taking serious note of the incident, the Supreme Court strongly criticized the situation, calling it a grave challenge to the rule of law and judicial authority. The court sought explanations from top state officials and indicated that such incidents cannot be

tolerated in a democratic system. Reacting to the controversy, Mamata Banerjee said she was unaware of the incident when it happened and claimed that she had not been informed by the administration. She also alleged that the Election Commission had taken control of key administrative functions in the state, limiting her government’s authority over law and order. The Chief Minister further criticized the Election Commission, accusing it of failing to maintain law and order during the election period. She suggested that recent administrative changes ahead of the polls had weakened the state government’s control. The incident has triggered a political storm, with opposition parties alleging a breakdown of governance in the state. Meanwhile, the Election Commission has sought a detailed report from state authorities on how the situation unfolded. Overall, the episode has raised serious questions about law and order, institutional authority, and election management in West Bengal, with the Supreme Court’s intervention underscoring the gravity of the situation.

Delhi Court Dismisses Defamation Case Against Nirmala Sitharaman, Uses Rare Word

Delhi court has dismissed a criminal defamation complaint against Nirmala Sitharaman, drawing attention for its unusual use of the 29-letter word “flocinaucinihilipilification” in the judgment. The complaint was filed by Lipika Mitra, wife of Somnath Bharti, alleging that remarks made by Sitharaman during the 2024 Lok Sabha election campaign were defamatory. However, the Rouse Avenue Court refused to proceed with the case, stating that there was no sufficient ground to establish a prima facie offence of criminal defamation. The judge observed that the allegations lacked substance and did not meet the legal requirements

necessary to continue the proceedings. In a notable observation, the court described the complaint as “flocinaucinihilipilification”—a rare English term meaning something that is worthless or of no value. The judge indicated that the case amounted to a baseless claim that did not merit further legal consideration. The court also emphasized that the statements in question were made in a political context. It held that such remarks are part of political discourse between rival parties and do not automatically amount to criminal defamation. Additionally, the court pointed out that the alleged statements did not directly target the complainant in a defam-

atory manner. It noted that the complaint largely revolved around the reputation of her husband rather than demonstrating personal harm, which weakened the legal standing of the case. After reviewing the arguments and evidence, the court concluded that the essential elements required to prove defamation were not present and dismissed the complaint. The use of the rare word in the judgment quickly drew public attention, with many people discussing its meaning and significance. Overall, the ruling brings an end to the legal challenge against Nirmala Sitharaman and reinforces the distinction between political criticism and criminal defamation in the judicial process.

Nashik ‘Godman’ Arrested in Rape Case Also Faced Abetment to Suicide Charge

Self-styled astrologer Ashok Kharat, who was recently arrested in a rape case, had earlier been accused in a separate case of abetment to suicide, further deepening the controversy surrounding him. According to investigators, a 37-year-old man named Vikas Ramdas Divate died by suicide in Shirdi in 2022 and left behind a note allegedly blaming Kharat for his death. This revelation has added another serious dimension to the ongoing probe into the astrologer’s activities. Kharat, a former Merchant Navy officer who styled himself as a spiritual figure, is currently facing multiple criminal cases, including several allegations of sexual assault and exploitation. Police have regis-

tered numerous FIRs, with several women accusing him of abusing them under the guise of religious rituals and spiritual guidance. Investigations have revealed a disturbing pattern in which Kharat allegedly manipulated victims by instilling fear and claiming supernatural powers. In some cases, he is accused of using substances to disorient victims before assaulting them. Authorities have also recovered digital evidence, including video recordings, which are now part of the probe. The case has sparked widespread outrage, with more victims coming forward and exposing what appears to be a larger network of exploitation. Officials are now examining financial transactions and possible links to in-

fluential individuals as part of a broader investigation. The earlier abetment-to-suicide allegation, combined with the current rape charges, has intensified scrutiny on Kharat’s activities and raised questions about how he was able to operate for years without intervention. Police have assured that all aspects of the case are being thoroughly investigated, and strict action will be taken based on evidence. The case continues to unfold, with authorities expecting more revelations as the probe progresses. Overall, the developments highlight serious concerns about exploitation under the guise of spirituality and the need for stronger oversight to prevent such incidents in the future.



Gen Z Voters Signal Big Shift in Tamil Nadu Polls

The upcoming 2026 Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu are witnessing a notable shift, with Gen Z voters emerging as a crucial force that could influence the outcome. Young voters across the state are expressing clear expectations from political parties. Their priorities include reducing dynasty politics, improving infrastructure, boosting economic opportunities, and ensuring stronger safety measures for women. These demands indicate a move away from traditional political narratives toward more performance-driven governance. Unlike older voting patterns that often relied on party loyalty, caste alignments, or long-standing political affiliations, Gen Z voters appear more issue-focused. Many in this demographic are evaluating parties based on development, job prospects, and transparency rather than legacy or identity politics. Despite this shift, established parties like the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam are still seen as strong con-

tenders due to their alliance strength and welfare schemes. However, analysts believe that a significant turnout of young voters could alter traditional equations. Gen Z voters are also highly connected through social media and digital platforms, making them more aware and vocal about governance issues. Their engagement is influencing campaign strategies, with political parties increasingly focusing on youth-centric messaging and outreach. A key question remains whether this large and dynamic voter group will turn out in significant numbers on polling day. Experts suggest that if participation is high, Gen Z could play a decisive role in determining who forms the next government in the state. Overall, the 2026 Tamil Nadu elections are shaping up to be more than just a contest between major parties—they may mark a generational shift in voting behaviour, driven by young, informed, and aspirational voters.

