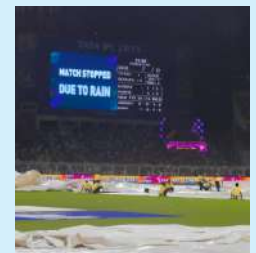




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## Peoples' March Anniversary: CM Launches 1,200 Crore Development in Adilabad

Adilabad, April 6, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Marking the completion of three years since the "Peoples' March" padayatra, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, and ministers including Jupalli Krishna Rao arrived at Pipri in Adilabad district to inaugurate multiple development projects under the "Public Governance – Path of Progress" initiative. The event was attended by district collectors, public representatives, and local leaders.

The padayatra, which highlighted citizen grievances and development promises, led to the allocation of over 1,200 crore for new initiatives. Chief Minister Reddy and Deputy CM Vikramarka performed ceremonial inaugurations for key projects, including the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Gurukula boys' hostel in Jainath village (20 crore), the Minority Gurukula girls' school in Adilabad municipality (20 crore), and the Long Swan Bridge connecting Sirikonda to Dasnapur via Pitt Bangaram (13.46 crore).

Several irrigation projects were also inaugurated across



the Both and Indervelli constituencies, including Pippiri, Tejapur, and Buggaram lift irrigation schemes (141.07 crore) and Landasangi check dam in Adilabad Rural (6.435 crore). Electrical infrastructure works for 33/11 kV substations in Talamadugu, Kuchalapur, and Dhanur B were launched with a budget of 9.45 crore.

Education and residential infrastructure received significant attention with the Young India Integrated Residential School complex (200 crore) and the Advanced Technology Center in Pochara village (42.15

crore) being inaugurated. Roads and urban infrastructure projects, including a 30 km road from Ichodu to Dedra and municipal development in Adilabad (30 crore), were also flagged off.

In addition, CM Reddy and Deputy CM Vikramarka distributed sanction papers for Indiramma houses to beneficiaries across the district, supporting those who previously lacked homes or financial security. The proceedings included grants under the Rajeev Yuva Vikasam scheme, benefiting individual families and self-

help groups. Interest-free loans were distributed to 30,149 self-help groups for 2025–26, reinforcing the government's commitment to inclusive development. Speaking at the event, CM Revanth Reddy emphasized that the projects aim to address grievances raised during the Peoples' March, ensuring homes, education, irrigation, and infrastructure for citizens. He called for sustained public engagement and noted that the government remains committed to transforming promises into tangible development on the ground.



## Sridhar Babu Campaigns for Congress in Thrissur

Thrissur, Kerala, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu campaigned for Congress candidates in Kerala's Thrissur district on Monday, ahead of the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections. Accompanied by Thrissur Congress district president Joseph Tajeet, Sridhar Babu participated in election activities across several constituencies, including Ollur, Nattika, Kaipamangalam, Pudukad, Chalakudy, Kodungallur, and Manalur.

Thrissur district has 13 assembly constituencies, and in the 2021 elections, the Congress-led UDF secured only two seats. Political analysts suggest that, amid rising public discontent against the ruling LDF, Congress has a strong

chance of winning a majority of seats this time.

Sridhar Babu, busy campaigning throughout the day, also held multiple evening meetings with senior Congress leaders in Thrissur, urging party cadres to work together for electoral success. His focus was on building consensus and strengthening ground-level coordination for the party's prospects. On the same day, he met with Maharashtra's West Nagpur MLA and Nagpur DCC president Vikas Thackeray to discuss campaign strategies and ensure coordinated support for Congress candidates in Thrissur. The Telangana minister's visit underscores Congress's effort to consolidate support across constituencies and leverage experienced leaders for effective election mobilization in Kerala.

## Telangana Government Strengthens Measures to Curb Tax Evasion

Hyderabad, April 6, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has intensified efforts to prevent tax evasion and improve revenue collection across key departments, including commercial taxes, excise, stamps and registrations, and transport. This initiative aims to strengthen the state's revenue base and ensure full compliance by individuals and businesses.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed senior officials to adopt stricter enforcement measures, warning that non-compliance will not be tolerated. Departments have been instructed to enhance intelligence networks and conduct field inspections to identify tax defaulters and prevent revenue leakages. Clear monthly targets aligned with annual goals have been set, and progress will be reviewed regularly to meet revenue expectations.

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In the transport and commercial vehicle sector, policy changes are being considered to reduce opportunities for tax evasion. One key reform under discussion is replacing the traditional quarterly tax system with a lifetime tax payment model for commercial vehicles, simplifying compliance and ensuring taxes are collected upfront at registration.

Other revenue-generating departments are conducting more frequent audits and inspections, particularly focusing on high-risk areas such as GST collections and commodities like alcohol and sand, where illicit activity has historically reduced state earnings. Strengthening field audit teams and intensifying visits are part of the strategy to ensure businesses and taxpayers fulfill their obligations.

Administrative reforms are

also underway to enhance staffing and accountability within the revenue machinery. New positions have been sanctioned to improve service delivery, reduce bottlenecks, and prevent unofficial practices. A stronger revenue workforce is expected to promote transparency and responsiveness at the grassroots level. These reforms reflect Telangana's emphasis on fiscal responsibility and sustainable growth. By curbing tax evasion and improving departmental efficiency, the government aims to secure stable income streams that can fund development programs, public services, and welfare initiatives. Increased compliance is intended not only to support state finances but also to build public confidence in the tax system and ensure fairness for honest

taxpayers.

The combined approach of policy change, strict enforcement, and administrative reform demonstrates the government's commitment to strengthening Telangana's fiscal health and promoting equitable governance.



## Harish Rao Raises Alarm Over Koheda Fruit Market Land

Koheda, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Former minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao visited the Koheda fruit market site on Monday, raising strong objections to the Congress government's alleged attempts to divert the land for purposes other than farmers' welfare. He was accompanied by former minister Sabitha Indra Reddy, BRS district president Manchireddy Kishan Reddy, and MLAs Devireddy Sudheer Reddy, Bandaru Laxma Reddy, and Kaleru Venkatesh.

Speaking at the site, Harish Rao emphasized that his visit was for farmers, not politics. "This is not a BRS or Congress issue; it is a farmers' issue. Governments must serve farmers, not brokers," he stated. He highlighted that the Gaddi Anaram fruit market, established in 1985, became congested as the city expanded. Heavy traffic and pollution prompted the BRS government to plan a new fruit market on 200 acres in Koheda, ensuring modern



infrastructure and space for future expansion.

During his tenure as Market- ing Minister, Harish Rao oversaw the acquisition of land worth 10 crore for the project. In 2020, the market was officially notified through G.O. 11, with a DPR costing 1,000 crore prepared and 350 crore deposited in a dedicated account to fund construction. The plan included facilities for fruit, flower, and fish markets, designed with a 100-year vision.

However, Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government is now targeting this land, valued at nearly 3,000 crore, allegedly to hand over to private interests through TGIIC. He questioned whether the priority is farmers' welfare or brokers' profits. He also criticized proposals to use alternative "DIL" land, pointing out ongoing court restrictions and active cultivation by SC farmers, making it unsuitable for substitution.

The former minister warned that if construction on the Koheda fruit market does not begin immediately, BRS and farmers would strongly mobilize to protect the land. He urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the Agriculture Ministry to prioritize the project for the benefit of tens of thousands of farmers rather than a few traders. Harish Rao concluded by demanding that the Koheda land remain dedicated to the fruit market, emphasizing that until an internationally benchmarked facility is built, BRS will continue to fight to safeguard farmers' rights.

## Revanth Reddy Responds to Pinarayi Criticism, Highlights Telangana's Development

Hyderabad | Date: 06 04 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has strongly responded to criticism from Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, addressing the points in a detailed letter comparing development indicators of Telangana and Kerala. The letter includes extensive statistics to illustrate progress in Telangana. Reddy emphasized that he holds great respect for Pinarayi and carefully reviewed his tweets before replying.

According to Reddy, Telangana's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) grew 10.1% in 2024-25, higher than the national GDP growth of 9.9%. The state's GSDP crossed 16.12 lakh crore, ranking second among Indian states and union territories. Telangana accounts for 3.5% of India's geographical area and less than 3% of the population but contributes nearly 5% of the national GDP.

Reddy highlighted key wel-



fare initiatives under the Congress government. In its first year, 20,617 crore in farm loans were waived, benefitting 25.36 lakh farmers, a landmark in the state's history. Under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, Telangana provides 12,000 per acre annually to increase crop productivity. The government has spent 25,279 crore to support 69.70 lakh farmers under agricultural investment schemes.

In energy and insurance, Reddy noted that 29.40 lakh farmers received free 24 hour electricity at a cost of 26,098

crore. For crop insurance, 14.91 lakh farmers were provided coverage worth 5 lakh each, costing 3,124 crore. Additionally, under the Crop Bonus scheme, 14.91 lakh farmers received 3,139 crore to support productivity. Through the letter, Revanth Reddy underscored Telangana's comprehensive development, including economic growth, agricultural support, and farmer welfare, reinforcing that his government prioritizes tangible results over political rhetoric. The Chief Minister's response aims to clarify Telangana's achievements and assert that the state is making significant progress in line with national development trends, while highlighting the welfare-oriented approach of the current administration.

his detailed reply positions Telangana as a state that has effectively combined economic growth with farmer-focused initiatives, addressing criticisms with clear data and factual comparisons.

## Bhatti Vikramarka's Key Points at Praja Palana – Pragati Baata Program, Pipri Village

Pipri Village, Both Constituency, 06-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka highlighted the vision and achievements of the Telangana government during the Praja Palana – Pragati Baata program held in Pipri village, Both constituency. He clarified that the massive public meeting was conceptualized by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy as part of the 99-day governance initiative under the Indiramma program. Foundation stones for development works worth 1,238 crore were laid at the event. Vikramarka emphasized that Telangana, achieved through struggle, should be governed by its people rather than feudal forces. People's aspirations remain central to governance, and the government's policies reflect the fulfillment of promises made during the People's March padayatra. He recalled how the padayatra, conducted under scorching heat, allowed officials to listen to grievances and ensure immediate sanctioning of development works, especially in the erstwhile Adilabad district.

He stated that the program is



not political but demonstrates the bond created with citizens during the padayatra. Unlike other parties that forget commitments after elections, the Congress government under CM Revanth Reddy functions as servants of the people, fulfilling 99% of its promises within two years.

Key initiatives highlighted by Vikramarka include:

- Indiramma Housing: 22,500 crore allocated, 5 lakh

per house, 3,500 houses per constituency, totaling 4.5 lakh across Telangana.

- Rythu Bharosa: 9,000 crore credited to farmers within nine days, with continuous fund release.
- Women's Welfare: Free electricity up to 200 units, free bus travel under the Mahalakshmi scheme; over 300 crore worth of travel already facilitated.
- Education: Young In-

dia Integrated Residential Schools on 25 acres at 200 crore each, bringing children from all sections together.

- Nutrition: Morning breakfast, ragi malt, and milk provided to children in schools to combat hunger.
- Insurance: Indiramma accident insurance of 5 lakh to every family.

Vikramarka reiterated that governance focuses on making citizens proud to be born in Telangana, understanding the struggles of farmers and rural communities. The government ensures people-centric policies, careful management of public funds, and welfare initiatives like Rajiv Yuva Vikas to support unemployed youth. The overarching vision includes creating one crore women millionaires, promoting equitable development, and empowering women and marginalized communities.

The Deputy CM concluded that Telangana's growth depends on people protecting and supporting a government that prioritizes their welfare, ensuring that every promise made during the padayatra has been successfully implemented.

# World Health Day: Telangana's Health Reforms Stand Out

On World Health Day, Telangana has a meaningful story to tell. Good health is not just about hospitals, doctors or medicines. It is about giving every person - whether in a village or a city - the chance to live a healthy and dignified life. In that sense, the healthcare push now being seen in Telangana under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, with Health Minister Damodara Rajanarasimha driving it on the ground, deserves serious attention. At a time when many governments speak about welfare in slogans, Telangana is trying to make healthcare a visible public guarantee. One of the clearest examples is Rajiv Aarogyasri. The government has increased the free treatment limit from 5 lakh to 10 lakh per family per year, with 1,140 crore allocated this year. This is not just a financial decision; it is a lifeline for poor and middle-class families who often fear that one major illness can push them into debt. It sends a strong message that healthcare must protect families, not bank-

rupt them. The government is also focusing on employees, pensioners and their families through a redesigned Employee Health Scheme. Digital health cards are being planned for around 23.51 lakh beneficiaries. This reflects a modern and practical approach. The larger digital health vision is even more ambitious: Telangana is working to build unified digital health profiles for nearly 2 crore citizens by integrating records from public health facilities. If implemented well, this can make treatment faster, smoother and more accountable. What stands out most is that the government is not limiting health policy to treatment alone. It is moving toward early detection and prevention. The Women Wellness Profiling Programme is a first-of-its-kind large-scale digital health profiling initiative for women. That is a major step, because women often ignore their own health while taking care of their families. Similarly, the Bala Bharosa programme for children aged 0 to 5 years

focuses on early screening of developmental delays and disabilities through anganwadis, followed by medical care and treatment. These are the kind of quiet reforms that can change lives for years. Telangana is also responding to the rise in lifestyle diseases. Around 50 lakh patients are receiving treatment through Non-Communicable Disease clinics for conditions like diabetes, hypertension and cancer. Cancer care itself has been decentralised in an important way. Chemotherapy is now available at district-level centres, including in remote places like Mulugu and Narayanpet, reducing the need for patients to travel to Hyderabad. Nearly 2,000 patients are already being treated at district cancer care centres. The same humane thinking is visible in dialysis services. With 16 new dialysis centres added in the last two years, Telangana now has 102 centres serving over 15,000 patients, while vascular access services are also being expanded beyond Hyderabad. Long-term healthcare needs for children aged 0 to 5 years

tutions and manpower, and here too the Revanth Reddy government has moved with purpose. Nine new government medical colleges have become operational, adding 450 MBBS seats and increasing government MBBS seats from 3,690 to 4,140. PG seats have also increased, while 16 new nursing colleges and 28 new paramedical colleges have been established. Since December 2023, nearly 19,768 health department posts have been completed, are under progress, or are in the pipeline. This matters because healthcare cannot improve with buildings alone; it needs doctors, nurses, technicians and staff. Infrastructure is also being strengthened in a major way. The new Osmania Hospital building, Warangal Health City, three new TIMS institutions, and a super-specialty hospital in Mancherial show that the government wants advanced care to spread beyond traditional urban centres. At the same time, 14 new PHCs and 9 secondary hospitals have been sanctioned, proving that access at the local level remains



a priority. Equally important is the government's focus on food safety, drug control and emergency response. Around 17,000 food safety raids have been conducted in two years, mobile testing labs have been launched, and action is being taken against adulteration. The Drug Control Department has carried out massive inspections, seized counterfeit medicines and cracked down on quacks and spurious drugs. Meanwhile, 213 new ambulances have been

launched, reducing emergency response times in rural and tribal areas. Of course, healthcare is never complete in one term, and implementation will remain the real test. But on World Health Day, one thing is clear: under Revanth Reddy's leadership, and with Damodara Rajanarasimha's focused execution, Telangana is trying to move healthcare from promise to presence. That is not just administration. That is governance with



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## BJP Telangana Celebrates Party Foundation Day with Grand Event

Hyderabad, April 6, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Telangana unit celebrated its Party Foundation Day with grandeur at the state headquarters in Hyderabad on Monday. The event saw the party flag being ceremoniously unfurled by the state president N. Ramchander Rao. The celebrations were attended by prominent leaders including former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, BJP national leader Muralidhar Rao, Legislative Council BJP Floor Leader AVN Reddy, MLC Malk Komurayya, BJP State Organizational General Secretary Chandrashekhar Tiwari, and other senior leaders and party workers. Addressing the gathering, Ramchander Rao praised the dedication and selfless sacrifices of millions of party workers, crediting them for BJP's rise to become one of the largest political forces globally. "Today is not just a day for celebrations; it is a proud moment to reaffirm our commitment to the principle that the nation comes first," he said. He recalled that it was the steadfast efforts of ordinary workers that transformed BJP



from its humble beginnings into a global political powerhouse. Highlighting the contributions of stalwarts such as Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, he said the party continues to build on their foundational vision. Rao urged party workers in Telangana to act as the voice of the people and defenders of democracy. He emphasized that under

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, each worker must contribute to a strong, self-reliant, and developed India, calling upon them to actively participate in shaping a 'Viksit Bharat'. The event highlighted BJP's emphasis on organizational unity, grassroots engagement, and the role of workers in nation-building, reinforcing the party's commitment to democratic principles and public service.

