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A SMALL NATION THAT REWROTE HISTORY



When global superpowers like the United States and Israel—known for having some of the most powerful military forces in the world—stand united, many countries tend to surrender within weeks. But Iran did not. For 40 days, it withstood attack after attack, enduring each strike, and ultimately stood tall before the world.

On February 28, 2026, the United States and Israel reportedly launched sudden strikes on Iran. In these attacks, Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei was said to have been killed. Military bases and government buildings were destroyed. The attackers believed this would break Iran. But what followed was entirely different.

Even without leadership, Iran's military did not take a step back. Missiles were launched into the sky. Drones crossed borders. Iran's resistance had begun.

Using ballistic missiles and drone swarms, Iran turned time itself into a strategic weapon. Its goals included exhausting Israel's interceptor reserves and inflicting continuous economic damage. Instead of launching one massive attack, Iran chose relentless, sustained pressure—wearing down the enemy over time. This strategy proved effective in the war.

Meanwhile, Iran disrupted

traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, causing Brent crude oil prices to rise above \$100 per barrel. Gulf nations also faced Iranian strikes. Concerns over the global economy began to grow. With a single move, Iran shook the global oil market, demonstrating that it could disrupt the world economy if attacked.

According to analysts, the war turned into a major setback for the United States. Eventually, the White House sought a way out and opted for a ceasefire. In other words, it stepped back from the conflict. The U.S. reportedly called for reopening Hormuz and initiating talks. However, Iran responded by demanding that its conditions be reviewed first.

With limited options, the United States agreed to Iran's terms. Iran also arranged a direct negotiation meeting in Islamabad. In this way, Iran managed to assert its position in nearly every aspect—standing firm even against a superpower.

Following the ceasefire announcement, large crowds gathered in the streets of Tehran and Baghdad. Iranian leaders declared that the war had ended on their own terms.

This was not just a ceasefire—it was a moment that demonstrated how a smaller nation can stand strong even before a



Iran War 2026 Timeline Highlights	March 13–18, 2026 – Civilian impact rises
Feb 28, 2026 War begins	Major casualties reported on both sides
US & Israel launch major airstrikes on Iran	Infrastructure damage:
Operation targets:	Airports shut
Nuclear sites	Power disruptions
Military bases	Large-scale evacuations begin
Leadership compounds	March 19–24, 2026 – Economic shock
This marks the official start of the war:	Global oil prices surge
March 1–3, 2026 – First retaliation	Trade routes disrupted
Iran fires:	Shipping companies avoid conflict zones
Ballistic missiles	March 25–31, 2026 – Intensified strikes
Drones toward Israel and US bases	Continued air raids by US & Israel
Air defense systems activated across the region	Iran increases long-range missile attacks
March 4–7, 2026 – Rapid escalation	Cyberattacks and electronic warfare reported
War spreads to nearby countries:	April 1–5, 2026 – War peak phase
Gulf nations on alert	Heavy bombardment across multiple regions
Oil facilities targeted	Increased international concern
Shipping risks rise in the Strait of Hormuz	Diplomatic pressure for ceasefire rises
March 8–12, 2026 – Regional conflict expands	April 6–8, 2026 – Ceasefire efforts
Proxy groups join:	Talks begin for stopping the war
Hezbollah attacks from Lebanon	Partial/temporary ceasefire announced
Israel responds with heavy strikes in Lebanon	Some attacks still reported
Missile/drone activity seen across multiple countries	

superpower. The lessons from these 40 days are clear: even without a supreme leader, Iran did not stop fighting. It did not lose its resolve. Rather than a single large strike, continuous pressure wore down its adversaries—that was Iran's strategy. The closure of Hormuz shook the world. Ultimately, Iran entered negotiations with its own set of conditions, showcasing its diplomatic strength. The next two weeks are considered crucial. Will this lead to genuine diplomacy, or will tensions

rise again? That remains to be seen. In the end, for 40 days, Iran faced the United States, Israel, and much of the world at once. It did not bow. It achieved a ceasefire on its own terms. While Iran may face criticism regarding regional instability and alleged support for militancy, its ability to stand firm in war against powerful nations is seen as remarkable. This episode may go down in history as a rare moment when a smaller nation pushed back against a global superpower.

Ghana Envoy Meets Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

The High Commissioner of Ghana to India, Prof. Kwasi Obiri-Danso, met Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in Hyderabad on Wednesday, marking a significant step toward strengthening bilateral ties.

The meeting was held at the Chief Minister's residence, where both leaders discussed opportunities to enhance cooperation between Ghana and Telangana across various sectors. The Ghanaian envoy expressed interest in building partnerships in education, healthcare, science and technology, and trade, emphasizing the potential for mutual growth and development.