AAP Drops Raghav Chadha as Rajya Sabha Deputy Leader, Sparks Buzz Over Internal Rift

The Aam Aadmi Party has removed Raghav Chadha from his position as Deputy Leader in the Rajya Sabha, marking a significant shift in the party’s parliamentary leadership. The decision was formally communicated to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, with the party also requesting that Chadha should no longer be allotted time to speak in the House. This move effectively sidelines him from a key parliamentary role. Chadha has been replaced by Ashok Mittal, a Punjab-based Member of Parliament, indicating a reshuffle in the party’s strategy within the Upper



House. While the party has not officially stated the reasons behind the decision, the develop-

ment has triggered widespread speculation about internal dynamics within the AAP. Sources suggest the move could be

linked to differences within the leadership or a broader restructuring of responsibilities. Some reports indicate that the removal may have been intended to limit Chadha’s role in parliamentary proceedings, though this has not been confirmed publicly by the party. Others describe it as part of a routine internal adjustment. The development is particularly notable because Chadha has long been seen as one of AAP’s prominent national faces and a close associate of party chief Arvind Kejriwal. His sudden removal from such a key position has therefore raised questions about his cur-

rent standing within the party. The change also comes at a time when AAP is navigating important political challenges, making leadership decisions in Parliament even more significant. Despite the buzz, there has been no official reaction from Chadha so far. Party leaders have also downplayed the issue, describing it as an internal matter. Overall, the move signals a notable shift within AAP’s parliamentary setup, with observers closely watching whether it reflects a temporary adjustment or a deeper change in the party’s internal dynamics.

Iran Issues Strong Warning Amid Fears of US Ground Invasion

Tensions in the Middle East have escalated further as Iran's top military leadership issued a stern warning against any potential ground invasion by the United States, signaling a dangerous turn in the ongoing conflict.

Iran's army chief has reportedly instructed military commanders to remain on high alert and be fully prepared for any possible attack. In a strong message, he warned that if US forces initiate a ground invasion, they would face severe retaliation, indicating that Iran is ready to respond with full military force.

The warning comes amid increasing concerns over a broader regional conflict. The United States has reportedly strengthened its military presence in the region, raising speculation about the possibility of further escalation. In response, Iranian officials have intensified their rhetoric, emphasizing preparedness and vigilance across their armed forces.

Military units in Iran have been directed to closely monitor developments and be ready to counter any aggressive move. The leadership has stressed that the country will not hesitate to defend its sovereignty and respond decisively to any form of invasion.

In addition to preparing for direct confrontation, Iran has also warned of wider retaliation targeting US interests in the region. Officials have indicated that any escalation could trigger broader consequences, potentially affecting multiple countries and regions.

The ongoing conflict has already witnessed significant military activity, including airstrikes, missile attacks, and proxy engagements. These developments have led to rising casualties and growing concerns about the humanitarian impact of the crisis.

Experts warn that a ground invasion would mark a major escalation, potentially leading to prolonged conflict and severe instability across the Middle East. Such a move could draw in multiple nations and further complicate efforts to de-escalate tensions. Despite the rising hostility, there are indications that diplomatic channels remain open, although progress appears limited. Both sides continue to prepare for worst-case scenarios even as calls for restraint grow louder from the international community.

Overall, the situation remains highly volatile, with strong warnings, military build-up, and ongoing clashes pointing to an uncertain and potentially dangerous future.



US Deploys ‘George H.W. Bush’ Carrier to Middle East Amid Escalating Iran War

The United States has significantly stepped up its military presence in the Middle East by deploying the USS George H.W. Bush aircraft carrier strike group, as tensions with Iran continue to intensify.

The nuclear-powered super-carrier, one of the largest warships in the world, departed from Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia as part of what officials described as a scheduled deployment. However, the timing of the move highlights growing concerns over the escalating conflict in the region.

The USS George H.W. Bush is not operating alone. It is leading a powerful strike group that includes multiple guided-missile destroyers and thousands of personnel. The carrier itself is equipped with advanced fighter jets such as F/A-18 Hornets and Super Hornets, along with F-35C stealth aircraft, electronic warfare systems, and surveillance aircraft. Its accompanying destroyers provide additional protection with missile defense systems, anti-submarine capabilities, and long-range strike options.

This deployment comes as the United States increases its military buildup in response to ongoing hostilities involving Iran. The addition of the George H.W. Bush would make it one of multiple US carrier strike groups positioned in or near the region, signaling a major show of force.

The move also follows technical issues with another advanced US carrier, the USS Gerald R. Ford, which has been sidelined for repairs after a fire incident. The George H.W. Bush is expected to help fill that operational gap and maintain US naval strength in the region.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump has issued strong warnings to Iran, reportedly threatening severe consequences if tensions escalate further. His remarks have added to already heightened rhetoric between the two nations, raising fears of a broader and more intense conflict.

Military analysts suggest that deploying multiple carrier strike groups gives the US significant strategic flexibility.

Trump Downplays Hormuz Importance, But Global Markets Signal Serious Risks

US President Donald Trump has sparked fresh debate after claiming that the United States does not depend on the Strait of Hormuz, even as global markets and economists warn of serious economic consequences from disruptions in the critical oil route.

In his latest remarks, Trump said the US is now largely independent of Middle Eastern oil and “doesn’t need” supplies passing through the Strait of Hormuz. He also suggested that countries heavily reliant on the route should take responsibility for securing it, effectively shifting the burden to oil-importing nations.

However, market reactions and economic data tell a more complex story. The Strait of Hormuz remains one of the world’s most vital energy chokepoints, handling roughly 20 percent of global oil supply. Any disruption to this route has immediate ripple effects on global oil prices, regardless of whether the US directly imports oil from the region.

Following Trump’s comments and ongoing tensions in the Middle East, crude oil prices surged sharply, reflecting fears of prolonged supply disruptions. Analysts point out that oil pricing is determined globally, meaning even countries with lower direct dependence on Middle Eastern oil—like the US—are still impacted through higher global benchmark prices.

Economists warn that sustained disruption could push inflation higher in the United States. Rising fuel costs tend to feed into transportation, manufacturing, and consumer goods, increasing overall price levels. Some projections suggest inflation could rise significantly if the crisis continues.

The impact extends beyond oil. The Strait is also a key route for global trade in fertilizers, chemicals, and industrial inputs. Supply constraints have already begun pushing up prices of commodities such as aluminium, sugar, and helium, which are essential for industries including agriculture and semiconductor manufacturing.