## No Compromise on Food Quality and Public Health, Says Telangana Health Minister

Hyderabad, Telangana | Date: 06-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Raja Narasimha on Monday emphasized the government's strong commitment to maintaining food safety and public health, stating that there will be no compromise on food quality standards in the state. Addressing a large food safety awareness walkathon on Necklace Road, Hyderabad, the minister highlighted the growing importance of hygienic food practices amid rapid urbanization and changing lifestyles. The initiative aims to educate citizens, especially students and youth, about the risks of unsafe food and the benefits of healthy eating habits. The walkathon, which began at Jal Vihar and concluded at HMDA Grounds near IMAX, witnessed participation from around 1,000 students and young people who actively promoted awareness about food safety. The minister pointed out that changing eating patterns and increased consumption of processed and outside food have led to new health challenges. He warned that adulteration in common food



items such as salt, pulses, sugar, tamarind, tea powder, and low-quality cooking oils can result in serious health issues, including digestive problems and long-term diseases like diabetes, hypertension, heart, and kidney conditions. Raja Narasimha noted that Telangana has approximately 1.41 lakh food business establishments, with nearly 80 percent located in urban areas. While acknowledging the food industry's role in economic growth and employment generation, he expressed concern

over the widespread use of substandard ingredients and unsafe practices in food preparation and distribution. He reiterated that the government has already conducted over 11,000 inspections in the past two years, taking strict legal action against violators. Enforcement drives will continue with zero tolerance for non-compliance. To strengthen the food safety system, the government has recruited 24 new food inspectors and deployed five mobile food testing vehicles. Plans are underway to estab-

lish three regional food testing laboratories in Nizamabad, Hanumakonda, and Mahabubnagar at a total cost of 15 crore rupees. The minister also announced the introduction of a dedicated mechanism for food safety, modeled on scientific monitoring systems used in other sectors, to ensure stricter regulation and accountability among food producers and vendors. Raja Narasimha urged citizens, food producers, and vendors to adopt safe practices and actively support government initiatives to ensure quality food for all. He emphasized that public health is a top priority and that collaborative efforts between the government and communities are essential to build a healthier Telangana. The minister concluded by reinforcing the government's commitment to providing safe, hygienic, and nutritious food, ensuring the well-being of all residents under the guiding principle of "Eat Right - Stay Healthy." This program reflects Telangana's proactive approach toward consumer protection, aiming to create a safer and healthier environment while fostering awareness about responsible food consumption.

## Telangana Government and ICRISAT Launch Soil Health Volunteer Training Program

Patancheru, Telangana, April 6, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nag-eswara Rao inaugurated a two-day special training program for Soil Health Volunteers, jointly organized by the Telangana State Government and ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics). The initiative aims to promote sustainable agriculture by protecting soil health, reducing chemical fertilizer use, and encouraging organic farming practices. Around 120 farmers from Kodangal constituency in Vikarabad district are participating as Soil Health Volunteers. Speaking at the launch, Minister Tummala emphasized that soil health affects not only crop productivity but also environmental balance and human health. He urged participants to adopt soil health management as a responsibility and implement it comprehensively at the field level. He highlighted that healthy soil ensures nutritional food, environmental equilibrium, and human well-being. Under Telangana Rising Vision 2047, the government aims to reduce cultivation costs and



increase farmers' income. Minister Tummala called on farmers to reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers and adopt scientific soil management practices, including crop rotation with leguminous crops like pigeon pea, chickpea, black gram, green gram, and lentils to improve soil fertility. The two-day training includes classroom sessions, field demonstrations, and hands-on activities. Farmers will learn how to collect soil samples and conduct laboratory testing. Volunteers are trained to use Soil Health Cards to determine and apply the right nutrients for crops. Experts will also provide guidance on composting, bio-in-

puts, crop diversification, and other sustainable soil fertility methods. ICRISAT researchers demonstrated various crops and modern water management techniques to enhance understanding of scientific agricultural practices. The institute has a global focus on pulses, millets, and oilseed crops, aiming to deliver scientific knowledge directly to farmers. Last year, approximately 200,000 soil samples were collected and tested statewide, with all reports shared; this year, the target is 400,000 samples. The program also involves selecting Soil Health Volunteers in each revenue village. Around 30,000 volunteers will

be trained to raise awareness among farmers about soil health. Agriculture and horticulture officers will guide farmers toward not just traditional crops like rice and cotton, but also commercial crops, vegetables, and high-income crops like oil palm for sustainable earnings. As part of the 99-day Public Governance Progress Plan, Minister Tummala directed officials to encourage farmers to actively participate in the upcoming Farmer Festivals from May 4 to 9 and showcase success stories of model farmers through videos. The launch ceremony was attended by ICRISAT Director General Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Deputy Director General Dr. Stanford Bleyid, Agriculture Secretary K. Surendra Mohan, Horticulture Director Yasmin, Vice-Chancellor of Horticulture University Dr. Raji Reddy, and officials from ICRISAT and the Agriculture and Horticulture departments. This training is expected to equip volunteers with the knowledge and skills to educate fellow farmers on soil management, enhance soil fertility, and achieve higher yields with minimal investment using scientific and sustainable agricultural techniques.

## MP Mallu Ravi Highlights Importance of Dornakal-Gadwal Railway Line

Nagarkurnool, 06th April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Deputy General Manager of South Central Railway has provided the Dornakal-Gadwal alignment map to Member of Parliament Dr. Mallu Ravi. He was briefed on the procedures for submitting formal suggestions to the Railway Minister and the Railway Board regarding this strategic railway line. Dr. Ravi has requested meetings with the Railway Board Chairman on April 10 and with the Railway Minister on April 16, 17, and 18 to discuss the project further.

Tomorrow, Dr. Ravi will address Congress meetings in Nagarkurnool district and Wana-parthy district, explaining the significance of the Dornakal-Gadwal railway line. He appealed to the residents of Nagarkurnool Parliamentary constituency to support this project, emphasizing its transformative potential for the region. The proposed railway line will not only connect Nagarkurnool to major railway networks across India but will also contribute significantly to the socio-economic development of this historically underdeveloped parliamentary



constituency. Dr. Ravi highlighted that the line will improve connectivity, facilitate trade, and open avenues for industrial and agricultural growth in the region. He urged local communities, political representatives, and stakeholders to actively participate in supporting the project, stressing that public cooperation is crucial for achieving timely approval and implementation. The Dornakal-Gadwal

railway line is expected to bring long-term benefits, enhancing accessibility, boosting local employment, and integrating the constituency into the national railway grid. Dr. Ravi's interactions with the railway authorities aim to ensure that the project receives priority attention and that necessary technical, financial, and administrative measures are undertaken to make the line operational in the near future.

# Telangana Jagruthi Chief Kalvakuntla Kavita Meets Banjara Leaders

Hyderabad, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Jagruthi president Kalvakuntla Kavita met with prominent leaders of the Banjara community on Monday to discuss the formation of a new political party and initiatives for the community. The meeting took place at the residence of retired Additional DG D.T. Nayak in Hyderabad, where Kavita held a respectful dialogue with him and several other senior Banjara figures.

With the new political party set to be launched on April 25, Kavita sought in-

put on how the party can address issues and programs for the Banjara community. She highlighted that, historically, the Banjara community lacked representation in the cabinet during the united Andhra Pradesh era and assured leaders that the new party would provide equitable opportunities for the community. The Banjara leaders were invited to offer suggestions and guidance for the upcoming party. Kavita emphasized that individuals interested in active politics from the community would be warmly welcomed into the party. The meeting was attended

by several distinguished Banjara leaders, including former Tribal Welfare Commissioner and retired IRS officer Lakshman Nayak, All India Banjara Seva Sangh state president Mohan Singh Nayak, Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes Bheemla Nayak, and Basuki Nayak. Other attendees included All India Banjara Seva Sangh general secretary, state secretary Hari Nayak, Tribal Electricity Board chairman Narayan, media secretary of the All India Banjara Seva Sangh Bheemudu Nayak, Electricity DEE Balaji Nayak, Telangana Jagruthi

working president L. Roop Singh Nayak, and other Jagruthi officials including Mohan Nayak, Kalyan Nayak, Sakru Nayak, Ravi Rathod, Shiva Nayak, Ramji Nayak, Mahender Nayak, Manukota Kalyan Nayak, Siddu, and others. The discussions focused on strategies for community development, participation in politics, and building a platform that ensures Banjara representation and empowerment. Kavita assured the leaders that their inputs would play a significant role in shaping the party's agenda and programs for the Banjara community.



# Koheda Fruit Market Land Row Intensifies

Koheda, April 6 | TPN Bureau

A political controversy has reignited over the Koheda fruit market land, with leaders alleging that the Congress government is attempting to divert land originally earmarked for market development. Sudheer Reddy, MLA of LB Nagar, recalled the history of the move, explaining that the fruit market at Gaddi Annaram was established in 1985. Over the years, urban expansion has left the market in the heart of the city, leading to heavy traffic and pollution from numerous fruit transport vehicles. During the COVID-19 pandemic, several issues arose due to the location. Former minister and Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao proposed setting up a hospital near Gaddi Annaram. Consequently, it was decided to shift the fruit market to Koheda to free up space for healthcare infrastructure. About 170 acres of land were acquired in Koheda, with a planned invest-



ment of 350 crore to develop a modern fruit market, a decision taken by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and Harish Rao. However, BRS leaders claim that since the Congress party came to power, the government has been eyeing the Koheda market

land. They allege plans to acquire it under the guise of establishing a fruit market processing unit, which they insist would undermine the original purpose. The leaders highlighted that temporary sheds were set up at Koheda for the fruit market, but Congress party leaders caused disruptions whenever these structures were affected by wind or rain. They emphasized that the land should remain strictly for the fruit market, as initially intended.

Sudheer Reddy also criticized political interference, noting that even nationally recognized figures have attempted unrelated interventions in local matters.

He urged the government to honor the prior agreements and ensure that the Koheda fruit market land is preserved for its intended purpose. BRS leaders have demanded a clear directive that the land remains dedicated to the fruit market, warning that any attempt to divert it would be met with strong opposition.

# Telangana Governor Inaugurates Nivrutti De Addiction Centre at Cherlapalli Prison

Hyderabad, Telangana | Date: 06 04 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Governor Dr. Tamilsai Soundararajan inaugurated the Nivrutti De Addiction Centre at Cherlapalli Prison on Monday, marking a significant step toward rehabilitating inmates battling substance abuse. The centre has been established with a focus on providing psychological support, counselling, and behavioural therapies to help inmates overcome addiction and reintegrate more successfully into society after release.

During the inauguration, the Governor emphasised that addressing addiction within correctional facilities is critical not just for inmate welfare, but also for broader community safety and social reintegration. She noted that the structured support available through the new centre — including counselling sessions, mental health guidance, and skill development workshops — will equip inmates with the tools they need to break cycles of substance dependence.



The Nivrutti Centre has been developed in coordination with correctional administrators and rehabilitation experts, integrating evidence-based methodologies tailored to the prison environment. In addition to therapy programmes, the centre offers group support meetings, peer mentorship opportunities, and educational modules that address the health, social, and psychological aspects of addiction. Dr.

Soundararajan highlighted the importance of holistic rehabilitation, stating that it must go beyond confinement and punitive measures. She underlined that empowering inmates with life skills and coping mechanisms not only reduces the likelihood of relapse but also enhances chances of productive citizenship post-release. The Governor also called upon prison authorities to ensure that all eligible inmates

have access to the centre's programmes and services. Correctional officials explained that the Nivrutti Centre will serve inmates from Cherlapalli Prison and can act as a model for similar initiatives across other correctional facilities in the state. They pointed out that addressing substance abuse inside prisons contributes to improved behavioural outcomes and fosters a safer environment for both inmates and staff. The inauguration was attended by senior officials from the prison administration and rehabilitation experts involved in the centre's setup. The event highlighted the state's commitment to progressive correctional reforms that prioritise rehabilitation, dignity, and sustained social reintegration for incarcerated individuals. With the opening of the Nivrutti De Addiction Centre, Telangana advances its push toward humane and constructive prison reforms, aiming to reduce recidivism and support inmates in leading healthier, more stable lives after their sentences end.



# BJP Celebrates 47 Years in Telangana with Grand Event

Hyderabad, Telangana | Date: 06 04 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) celebrated its 47th anniversary in Telangana with a large gathering of party leaders, workers, and supporters on Monday. The event marked nearly five decades of the party's presence in the state, reflecting on its organisational growth, electoral journey, and public outreach over the years. State BJP leaders unveiled the party flag and commemorated the contributions of past and present leaders who have strengthened the party's influence in Telangana's political landscape. The celebrations highlighted the party's commitment to democratic ideals, grassroots organisation, and socio-political engagement.

Senior BJP leaders addressed the gathering, emphasising the role of the party's cadre and volunteers in driving the party's mission forward. They reiterated the values of discipline, dedication, and public service as key pillars on which the BJP has built its legacy over the past 47 years. The speakers also commended the broad base of support the party has developed across various sections of society, including youth, women, and grassroots workers.

The anniversary event featured speeches that reflected on the BJP's evolution in Telangana from a minor political entity to a major national party with substantial organisational reach. Leaders lauded the contributions of veteran

party members and encouraged young activists to carry forward the party's vision of development and inclusive governance.

The celebrations also acknowledged the importance of voter outreach, local governance engagement, and public welfare initiatives undertaken by the party in recent years. Leaders highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen the party's presence ahead of future elections, reinforce its organisational framework, and expand connections with citizens across urban and rural constituencies. Participants stressed that the anniversary is not merely a commemorative milestone but a reminder of the party's responsibility towards serving the public and addressing local issues. Messages of unity, commitment to democratic participation, and encouragement to uphold the party's core principles resonated throughout the event. The BJP anniversary programme underscored the party's ongoing efforts to engage with citizens on governance, development, and policy matters. Party workers expressed optimism about expanding their support base further and deepening public engagement in Telangana's evolving political environment. Overall, the 47th anniversary celebration reaffirmed the BJP's intention to continue strengthening its organisational capabilities and maintaining active involvement in the state's socio-political discourse.

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Former MP Joginapalli Santosh Kumar, renowned for his environmental activism, has been selected for the prestigious Global Green Icon Award. The award ceremony will be held on April 17 at the House of Lords, UK, recognizing his contributions to environmental protection and sustainable development.

Santosh Kumar, founder of the volunteer organization Ignited Minds, has worked tirelessly to advance environmental awareness across India. Through initiatives like the Green India Challenge, and the popular campaign slogan "Hara Hai To Bhara Hai" (Only Green is Wealth), millions of saplings have been planted nationwide. Students, youth, farmers, and even national-level celebrities have actively participated, making environmental responsibility a widespread social movement.

The Global Green Icon Award is presented by Helen Spark Strategies UK Ltd, an organization that identifies and honors global leaders working to combat climate change, promote sustainability, and protect the environment. The award will be conferred during an international conclave held at the House of Lords in London, highlighting Kumar's impactful work at both national and international levels.

Expressing his joy, Santosh Kumar emphasized that this recognition is not for him alone but honors the collective effort of everyone striving for environmental preservation. He credited volunteers, students, and supporters of Ignited Minds for their unwavering commitment to creating a greener India. The organization Ignited Minds highlighted that their core mission, inspired by the ideals of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, is to engage every individual in environmental steward-

ship and ensure a sustainable planet for future generations. This global acknowledgment underscores the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing environmental challenges and inspires communities to continue contributing actively to the cause.