Prof. Obiri-Danso highlighted the importance of knowledge exchange and collaboration, particularly in areas where Telangana has established itself as a leader, such as information technology and pharmaceuticals. He also conveyed Ghana's willingness to explore academic partnerships and skill development initiatives that could benefit students and professionals from both regions.

Responding positively, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy assured the visiting dignitary of the state government's support



in fostering international collaborations. He underlined Telangana's commitment to expanding its global engagement and attracting investments that contribute to innovation and economic progress.

Officials said the interaction reflects Telangana's proactive approach to building international relationships and promoting itself as an attractive destination for global partnerships. The discussions are expected to pave the way for institutional tie-ups, trade linkages, and collaborative projects in

the near future.

The meeting also signifies growing regional-level diplomacy, with states like Telangana playing an active role in strengthening India's global connections. With increasing focus on international cooperation, such engagements are likely to boost economic and cultural exchanges between Ghana and the state.

Both sides expressed optimism about future collaboration and agreed to explore concrete proposals to deepen ties in the coming months.



Dr Goudiperu Named IPC Major General

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Dr Supriya Ratna Kumar Goudiperu has been appointed as Major General in the International Police Commission – Global Command – Intergovernmental Organisation (IPC GC IGO), marking a notable milestone in her career in public service and social welfare.

In her new role, Dr Goudiperu will serve as the South Asian Commander, overseeing coordination of various initiatives and programmes across the region. The appointment is seen as recognition of her contributions to rehabilitation, public assistance, and community development.

Following the appointment, she met Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma and briefed him on her ongoing projects and future plans. During the interaction, she highlighted her flagship initiative, the Public Rehabilitation and Assistance Network (P.R.A.N.), which aims to strengthen access to welfare services for vulnerable sections of society.

The P.R.A.N initiative focuses on improving rehabilitation systems, enhancing public assistance mechanisms, and ensuring better coordination between institutions and

beneficiaries. It also seeks to establish effective grievance redressal channels and promote inclusive service delivery, particularly for persons with disabilities and marginalized communities.

Dr Goudiperu emphasized the importance of making welfare services more accessible and efficient. She noted that her work is driven by the goal of creating a more inclusive support system that addresses the needs of underserved populations at the grassroots level. Officials said the initiative is being implemented across multiple regions, including rural areas, with a focus on bridging gaps in existing welfare infrastructure. Training programmes are also being conducted to equip staff in institutions working with individuals with intellectual and developmental challenges.

Her elevation to a senior international position is expected to further strengthen efforts in social welfare and institutional development across South Asia.

The appointment has been welcomed by various stakeholders, who believe it will bring greater visibility to initiatives focused on inclusive growth and community empowerment.



Sridhar Babu Slams BRS Over Farmers' Protests

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister D. Sridhar Babu has accused the Bharat Rashtra Samithi of politicising farmers' protests in the state, alleging that the opposition is attempting to mislead the farming community for political gain. Addressing the media, Sridhar Babu said that the activities and outreach programmes being carried out by BRS leaders were not genuinely aimed at resolving farmers' issues. Instead, he claimed they were designed to create confusion and project the government in a negative light. He accused the party of spreading misinformation and instigating unrest among farmers.

The minister asserted that the state government remains committed to safeguarding the interests of farmers and is implementing policies focused on agricultural growth and welfare. He said the administration is taking concrete steps to address challenges faced by farmers, including improving infrastructure, ensuring timely support, and strengthening institutional mechanisms.

Sridhar Babu further alleged that the opposition's actions were hindering the state's development progress. He stated that repeated attempts to create political disturbances could impact investor confidence and slow down ongoing

projects. According to him, such tactics were counterproductive and not in the larger interest of the state. Taking a strong stand, the minister criticized the BRS for what he described as "political theatrics," accusing it of prioritizing political mileage over genuine concern for farmers. He said the government is focused on transparent governance and long-term solutions, while the opposition is engaged in creating short-term political narratives. The remarks came amid intensifying political exchanges between the ruling Congress and the BRS, with farmers' issues emerging as a key point of contention. The opposition has been actively organizing protests and visiting various regions to highlight grievances related to agriculture and rural development. However, Sridhar Babu maintained that meaningful solutions can only be achieved through constructive dialogue rather than confrontation. He reiterated that the government is open to addressing genuine concerns raised by farmers and is willing to engage with all stakeholders to find practical solutions.

The ongoing war of words reflects the growing political tension in Telangana, with both the ruling party and the opposition seeking to assert their positions on farmers' welfare.