For countries like India, the risks are even more direct. As a major importer of crude oil, India is highly vulnerable to supply shocks. Disruptions in Hormuz can widen the current account deficit, weaken the rupee, and increase domestic inflation. Rising fuel costs also have a cascading effect on food prices and overall cost of living.

Global financial markets have reacted nervously to the situation. Rising oil prices, a stronger US dollar, and declining equities reflect investor concerns about prolonged geopolitical instability and its economic fallout.

While Trump’s assertion highlights America’s reduced reliance on Middle Eastern oil, experts stress that no major economy is insulated from global energy shocks. The interconnected nature of oil markets ensures that disruptions in one region quickly translate into worldwide economic consequences.

Overall, the situation underscores a key reality: even if the US does not directly depend on the Strait of Hormuz, the global economy certainly does—and that makes its stability crucial for everyone.



Iran War Could Disrupt Internet After Fuel, LPG—Here’s How

The ongoing Iran conflict is not only affecting global fuel and LPG supplies but also poses a serious risk to internet connectivity worldwide, including in countries like India that depend heavily on international data networks.

At the center of this concern are undersea fibre-optic cables, the backbone of global internet infrastructure. These cables run across ocean floors and carry the vast majority of international data, enabling everything from video streaming and online banking to cloud computing and communication services.

A significant number of these cables pass through sensitive regions in the Middle East, particularly near the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea—areas currently witnessing heightened military activity. These narrow routes are not just critical for oil transportation but also serve as key digital highways connecting Asia, Europe, and Africa.

Experts warn that any damage to these cables—whether from military strikes, naval operations, or accidental disruptions—could lead to slower internet speeds, service interruptions, or even outages in multiple regions. The risk increases during conflicts, as these cables are not designed to withstand war conditions.

Repairing undersea cables is also a complex and time-consuming process. Specialized ships and equipment are required, and ongoing conflict in the region could delay repair efforts, prolonging disruptions.

For India, the impact could be significant. A large portion of the country’s international internet traffic is routed through networks that pass via the Middle East. Any disruption in these links could affect IT services, digital payments, remote work, and everyday internet usage.

In addition to physical damage, the threat of cyber warfare is also growing. Conflicts increasingly involve cyberattacks targeting communication networks and digital infrastructure, which can disrupt services even without direct physical damage.

Governments involved in conflicts may also impose internet restrictions or shutdowns for security reasons, further affecting global connectivity.Overall, the situation highlights how modern conflicts extend into the digital domain. While disruptions to oil supplies have immediate economic effects, the potential impact on internet infrastructure could have equally far-reaching consequences for economies, businesses, and daily life around the world.

Trump Mocks Macron With Personal Jibe, Sparks Diplomatic Row

US President Donald Trump stirred controversy after making personal remarks about French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte Macron, intensifying tensions between the two leaders amid an already volatile geopolitical situation.

During a private gathering, Trump reportedly mocked Macron, claiming that the French leader was “still recovering” and alleging that his wife “treats him extremely badly.” The remarks were seen as a direct reference to a viral 2025 video that appeared to show Brigitte Macron pushing her husband’s face during an official visit to Vietnam.

Trump’s comments came while he was criticizing European allies, particularly France, for not supporting US military efforts in the Middle East. He suggested that despite requesting assistance, France declined to participate, adding to his frustration with NATO partners.

The remarks quickly drew criticism and added a personal dimension to an already strained diplomatic relationship. French officials and political leaders viewed the comments as inappropriate, especially given the seriousness of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

Responding to the controversy, Macron dismissed the statements, calling them neither appropriate nor reflective of the gravity of the current global situation. He avoided escalating the exchange further but made it clear that such remarks were not in line with diplomatic standards.

The incident highlights growing friction between the United States and its European allies. Differences over military strategy, particularly regarding the situation in the Gulf region and Iran, have already created divisions. Trump’s public criticism of NATO members and his aggressive stance on global conflicts have further widened the gap.

Analysts say personal remarks between world leaders can complicate already delicate diplomatic relations. At a time when coordinated global action is crucial, such exchanges risk undermining trust and cooperation among allies.Overall, the episode underscores how geopolitical tensions are increasingly being accompanied by sharp personal rhetoric, raising concerns about the impact on international diplomacy and alliance unity.



Viral Video Shows US F-15 Chasing Iranian Drone Over Iraq Amid Escalation

A dramatic video circulating online appears to show a US fighter jet attempting to intercept an Iranian drone over Iraq, highlighting the growing intensity of aerial encounters in the ongoing conflict.

The footage reportedly captures a US F-15 aircraft pursuing Iranian-made Shahed drones in Iraqi airspace. In the video, the jet can be seen maneuvering overhead, followed by visuals of an explosion and a plume of smoke rising from the ground, suggesting a possible strike or impact.

The incident is believed to be linked to a drone attack on an oil facility in Erbil, located in Iraq’s Kurdistan region. The strike reportedly triggered a fire at the site, underscoring the vulnerability of key energy infrastructure amid escalating tensions.

The video has been widely shared across social media platforms, with some sources claiming that the US jet was unable to successfully intercept the drones. These claims, however, remain unverified, and there has been no official confirmation from US authorities regarding the authenticity of the footage or the exact details of the encounter.

The development comes at a time when drone warfare is playing an increasingly prominent role in the conflict. Iranian-made drones, known for being relatively low-cost and effective, have been widely used to target military bases and critical infrastructure across the region.

Experts note that such incidents highlight a significant shift in modern warfare, where inexpensive drones can challenge advanced and costly defense systems. This evolving dynamic is forcing militaries around the world to rethink traditional air defense strategies.

The situation also reflects the broader escalation in the Middle East, where airspace has become highly contested and unpredictable. With multiple actors involved and increasing use of advanced weaponry, the risk of further incidents remains high.

Overall, the viral video underscores the changing nature of warfare, where technology, speed, and unconventional tactics are reshaping how conflicts are fought and raising new security concerns globally.



Market Rebounds Amid Volatility; Nifty Ends Above 22,700 on Stronger Rupee

Indian equity markets recovered in the final hours of trading on April 2, closing marginally higher after a highly volatile session. Benchmark indices erased early losses, supported by a sharp appreciation in the Indian rupee and late buying in select sectors, especially information technology stocks.