The award ceremony on April 17 will not only celebrate Santosh Kumar's achievements but also reinforce India's growing role in global environmental initiatives. Through initiatives like the Green India Challenge, Santosh Kumar and his team have demonstrated how grassroots activism can translate into measurable, large-scale environmental impact.

This recognition further motivates Ignited Minds and other environmental organizations to continue expanding their outreach, educate communities, and foster sustainable practices that secure a healthy, green future for generations to come.



# Row Erupts Over Koheda Fruit Market Land

Koheda, April 6 | TPN Bureau

A political controversy has surfaced over the proposed fruit market land in Koheda, with senior leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) alleging that the state government is attempting to divert the land for other purposes. Former minister and Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao, along with Sabitha Indra Reddy, Sudheer Reddy, Kaleru Venkatesh, Kyama Malles, and Errolla

Srinivas, visited the Koheda fruit market site and inspected the land. Speaking on the occasion, former MLA Manchiredy Kishan Reddy said the idea of establishing a fruit market in Koheda was envisioned with foresight by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. He recalled that, at the time, several parcels of land in the area were under encroachment. The government had compensated each occupant with 7.5 lakh and successfully acquired around 170 acres at a

cost of 17 crore. He further stated that the land acquisition was carried out with public cooperation, as many landholders came forward voluntarily. The previous BRS government had planned to develop the Koheda fruit market with an estimated investment of 350 crore, aiming to create a major agricultural trading hub. However, BRS leaders alleged that the present Indian National Congress government is now eyeing the same land for a different purpose. They claimed that

the government intends to take over the land under the pretext of setting up a fruit market processing unit, instead of continuing with the original plan. According to the leaders, a cabinet-level decision has reportedly been taken regarding the land, but the details are being kept under wraps. They accused the Congress government of targeting valuable land parcels ever since coming to power. Harish Rao also referred to a recent issue in Nalgur, where 374 acres were

allegedly being prepared for sale, which he claimed to have exposed with evidence. He further alleged that the land allocated for the Koheda fruit market is now being considered for sale under the watch of the local MLA. The BRS leaders demanded that the land originally earmarked for the fruit market must be used strictly for the same purpose and not diverted. They warned that any attempt to alter the land use would be strongly opposed.

# Anganwadi Reopening Sought in Dundigal Tandas.

Quthbullapur, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Residents of Dundigal Tanda-2 and Gagilapur Tanda under Dundigal Circle in Quthbullapur have urged authorities to reopen the Anganwadi centre that has remained defunct for the past five years, leaving vulnerable groups without essential welfare services.Despite a combined population of nearly 2,000 people in the two tandas, the absence of Anganwadi services has severely impacted pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children below the age of five. Locals say they are deprived of basic facilities such as nutritional supplements, primary healthcare support, and pre-school education, which are crucial for early childhood development and maternal well-being.Villagers expressed concern that the prolonged closure has led to a decline in children's health and



increased hardships for women, particularly those from economically weaker sections. They stressed that Anganwadi centres play a vital role in ensuring nutrition, immuniza-

tion awareness, and early learning opportunities in rural and tribal areas.Taking up the issue, Rajesh Naik, Joint Con- venger of the TPCC Legal Cell and RTI Wing, submitted a for-

mal representation to the concerned officials, requesting immediate intervention. He highlighted the urgency of re- storing services in the tandas, pointing out that the lack of

institutional support is affect- ing both health and education outcomes.Responding to the ap- peal, the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) assured that necessary steps would be taken to resume operations of the Anganwadi centre at the earliest. The official stated that the matter is under considera- tion and efforts are underway to address logistical and ad- ministrative challenges that may have contributed to the de- lay.Following the assurance, villagers expressed cautious optimism, hoping that the long- pending demand will finally be fulfilled. They, however, empha- sized the need for swift action, urging authorities not to delay further as the wellbeing of chil- dren and women continues to be at stake.The residents reiter- ated that reopening the Angan- wadi centre is not just a basic necessity but a critical step to- ward improving health stand- ards and ensuring social wel- fare in the region.



## Praja Vani at Kompally: Swift Action Ordered on Public Grievances

Quthbullapur, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Praja Vani grievance redressal programme held at the Kompally Circle Office on Monday witnessed Deputy Commis- sioner N. Krishna Reddy di- rectly interacting with citizens and receiving petitions related to local issues. The initiative provided a platform for resi- dents to bring their concerns to the attention of authorities.

During the programme, one formal petition was submitted by local residents highlighting an obstruction at the Rajiv Gruhakalpa entrance road. The complainants stated that a container had been parked across the road, causing inconvenience to commuters and posing safety concerns. They requested immediate removal of the container and action against those responsible.

Taking prompt note of the issue, the Deputy Commissioner forwarded the complaint to the concerned department of- ficials and issued clear in- structions to resolve the mat- ter at the earliest. Emphasizing

the importance of timely ac- tion, he directed officials to en- sure that such public incon- veniences are addressed without delay.

Officials assured that the grievance would be treated on priority and necessary mea- sures would be taken within a stipulated timeframe. The ad- ministration reiterated its commitment to resolving civic issues efficiently and main- taining public convenience.

Residents appreciated the Praja Vani programme, noting that it offers a direct channel to communicate their prob- lems to authorities without procedural hurdles. They de- scribed the initiative as highly beneficial, particularly for ad- dressing local civic concerns swiftly and transparently.

The programme also saw participation from officials of various departments, who were present to respond to grievances and coordinate necessary actions.Authorities stated that such interactive platforms would continue to be organized regularly to strengthen public engagement and ensure better governance at the grassroots level.



## 'War on Mosquitoes' Launched in LB Nagar Constituency

Hyderabad, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Amid a sharp rise in mosqui- to infestation across all divi- sions of the LB Nagar constitu- ency, leading to growing health concerns among residents, LB Nagar MLA Devirreddy Sud- heer Reddy has launched a special initiative titled "War on Mosquitoes" to address the issue.

As part of the programme, the MLA visited Nagole Lake on Monday morning along with local BRS leaders to in- spect the situation.Authorities have already undertaken the complete removal of thick wa- ter hyacinth that had accumu- lated in the lake, which was identified as a major breeding ground for mosquitoes. Local residents expressed gratitude to the MLA for initiating time- ly action.

Speaking on the occasion, Sudheer Reddy said that he had earlier inspected several water bodies on March 13, in- cluding Pedda Cheruvu in Mansoorabad, Kummariakunta Lake in Hayathnagar, and Nagole Lake. During these visits, morning walkers and resi- dents raised concerns about the increasing mosquito men- ace and the fear of vector- borne diseases, which discour- aged them from visiting these areas for walks.

Residents also complained that both children and the el- derly were falling ill due to the worsening situation. Respond- ing swiftly, the MLA coordinat- ed with officials to begin the removal of water hyacinth and take necessary preventive

measures to control mosquito breeding.

Highlighting past efforts, Sudheer Reddy stated that dur- ing the previous BRS govern- ment, proactive steps were taken to prevent the accumulation of water hyacinth in lakes across the constituency.He not- ed that experimental measures such as drone-based spraying of anti-larval solutions had been successfully implement- ed, especially in areas that were otherwise inaccessible.

Additionally, hundreds of Gambusia fish were released into water bodies to control mosquito larvae naturally. The use of drones enabled effective spraying even in the middle sections of lakes, ensuring comprehensive coverage.

The MLA also pointed out that due to inadequate fogging in several colonies, residents continue to face difficulties. He revealed that, following his call, several BRS leaders have purchased fogging machines with their own funds and are conducting spraying opera- tions, particularly during nighttime.

Sudheer Reddy urged the government to intensify its fo- cus on public health issues and procure additional fogging ma- chines to effectively tackle the mosquito menace and safe- guard citizens.

Senior BRS leaders, includ- ing Ananthula Raja Reddy, Chi- ranjeevi, Cheruku Prashanth Goud, Sitaramulu, Pochampal- ly Rajender Reddy, Gutta Bhaskar Reddy, Murali, and several local residents, partici- pated in the programme.

Quthbullapur, April 6 | TPN Bureau

A complaint has been sub- mitted to the Mandal Re- venue Officer (MRO) seek- ing protection of temple lands in Mallampet vil- lage under Dundigal mandal, amid allegations of attempted encroachment by private individuals.

HADAC Committee Presi- dent Anjaneyulu Mudiraj ap- proached MRO Rajeswar Red- dy, urging immediate intervention to safeguard the land belonging to the Veeran- janeya Swamy Temple. The land, measuring 2,103 guntas in Survey No. 110, is recorded as temple property in government records dating back to 1954, he stated.

According to the complaint,

certain private individuals have recently been claiming ownership over the land and are allegedly attempting to en- croach upon it. The committee expressed concern that such actions pose a serious threat to the temple's assets and could lead to legal disputes if not ad- dressed promptly.

Anjaneyulu Mudiraj empha- sized that protecting temple lands is the responsibility of the government and called for strict action against those in- volved in illegal occupation. He also requested officials to in- stall a signboard clearly identi- fying the land as temple prop- erty to prevent further disputes or unauthorized claims in the future.

Local devotees and villagers have also urged authorities to

take proactive steps to protect temple properties and ensure that such incidents do not re- cur. They stressed that safe- guarding temple assets is es- sential for preserving religious heritage and community in- terests.Officials are expected to examine the records and take necessary action. The com- plainants expressed hope that the administration will act swiftly to prevent encroach- ment and protect the temple land.Several local residents, in- cluding P. Krishna Reddy, Am- bari Anjaneyulu, Malla Reddy, Prabhakar Reddy, Mallesh Ya- dav, Sitaram Reddy, Narasimha Chari, Raj Reddy, Venkatesh Naik, Rohith Naik, Mohan Red- dy, Janga Reddy, and Kysaram Raju, were present during the submission of the complaint.



# 21 Grievances Received at Quthbullapur Praja Vani

Quthbullapur, April 6 | TPN Bureau

A total of 21 public grievanc- es were received during the Praja Vani programme held on Monday at the Quthbullapur Zonal Office in Chintal, with officials assuring swift action on all complaints.

According to zonal office staff, the complaints were dis- tributed across multiple de- partments. The Engineering Department received 9 com- plaints, followed by Town Plan- ning with 5, Electrical with 3, UBD (Urban Biodiversity) with 2, and Parks Department with 2 complaints. Most grievances were related to civic issues such as damaged roads, drain- age problems, illegal construc- tions, and non-functioning streetlights.

Officials stated that all re-



ceived complaints have been forwarded to the concerned circle-level authorities for nec- essary action. Steps are being

initiated to address the issues promptly and ensure timely resolution.

Speaking on the occasion,

Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar Lalit Kumar empha- sized that resolving public grievances remains a top prior-

ity for the administration. He said that instructions have been issued to all relevant de- partments to carefully exam- ine each complaint received through the Praja Vani plat- form and take appropriate ac- tion as quickly as possible.

The Praja Vani programme continues to serve as an im- portant platform for citizens to di- rectly voice their concerns to officials, helping bridge the gap between the public and the administration. Residents have welcomed the initiative, stat- ing that it enables quicker red- dressal of civic issues affecting their daily lives.

Officials from various de- partments participated in the programme and interacted with citizens, assuring them that their concerns would be addressed in a systematic and time-bound manner.

Osmania University, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Alleging that the Congress government is distancing poor students from educa- tion, BRSV State Secre- tary Nagaram Prashanth strongly criticized the state's policies, accusing it of collud- ing with corporate educational institutions.A protest was staged by BRSV leaders under the leadership of Nagaram Prashanth near the Arts Col- lege at Osmania University. Demonstrators raised slogans against the government, claim- ing that its approach towards education is adversely affect- ing students from economi- cally weaker sections.Speaking at the protest, Prashanth alleged that the government has joined hands with private institu- tions, pushing students into fi- nancial distress and uncertain- ty. He expressed concern over the delay in releasing fee reim- bursement funds, stating that it is forcing institutions to de- mand fees directly from stu- dents.Referring to recent devel- opments, he said it was unfortunate that the High

Court had reportedly suggest- ed that colleges could collect fees from students if reim- bursements were not released. He termed the situation as alarming and unjust, particu- larly for poor students who rely heavily on government support to continue their edu- cation.Prashanth further criti- cized the Congress party for what he described as a betrayal of pre-election promises. He said the party had assured sup- port to students under schemes like "Abhayahastam," but was now failing to deliver, thereby jeopardizing the future of thousands of underprivileged students.He warned that ne- glecting the educational needs of poor students could have se- rious consequences and urged the government to immedi- ately release pending fee reim- bursements and ensure that no student is denied access to edu- cation due to financial con- straints.Several BRSV leaders and student activists partici- pated in the protest, demand- ing urgent corrective mea- sures to safeguard the interests of students across the state.

## Special Drive Clears Footpath Encroachments at Gandimaisamma Junction

Quthbullapur, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Authorities conducted a special enforcement drive against footpath en- croachments at Gandi- maisamma Junction un- der the Jeedimetla Traffic Police Station limits, restoring pedestrian access and easing public inconvenience.

The drive was carried out in coordination with Dundigal Circle officials and traffic po- lice personnel. Temporary shops, advertisement boards, and other unauthorized struc- tures occupying the footpaths were removed during the op- eration. Officials said the en- croachments had been causing significant inconvenience to pedestrians and obstructing smooth movement in the busy junction.

Following the clearance, footpaths have been made ac- cessible again for public use. Local residents welcomed the

initiative and urged authori- ties to continue such drives regularly to prevent re-en- croachments and ensure pedes- trian safety.

Speaking on the occasion, of- ficials warned that illegal oc- cupation of footpaths will not be tolerated under any circum- stances. They emphasized that strict action will be taken against those who violate civic norms and create inconven- ience for the public.

The enforcement drive saw the participation of Traffic Circle Inspector Narasimha Rao, Deputy Commissioner Dundigal Venkatesh Naik, ACP Town Planning Srinivas, TPS Mukesh Singh, along with Dundigal Circle staff and po- lice personnel.

Authorities reiterated their commitment to maintaining public spaces and ensuring that footpaths remain free for pedestrians, especially in high- traffic areas like Gandi- maisamma Junction.

## Congress Govt Pushing Poor Students Away from Education: BRSV

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# Political Row Erupts Over Road Works in Bhavani Nagar

Nacharam, April 6 | TPN Bureau

A political controversy has erupted over the construction of cement roads in Bhavani Nagar and HMT Nagar areas of Nacharam, with leaders from different parties engaging in a war of words over credit for the development works. BRS state leader Saijen Shekhar criticized Congress leaders for conducting milk abhisheks for the road projects, calling the act inappropriate. He alleged that the works were originally sanctioned under a special budget during the tenure of a former corporator and accused Congress leaders of claiming undue credit. Speaking at a media confer-

ence held at Bhavani Nagar Main Road, he said that road works worth 40 lakh were undertaken in Bhavani Nagar Main Road and in HMT Nagar Road Nos. 6 and 7. He further stated that evidence had been presented showing that a total of 80 lakh was sanctioned and questioned from which budget these funds were being attributed by Congress leaders. He added that the BRS party had not raised objections to the three road works taken up by the Congress in the division so far. However, he said it was not appropriate for Congress leaders to organize political programmes at works sanctioned by the BRS, solely for political gain.

The issue has triggered a political debate in the area, with both sides trying to take credit for infrastructure development. Local residents are closely observing the developments as the dispute continues. Several party leaders, including Medala Mallikarjun Goud, Mekala Muthyam Reddy, Ramakrishna Bhupal Reddy, Madhusudan Reddy, Erram Srinivas Reddy, Chandrasekhar, Katta Buchanna Goud, Ramchander, Maktal Shekhar Goud, Rajababu, Jayaraj, Mangol Shiva, Hariprasad, Vasu, Rohit, Srinivas, Narasimha, Shekhar Reddy, Mallesh, Eswar, and Faiz, participated in the programme.