Lockheed Martin Team Meets CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

A delegation from Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Limited (TL-MAL), led by Managing Director Tim Riffle, met Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in Hyderabad on Tuesday. During the meeting, the delegation discussed ongoing and upcoming aerospace manufacturing initiatives in India. Tim Riffle briefed the Chief Minister on the plans of Lockheed Martin to establish a final assembly line for the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft in the country, marking a significant step in strengthening India's aerospace manufacturing capabilities. The delegation also highlighted the existing collaboration between Lockheed Martin and Tata Advanced Systems Limited for the production of F-16 fighter jet wings in India. The project is aimed at catering to international demand and further positioning India as a key hub in the global aerospace supply chain. Tim Riffle conveyed the

company's interest in expanding its footprint in Telangana and exploring new investment opportunities in the state. He emphasized the advantages offered by Telangana, including its industrial ecosystem, skilled workforce, and supportive government policies. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy welcomed the interest shown by the company and assured support for investments that would boost industrial growth and employment generation in the state. He reiterated the government's commitment to promoting Telangana as a preferred destination for global companies, particularly in high-technology sectors like aerospace and defense manufacturing. Officials said the discussions also touched upon the potential for future collaborations, technology transfer, and strengthening the aerospace ecosystem in the region. The meeting reflects Telangana's growing appeal among international companies and its efforts to attract strategic investments in advanced manufacturing sectors.

CSR Spending Should Be Partnership, Not Expense: CM

Hyderabad, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday urged corporate firms to view Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) spending as a “partnership in development” rather than a mere expense, while interacting with representatives of leading companies in Hyderabad. At a meeting focused on optimizing CSR contributions, the Chief Minister emphasized that funds allocated by companies should yield measurable and meaningful outcomes. He said the government is prioritizing key sectors such as education, healthcare, and water resource conservation, and encouraged companies to align their CSR initiatives with these focus areas or choose sectors of their preference. Revanth Reddy highlighted that collaborative efforts between the government and corporate sector could significantly enhance the quality of education and skill development in the state. He noted that investments in education should be seen as long-term in-



vestments in future generations, adding that such initiatives could equip Telangana's youth with globally competitive skills. The Chief Minister pointed out that nearly 44 percent of the state's student population is concentrated in Hy-

derabad, underlining the collective responsibility to provide them with quality education and infrastructure. He also called upon companies to prioritize development in the regions where they operate, stating that firms benefiting

from local infrastructure should reinvest in those areas through CSR activities. To streamline CSR implementation, the government has appointed a dedicated Special Chief Secretary to coordinate with companies and ensure ef-

fective utilization of funds. The Chief Minister said corporate representatives could channel their CSR contributions into diverse areas such as education, healthcare, skill development, protection of heritage structures, and environmental conservation. He appreciated several organizations for their proactive commitments, noting that the Raheja Group and Ramky Group have each pledged 50 crore, while Yashoda Foundation has committed 10 crore towards educational development initiatives. Corporate representatives welcomed the initiative, stating that such direct engagement on CSR planning was unprecedented. They expressed willingness to collaborate with the government, particularly in strengthening school education, healthcare services, and preservation of heritage sites. The meeting was attended by representatives from major corporate groups, healthcare institutions, and government officials, who discussed avenues for effective partnership to accelerate inclusive growth and sustainable development across Telangana.



Harish Rao Flags Irrigation Mismanagement

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Former minister and Bharat Rashtra Samithi Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao has strongly criticised the Congress government over the operation and maintenance of key irrigation projects, including Kaleshwaram and Devadula. In an open letter addressed to Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Harish Rao expressed serious concern over the alleged unscientific handling of heavy motors in these projects. He accused the authorities of repeatedly switching the motors on and off in violation of established engineering norms.

Harish Rao stated that such practices could cause severe damage to pumps, impellers, and motors due to vibrations and operational stress. He warned that these large irrigation motors are designed to run continuously and that frequent starting and stopping could lead to costly breakdowns. Raising sharp questions, he alleged that there could be a deliberate attempt to damage the equipment and later shift the blame onto the previous BRS government. He questioned whether the situation was a result of administrative negligence or a calculated conspiracy. The former minister termed the alleged

mismanagement as highly irresponsible, pointing out that these projects were built using thousands of crores of public funds. He said careless handling of such critical infrastructure would not only lead to financial losses but also impact irrigation support for farmers. Harish Rao also highlighted concerns regarding motor operations in multiple packages, including Chandalapur and packages 6, 8, 10, 11, and 12, stating that the current approach was unacceptable and against technical standards. He urged the government to immediately stop the practice of frequent on-and-off operations and ensure that motors are run in accordance with engineering design and guidelines. Proper maintenance and scientific handling, he said, are essential to safeguard the long-term functionality of the projects.

Issuing a stern warning, Harish Rao said irrigation projects are the lifeline of Telangana's farmers and should not be subjected to political interference. He called on the government to prioritise farmers' interests and avoid actions that could jeopardise vital infrastructure. The remarks have added to the growing political confrontation between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS over irrigation and governance issues in the state.