The session began on a weak note, with markets opening lower due to negative global cues. Investor sentiment was impacted by rising geopolitical tensions and an increase in crude oil prices, which raised concerns about inflation and economic stability. As a result, the Nifty slipped below the 22,200 mark during intraday trade,

while the Sensex also declined significantly.

However, the trend reversed in the latter half of the session. Strong buying activity in the final hour helped markets rebound sharply from their lows. The Sensex recovered to close higher by around 185 points at 73,319.55, while the Nifty gained 33.70 points to settle at 22,713.10, reclaiming the key 22,700 level.

A major factor behind the recovery was the strong performance of the Indian rupee, which recorded one of its sharpest gains in recent years. The currency appreciated significantly against the US dollar following measures by the Reserve Bank of India to stabilize the forex market. The strength-

ening rupee boosted investor confidence and supported gains in export-oriented sectors like IT.

Among sectors, IT stocks led the rally, with major companies witnessing strong buying interest. The Nifty IT index posted notable gains, providing crucial support to the broader market. Realty stocks also showed some resilience. On the other hand, sectors such as banking, auto, oil & gas, pharma, and consumer durables ended the session in the red, reflecting continued pressure in these segments.

Despite the recovery in benchmark indices, broader markets remained weak. Mid-cap and smallcap indices closed lower, indicating cautious senti-

ment among investors. Market breadth was mixed, with more stocks declining than advancing, and several shares hitting their 52-week lows. On a weekly basis, the market showed signs of weakness, with both Sensex and Nifty registering slight losses. Analysts believe the late recovery was largely driven by short-covering and selective buying rather than strong bullish momentum. Overall, the session highlighted the fragile nature of the current market environment. While a stronger rupee and last-minute buying helped lift indices, ongoing global uncertainties and uneven sectoral performance continue to keep investors cautious in the near term.



RBI Crackdown Jolts Offshore NDF Market; Speculative Trades Face Reality Check

India's multi-billion-dollar offshore non-deliverable forward (NDF) market has come under intense pressure following a series of strict measures by the Reserve Bank of India aimed at curbing speculative currency trading. The move marks one of the most aggressive regulatory interventions in over a decade, as authorities attempt to stabilize the rapidly weakening rupee.

The offshore NDF market, widely used by global investors and traders to bet on the rupee without physical delivery, has grown significantly in recent years. Market participants estimate that the Indian NDF segment sees monthly turnover between \$5 billion and \$8 billion, translating into an overall volume of nearly \$150 billion. This makes the rupee one of the most actively traded currencies in the offshore derivatives space.

However, the market has now been forced into a major reset. The RBI's latest actions are specifically designed to curb arbitrage-driven speculative activity, where traders exploit price differences between onshore and offshore currency markets. These trades had in-

tensified amid heightened volatility in the rupee, particularly after geopolitical tensions and rising crude oil prices put pressure on the currency.

The rupee has been under sustained stress in recent months. It has declined more than 3 percent so far this year and slipped nearly 2 percent since the escalation of conflict in West Asia. At one point, it even breached the psychological level of Rs 95 per US dollar, reflecting the severity of market pressures.

To counter this, the RBI first introduced a cap on banks' net open positions in the rupee, limiting them to \$100 million by the end of each trading day. This move effectively forced banks to unwind large speculative and arbitrage positions built in offshore markets. Analysts estimate that as much as \$40 billion worth of such trades may need to be unwound in the process.

The central bank followed up with even stricter measures, including tighter controls on forex derivatives and steps to break the linkage between onshore and offshore markets. These actions aim to ensure that currency trades are driven by genuine hedging

needs rather than speculative bets.

Despite the initial intervention, speculative pressures persisted, prompting the RBI to escalate its response. Corporate players and importers were still exploiting price gaps between markets, leading to further volatility. The latest clampdown is intended to eliminate such loopholes and restore stability to the currency ecosystem.

Market experts believe the crackdown will have far-reaching consequences. While it is expected to reduce excessive volatility and speculative flows, it may also increase costs for hedging and reduce liquidity in offshore markets. Banks could face mark-to-market losses as they unwind positions, while traders may need to reassess strategies that relied heavily on arbitrage opportunities. Overall, the RBI's decisive action signals a strong commitment to defending the rupee and maintaining orderly market conditions. While the offshore NDF market has been a key component of global currency trading, the recent measures make it clear that speculative excesses will no longer be tolerated.

Government Backs RBI Crackdown on Currency Speculation

The Government of India has extended strong support to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) following its decisive crackdown on speculative activity in the currency markets. The move comes amid heightened volatility in the rupee, which has been under pressure due to global uncertainties and rising crude oil prices.

Officials indicated that the government is aligned with the RBI's efforts to curb excessive speculation, particularly in offshore markets. Public sector banks have been advised to refrain from taking aggressive or speculative positions in the currency market, especially during periods of instability. The focus is on ensuring that financial institutions prioritize genuine hedging requirements over profit-driven arbitrage trades.

The RBI recently rolled out a series of stringent measures aimed at tightening control over speculative trading. These include restrictions on non-deliverable forward (NDF)

transactions and limits on banks' net open positions in the currency market. The steps are considered among the most significant interventions in recent years, reflecting the seriousness of the situation.

The rupee has faced sustained pressure in recent months, weakening to record lows against the US dollar. This depreciation has been driven by a combination of factors, including geopolitical tensions, rising oil prices, and capital outflows. Speculative trades, especially those exploiting price gaps between offshore and onshore markets, have further intensified the pressure.

By supporting the RBI's actions, the government aims to promote stability and discipline in the foreign exchange market. Authorities believe that unchecked speculation can amplify volatility and pose risks to the broader financial system. The coordinated approach is intended to send a clear message that excessive risk-taking will not be tolerated.



Market experts suggest that the crackdown could lead to short-term disruptions, including reduced liquidity and higher costs for hedging. Banks and traders may need to unwind large positions built over time, which could temporarily impact market dynamics. However, these steps are expected to strengthen the overall resilience of the currency market in the long run.