## Girl Seeks Urgent Medical Aid from Jagga Reddy for Cancer Treatment

Sangareddy, 06th April 2026 | TPN Bureau

A young girl, accompanied by her parents, approached leader Jagga Reddy pleading, "I want to live... please save me." The girl explained that she is suffering from a cancer-like disease similar to that of a younger sibling and her family has already spent around 5 lakh on treatment. She added that another 5 lakh is required to complete her treatment and doctors have assured her recovery upon completion. Jagga Reddy inquired about the hospital where she is receiving treatment and the remaining duration of therapy.

Reassuring the girl, he promised to provide the 5 lakh needed for the remaining treatment, urging her not to lose hope. The girl had come to Jagga Reddy's weekly "Darbar" program at his residence, where he listens to citizens' grievances and provides assistance. Expressing gratitude for the support, the girl and her parents left after receiving assurance of the financial help for her treatment. This incident highlights Jagga Reddy's continued engagement with people at the grassroots level and his commitment to assisting citizens in urgent need of medical and financial support.

## CM Revanth Reddy Focuses on Both Constituency Development

Both Constituency, Adilabad, 06th April 2026 | TPN Bureau

As part of the Telangana Praja Palana program, Chief Minister Enumula Revanth Reddy attended a public event in Pipri village of Both constituency. During the event, Congress district official representative Pasula Chanti felicitated the CM at the helipad with a shawl and presented a memorandum highlighting key local issues and development needs. The memorandum requested several initiatives for Both constituency, including the establishment of a Both Revenue Division, a degree college, a sports ground and sports school, and integrated divisional offices. Additionally, it proposed developing Dhanur B Gram Panchayat into a model village to serve as a benchmark for regional development. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy responded positively to the memorandum, assuring that the issues would be reviewed with the concerned departments and resolved promptly. He emphasized the government's commitment to the welfare and development of local communities in Both constituency. The event saw active participation from local leaders, public representatives, and villagers, reflecting strong



community engagement in shaping developmental priorities. The CM's assurance reinforces the state government's focus on people-centric governance and accelerating infrastructure and social development in historically underdeveloped areas of Adilabad district.

## CEO Pushes for Faster Voter List Mapping in Warangal West

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Telangana's Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy has called for accelerated voter list mapping in Warangal West, emphasizing the need to complete revisions ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. During a review meeting at the Collectorate Conference Hall in Hanamkonda, officials were urged to boost efforts under the Special Integrated Revision of electoral rolls. The CEO highlighted slow progress in urban areas and instructed the district administration to coordinate closely with municipal officials and



Booth Level Officers. He also recommended involving Self Help Groups and local ration dealers to widen voter enumeration in densely populated neighbourhoods. Officials noted that around 75% of the mapping has been completed, but additional manpower and resources are needed in urban

pockets. Political parties were encouraged to submit Booth Level Agents to assist with the mapping, ensuring greater outreach and accuracy. Earlier in the day, the CEO inaugurated a centralised EVM and VVPAT warehouse near the Red Cross office in Subedari to streamline secure storage and inspection of electronic voting machines ahead of the polls. The meeting concluded with a technical presentation on overcoming challenges in voter mapping, reflecting the authorities' push to ensure every eligible voter in Warangal West is documented and able to participate in the democratic process.

## Nalgonda to Host 'Innovation Panchayat' on April 11

Nalgonda, Telangana | Date: 06 04 2026 | TPN Bureau

The district of Nalgonda in Telangana is set to host an Innovation Panchayat programme at the IT Tower on April 11, aimed at encouraging and empowering young innovators in the region. The initiative will provide a platform for individuals with new ideas and creative solutions to present their projects, receive expert guidance, and explore ways to bring their innovations to the market.

District Collector Badugu Chandrashekar released the publicity poster for the event at the Nalgonda Collectorate, urging local innovators to participate. The programme will be open to participants from Nalgonda as well as neighbouring districts such as Suryapet and Yadadri Bhongir, expanding opportunities for youth across the region.

The Innovation Panchayat is designed to boost the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region and support youth engaged in technology, science, design, environmental solutions, and other creative fields. Experts from various sectors will mentor participants on technical aspects of their projects, industry linkages, and pathways to turn innovative ideas into viable products or services.

Interested innovators have been asked to register in advance through a QR code provided by the organisers. The registration process will help event planners gauge participation and organise sessions tailored to the needs of the applicants.

This programme aligns with broader state efforts to promote technology and entrepreneurship in cities and districts beyond Hyderabad, helping decentralise opportunities and support talent across Telangana. Young innovators will be able to refine their ideas, build networks with industry experts, potential investors, and other innovators, and gain exposure to opportunities for recognition and growth.



Nalgonda, developing as an urban and innovation hub with growing IT infrastructure, views this event as a significant step toward energising its youth and connecting them with larger platforms for professional and technological advancement. The Innovation Panchayat is expected to attract wide participation, and organisers hope it will inspire more young people to engage in innovative projects that contribute to regional and state development. The event is also intended to showcase the potential of Telangana's districts as centres of creativity and entrepreneurship.

This programme marks an important milestone in fostering a culture of innovation among the youth while promoting inclusive development in Nalgonda and surrounding regions.

## Damodar Rajanarsimha Inspires Walkers at Indira Park

Hyderabad, April 6 | TPN Bureau

State Health and Medical Services Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha set an example for fitness enthusiasts at Hyderabad's Indira Park on Monday, participating in morning walking and exercising at the open gym, drawing admiration from walkers.

The minister began his day at Necklace Road, joining a food safety awareness walkathon, and then proceeded directly to the Ganesh Temple inside Indira Park to seek blessings from Lord Ganesha before starting a five-kilometer walk. Minister Rajanarsimha exercised alongside ordinary walkers at the park's open gym, blending in like a regular participant, which surprised and delighted many attendees. Enthusiastic walkers took selfies and photographs with the minister, expressing their appreciation.

Highlighting the park's potential as Asia's second-largest park, with around 9,000 members, the minister urged officials to further develop it. He inquired about the park's existing issues directly from walkers and instructed the Deputy Director of Indira Park to ensure the grounds remain pleasant and green.

During his visit, GHMC Zonal Commissioner Mangatayaru, Deputy Director Chan-



drashekar, and supervisors Mounika and Vishal briefed him on ongoing horticulture projects and park maintenance. Minister Rajanarsimha directed officials to provide essential amenities for walkers and modern equipment at the open gym, encouraging citizens to integrate physical exercise into their daily routines. The minister was accompanied by PCC Doctors' Cell Chairman Sudhakar Yadav and members of the Indira Park Walkers Association, who participated in the exercise and interacted with him regarding park facilities. By actively engaging with citizens, the minister demonstrated a hands-on approach to public health awareness and recreational infrastructure, emphasizing the importance of fitness as a lifestyle choice.

## Khammam District Aims for Zero Maternal and Child Deaths

Khammam, Telangana | Date: 06 04 2026 | TPN Bureau

Khammam district officials have launched an ambitious effort to eliminate maternal and child deaths, with the district administration setting a goal of achieving zero fatalities in these key public health areas. District Collector Anudeep Durishetty outlined the "Mission Zero" initiative during a review meeting at the Khammam Collectorate on Monday. The programme is designed to focus on safe childbirth and comprehensive monitoring of high risk pregnancies. Durishetty instructed health department staff to prepare detailed lists of high risk expectant mothers on a Primary Health Centre (PHC) wise basis, so that senior officials can closely track their care and ensure timely interventions. Improving antenatal care, institutional deliveries and follow up checks are central components of the effort. The collector stressed that better coordination between departments and frontline health workers is essential to



reduce both maternal and infant mortality rates. Health officials were told to prioritise outreach to pregnant women in remote or underserved areas so that risks can be identified and managed early. Enhanced surveillance of high

risk cases is expected to help prevent avoidable deaths by facilitating quicker medical support where needed. In addition to maternal and child health targets, the district administration is addressing related community health issues such

as rural sanitation. The collector directed the district panchayat officer to improve sanitation facilities in villages, citing ongoing complaints about poor hygiene conditions that can contribute to broader public health challenges.

# Clean Drinking Water for Students in Hostels, Says Collector A. Shyam Prasad

Puttaparthi, April 6 | TPN Bureau

District Collector A. Shyam Prasad emphasized that providing clean drinking water to students in welfare hostels is a key priority. On Monday, he inaugurated four water purifiers supplied under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank at the Collectorate.

The purifiers, valued at approximately 50,000, were allocated to three BC welfare hostels and one SC hostel in the Kadiri area. With support from various banks, the district has so far distributed a total of 14 water purifiers to BC, SC, and

ST hostels. The Collector urged bankers to continue contributing through CSR initiatives, ensuring that all hostels in the district are equipped with essential facilities. The program included the participation of APGB Regional Manager T. Ramesh, Puttaparthi Branch Manager K. Chandrashekhara, District Backward Classes Welfare Officer G. Rajendra Kumar Reddy, and hostel officials.

This initiative reflects the administration's commitment to improving student welfare and promoting health and hygiene in residential educational institutions.



## Brutal Gang Violence in Kadapa Leaves One Dead, 10 Injured

Kadapa, April 6 | TPN Bureau

A horrific incident shook Kadapa early Monday morning when a gang attack led to the death of a local resident and left ten others seriously injured. The violence erupted following a minor dispute during the Alan Khanpalli festival on Saturday, which escalated when youths under the influence of cannabis attacked Dastagiri and his son.

The injured were rushed to Kadapa RIMS for treatment. However, the attackers tracked Dastagiri to the hospital and brutally stabbed him to death on hospital premises. His son and several bystanders sustained injuries and are receiving medical care. Reports suggest that longstanding enmity between the families played a role in the escalation.

CPI district secretary Gali Chandra condemned the attack, calling it "a dark stain in

Kadapa's history." He criticized local law enforcement for failing to prevent the violence despite prior warnings and advised victims to seek medical help safely. Chandra accused police of neglecting the rising threat from cannabis gangs, whose unchecked activities have spread fear and lawlessness in the area.

Prominent political leaders, including former Deputy CM Anjad Basha, ex-mayors Suresh Babu and Paka Suresh, and ex-Deputy Mayor Nityananda Reddy, visited the hospital to offer support and called for immediate arrest of the perpetrators. They demanded a SIT investigation, transfer of the negligent District SP, and strict action against drug mafias threatening public safety.

The shocking hospital attack underscores the urgent need for stronger law enforcement and preventive measures to curb gang violence fueled by drug abuse in Kadapa.



## "Jaladhara" Initiative Launched in Atmakur to Strengthen Irrigation

Atmakur, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Atmakur constituency witnessed the grand launch of the "Jaladhara" program aimed at enhancing irrigation and water security. Minister Annam Ramanarayana Reddy inaugurated the project at Gandhi Janasangham in Sangam Mandal by offering a saree to Goddess Gangamma and officially starting the overbank works in Kanigiri Reservoir's main canal, with an estimated cost of 84.75 lakh.

The minister held a cordial meeting with farmers and irrigation society members to

discuss a 100-day action plan for water conservation. He emphasized filling all tanks and canals to ensure irrigation reaches every last patch of land in the Mett region.

Minister Annam reaffirmed his commitment to protect every drop of water in line with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's call, earning appreciation from local farmers. Sangam Mandal's irrigation society heads and farmers attended in large numbers, welcoming the initiative and applauding the minister for his continuous efforts to supply water to the region's fields.

## Ex-Sarpanches Honoured for Key Role in Village Development

Uravakonda, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Former MLA and YSR Congress Party coordinator Y. Visweshwar Reddy felicitated recently retired sarpanches across the Uravakonda constituency on Monday, acknowledging their invaluable contributions to village development and public service. The ex-sarpanches were honored with shawls and garlands in a grand ceremony attended by senior party lead-

ers, officials, and local residents. Speaking on the occasion, Visweshwar Reddy praised the sarpanches for identifying grassroots issues and effectively implementing government schemes to benefit eligible citizens. He emphasized that their role is central to strengthening Gram Swaraj and ensuring community welfare.

He encouraged them to continue serving the public with the same dedication in

the future and assured his support for constituency development and citizens' welfare. The event saw the participation of district officials C.P. Veeranna and Ramana, senior YSRCP leaders Karanam Bhimareddy, A.C. Erraswami, Basavaraju, and local MPTCs and party workers, reflecting widespread appreciation for the leadership and service of the former sarpanches.



## Mega Cricket Tournament Kicks Off in Nellore to Celebrate MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy's Birthday

Nellore, April 6 | TPN Bureau

A grand Parliament-level mega cricket tournament was inaugurated in Nellore on Monday to mark MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy's birthday. Organized by Dr. Arjun Reddy Youth under the auspices of VPR Foundation, the event commenced at Damaramadugu, Buchireddipalem Mandal, Kovuru constituency, with ASP Soujanya lighting the sports flame and unfurling the national flag. Speaking at the event, ASP Soujanya highlighted that sports foster physical fitness and guide youth on the right path. She lauded MP VPR, Kovuru MLA Vemireddy Prashanti Reddy, and VPR Foundation for promoting

sports alongside public service initiatives. Nellore Rural DSP Ghatthamneni Srinivas Rao emphasized that such events cultivate teamwork among young participants. The tournament, running from April 6 to 19, features 56 teams from Nellore, Kovuru, Atmakur, Kavali, Kandukur, Nellore City, Rural, and Udayagiri constituencies. Prizes include 1 lakh for the winners, 75,000 for runners-up, 50,000 for third place, and 25,000 for fourth, with cash awards of 10,000 each for Best Batsman, Best Bowler, and Man of the Tournament.

The opening saw the participation of senior TDP leaders, local officials, party workers, and a large enthusiastic youth audience.

## Water Security Program Launched in Nellore Rural Constituency

Nellore Rural, April 6 | TPN Bureau

TDP leader Kotamreddy Girdhar Reddy inaugurated the "Water Security - Irrigation Society Responsibility" program at Swarnala Cheruvu in Pottapalem village, Nellore Rural constituency, on Monday. The 100-day initiative, under the guidance of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, aims to strengthen irrigation infrastructure, ensure water reaches farms, and involve

farmers and local representatives in water conservation. The program focuses on identifying and repairing small irrigation tanks, cleaning canals, reinforcing embankments, linking upstream and downstream water bodies, channeling rainwater into reservoirs, and establishing new water conservation structures. Each village will receive a tailored water security plan and budget to optimize agricultural benefits while increasing groundwater levels. Local

farmers and irrigation society officials attended in large numbers, appreciating the initiative. Prominent participants included Vedagiri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple Chairman Indupuru Achyut Reddy, AMC Chairman Manubolu Sridhar Reddy, and several ex-sarpanches and irrigation society heads. The project is expected to provide long-term benefits to farmers, improve water management, and promote sustainable agriculture across the constituency.



## SP Leads Quick Redressal of Public Grievances in East Godavari

East Godavari, April 6 | TPN Bureau

East Godavari SP D. Narasimha Kishore personally oversaw the "Public Grievance Redressal System" (PGRS) at the district police office on Monday. Engaging directly with victims, he listened to 25 complaints covering civil disputes, property issues, family conflicts, and financial fraud cases.

After receiving grievances, the SP issued immediate instructions to police station officials via phone to ensure swift action within the law. He emphasized that public problems are the foremost duty of the police and ordered timely investigations without delays.

Residents expressed satisfaction as their concerns were heard and addressed on the spot, instilling confidence in the police system. Officials highlighted that PGRS brings the police closer to the community, providing rapid solutions and reinforcing trust between citizens and law enforcement.

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## Nellore Collector Hosts Public Grievance Redressal Program

Nellore City, April 6 | TPN Bureau

A "Public Grievance Redressal" program was held Monday at the Tikkana premises of the Nellore Collectorate. Collector Himanshu Shukla, Joint Collector Mogili Venkateshwar, D.R.O. Vijay Kumar, Telugu Gang Special Collector Harischandrarreddy, and other officials personally received complaints from citizens.

The Collector instructed officials to examine grievances carefully, conduct transparent inquiries, and resolve them within a stipulated timeframe. Most complaints related to land issues, revenue matters, and pensions, which officials

were advised to prioritize. For unresolved cases, citizens were to be provided detailed explanations. He also urged departments to complete the KPI upload process by April 8.