The joint stance of the gov-

ernment and the RBI is seen as a crucial step toward restoring investor confidence. While the measures may limit speculative opportunities, they are likely to create a more stable and transparent trading environment. Overall, the crackdown reflects a proactive effort to safeguard the rupee and ensure orderly functioning of the currency market, even as global economic conditions remain uncertain.

Rupee Logs Biggest Jump Since 2013 After RBI's Strong Measures

The Indian rupee staged a sharp comeback on April 2, registering its biggest single-day gain in more than a decade after decisive intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to curb speculative trading in the currency market.

The rupee appreciated by around 156 paise, or nearly 1.6 percent, to close at 93.14 against the US dollar. During intraday trade, it surged even further to touch a high near 92.82, marking its strongest rally since 2013.

This remarkable recovery comes after a period of sustained weakness in the currency. The rupee had recently slipped past the 95-per-dollar mark and hit record lows, driven by global uncertainties, rising crude oil prices, and persistent capital outflows. The sharp depreciation had raised concerns about currency stability and prompted urgent action from the central bank.

The RBI responded with a series of strict measures aimed at controlling speculative pressure. These included tighten-



ing limits on banks' foreign exchange positions, restricting non-deliverable forward (NDF) trading, and curbing practices such as rebooking of cancelled forward contracts. These steps were designed to reduce arbitrage-driven bets and bring discipline to the forex market.

Following the announcement of these measures, banks and traders rushed to unwind their positions, leading to

heavy dollar selling in the domestic market. This surge in dollar supply played a key role in strengthening the rupee significantly within a single trading session.

Despite the strong rebound, volatility in the currency market remained high. Increased activity in the derivatives and forward segments led to tighter risk controls and higher margin requirements, reflecting

the intensity of market movements.

Experts believe that the sharp rally is largely driven by regulatory action and short-covering rather than a fundamental improvement in the underlying economic conditions. As a result, the rupee may continue to trade within a range in the near term, with global factors still exerting influence.

Key external risks remain, including elevated crude oil prices and ongoing geopolitical tensions, particularly in West Asia. These factors could continue to put pressure on the rupee and limit sustained gains.

While the RBI's intervention has provided immediate relief and restored some confidence, analysts caution that long-term stability will depend on broader economic trends, capital inflows, and global market conditions.

Overall, the rupee's surge highlights the powerful impact of central bank action in stabilizing financial markets, even as uncertainty continues to linger in the global economic environment.

Stock Markets Shut on Good Friday; NSE, BSE to Remain Closed on April 3

Indian stock markets will remain closed on Friday, April 3, 2026, on account of Good Friday, leading to a shortened trading week for investors and traders. Both the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) will not conduct trading across equity, derivatives, and currency segments for the day.

Good Friday, a significant Christian observance marking the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, is recognized as a public holiday in India. As a result, financial markets across the country remain shut in line with the annual holiday calendar issued by the

exchanges.

This closure comes during an already holiday-shortened week for Dalal Street. Earlier in the week, markets were also closed for Shri Mahavir Jayanti, reducing the number of active trading sessions. With the Good Friday holiday, investors effectively get a long weekend, as regular trading will resume on Monday, April 6.

All segments of the stock market, including equity trading, equity derivatives, and securities lending and borrowing (SLB), will remain completely shut during the holiday. There will be no settlement or clearing activity

either. Additionally, commodity markets such as the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) are also expected to remain closed for both morning and evening sessions.

Globally, several major markets are also closed on Good Friday. Leading exchanges in the United States and parts of Europe observe the holiday, resulting in a pause in global trading activity. This synchronized closure across key financial hubs often leads to lower global liquidity and limited cues for investors.

Market participants are advised to plan their trades accordingly, as no transactions can be executed on the holi-

day. Experts often caution traders to adjust positions in advance of such breaks, especially during periods of heightened volatility in global markets. Looking ahead, April will witness another stock market holiday later in the month on account of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti. Investors should keep track of the official holiday calendar to avoid disruptions in trading strategies.

Overall, the Good Friday closure provides a brief pause for the markets, allowing participants to reassess trends and prepare for the upcoming trading sessions in the new week.



SRH Crush KKR by 65 Runs for First IPL 2026 Win

Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) delivered a commanding performance to defeat Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by 65 runs, claiming their first victory of the IPL 2026 season at a packed Eden Gardens on Thursday night.

Batting first, SRH posted a formidable 226/8 in their 20 overs, led by aggressive half-centuries from Heinrich Klaasen (52 off 35 balls) and Abhishek Sharma (48 off 21 balls). Klaasen's composed innings provided the backbone for the team, while Sharma and Nitish Kumar Reddy (39) added

quickfire contributions in the middle and lower order, ensuring SRH set a challenging target.

KKR's chase started brightly with an explosive start from Finn Allen, who scored 28 off seven balls, but the momentum quickly shifted after his dismissal. The KKR lineup struggled to build partnerships and ultimately collapsed for 161 in 16 overs, leaving a 65-run margin in SRH's favor.

SRH's bowlers were relentless, with Jaydev Unadkat leading the charge, taking 3 wickets for 21 runs, supported by tight spells from Eshan Malin-

ga and Nitish Reddy. Their disciplined bowling prevented KKR from establishing any substantial partnerships and maintained constant pressure throughout the innings.

For KKR, Angkrish Raghuvanshi (52) and Rinku Singh made valiant efforts in the middle order, but the late surge was insufficient to keep pace with the steep required run rate. The loss marked KKR's second consecutive defeat of the season, leaving the team needing to regroup quickly.

The win gives SRH their first two points of the season and a confi-

dence boost as they look to build momentum in the tournament. Their strong batting display, coupled with disciplined bowling, underlines their potential to compete effectively in upcoming matches.

SRH fans celebrated the victory, while KKR will be eager to address the gaps exposed in both batting and bowling ahead of their next encounter. The match showcased the importance of depth in the lineup, sharp execution under pressure, and the impact of all-round team performance in T20 cricket.