To ensure smooth proceedings, the district administration set up dedicated counters, reception areas, special facilities for differently-abled persons, drinking water, supervision mechanisms, queue management, and shaded tents. Divisional revenue clinics and special counters were established to expedite grievance resolution. Officials from various departments actively participated, ensuring citizens' complaints were addressed efficiently.

# Water Security Initiative Launched in Sarvepalli Constituency

Nellore District, Sarvepalli, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy inaugurated the “Water Security – Irrigation Society Responsibility” 100-day program at Venkatachal on Monday. The initiative aims to modernize minor irrigation tanks, construct check dams, repair feeder canals, and link reservoirs for efficient water distribution.

Under a strict schedule,

work identification will be completed within 10 days, approvals issued by April 20, and construction to begin April 21, with completion in 80 days. Officials and irrigation society representatives are tasked with ensuring transparency, monitoring progress with GPS-enabled photos, and prioritizing floodwater management and greenery initiatives.

The MLA emphasized that under the current coalition

government, all works are executed honestly, unlike past practices under previous regimes, and every irrigation activity benefits farmers directly. With over 106 tanks already supplying water, authorities are committed to providing irrigation and minimum support price benefits efficiently. The program underscores accountability, farmer welfare, and strengthening irrigation infrastructure across the constituency.



# Tirupati District Launches 100-Day Water Security Initiative

Tirupati, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar, along with MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy and Sri Kalahasti RDO Banuprakash Reddy, formally inaugurated the 100-day “Water Security – Responsibility of Irrigation Societies” program at Suravari Palli village in Sri Kalahasti constituency.

The Collector emphasized the urgent need for efficient utilization and conservation of water resources, particularly in rainfed agricultural areas. Key measures in this initiative include:

- Tank and Canal Restoration: Desilting, cleaning, and repair to enhance water storage capacity.
- Interlinking Water Bodies: Connecting nearby tanks to optimize rainwater storage and usage.
- Water Conservation Structures: Constructing check dams, percolation tanks, and



recharge pits to replenish groundwater.

- Greening Initiatives: Planting trees around water bodies for environmental balance.
- Integrated Water Management: Coordinated village-level planning with active participation of Water User Associations.

MLA Sudheer Reddy highlighted the program's importance in improving rural development and farmer welfare, urging community involvement for successful implementation. Local officials, irrigation and agriculture department staff, representatives, and farmers actively participated.

# Tirupati Police Launch “Cycle Rally – Dandi March 2.0” to Promote Drug-Free Andhra Pradesh

Tirupati, April 6 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati District Police, in coordination with the EAGLE team and Vibrants of Kalam, organized a large-scale awareness program for youth against drugs and cannabis. As part of the “Cycle Rally – Dandi March 2.0”, under the Drug-Free Andhra Pradesh mission, the campaign was inaugurated at S.V. University Auditorium to educate students on the dangers of drug abuse and promote a drug-free society.

District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar, IAS, and District SP L. Subbarayudu, IPS, along with MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy and RDO Banuprakash Reddy, launched the rally, which will span from Tirupati to Visakhapatnam. Over 1,15,000 students participated virtually via Zoom, gaining insights on drug prevention and personal responsibility.

Officials emphasized that drug consumption poses se-



vere social, legal, and health risks, potentially derailing youth education and careers. The government has set up the EAGLE team to monitor and take strict action against drug networks. Citizens were urged to report drug-related activities via 1972 toll-free number or district police WhatsApp, with

complete confidentiality assured.

Key participants included District SPs, Additional SPs, SV University and Padmavati University VCs, faculty members, and Vibrants of Kalam founder Dandi Vijay Kalam. The program concluded with a cycle rally where police offi-

cials and students actively participated, symbolizing collective action for a drug-free future.

The initiative underscores the critical role of youth in shaping a safe and healthy society, urging them to stay vigilant, responsible, and free from substance abuse.

# Nannaya University Convocation 2026:

## Celebration Amid Leadership Controversies

Tirupati, TPN Bureau – April 6

Adikavi Nannaya University is gearing up for its 16th and 17th Convocation on April 10 at the NTR Convention Center. Over 50,000 students from the 2022-24 batches, including Ph.D. scholars and gold medalists, will receive their degrees and honors in a grand ceremony. The event will be graced by Governor and University Chancellor Abdul Nazir and national security advisor Prof. Mahendra P. Lama, underscoring its importance. However, the university's Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Prasanna Sri faces criticism for maintaining a low profile amid allegations of administrative irregularities. Observers note that, unlike typical universities that hold press briefings to showcase achievements and convocation details, Nannaya University has largely relied on press notes, avoiding media interactions. University insiders allege that the VC has not convened even five formal meetings since assuming office, and transparency concerns have intensified due to



ongoing reports of financial mismanagement, internal disputes, and the university's absence in NIRF rankings. Critics question whether the focus on convocation celebrations masks deeper governance issues. Despite the festive preparations, stakeholders emphasize that a convocation's value lies not only in the ceremonial distribution of degrees but also in reinforcing administrative accountability and transparency. Experts suggest that addressing these leader-

ship and governance concerns openly during the event will strengthen the university's reputation and reflect true academic excellence. As the campus prepares for this major educational milestone, the VC faces a dual challenge: ensure a successful convocation while restoring faith in university administration. The coming days will reveal whether celebration and accountability can coexist effectively at Adikavi Nannaya University.

# Tirupati District: Minister Narayana Inspects Ramapuram Dumping Yard

Tirupati District, April 6 | TPN Bureau:

Minister Narayana inspected the Ramapuram dumping yard alongside MLAs Arani Srinivas and Pulivarthi Nani, and Commissioner Maurya. The minister criticized the previous government for collecting taxes but leaving waste unmanaged, impacting public health across 123 municipalities.

Since 2024, under CM Chandrababu Naidu's directive, 85 lakh tons of waste have been cleared, with 68 lakh tons remaining underground to be re-

moved within two months. Minister Narayana emphasized permanent solutions through waste-to-energy (WtE) plants, citing inspections of plants in Tokyo and Singapore by the CM.

Two WtE plants in Visakhapatnam and Guntur are operational, processing 2,800 tons of waste daily. Six additional plants are being set up in Kakinada, Nellore, Vijayawada, Tirupati, Kurnool, and Kadapa, aiming to burn 7,000 tons of waste daily, generate electricity, and achieve a waste-free Andhra Pradesh within two years.

# Annamayya District Launches 100-Day Water Security Mission

Madanapalli, April 6, | TPN Bureau:

To combat chronic water shortages, District Collector Nishanth Kumar inaugurated the “Jaladhara–Jalaharati” 100-day water conservation program, running until July 14, at Reddivaripalli Golusukattu Cheruvu, Chinnamandem Mandal. Chief guest Mandipalli Lakshmi Prasad Reddy highlighted the importance of restoring small tanks and minor irrigation reservoirs to ensure rainwater storage, groundwater recharge, and agricultural sustainability.

Collector Kumar emphasized that water scarcity affects drinking supply and 40–

50% of Kharif crops, and the program focuses on reservoir restoration, feeder canal cleaning, and community participation. Early outcomes are promising: groundwater levels rose 5.6 meters, pond area increased by 11,341 acres, 22,000 hectares of crops were supported, and farmers' potential income may increase by 2,000 crore.

Officials and Water User Associations conducted field inspections to prioritize works. The collector urged villages, farmers, and associations to actively participate to ensure timely restoration of ponds, check-dams, and irrigation infrastructure, securing the district's water future.

Kadapa, April 6 | TPN Bureau:

District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri inaugurated the “Jaladhara–Jalaharati” program, introducing a 100-day action plan to strengthen water security. The initiative focuses on water conservation, efficient irrigation through smart drip systems, rainwater harvesting, and empowering irrigation water associations to take responsibility at the

grassroots level.

In March, average groundwater levels in the district stood at 9.15 meters, highlighting the need for active conservation. Collector Cherukuri emphasized identifying and removing encroachments on ponds, repairing leaks, and constructing boundary trenches. Both rural and urban water bodies are being targeted, with municipal commissioners tasked with clearing obstructions. The program inte-

grates GNSS, Telugu Ganga, K.C. Canal, nine reservoirs, and over 911 minor irrigation projects covering 75,685 acres of irrigated land. Farmers are being trained to capture rainwater on fields, set up farm ponds, and adopt drip irrigation for higher efficiency.

Key officials including JDC Dr. Nidhi Meena, DRO Mallikarjuna, and DWMA PD Adishes Reddy participated, reinforcing collaboration across departments.



# Tirupati Celebrates BJP's 47th Foundation Day with Grandeur

Tirupati, April 6 | TPN Bureau:

The 47th Foundation Day of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Tirupati district office on Monday. The event was graced by State Chief Secretary Sannareddy Dayakar Reddy, who unfurled the party flag. Speaking on the occasion, he recalled BJP's inception on April 6, 1980, under the leadership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, which began with just two seats. Within 15 years, Vajpayee became India's Prime Minister, marking a historic journey. Today, BJP leads the NDA government in 18 states,

with Prime Minister Narendra Modi steering India towards security and economic growth.

District President Samanchi Srinivas extended greetings to party workers and emphasized the goal of raising BJP flags in every village. Following the flag hoisting, a bike rally was organized across Tirupati's 16 wards to promote party presence and visibility.

Key participants included Jalli Madhusudhan, Dr. Sridhar, BD Balaji, Dr. K. Naresh Babu, S. Mani Krishnayya, Mall Kuppam Shekhar, Vedavati Royal, BJYM State Secretary Nagothu HariKrishna, and other senior leaders, ward presidents, and activists.

## High-Voltage Campaigning Intensifies Across States as Assembly Elections 2026 Near Polling Dates

With the 2026 Assembly elections approaching, political activity has reached a fever pitch across key states including West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. Leaders from major political parties have intensified their campaigns, sharpened their attacks on rivals, and rolled out promises aimed at securing voter support in what is shaping up to be a crucial electoral battle.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been actively campaigning in Assam, where polling is scheduled soon. He is addressing multiple rallies across key constituencies, aiming to consolidate support for BJP candidates. His repeated visits underline the importance the party places on retaining power in the state and maintaining its political momentum in the Northeast.

In West Bengal, the BJP has deployed a strong lineup of star campaigners, including senior leaders such as Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, and J. P. Nadda. The state is set to witness a multi-phase election, making it one of the most closely watched political contests in the country. The intense competition between major parties is expected to drive high voter turnout.

Meanwhile, political tensions in Assam have escalated with a war of words between the ruling BJP and the Congress. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has accused opposition leaders of making false allegations, while the Congress has responded with counter-charges. The situation has added a layer of controversy to an already heated campaign atmosphere.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has also stepped up his campaign efforts, particularly in Kerala and Assam. He has targeted the ruling govern-

ments on issues of governance and alleged corruption, positioning the Congress as a viable alternative. His rallies have focused on local concerns as

well as broader national issues, aiming to connect with diverse sections of voters. In Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin has made lan-

guage and regional identity key themes of his campaign. He has strongly opposed policies perceived as threats to the state's linguistic culture and

expressed confidence in securing a decisive mandate. At the same time, rival parties are attempting to expand their base by emphasizing development and national leadership.

The Election Commission has scheduled polling in phases across these states, with voting dates spread out to ensure smooth conduct. Counting will take place after all phases are completed, with results expected to have significant political implications at both the state and national levels. Overall, the elections are witnessing a blend of national narratives and regional issues, intense political rhetoric, and strategic outreach. With multiple parties vying for power, the coming days are expected to see even more aggressive campaigning as leaders seek to gain the upper hand in these decisive contests.



## Mamata Banerjee's 'Pahalgam' Remark Sparks Political Storm Ahead of Bengal Polls

A major political controversy has erupted ahead of the West Bengal Assembly elections after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee made a provocative remark linking the possibility of another terror-like incident to the upcoming polls. Her statement has triggered sharp reactions from the BJP, further intensifying the already heated campaign atmosphere in the state.

Addressing a public rally, Banerjee questioned whether there was a "blueprint" for "another Pahalgam-like incident" before the elections. Her comments came in the context of recent geopolitical tensions and a reported threat involving Kolkata. She raised concerns over what she described as the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue, questioning why a strong response had not been issued.

Banerjee's remarks referenced the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, which had shocked the nation. By invoking the incident in an election speech, she suggested that there could be political motives or lapses linked to such events, a claim that immediately drew criticism from the opposition.

The BJP reacted strongly, accusing the Trinamool Congress leader of making irresponsible and divisive statements. Party leaders alleged that her remarks were aimed at appeasing certain sections of voters and criticised her for questioning a sensitive national security issue. BJP spokespersons described the

comments as an attempt to politicise a tragic terror incident and termed them inappropriate in the context of public discourse.

The exchange marks yet another escalation in the war of words between the ruling Trinamool Congress and the BJP, as both sides intensify their campaigns. National security, infiltration, and law-and-order issues have become central themes in the political narrative, with both parties accusing each other of exploiting sensitive topics for electoral gains.

Banerjee also warned that any threat to Kolkata or the people of West Bengal would not be tolerated, asserting that the state would strongly respond to any such attempts. Her remarks were aimed at projecting a strong stance on protecting the state's interests, even as she targeted the central leadership.

The controversy has added a new dimension to the election campaign, which was already witnessing sharp rhetoric and aggressive outreach from all major parties. With polling dates approaching, such statements are likely to further polarise the political environment and influence campaign strategies. As the debate continues, the focus now shifts to how voters perceive these claims and counterclaims. With both sides refusing to back down, the incident underscores the high stakes involved in the upcoming elections and the increasingly intense nature of political discourse in the run-up to polling day.

## Arvind Kejriwal to Argue Own Case in Delhi High Court, Seeks Judge's Recusal in Liquor Policy Matter

Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has moved the Delhi High Court seeking the recusal of a sitting judge in connection with the ongoing liquor policy case, while also announcing that he will argue the matter personally.

Kejriwal, along with other accused, has filed an application requesting that Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma step aside from hearing the case. The plea comes in response to a petition filed by the Enforcement Directorate, which has challenged a trial court order that had earlier granted relief to Kejriwal in a related matter.

What makes this development significant is Kejriwal's decision to represent himself in court. According to his party, the Aam Aadmi Party leader intends to personally present arguments before the High Court, rather than relying solely on legal counsel. This move is being seen as both a legal and

political statement, highlighting his direct involvement in defending his position in the case. The case is linked to alleged irregularities in Delhi's now-scrapped excise policy. Investigative agencies, including the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation, have been probing the matter, alleging corruption and procedural violations in the formulation and implementation of the policy. However, a trial court had earlier discharged Kejriwal and several others, citing lack of sufficient evidence.

Following that decision, the Enforcement Directorate approached the High Court, challenging the trial court's findings. This led to the current round of legal proceedings, in which Kejriwal has now sought the judge's recusal. His application was filed shortly before the matter was scheduled for hearing, adding a fresh twist to an already complex legal battle.

Legal experts note that recusal pleas are not uncommon but are typically granted only under specific circumstances, such as potential bias or conflict of interest. The High Court will now have to consider whether the grounds cited in Kejriwal's application warrant a change in the bench.

The broader liquor policy case has remained politically sensitive, with both the ruling establishment and opposition parties trading allegations over its handling. For Kejriwal, the outcome of this legal process carries significant implications, not just in legal terms but also for his political standing.

As the matter proceeds, all eyes will be on the High Court's response to the recusal plea and Kejriwal's decision to argue the case himself. The next hearing is expected to further clarify the direction of this high-profile case, which continues to draw national attention.



## India Has Fiscal Strength to Handle Middle East Crisis, Says Nirmala Sitharaman

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has expressed confidence that India is well-prepared to handle the economic fallout of the ongoing Middle East crisis, stating that the country has sufficient fiscal space to manage emerging challenges while maintaining growth momentum.

Addressing concerns over rising global uncertainty, Sitharaman emphasized that India's economic fundamentals remain strong despite geopolitical tensions impacting energy markets and global supply chains. She noted that prudent fiscal management over the past decade has provided the government with enough flexibility to respond effectively to external shocks.

The ongoing tensions in the Middle East have raised fears of disruptions in crude oil supplies and increased volatility in global markets. However, Sitharaman reassured that India is closely monitoring the situation and is prepared to take necessary steps to protect its economy and citizens from adverse effects. She underlined that the government remains vigilant, particularly with regard to managing fuel prices and inflationary pressures.

A key highlight of her remarks was India's ability to continue capital expenditure even during uncertain times. The government has been focusing on infrastructure development and long-term growth, and Sitharaman indicated that this strategy would not be derailed by global crises. Strong fiscal discipline has ensured that the country retains the capacity to invest in development projects while also addressing immediate economic concerns.

She also pointed out that In-

dia has successfully navigated multiple global disruptions in recent years, including the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain challenges. According to her, these experiences have strengthened the country's economic resilience and policy framework, enabling it to better handle fresh crises such as the current situation in the Middle East.

The Finance Minister reiterated the government's commitment to maintaining fiscal deficit targets, even as it takes measures to cushion the impact of global developments. India's fiscal deficit is being kept within a disciplined range, reflecting a balanced approach between growth and stability.

Additionally, the government has created mechanisms such as an economic stabilisation framework to respond quickly to global shocks. These measures are designed to ensure that any external disruption—whether due to geopolitical conflicts or market volatility—does not significantly derail India's economic trajectory.

Sitharaman's remarks come at a time when global economies are grappling with uncertainty due to escalating tensions in West Asia. She described the situation as a potential disruptor of critical energy routes but maintained that India's strong macroeconomic position provides a buffer against such risks.

Overall, the Finance Minister's message was clear: while the Middle East crisis poses challenges, India's sound fiscal management, strong economic fundamentals, and proactive policy measures place it in a position of relative strength to absorb shocks and sustain growth.

## Nine Tamil Nadu Policemen Sentenced to Death in Shocking Sathankulam Custodial Torture Case

In a landmark and rare judgment, a court in Tamil Nadu has awarded the death penalty to nine policemen for their role in the brutal custodial torture and deaths of a father-son duo in the Sathankulam case. The verdict, delivered by a sessions court in Madurai, comes nearly six years after the incident that had sparked nationwide outrage and intense debate over police brutality. The case dates back to June 2020, when P. Jeyaraj and his son J. Benicks, small traders running a mobile shop, were arrested for allegedly violating COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. However, investigations later revealed that the charges were questionable. The duo

was taken to the Sathankulam police station, where they were allegedly subjected to severe physical torture throughout the night. Within days of being remanded to judicial custody, both succumbed to their injuries. The brutality of the incident shocked the nation, with reports of extreme physical abuse emerging during the investigation. Witness testimonies, including that of a woman constable, pointed to violent assaults inside the police station, with evidence such as bloodstains reinforcing the claims. The case soon gained widespread attention, leading to protests and demands for justice across the country.

Following public outrage,

the probe was handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which registered murder charges against the accused policemen. A total of ten officers were initially arrested, including an inspector, sub-inspectors, and constables. One of the accused later died during the course of the investigation. After an extensive trial spanning several years and involving numerous witnesses, the court found nine policemen guilty of murder. The prosecution described the crime as falling under the "rarest of rare" category, arguing that the brutality and abuse of authority warranted the maximum punishment. Accepting this argument, the court awarded the



death sentence to all nine convicts, sending a strong message against custodial violence. The judgment is being seen as a significant moment in India's judicial history, par-

ticularly in cases involving custodial deaths. Legal experts believe it reinforces accountability within law enforcement agencies and underscores the seriousness with which courts

are now addressing human rights violations. The Sathankulam case had earlier exposed systemic issues, including alleged destruction of crucial evidence such as CCTV footage and

attempts to shield those involved. Despite these challenges, investigators were able to build a strong case based on eyewitness accounts and forensic evidence. For the victims' family, the verdict marks a long-awaited step toward justice after years of legal battle. At the same time, the ruling has reignited discussions around police reforms, custodial safeguards, and the need for stricter enforcement of human rights protections. As the case concludes with one of the harshest punishments under Indian law, it stands as a powerful reminder of the consequences of abuse of power and the importance of accountability within the justice system.

# US-Iran Tensions Escalate as Trump’s Ultimatum Raises Fears of Wider Middle East Conflict

The ongoing tensions between the United States and Iran have intensified sharply, with the crisis now centred around the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz. The developments have sparked fears of a broader conflict in the Middle East, with serious implications for global energy supplies and regional stability.

The Strait of Hormuz, one of the world’s most critical oil transit routes, has become the focal point of the standoff. A significant share of global crude oil passes through this narrow waterway, making any disruption a major concern for international markets. Recent developments have raised alarms about po-

tential supply shocks and rising energy prices worldwide.

The situation escalated following military actions targeting Iranian assets, which prompted a strong retaliatory response from Iran. The country has reportedly used its strategic position in the region to exert pressure, particularly by threatening or restricting movement through the strait. This has further heightened tensions and drawn global attention to the conflict.

Former US President Donald Trump has issued a stern warning to Iran, demanding that it ensure the free flow of traffic through the Strait of Hormuz. His strong rhetoric, including threats of severe

consequences, has added to the already volatile situation. Observers warn that such statements could further escalate the crisis rather than de-escalate it.

Iran, on its part, has maintained a defiant stance, viewing control over the strait as a key strategic tool. The country has indicated that its actions are a response to external military pressure, and it has shown little willingness to back down in the face of threats. This has resulted in a tense standoff with no immediate resolution in sight.

The impact of the crisis is being felt across the Middle East. Countries dependent on the Strait of Hormuz for oil exports are facing disrup-

tions, while others with alternative routes are relatively less affected. The uncertainty has created uneven economic consequences across the region.

Beyond the region, the crisis is affecting global markets. Rising oil prices are increasing concerns about inflation and economic stability in many countries. Governments and policymakers are closely monitoring the situation, as prolonged disruptions could have far-reaching consequences for the global economy. On the ground, the conflict is also affecting civilian life in nearby regions. Economic activities such as shipping, fishing, and tourism have been disrupted due to heightened

security concerns and restricted movement.

Experts warn that the situation remains highly volatile and could escalate further if diplomatic efforts fail. While there are occasional indications of possible negotiations, the continued exchange of threats and strategic posturing suggests that tensions may persist in the near term.

Overall, the US-Iran standoff has evolved into a major geopolitical crisis, with the Strait of Hormuz at its core. The situation underscores the delicate balance between global energy security and regional power dynamics, as the world watches closely for any signs of escalation or resolution.



## Trump’s “Blow Up Iran” Ultimatum Escalates Tensions, Sparks Global Alarm

US President Donald Trump has issued a stark and controversial ultimatum to Iran, warning that unless a peace deal is reached by Tuesday, the United States could launch massive attacks across the country. The statement marks one of the most aggressive escalations in the ongoing conflict, raising fears of a wider regional war.

In recent remarks and interviews, Trump said that if negotiations fail within the given deadline, the US would respond with overwhelming force, even suggesting the possibility of targeting large parts of Iran’s infrastructure. His comments indicated that key facilities such as power plants and bridges could be hit as part of a broader military response.

The ultimatum comes amid ongoing but fragile diplomatic efforts involving mediators from countries like Egypt, Turkey, and Pakistan. These back-channel talks are aimed at securing at least a temporary ceasefire and reopening the strategically critical Strait of Hormuz, a vital route for global oil shipments. However, progress has been limited, and both sides remain far apart on key demands. Trump has expressed confidence that a deal is still possible, but his repeated warnings have cast doubt on the likelihood of a peaceful resolution. His rhetoric has also drawn criticism from global leaders and legal experts, who warn that targeting civilian infrastructure could violate international law and lead to severe humanitarian

consequences.

Iran has reacted sharply to the ultimatum, rejecting the threats and warning of strong retaliation if any large-scale attack is carried out. Iranian officials have stated that any strike on their infrastructure would trigger responses not only within Iran but also across the wider region, potentially targeting US allies and assets in the Middle East. The situation is further complicated by the strategic importance of the Strait of Hormuz. Any disruption in this narrow waterway could severely impact global oil supplies, sending energy prices soaring and affecting economies worldwide. The ongoing standoff has already contributed to volatility in global markets and heightened geopolitical uncertainty. The escalation follows recent military confrontations, including airstrikes, drone attacks, and the downing of aircraft, which have intensified hostilities between the two sides. Each new development appears to be pushing the conflict closer to a broader and more destructive phase. As the Tuesday deadline approaches, the world is watching closely. Diplomatic channels remain open, but the tone of recent statements suggests that the risk of a major military escalation is higher than ever. Overall, Trump’s ultimatum has significantly raised the stakes in the US-Iran conflict, with potential consequences that could extend far beyond the region, impacting global security, energy markets, and international stability.

## F-15 Crash and High-Risk Rescue Could Cost US Nearly \$500 Million in Iran Conflict

The downing of a US F-15E fighter jet inside Iran and the subsequent rescue operation has turned into one of the most complex and expensive military missions in the ongoing conflict, with total costs estimated to approach \$500 million.

The incident began when the advanced F-15E Strike Eagle was shot down during combat operations over Iranian territory. The aircraft, valued at around \$100 million, had two crew members on board. While one was rescued quickly, the second crew member was left stranded deep inside hostile territory, triggering an urgent and large-scale rescue mission. The recovery effort soon escalated into a multi-layered military operation involving elite special forces and advanced air support. A range of assets, including attack aircraft, transport planes, helicopters, and surveillance drones, were deployed to locate and extract the missing personnel. The operation required precise coordina-

tion and constant monitoring due to the high-risk environment. The mission was particularly challenging because of difficult terrain, active enemy pursuit, and the constant threat of capture. The stranded crew member reportedly spent several hours evading detection in rugged conditions before being located through aerial surveillance and communication tracking. Special forces were then deployed under cover of darkness, supported by aerial firepower to secure the extraction zone. A significant portion of the estimated cost stems from the loss and destruction of military equipment during the operation. Multiple high-value aircraft were either damaged, abandoned, or deliberately destroyed by US forces to prevent sensitive technology from falling into enemy hands. This included large transport planes and support helicopters, each worth tens or even hundreds of millions of dollars. Additional costs were incurred due to the

deployment of drones, sustained air operations, and the mobilisation of a large number of personnel. The scale and duration of the mission further contributed to the overall expense. Despite the heavy costs and operational risks, the mission was ultimately successful, with both crew members safely recovered. Military officials described it as one of the most challenging rescue operations in recent times, underscoring the importance placed on retrieving personnel from hostile zones. The incident highlights the escalating intensity of the conflict, where even a single aircraft loss can lead to a massive military response. It also reflects the strategic importance of safeguarding both personnel and advanced military technology, even at a significant financial cost. Overall, the F-15 crash and the daring rescue operation illustrate the high stakes of modern warfare, where success often comes at a substantial economic and strategic price.



## IRGC Intelligence Chief Majid Khademi Killed in Strikes, Escalating Iran-US-Israel Tensions

In a major escalation of the ongoing Middle East conflict, Majid Khademi, the intelligence chief of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), has been killed in coordinated strikes attributed to the United States and Israel. His death marks a significant blow to Iran’s intelligence leadership at a time of rising regional tensions.

Iranian authorities confirmed that Khademi was killed during a series of airstrikes targeting areas in and around Tehran. While details of the exact location remain limited, the strikes reportedly caused significant damage and casualties, underlining the intensity of the ongoing conflict.

Khademi was a key figure within Iran’s military establishment and had recently taken over as head of the IRGC’s intelligence wing. His appointment came after his predecessor was also killed in earlier attacks, indicating a continued pattern of targeting senior Iranian officials.

The IRGC intelligence unit plays a crucial role in both domestic security and international operations. As its chief, Khademi was responsible for overseeing intelligence gathering, counter-intelligence efforts, and strategic planning. His position placed him at the centre of Iran’s response to external threats and internal challenges.

The strike is seen as part of a broader effort by the US and Israel to weaken Iran’s mili-

tary and intelligence capabilities. Over the past few weeks, several high-profile targets, including military installations and senior officials, have been hit, significantly intensifying the conflict.

Iran has strongly condemned the killing, describing it as a deliberate and hostile act. The country has vowed retaliation, further raising concerns about a potential widening of the conflict across the region. Previous responses from Iran have included missile and drone strikes on opposing targets, signalling its readiness to escalate.

The killing of Khademi is likely to have immediate operational implications for Iran’s intelligence network. However, experts believe it could also trigger a more aggressive stance from Tehran, as the leadership may seek to demonstrate strength and deter further attacks.

The development adds to growing global concerns over stability in the Middle East. With tensions already high due to ongoing military exchanges and disruptions in key energy routes, the elimination of a top intelligence official further deepens uncertainty.

Overall, the death of Majid Khademi highlights the intensifying nature of the conflict and the increasing risks of escalation. As both sides continue to target strategic assets and leadership figures, the situation remains volatile, with far-reaching consequences for regional and global security.



# Why the US Destroyed Its Own \$100 Million Aircraft During Iran Rescue Operation

In a dramatic development during the ongoing US-Iran conflict, the United States military deliberately destroyed one of its own high-value aircraft inside Iranian territory. The decision, though costly, was part of a high-risk rescue mission aimed at saving stranded crew members after a fighter jet was shot down. The episode began when a US F-15E fighter aircraft was brought down during combat operations over Iran. The jet had two crew members on board, and while one was rescued quickly, the second remained trapped in hostile terrain. This triggered a complex rescue operation involving special forces, surveillance systems, and multiple aircraft.

As part of the mission,

the US deployed advanced transport planes capable of operating in difficult environments. These aircraft were used to insert rescue teams and extract personnel from remote locations. However, complications arose when at least one aircraft became inoperable after landing in a desert region, reportedly due to mechanical issues or challenging terrain conditions.

With the situation rapidly deteriorating and the threat of approaching enemy forces increasing, US commanders faced a critical choice. Leaving behind a fully equipped military aircraft risked exposing sensitive technology and operational systems. To prevent this, the decision was taken to destroy the aircraft on the ground.

The aircraft in question is believed to be a specialised transport plane equipped with advanced communication, navigation, and mission-support systems. Such platforms play a crucial role in special operations and carry classified technology that could compromise national security if captured.

Military doctrine often prioritises the protection of sensitive equipment, even if it involves destroying valuable assets. In high-risk missions deep inside hostile territory, safeguarding technological capabilities is considered more important than the financial cost.

Reports indicate that additional equipment, including helicopters and drones, may also have been damaged or abandoned during the opera-

tion, highlighting the intensity and scale of the mission. Despite these setbacks, the primary objective was achieved, with both crew members successfully rescued.

The incident underscores the challenges of conducting rescue operations in hostile environments, where quick decisions can determine mission success. It also reflects the strategic importance placed on protecting military technology and preventing it from falling into adversary hands.

While the destruction of a \$100 million aircraft may seem extreme, it illustrates the realities of modern warfare, where operational priorities and national security concerns often outweigh financial considerations.



# Sensex, Nifty Rise Nearly 1% in Volatile Trade; Auto, Metal and Financial Stocks Lead Rally

Indian equity benchmarks ended on a strong note after a highly volatile trading session, with the Sensex and Nifty gaining close to 1 percent each. Despite sharp fluctuations throughout the day, the markets staged a solid recovery in the latter half, driven by robust buying in auto, metal, and financial stocks.

The session began on a weak footing, reflecting mixed global cues. Both indices slipped into the red during early trade as selling pressure weighed on sentiment. However, the mood shifted as the day progressed, with investors stepping in to buy quality stocks at lower levels. This helped the benchmarks rebound from their intraday lows and move into positive territory.

Auto and metal stocks

emerged as the top performers, leading the market rally. These sectors witnessed strong buying interest, supported by improving global trends and optimism around demand. Financial stocks also played a key role in lifting the indices, as banking and financial services companies attracted fresh investments. The combined strength in these sectors helped offset weakness seen in other parts of the market.