MS Dhoni Set for Early CSK Return? Viral Practice Video Thrills Fans

Chennai Super Kings fans have been given a major boost after a viral video showed MS Dhoni back in training ahead of IPL 2026, sparking hopes of an earlier-than-expected return to action.

The former CSK captain, who was initially expected to miss the first two weeks of the tournament due to a calf injury, was seen batting and training in the nets. His presence on the field has generated excitement among fans, many of whom feared a longer absence at the start of the season.

The video, widely shared on social media, shows Dhoni in good rhythm during practice sessions, suggesting that his recovery may be progressing faster than anticipated. While there is no official confirmation yet on his match availability, the visuals have raised optimism that he could return to the playing XI sooner than expected.

CSK had a difficult start to their IPL 2026 campaign, struggling in their opening match without their veteran leader. The absence of Dhoni was clearly felt, both in terms of on-field experience and leadership. His return—whether as a player or even just in a mentor-



ing role from the dugout—could provide a significant morale boost to the team.

The franchise is currently undergoing a transition phase with younger players stepping up, but Dhoni's presence remains crucial. Even after stepping down from captaincy, his influence in guiding players and making tactical decisions continues to be invaluable.

Fans, often referring to him as “Thala,” flooded social media with reactions after the video surfaced, expressing excitement and relief. Many are hopeful that Dhoni will be

available for upcoming matches, especially as CSK looks to bounce back in the tournament.

While fitness clearance from the team management will ultimately decide his return, the early signs from practice have certainly lifted spirits within the CSK camp and among millions of supporters.

Overall, the viral video has reignited enthusiasm around Dhoni's IPL 2026 campaign, with fans eagerly waiting to see the legendary cricketer back in action in the iconic yellow jersey.

Pant–Goenka Animated Chat After LSG Loss Sparks Concern Among Fans

A post-match interaction between Rishabh Pant and Sanjiv Goenka has gone viral following Lucknow Super Giants' defeat in IPL 2026, raising fresh concerns about team dynamics.

The incident occurred after LSG's six-wicket loss to Delhi Capitals, where the team struggled with the bat. Pant, along with key players, failed to deliver, allowing the opposition to chase the target comfortably.

What grabbed more attention than the defeat itself was the animated discussion between Pant, Goenka, and head coach Justin Langer on the field after the match. Visuals showed an intense exchange, sparking speculation among fans about possible tension within the camp. While there is no official confirmation of any disagreement or conflict, the body language and tone of the interaction led to widespread debate on social media. Many fans questioned whether such discussions should happen publicly, especially immediately after a loss. The moment also revived memories of a similar incident involving Goenka and



former captain KL Rahul in a previous IPL season, which had drawn criticism for putting players under pressure in public view.

LSG's performance in the match added to the scrutiny. The team's top order failed to build momentum, exposing concerns in batting consistency early in the tournament. With Pant leading the side, ex-

pectations remain high, especially after his high-profile move to the franchise. Cricket experts note that such animated exchanges are not uncommon in high-pressure tournaments like the IPL. However, when they occur in public, they often attract attention and can lead to speculation about internal issues. Despite the viral buzz, sources suggest the

discussion could simply have been a routine strategic conversation following a disappointing performance rather than a heated argument. Overall, while the visuals have sparked concern among fans, the real focus for LSG will be on improving performances in upcoming matches and maintaining stability within the team environment.

RCB Pacer Nuwan Thushara Files Case Against Sri Lanka Cricket Over IPL 2026 Snub

Sri Lankan fast bowler Nuwan Thushara has taken legal action against Sri Lanka Cricket after being denied permission to participate in IPL 2026, triggering a major controversy ahead of the tournament.

Thushara, who was signed by Royal Challengers Bengaluru, moved the Colombo District Court seeking a directive to compel the board to issue him a No Objection Certificate (NOC). This clearance is mandatory for overseas players to participate in foreign T20 leagues like the Indian Premier League.

The dispute began after Sri Lanka Cricket refused to grant the NOC, citing that the pacer did not meet required fitness standards. However, Thushara



has strongly challenged this claim, asserting that his fitness is adequate and consistent with his previous

performances.

In his petition, the cricketer has named key officials of the board, including the president,

secretary, and CEO, as respondents. The court is expected to hear the matter soon, and the outcome will determine whether he can take part in IPL 2026.

Thushara has also argued that the decision could significantly impact his career. Missing the IPL would not only result in financial losses but could also affect his prospects in global franchise cricket. He pointed out that he had been granted NOCs in previous seasons, making the current denial questionable. Adding another dimension to the issue, the bowler stated that his contract with Sri Lanka Cricket has ended and that he had already informed the board about not renewing it. He believes this should give him greater freedom to participate

in overseas leagues without restrictions. The controversy comes at a time when Sri Lanka Cricket has been enforcing stricter fitness policies for players seeking NOCs. While the board maintains that such standards are necessary, critics argue that inconsistent decisions can harm players' careers and relationships with international franchises. For Royal Challengers Bengaluru, the situation could pose a setback if Thushara is unable to secure clearance in time, forcing the team to explore alternative options. Overall, the case highlights growing tensions between national cricket boards and players over participation in global T20 leagues, with the final decision now resting with the court.

Shami's Strong Show vs DC Marks Start of Redemption Journey

Veteran Indian pacer Mohammed Shami has been backed to stage a strong comeback in IPL 2026 after his impressive performance against Delhi Capitals, with experts calling it the beginning of his “road to redemption.”

Shami, who has faced a challenging phase due to injuries and inconsistent form, delivered a standout spell that reminded fans and critics of his class and experience. His disciplined bowling and ability to generate movement troubled batters and played a crucial



role in putting pressure on the opposition.

Former cricketers and analysts believe that this performance could mark a turning point in Shami's career. After spending time away from peak

form, the pacer appears to be regaining rhythm and confidence, which are essential for success in a high-intensity tournament like the Indian Premier League.

What stood out in his performance was his control over line and length, along with his ability to execute plans under pressure. Shami's experience in handling big-match situations was evident, as he maintained composure and delivered at key moments during the game.