Volatility remained a dominant theme throughout the session, as investors remained cautious amid global uncertainties. However, sentiment improved significantly in the second half of the trading day. Market participants engaged in value buying, particularly in stocks that had seen recent corrections. This selective ac-

cumulation provided the necessary momentum for the recovery.

The broader markets also reflected a positive undertone. Midcap and smallcap stocks, despite experiencing intraday fluctuations, managed to close higher along with the benchmark indices. This indicates that the rally was not limited to a few large stocks, but had wider participation across segments.

Institutional activity also played an important role in shaping the market trend. Domestic investors continued to lend support to the markets, while foreign investors remained relatively cautious. This divergence contributed to the volatility seen during the session but did not derail the overall upward movement.



Global factors continued to influence investor sentiment. While initial uncertainty led to early losses, improving risk appetite later in the day helped markets recover. A decline in market volatility indicators further boosted confidence, encouraging investors to re-enter

the market.

Market experts believe that the current uptrend is being driven largely by sector-specific strength rather than a broad-based rally. Auto, metal, and financial stocks remain in focus due to their growth potential and earnings outlook. However, they caution that markets may continue to witness intermittent volatility due to external factors and profit booking at higher levels.

Overall, the trading session highlighted the resilience of the Indian stock market. Despite early weakness and persistent volatility, the benchmarks managed to end with notable gains, supported by strong buying in key sectors and improving investor sentiment.



## Indian IT Set for Dull Q4, But Profit Growth Likely on Currency Gains and Cost Control

India's information technology (IT) sector is expected to report a subdued performance for the March quarter (Q4), with weak revenue growth and cautious client spending weighing on overall business momentum. However, despite the dull outlook on revenues, profits are likely to remain resilient, supported by favourable currency movements and improved cost management.

Demand conditions continue to remain challenging for IT companies, largely due to global economic uncertainty and reduced discretionary spending by clients. Key markets such as the United States and Europe have seen tighter technology budgets, resulting in delays in project approvals and slower deal closures. This has impacted revenue growth across the sector. Seasonal factors have also contributed to the weak performance in Q4. Typically, the March quarter has fewer working days and witnesses some project slowdowns, which affects billing and execution. As a result, several IT companies are expected to report flat or marginal sequential growth, with some even likely to see a decline in constant currency terms.

Despite these headwinds, profitability is expected to improve for many firms. One of the major supporting factors is the depreciation of the Indian rupee against the US dollar. Since a large share of IT revenues comes from overseas clients, a weaker rupee boosts earnings when converted into domestic currency. This currency advantage is expected to support year-on-year profit growth even if revenue expansion remains limited.

In addition to currency benefits, IT companies have been

focusing on cost optimisation to protect margins. Measures such as reduced hiring, lower employee attrition, and tighter control over discretionary spending have helped companies manage their expenses more efficiently. These efforts are likely to reflect positively in operating margins during the quarter. Another notable trend is the relatively better performance expected from mid-sized IT firms compared to larger companies. Mid-tier players are likely to show stronger growth, driven by their niche offerings and agility in responding to changing client needs. In contrast, large IT firms continue to face pressure due to slower growth in traditional service segments and delays in large deal conversions. The sector is also undergoing structural changes, with emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence reshaping client priorities. While these technologies present long-term opportunities, they are also causing short-term uncertainty, as clients reassess their spending strategies and focus on efficiency-driven projects. Looking ahead, investor focus will be on management commentary and future guidance. With near-term growth remaining uncertain, companies' strategies for navigating global challenges and leveraging new technologies will be closely tracked. Overall, while the IT sector is likely to deliver a muted revenue performance in Q4, the combination of currency gains and disciplined cost management is expected to support profit growth. The quarter reflects a phase where operational efficiency and external factors are playing a larger role in driving earnings than strong business expansion.

## Execution Gap, Not Regulatory Shortfall: SEBI Chief Flags Boardroom Lapses

The Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has raised concerns over corporate governance practices, stating that the real issue lies not in the lack of regulations but in their implementation at the boardroom level.

He mmed that India has a strong and comprehensive regulatory framework governing corporate conduct. However, the effectiveness of these rules depends largely on how they are interpreted and executed by companies. According to him, governance failures often stem from weak implementation rather than inadequate regulations.

The SEBI chief noted that while companies may appear compliant on paper, the spirit of governance is sometimes missing in practice. He stressed that boards must move beyond a checkbox approach and ensure that policies are meaningfully enforced. True corporate governance, he said, requires active engagement, ethical leadership, and accountability at all levels.

A key concern highlighted was the functioning of board committees. Audit committees, risk management panels, and

other oversight bodies are often not as effective as they should be. In many cases, these committees exist formally but fail to play a proactive role in monitoring risks, ensuring transparency, and guiding decision-making.

Independent directors, he pointed out, have a critical role in strengthening governance standards. Their independence and ability to question management decisions are essential for maintaining checks and balances within an organisation. However, their effectiveness depends on access to timely information and the willingness to actively participate in board discussions. The SEBI chief also emphasised the importance of corporate culture in shaping governance outcomes. He said that regulations can only set minimum standards, but it is the internal culture of a company that determines whether those standards are upheld in letter and spirit. Companies must foster an environment where ethical behaviour, transparency, and accountability are ingrained in everyday operations.

With India's capital markets witnessing rapid expansion

and a growing investor base, the importance of strong governance has become even more critical. Any lapses, even if minor, can have significant consequences, including loss of investor confidence and reputational damage.

He further observed that governance risks can often be more damaging than business risks. While financial or operational challenges can be managed over time, failures in governance can lead to long-term trust deficits that are difficult to repair.

The regulator's message is clear: strengthening governance is not about introducing more rules but about ensuring that existing ones are followed sincerely. Boardrooms must take greater responsibility for enforcing standards and ensuring that governance practices are not just symbolic but truly effective. Overall, the remarks underline the need for a shift from compliance-driven governance to a more values-driven approach. By focusing on execution, accountability, and ethical leadership, companies can build stronger institutions and sustain investor confidence in the long run.



## Senco Gold Surges 11%, Kalyan Jewellers Gains 5% on Cut in Gold, Silver Import Prices

Shares of jewellery companies rallied sharply after the government reduced the base import prices of gold and silver, boosting sentiment across the sector. The move is expected to lower input costs for jewellers and improve demand, leading to strong buying interest in related stocks.

Senco Gold led the rally with an impressive jump of around 11 percent during the trading session. Kalyan Jewellers also recorded solid gains of about 5 percent, reflecting a positive trend across the jewellery segment. Other stocks in the sector followed suit, indicating broad-based investor optimism.

The surge was triggered by the government's decision to cut the base import prices of precious metals. The base import price is used to calculate customs duty, and a reduction effectively lowers the tax burden on imports. This translates into reduced procurement costs for jewellery companies, which can have a direct impact on their profitability.

Lower import prices are particularly beneficial for the jewellery industry, as gold and silver are key raw materials. With reduced costs, companies can either improve their margins or pass on the benefit to customers through lower prices. This is expected to enhance affordability and attract more buyers, especially during the ongoing wedding and festive season when demand for jewellery typically rises.

The jewellery sector is highly sensitive to fluctuations in gold and silver prices. Any fa-

vourable policy change, such as a reduction in import costs, tends to have an immediate positive effect on stock performance. Investors often respond quickly to such developments, anticipating better earnings and improved business conditions.

Despite volatility in the broader market, jewellery stocks stood out as strong performers. The rally in Senco Gold and Kalyan Jewellers highlighted sector-specific momentum, even as benchmark indices witnessed fluctuations throughout the day.

India remains one of the largest consumers of gold globally, relying heavily on imports to meet domestic demand. As a result, any change in import-related pricing has a significant impact on the entire value chain, from manufacturers to retailers. The latest reduction in base prices is expected to support the sector's growth outlook in the near term.

Market analysts believe that the current momentum in jewellery stocks could continue if demand remains strong and input costs stay favourable. However, they also caution that global price movements and currency fluctuations may influence future trends.

Overall, the sharp rise in Senco Gold and Kalyan Jewellers shares reflects the market's positive response to the government's decision. With improved cost structures and expectations of higher demand, the jewellery sector appears well-positioned for growth, even as broader market conditions remain uncertain.

# Oil Stocks Slip as Crude Surges Past \$110; IOC, BPCL, HPCL Under Pressure

Shares of oil marketing companies (OMCs) came under selling pressure as global crude oil prices surged past the \$110 per barrel mark, raising concerns over rising input costs and shrinking margins. Stocks of major state-run players such as Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited declined between 1 and 2 percent during the session.

The sharp rise in crude prices has emerged as a key concern for investors, as it directly impacts the profitability of oil marketing companies. These firms depend heavily on imported crude oil as their primary raw material, and any increase in global prices leads to higher refining and production costs.

The recent spike in crude oil prices is largely driven by geopolitical tensions and supply uncertainties in major oil-producing regions. As prices crossed the \$110 mark, market sentiment

turned cautious, leading to a sell-off in oil stocks. Historically, such sharp increases in crude prices tend to weigh on OMCs, as they are often unable to immediately pass on the full cost burden to consumers.

One of the major challenges faced by these companies is pressure on marketing margins. When crude prices rise rapidly, the cost of producing fuels such as petrol and diesel increases. However, retail fuel prices are usually adjusted gradually, creating a gap between input costs and selling prices. This results in margin compression and affects overall profitability.

The decline in stock prices reflects investor concerns about the near-term earnings outlook of these companies. Sustained high crude prices could further strain margins, especially if volatility continues in global markets. Oil marketing stocks are known to be highly sensitive to fluctuations in crude prices, and even short-term spikes can trigger sharp reactions in the market.

The broader oil and gas sector also showed signs of weakness, with selling pressure visible in related stocks. Interestingly, while oil marketing companies face challenges during periods of rising crude prices, upstream oil producers often benefit from such trends, highlighting the contrasting impact within the sector.

Despite the current pressure, analysts believe that any moderation in crude prices could provide relief to OMC stocks. In the past, these stocks have recovered quickly when oil prices eased, as lower input costs help improve margins and earnings outlook.

Overall, the fall in shares of Indian Oil, BPCL, and HPCL highlights the sector's vulnerability to global crude price movements. With oil prices remaining volatile, investors are likely to closely monitor international developments and domestic pricing trends, which will play a crucial role in shaping the near-term direction of oil marketing stocks.



# KKR vs PBKS Match Washed Out Due to Rain in Kolkata

The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 clash between Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and Punjab Kings (PBKS) at Eden Gardens, Kolkata, was abandoned due to heavy rain, resulting in both teams sharing one point each. The match, scheduled as an evening fixture, was heavily affected by persistent showers that made play impossible. The game was called off after just 3.4 overs, with KKR struggling at 25 for 2 when the downpour intensified. The weather conditions prevented the minimum number of overs required for a result, leaving the match as a no-result.

team lost early wickets and failed to settle, with the rain halting proceedings shortly after the start of the innings. KKR's openers tried to steady the innings but could not make significant progress before the officials suspended play. PBKS bowlers had applied early pressure, taking quick wickets and keeping the scoring rate under control. The persistent rain and wet outfield forced the umpires to call off the match completely, awarding both teams a point.

Fans at Eden Gardens expressed disappointment at the rain, as they were eager to see a full contest between two strong teams. The ambiance was lively before the rain began, with spectators enjoying chants, music, and cheer for their respective teams. The early start of the match saw fans enthusiastic and optimistic, but the sudden weather change left them with an incomplete game and heightened anticipation for future matches.

Team management from both sides acknowledged the unusual circumstances and emphasized focusing on the next matches. KKR will look to strengthen their batting lineup, while PBKS will work on maintaining consistency in their bowling attack. With the IPL season in full swing, teams must adapt to challenging conditions, including unexpected rain interruptions, and strategize for upcoming fixtures. Despite the washout, the match highlighted the competitive spirit of both teams and kept fans engaged with the excitement of the tournament.



cricket, where weather can play a decisive role in outcomes, and teams must be ready to adapt to unforeseen conditions to succeed in the league.

## 75 Lakh vs 28.4 Crore: Sarfaraz Khan Shines Bright as CSK's Costly Bets Falter

In the early stages of the Indian Premier League 2026 season, a striking contrast has emerged within the Chennai Super Kings camp—one that highlights the unpredictable nature of cricket and the limitations of big-money signings. At the centre of this narrative is Sarfaraz Khan, who was picked up at the auction for a modest 75 lakh. Despite his relatively low price tag, he has emerged as the team's most consistent and impactful batter in the first few matches of the season. In just three games, Sarfaraz has scored 99 runs, maintaining an impressive strike rate of over 200 and averaging 33. What makes his performance even more remarkable is the context. Sarfaraz, traditionally known for his red-ball prowess, has adapted seamlessly to the fast-paced T20 format. His ability to accelerate in the middle overs and counter spin has provided much-needed stability to a batting lineup that has struggled at the top. In sharp contrast to CSK's high-profile auction buys—Kartik Sharma and Prashant Veer—who together cost the franchise a whopping 28.4 crore. However, their returns so far have been underwhelming. Kartik Sharma has managed only 25 runs in three matches, failing to find



rhythm, while Prashant Veer, though showing glimpses with the bat, has not yet delivered the all-round impact expected at such a high price. This disparity between investment and performance has sparked debate over CSK's auction strategy. Spending heavily on unproven or underperforming players has limited the team's flexibility, especially when those players fail to justify their price tags on the field. Meanwhile, Sarfaraz's performances have not only rescued the team in difficult situations but also raised questions about how talent is valued in the league. His innings, including a quickfire half-century in one of the matches, showcased his ability to handle pressure and take on bowlers aggressively.

sively. The situation serves as a reminder that in T20 cricket, price does not guarantee performance. Smart scouting, role clarity, and form often outweigh the glamour of big auction numbers. For CSK, the irony is evident—their cheapest acquisition is currently leading the batting charts, while their costliest investments are still searching for answers. As the tournament progresses, pressure will mount on the team management to rethink combinations and extract better performances from their expensive signings. At the same time, Sarfaraz Khan's rise stands as a testament to the fact that opportunity, when seized, can outweigh reputation and price tags in the world of ricket.

## CSK's 14.2 Crore Gamble Backfires as 'Unused All-Rounder' Raises Big Questions

The Chennai Super Kings have endured a disastrous start to their IPL 2026 campaign, and a major talking point behind their struggles has been a costly tactical decision involving one of their biggest auction buys. The franchise, known for its consistency and sharp cricketing acumen, now finds itself under intense scrutiny after losing its first three matches and slipping to the bottom of the points table. At the centre of the debate is young all-rounder Prashant Veer, who was picked up for a staggering 14.2 crore in the IPL auction. The investment raised eyebrows at the time, but it was justified as a long-term move to replace experienced players and add balance to the squad. However, the way the team has handled him so far has sparked widespread criticism. Despite being selected as an all-rounder, Veer has not been utilised with the ball in crucial matches. His role in the playing XI remains unclear, especially when the team has been struggling to contain opposition batters. This underutilisation has led many to label the decision as a "tactical blunder," with fans and experts questioning the team management's approach. Under the leadership of Ruturaj Gaikwad, CSK have looked far from their dominant best. The absence of veteran leader MS Dhoni has been evident, with the team lacking clarity in both strategy and execution. Decisions on the field, particularly bowling changes,



have come under fire as opponents have consistently posted or chased down big totals with ease. One glaring example came during CSK's heavy defeat to Royal Challengers Bengaluru, where the opposition posted a massive score. Despite the bowlers being taken apart, Veer was once again not given an opportunity to bowl. This raised serious questions about team selection and match awareness, especially when an expensive all-round option was sitting unused. Interestingly, comparisons have been drawn with Cameron Green, one of the most expensive players in IPL history. Like Green—who has also faced criticism for not being fully utilised by his franchise—Veer's situation highlights a broader issue in team strategy, where high-value players are not being used according to their strengths. What makes CSK's case more puzzling is that, unlike Green, Veer does not have any

known injury or fitness concerns that would restrict his bowling. This makes the decision to sideline his all-round abilities even harder to justify. The team's auction strategy had focused on investing in young talent, with the management expressing confidence in their long-term potential. However, early results suggest a disconnect between planning and execution. Spending heavily on a player and then not trusting him in match situations sends mixed signals, both to the player and the team. With the tournament still in its early stages, there remains time for CSK to turn things around. But for that to happen, the team management will need to reassess its strategies, make better use of its resources, and ensure that key players are utilised effectively. If not, this 14.2 crore gamble could go down as one of the most puzzling decisions in the franchise's otherwise illustrious IPL history.

## Tim David's Power-Hitting Storm Lights Up RCB Camp, Kohli's Reaction Steals the Show

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) produced a batting masterclass in the IPL 2026 clash against Chennai Super Kings (CSK), powered by a breathtaking innings from Australian big-hitter Tim David. His explosive knock not only helped RCB post a mammoth total but also triggered a hilarious dressing-room moment that left even Virat Kohli in splits. Batting first at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, RCB piled up a massive 250/3 in 20 overs, with David playing the starring role. The hard-hitting batter remained unbeaten on 70 off just 25 deliveries, smashing three boundaries and eight towering sixes. His innings came at a staggering strike rate, turning the game decisively in RCB's favour. The onslaught proved too much for CSK, who were bowled out for 207 in 19.4 overs, handing RCB a comprehensive 43-run victory. The win marked Bengaluru's second consecutive triumph in the tournament, further strengthening their early dominance in the league standings. While the match itself was a spectacle, what followed in the dressing room grabbed equal attention on social media. During a post-match interaction, West Indies all-rounder Ro-



mario Shepherd offered a humorous take on David's batting style. Mimicking his approach, Shepherd joked that David usually takes a few deliveries to settle before unleashing an all-out assault on the bowlers. The light-hearted comment, paired with Shepherd's animated gestures, sent the entire RCB dressing room into laughter. Among those enjoying the moment the most was Kohli, who could not contain himself and burst into hearty laughter. The candid reaction quickly went viral, showcasing the camaraderie within the team. David's innings was particu-

larly significant as it propelled RCB to the highest team total of the ongoing IPL season. The knock also underlined his reputation as one of the most dangerous finishers in T20 cricket, capable of changing the course of a match within a few overs. Earlier in the innings, Kohli had provided a brisk start with an 18-ball 28, setting the tone for the fireworks that followed. However, it was David's late-innings blitz that truly electrified the stadium and left fans, teammates, and even opponents in awe. With both bat and ball clicking in unison—Bhuvneshwar

Kumar picking up three wickets and other bowlers chipping in—RCB delivered a complete team performance. The combination of explosive batting, disciplined bowling, and strong team spirit is emerging as a key factor behind their impressive start to the season. As the tournament progresses, David's form and the team's positive atmosphere could prove crucial in their quest to defend the title. And if the dressing-room banter is anything to go by, RCB are not just winning matches—they are enjoying every moment of the journey.

## Dinesh Karthik Backs RCB Star, Urges Selectors to Fast-Track India Recall

A strong endorsement from Dinesh Karthik has sparked fresh debate around national team selection, with the veteran wicketkeeper-batter openly backing a standout performer from Royal Challengers Bengaluru for a return to the Indian squad. Karthik, known for his sharp cricketing insights, made it clear that the player's recent performances in the ongoing IPL season make it increasingly difficult for selectors to ignore him. The RCB star in question has been in exceptional form, consistently delivering match-winning contributions with the bat. His ability to accelerate the scoring rate, handle pressure situations, and adapt to different match scenarios has caught the attention of fans and experts alike. Karthik highlighted that such performances are not just impactful in the IPL but also highly relevant for international cricket, especially in the shortest format. According to Karthik, the player has shown significant growth in maturity and game awareness. He emphasized that beyond raw talent, what sets this cricketer apart is his improved temperament and ability to finish games—qualities that are crucial for India in high-stakes matches. Karthik suggested that the selectors should take note of this evolution and seriously consider integrating him into the national



setup. The former India international also pointed out that the current Indian team management has been actively looking to build a strong bench, particularly with major ICC tournaments on the horizon. In that context, players who are performing consistently in the IPL deserve opportunities at the highest level. He added that ignoring such performances could mean missing out on a player who is in peak form and confidence. The RCB batter's performances have played a

key role in the franchise's campaign this season. Whether it is chasing challenging targets or setting competitive totals, he has repeatedly stepped up when the team needed him the most. His aggressive yet calculated approach has made him one of the most exciting players to watch this season. Karthik's remarks have also resonated with fans on social media, many of whom echoed his views and called for the player's inclusion in the Indian team. With competition for spots in the national squad al-

ways intense, consistent performances in a tournament as competitive as the IPL often serve as the strongest case for selection. As the IPL season progresses, all eyes will remain on both the player and the selectors. If the current form continues, the pressure on the selection committee will only grow stronger. Karthik's clear message adds weight to the argument: when a player is performing at such a high level, keeping him out of the Indian team becomes increasingly difficult to justify.

Trisha Krishnan's Cryptic Instagram Post Fuels Buzz Around Thalapathy Vijay Relationship Rumours

A recent Instagram post by actress Trisha Krishnan has taken social media by storm, reigniting widespread speculation about her alleged relationship with Tamil superstar Thalapathy Vijay. The post, which carried a cryptic message about love and emotions, quickly went viral and triggered intense discussions among fans and followers. Trisha's post, though not directly mentioning anyone, was interpreted by many as a subtle hint at her personal life. Statements reflecting on love, calmness, and emotional clarity caught the attention of netizens, who began linking the message to ongoing rumours surrounding her and Vijay.

The speculation is not entirely new. For months, there have been unconfirmed reports suggesting a close bond between the two stars. These rumours gained further traction after Trisha and Vijay were seen together at a high-profile wedding in Chennai, an appearance that quickly went viral online. Adding to the intrigue, several social media posts—some real and some fake—have circulated in recent weeks, claiming to reveal details about their relationship. In one instance, a viral message allegedly attributed to Trisha was later found to be from a fan page, highlighting how misinformation has also contributed to the ongoing buzz. The situation has been further amplified by reports about Vijay's personal life, including speculation about his marital status. While none of these claims have been officially confirmed by the actors, the combination of public appearances, social media activity, and viral content has kept the topic trending across platforms. Despite the noise, both Trisha and Vijay have maintained silence and have not issued any official statements addressing the rumours. This has only added to public curiosity, with fans closely analysing every post, appearance, and interaction for clues. Interestingly, Trisha is known for occasionally sharing thought-provoking or ambiguous messages on social media, which often spark conversations. Her latest post seems to have followed a similar pattern—open to interpretation and widely discussed.

Meanwhile, the duo's on-screen chemistry has always been popular among audiences, dating back to their earlier films together. Their reunion in recent projects has once again brought them into the spotlight, further fueling fan interest in their off-screen equation.

As things stand, the rumours remain speculative, driven largely by social media interpretations and viral moments rather than confirmed facts. However, the episode highlights how celebrity posts—especially cryptic ones—can quickly turn into major talking points in the digital age.

With neither Trisha nor Vijay addressing the issue directly, the curiosity surrounding their relationship continues to grow, making it one of the most talked-about topics in South Indian cinema right now.



'Bhooth Bangla' Trailer Out – Akshay Kumar & Priyadarshan Reunite for a Horror-Comedy Entertainer

The trailer of Bhooth Bangla has finally been unveiled, generating significant buzz among Bollywood audiences. Starring Akshay Kumar and directed by Priyadarshan, the film marks the much-awaited reunion of the actor-director duo after more than a decade, bringing back expectations of classic comedy blended with engaging storytelling.

The trailer offers a glimpse into a quirky horror-comedy set in a mysterious mansion filled with supernatural elements. It follows Akshay Kumar's character, who arrives in a small town and gets entangled in strange and eerie happenings. Packed with spooky visuals, humorous situations, and unexpected twists, the film promises a mix of fear and laughter—hallmarks of Priyadarshan's signature style.

One of the biggest highlights of the trailer is its ensemble cast. Alongside Akshay Kumar, the film features Tabu, Paresh Rawal, Rajpal Yadav, and Wamiqa Gabbi in key roles. The presence of seasoned performers adds depth to the film, with their comic timing and screen presence already drawing attention in the trailer.

The visuals hint at a vibrant cinematic experience, combining colorful settings, catchy music, and a nostalgic tone reminiscent of early 2000s Bollywood comedies. At the same time, the film incorporates modern visual effects and suspense elements to appeal to contemporary audiences. The balance between horror and humor appears to be the film's core strength, aiming to entertain a wide range of viewers.

Another key factor driving excitement is the reunion of Akshay Kumar and Priyadarshan, who previously delivered several iconic films together. Fans have long awaited their collaboration, and the trailer suggests a return to their trademark comedic style, which blends situational humor with chaotic, fast-paced storytelling.

Early reactions to the trailer have been largely positive, with many praising its entertaining tone and the chemistry among the cast. Some viewers have also noted similarities to earlier horror-comedy hits, but overall, the response indicates strong anticipation for the film's release. With its intriguing premise, star-studded cast, and the comeback of a successful director-actor duo, Bhooth Bangla is shaping up to be one of the most awaited Bollywood releases. If the film delivers on the promise shown in the trailer, it could offer audiences a perfect blend of thrills, laughter, and nostalgia on the big screen.



'Jai Hanuman' Set for Grand Shoot – Massive Sequel Takes Shape with Pan-India Scale



The much-anticipated sequel Jai Hanuman is gearing up for a grand production phase, raising excitement among fans of Indian mythological cinema. Directed by Prasanth Varma, the film is a follow-up to the blockbuster Hanu-Man, and is part of an expanding cinematic universe rooted in Indian mythology.

The film officially began its journey with a grand launch event held at Hampi, a historically and culturally significant location that aligns with the film's mythological theme. A traditional pooja ceremony was conducted at Anjanadri Betta, believed to be the birthplace of Lord Hanuman, adding spiritual significance to the project's beginning. Actor Rishab Shetty headlines the film and will portray Lord Hanuman, marking a major highlight of the project. He is joined by Teja Sajja, who reprises his role from the first film, and Rana Daggubati in a key role. This powerful cast has significantly boosted expectations for the sequel.

According to reports, the makers have completed pre-production and script work, and the film's shooting is scheduled to begin around April 2026. The team is planning the shoot on a much larger scale compared to the first installment, with extensive use of advanced visual

effects and high-end production design to match global standards. One of the biggest talking points is the scale of the film. While Hanu-Man surprised everyone with its massive success on a modest budget, Jai Hanuman is expected to be a far more ambitious project. The sequel aims to expand the mythological universe with grand visuals, intense action sequences, and a deeper exploration of the Hanuman legend. Music for the film is expected to be composed by Oscar-winning composer M. M. Keeravani, which adds further weight to the project's scale and appeal. His involvement is likely to enhance the film's emotional and mythological depth through a powerful background score. Another key aspect is that Jai Hanuman is being designed as a pan-India film, targeting audiences across multiple languages. The makers are aiming to elevate the superhero-meets-mythology genre to a global level, blending Indian cultural roots with modern cinematic techniques. With shooting set to commence soon and production progressing rapidly, Jai Hanuman is already being viewed as one of the most ambitious upcoming Indian films. If executed as planned, it could redefine the scope of mythological storytelling in Indian cinema and further strengthen the growing cinematic universe created by Prasanth Varma.

The film is currently targeting a theatrical release around 2027, and expectations continue to rise as more updates emerge.



'Vishwambhara' Faces Multiple Delays – Will Chiranjeevi's Magnum Opus Live Up to Expectations?

Megastar Chiranjeevi's highly anticipated film Vishwambhara has been making headlines not just for its scale and ambition, but also for its repeated postponements. The socio-fantasy film, directed by Mallidi Vassishtha, is one of the most expensive and ambitious projects in Telugu cinema, but delays have raised questions about whether it can ultimately meet the massive expectations surrounding it.

Initially planned for release much earlier, the film has been pushed multiple times, with the latest indications pointing towards a 2026 release window. The primary reason behind these postponements is the film's heavy reliance on visual effects and CGI. A significant portion of the narrative—especially the second half—depends on high-quality VFX, prompting the makers to extend production timelines to ensure top-notch output.

Reports suggest that the team was not fully satisfied with the initial VFX results and decided to rework several portions of the film. Instead of rushing the release, the makers chose to prioritize quality, even if it meant revisiting completed sequences and investing additional time and resources. This decision reflects a growing trend in Indian cinema, where large-scale fantasy films demand international-level visual standards.

The film is being produced by UV Creations and features a strong cast including Trisha Krishnan, Kunal Kapoor, and Ashika Ranganath. With such a lineup and a grand fantasy backdrop, expectations have naturally skyrocketed among fans and trade circles.

However, the repeated delays have also sparked concern. In the film in-

dustry, postponements—especially multiple ones—often lead to speculation about production challenges, budget escalations, or creative differences. In the case of Vishwambhara, insiders indicate that the delays are largely technical rather than creative, centered on achieving the desired visual grandeur.

Despite these setbacks, optimism around the project remains strong. Trade analysts believe that if the film delivers on its promise of high-quality visuals and engaging storytelling, the delays could actually work in its favor. Releasing a polished product is far more important for a film of this scale than sticking to an initial release date.

For Chiranjeevi, Vishwambhara represents a crucial project. Known for his mass appeal and larger-than-life roles, the actor is stepping into a fantasy genre that demands both performance and visual spectacle. Success here could reinforce his standing among newer-generation audiences and further cement his legacy.

At the same time, expectations are enormous. Fans are hoping for a cinematic experience on par with global fantasy films, while also retaining the emotional depth and storytelling rooted in Indian culture. Delivering on both fronts will be key to the film's success.

In conclusion, while the series of postponements has tested the patience of fans, the makers remain confident that the wait will be worth it. If the film manages to strike the right balance between cutting-edge visuals and compelling narrative, Vishwambhara could emerge as a landmark film. Otherwise, the delays may only add to the scrutiny it will face upon release.

Adivi Sesh's Next After 'Dacoit' and 'Goodachari 2' – New Film with Sai Marthand on Cards

Tollywood actor Adivi Sesh is currently juggling multiple high-profile projects, and fresh reports suggest that he has already locked his next film even before completing his ongoing commitments. After working on Dacoit and the much-awaited sequel Goodachari 2, the actor is now set to collaborate with director Sai Marthand for a new project, creating excitement among fans.

Sesh, known for his selective script choices and strong storytelling approach, has built a reputation for delivering content-driven films. His upcoming lineup reflects a mix of genres—from action-packed drama in Dacoit to a spy thriller in Goodachari 2. Reports indicate that the new film with Sai Marthand will further expand his versatility and present him in a fresh narrative space.

While official details about the storyline are still under wraps, the project is said to be in the early stages of development. Sources suggest that discussions have been finalized, and pre-production work is expected to begin soon. The film is likely to be designed as a gripping entertainer, staying true to Sesh's style of combining intense narratives with engaging screenplays.

Currently, Sesh's immediate focus remains on completing Dacoit, a film that marks a shift in his usual genre choices. Unlike his earlier investigative and spy thrillers, this project leans more towards action and emotional storytelling. Parallely, Goodachari 2 continues to generate strong buzz, as it is a sequel to one of his most successful films and is expected to expand the spy universe established in the original.

Industry insiders believe that Sesh's collaboration with Sai Mart-



hand could be another significant step in his career. The director, though not widely known yet, is said to have impressed the actor with a compelling script. Sesh's involvement in script development—something he is known for—could further strengthen the film's narrative depth.

Another interesting aspect is that Sesh has been consciously working towards creating pan-India appeal. His recent and upcoming films are being planned on a larger scale, often targeting both Telugu and Hindi audiences. This strategy has helped him gain recognition beyond regional cinema and position himself as a versatile actor-writer in the industry.

Fans are particularly excited because Sesh is known to take his time between projects to ensure quality. Instead of signing multiple films at once, he prefers to focus on scripts that offer something unique. This careful selection process has resulted in a strong filmography, and expectations are high for his upcoming ventures.