Experts suggest that Shami's comeback is not just about one

performance but about building consistency throughout the tournament. If he continues in the same rhythm, he could once again become one of the most reliable fast bowlers in the league.

The match against Delhi Capitals also highlighted his hunger to prove himself after setbacks. Having been sidelined earlier, Shami seems determined to make the most of his opportunities and silence critics with performances on the field. His resurgence is also significant for his team, which will rely heavily on his experi-

ence and wicket-taking ability in crucial matches. A fully fit and in-form Shami adds balance to the bowling attack and strengthens the team's chances in the tournament.

Fans have welcomed his return to form, expressing optimism that the seasoned pacer can rediscover his best and play a key role as the season progresses.

Overall, Shami's performance has sparked hope of a strong comeback, with many believing that this could be the start of a successful second phase in his IPL journey.



“Every Cricketer Should Try Golf Early”: Yuvraj Singh's Unique Advice

Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has urged young cricketers to take up golf from an early age, highlighting its benefits in managing stress and improving overall performance.

Speaking at a recent event, Yuvraj said that cricketers should not focus only on cricket but also include golf in their routine. He emphasized that the sport helps players relax mentally and deal with the pressures that come with professional cricket.

According to Yuvraj, golf acts as a stress reliever and allows players to unwind, which is crucial in a high-pressure sport like cricket. He admitted that he himself started playing golf only after retirement and felt that taking it up earlier could have positively impacted his cricketing career.

The 2011 World Cup hero pointed out that constant practice and match pressure can mentally exhaust players. In such situations, engaging in a different sport like golf helps maintain balance, improve fo-

cus, and refresh the mind.

Yuvraj, who is now actively involved in promoting golf and serves as a key figure in the Indian Golf Premier League, has been encouraging young athletes to explore the sport. He believes that combining cricket with golf can enhance both mental strength and overall sporting skills.

He also noted that in many countries, athletes are encouraged to play multiple sports from a young age rather than specializing too early. This approach, he believes, helps in long-term development and prevents burnout.

Yuvraj's advice reflects a growing emphasis on mental well-being in modern sports. As cricket becomes more demanding with packed schedules and intense competition, players are increasingly looking for ways to stay mentally fresh. Overall, his message is clear—golf is not just a leisure activity but a valuable tool that can help cricketers improve their game by staying calm, focused, and stress-free.

Andrea Jeremiah’s Sensational Comments on Selvaraghavan Go Viral

Actress Andrea Jeremiah has stirred controversy in the film industry with her bold remarks about director Selvaraghavan and her experience working on the cult film Yuganiki Okkadu. Her comments have now become a hot topic across Kollywood and social media platforms.

The film Yuganiki Okkadu (originally Aayirathil Oruvan), starring Karthi, is widely regarded as a unique adventure drama that later gained cult status, especially among Telugu audiences. The movie not only boosted Karthi's popularity but also brought significant recognition to Andrea as an actress.

However, despite the film's success and growing anticipation for its sequel, Andrea has made it clear that she will not be part of Yuganiki Okkadu 2. In a recent interaction, she stated that audiences should not expect her return, even if the sequel materializes.

Explaining her decision, Andrea opened up about the challenges she faced while working with Selvaraghavan. She revealed that the shooting process was extremely demanding and stretched over nearly 200 days under tough conditions, including forests and remote locations. She described the experience as physically and mentally exhausting, emphasizing that working with the director was "very difficult."

Andrea further mentioned that the director's filmmaking style often involved unpredictable schedules and intense working conditions, which added pressure on the cast and crew. Because of these experiences, she indicated that she is unlikely to collaborate with Selvaraghavan again in the future.

Interestingly, while her comments appeared critical, Andrea also acknowledged the positive impact the film had on her career. She admitted that the challenges she faced during the shoot helped her evolve as an actress. According to her, after working on such a demanding project, handling future roles became much easier.

Meanwhile, the sequel to Yuganiki Okkadu has been under discussion for several years. Selvaraghavan had earlier expressed interest in continuing the story, with reports suggesting that actor Dhanush may be involved in the project. However, the film has yet to move forward due to delays and scheduling issues.

With Andrea opting out, speculation has intensified over who will play the female lead in the sequel. Fans, who have been eagerly waiting for the continuation of this adventurous saga, are now even more curious about the casting and timeline. Overall, Andrea Jeremiah's candid remarks have shed light on the demanding realities behind filmmaking, sparking discussions about on-set challenges and creative differences in the industry.

Prabhas Takes Italy Break Amid Busy Film Schedule, Pauses ‘Spirit’ and ‘Fauji’ Shootings

Rebel star Prabhas has reportedly taken a short break from his hectic shooting schedule and flown to Italy for a vacation, putting a temporary pause on his ongoing film commitments, including Spirit and Fauji. The actor, who has been juggling multiple high-profile projects simultaneously, is said to have opted for this getaway to unwind and recharge after months of continuous work.

According to recent reports, Prabhas was spotted departing from Hyderabad for his international trip. Sources indicate that the actor has taken a brief holiday of around 10 days and is expected to return soon to resume his professional commitments. This break comes at a crucial time, as the star has been working under tight schedules and facing mounting pressure due to back-to-back film projects. Prabhas is currently involved in several big-budget films that are at different stages of production. Among them is Fauji, a period war drama directed by Hanu Raghavapudi, which is expected to be one of the actor's major releases. At the same time, he is also working on Spirit,



an action-packed cop drama helmed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga. Both films have generated significant buzz, raising expectations among fans and the film industry alike. In addition to these projects, Prabhas is also expected to join the sets of the much-anticipated sequel to Kalki 2898 AD, directed by Nag Ashwin. With such a packed lineup, the actor's schedule has been extremely demanding, leaving him with little time for rest.

Industry insiders suggest that the decision to take a break was necessary, as Prabhas has been working continuously without significant downtime. The actor reportedly wanted to step away briefly from the pressures of film shoots and public expectations to rejuvenate himself. A source close to the

development mentioned that this vacation would help him return with renewed energy and focus. The break also follows a challenging phase in the actor's career, particularly after the underperformance of his recent film The Raja Saab. Despite the setback, Prabhas continues to remain one of the biggest stars in Indian cinema, with multiple pan-India projects lined up for the coming years. Fans have reacted positively to the news of his vacation, expressing support for the actor's decision to prioritize his well-being. Many believe that this short break will help him bounce back stronger and deliver powerful performances in his upcoming films. Once he returns from Italy, Prabhas is expected to resume shooting schedules for Fauji and Spirit, along with other commitments. With several major releases on the horizon, the actor's upcoming phase is set to be crucial for his career. Overall, this Italy trip marks a brief but important pause in Prabhas's otherwise relentless work schedule, highlighting the importance of balance even for one of the busiest stars in the industry.

Manasa Sharma: New Female Director Trending with ‘Raakasa’



A new name is creating strong buzz in Tollywood—Manasa Sharma. With her debut film Raakasa, she has quickly become one of the most talked-about emerging female directors in the industry, earning attention for both her work and personality.

In recent years, Telugu cinema has seen a steady rise in women directors making their mark. Names like Nandini Reddy and Gowri Ronanki have already established themselves, and now Manasa Sharma has joined this growing list. Her entry with Raakasa has generated significant curiosity, especially as audiences are eager to see fresh

storytelling from new voices.

Manasa Sharma hails from Srikakulam, where she was born and brought up before stepping into the entertainment world. She began her journey as a writer, initially working on digital platforms. Her early work includes writing for the web series Mad House, which helped her gain recognition in creative circles. She later proved her talent as a creator and writer with Oka Chinna Family Story, further strengthening her position in the industry.

Before entering feature films, she also directed the web series Bench Life, which turned out to be a success on

‘Ramayana’ Teaser Out Now: Grand Epic Promises Spectacular Visual Experience



The much-awaited teaser of Ramayana has finally been unveiled, creating a massive buzz across the film industry and among audiences. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, this ambitious mythological project offers a visually stunning glimpse into one of India's most revered epics.

The teaser, released on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, introduces Ranbir Kapoor in the role of Lord Rama. His divine look and composed screen presence have already impressed viewers, setting high expectations for the film. The glimpse hints at a grand narrative that blends devotion, emotion, and large-scale action.

Apart from Ranbir Kapoor, the film boasts a powerful ensemble cast. Sai Pallavi appears as Sita, bringing grace and depth to the iconic character, while Yash takes on the role of Ravana, adding intensity and intrigue. Sunny Deol is expected to portray Hanuman, and Ravi Dubey plays Lakshman, making it one of the most star-studded casts in recent times.

The teaser primarily focuses on setting the tone of the story, offering glimpses of key moments from the Ramayana—from the early life of Rama to the epic conflict with Ravana. The visuals stand out for their scale and richness, with cutting-edge VFX promising a cinematic experience on par with global standards. Early reactions suggest that the film aims to present the epic in a more authentic and emotionally engaging way.

This project has been in development for several years, reflecting the makers' dedication to bringing the story to life

with precision and grandeur. Director Nitesh Tiwari has reportedly spent years conceptualizing the film, ensuring that every detail resonates with audiences while staying true to the essence of the original epic.

Ramayana is planned as a two-part cinematic saga, with the first installment expected to release during Diwali 2026. The film is being mounted on a massive scale, with top-tier technical talent, including internationally acclaimed VFX teams and music composed by legends like A.R. Rahman and Hans Zimmer.

The teaser has already sparked widespread discussion on social media, with fans praising its visuals, casting, and emotional depth. Many viewers see it as a promising attempt to retell the epic in a way that connects with modern audiences while preserving its spiritual and cultural significance.

Overall, the release of the Ramayana teaser marks the beginning of what could be one of the biggest cinematic events in Indian film history. With its powerful cast, grand vision, and strong emotional core, the film is poised to redefine mythological storytelling on the big screen.



“Kurukshetram” Title Buzz for Balakrishna–Vivek Athreya Film

A powerful and intriguing title is reportedly under consideration for the upcoming film featuring Nandamuri Balakrishna and directed by Vivek Athreya. The makers are said to be leaning towards the title “Kurukshetram,” a name that carries immense mythological and emotional weight, instantly evoking the legendary battlefield from the epic Mahabharata.

The buzz around this title has already begun to create excitement among fans and industry circles alike. Known for his larger-than-life screen presence and powerful dialogue delivery, Balakrishna is often associated with intense, mass-oriented roles. A title like Kurukshetram perfectly aligns with his on-screen image, suggesting a story packed with conflict, drama, and high emotional stakes.

Though there has been no official confirmation yet, sources indicate that the film's storyline may revolve around a metaphorical “battlefield”—not necessarily a historical or mythological setting, but a modern-day conflict filled with strong ideological clashes and dramatic confrontations. Director Vivek Athreya, known for his unique storytelling style and fresh narratives, is expected to bring a new perspective to this seemingly intense subject.

The combination of Balakrishna's mass appeal and Vivek Athreya's creative direction has already sparked curiosity. Athreya, who has built a reputation for blending

emotion with intelligent storytelling, may present Balakrishna in a role that is both powerful and layered, offering something different from his usual high-octane entertainers. Industry insiders suggest that the title Kurukshetram was chosen not just for its grandeur, but also for its symbolic meaning. In the Mahabharata, Kurukshetra represents the ultimate battle between good and evil, duty and desire, righteousness and ambition. If the film follows a similar thematic path, audiences can expect a narrative filled with moral dilemmas, intense character arcs, and gripping drama. Fans of Balakrishna are already thrilled with the reports, taking to social media to express their excitement. Many believe that such a strong title could mark another memorable film in the actor's illustrious career. At the same time, followers of Vivek Athreya are eager to see how he handles a subject of this scale, given his track record of delivering unconventional yet engaging films.

While more details about the cast, storyline, and production schedule are expected to be revealed soon, the title alone has successfully generated significant hype. If finalized, Kurukshetram could set the tone for a powerful cinematic experience that blends mass appeal with meaningful storytelling.

For now, all eyes are on the official announcement, as fans eagerly wait to see this promising collaboration take shape on the big screen.