Konda Surekha Offers Prayers at Srisailem

Nandyal, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha visited the sacred Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple at Srisailem in Nandyal district of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday.

The minister was accompanied by her daughter Sushmita Patel and grandson Konda Shreyansh Muralikrishna Patel during the visit. On their arrival at the temple, priests and temple officials welcomed the family with traditional honours and customary rituals.

Konda Surekha, along with her family members, participated in special rituals at the temple. They performed abhishekam to Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy and took part in kumkumarchana dedicated to Goddess Bhramaramba. The rituals were conducted as per established temple traditions in a spiritual atmosphere filled with Vedic chants.

Following the rituals, Vedic scholars offered blessings to the minister and her family through Vedic ashirvachanam. The temple authorities ensured that all arrangements were made smoothly for the minister's visit without disrupting regular darshan for devotees.

On the occasion, Temple Executive Officer M. Srinivasa Rao presented the minister with a framed portrait of Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy along with Goddess Bhramaramba as a mark of respect and tradition.

Speaking after the visit, Konda Surekha said she had fulfilled her vows by offering prayers along with her daughter. She expressed her devotion and prayed for the continued blessings of the deities on her family members.

The minister stated that she sought divine blessings for the well-being and bright future of her grandchildren, including her granddaughter Shreshtha Patel and grandson Shreyansh Muralikrishna Patel. She said she prayed for their success, prosperity, and good health.

Devotees present at the temple expressed happiness on seeing the minister participate in rituals like a common devotee. Many appreciated her simple approach and spiritual devotion during the visit.

The temple, one of the most prominent pilgrimage centres in South India, witnessed a steady flow of devotees on the day, with officials ensuring smooth arrangements throughout.

Seethakka Reviews Water Supply and Rural Works

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Seethakka held a detailed review meeting at the Secretariat on Mission Bhagiratha, employment guarantee works, and implementation of the PESA Act in agency areas.

Senior officials, including Special Chief Secretary Sanjay Kumar, Director Divya Devarajan, Engineer-in-Chief Kripakar Reddy, chief engineers, and other officials attended the meeting. Officials briefed the minister on the current status of drinking water supply in villages across the state.

They informed that sufficient water reserves are available in reservoirs to meet drinking water needs. However,



the minister directed officials to ensure careful and efficient use of water without

Minister Jupally Rides Metro Like Common Man

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao surprised commuters by travelling in the city metro like a common passenger on Tuesday. Breaking away from official protocol, the minister opted for a simple and unassuming journey as he boarded the metro from Erramanzil station to Miyapur to attend a private programme in the city. Upon reaching the station, he personally purchased a ticket and proceeded to the platform without any special arrangements.

During the journey, the metro coach was crowded, but the minister chose not to seek a

seat and instead stood alongside fellow passengers. He interacted with commuters during the ride, engaging in casual conversations and gathering feedback about the metro services and passenger experience. Passengers were initially surprised to see the minister travelling among them without any official entourage. However, his friendly approach soon put them at ease, and many commuters interacted with him enthusiastically. Several passengers also requested selfies, to which the minister responded patiently, posing for photographs with them.

Speaking during the journey, Jupally Krishna Rao appreciated the efficiency of the metro system and noted that it plays a crucial role in helping people

reach their destinations quickly while avoiding traffic congestion. He observed that metro services have become an important part of urban transport in Hyderabad.

The minister's gesture of travelling like an ordinary citizen drew positive reactions from commuters, who lauded his simplicity and willingness to connect directly with the public. His interaction with passengers also highlighted the importance of public transport in easing daily travel challenges in the city.

The incident reflects a growing trend of public representatives opting for direct engagement with citizens, stepping beyond official protocols to better understand ground realities.



New Tourism Special CS Hits Vani Prasad The Ground Running

Reviews Key Tourism Projects In Hyderabad Stressed Completed Tourism infrastructure Shouldn't Be Allowed To Remain Idle

Hyderabad: Signalling a proactive start to her tenure, Telangana's Special Chief Secretary for Tourism, Youth Advancement and Culture, A. Vani Prasad, IAS, recently conducted a field inspection of key tourism infrastructure in Hyderabad soon after assuming charge, with a focus on bringing long-pending and underutilised public facilities into full operation. Accompanied by P. Gautami, Managing Director of the Telangana Tourism Development Corporation (TGT-DC), and department officials, Vani Prasad visited the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Statue premises near Necklace Road and the Musical Fountain at Sanjeeviah Park, Hyderabad.

During the inspection, the Special Chief Secretary reviewed the status of several tourism assets that have already been completed but remain either unopened to the public or are being used only partially. Officials were directed to take immediate steps to ensure that these facilities are fully operationalised without further delay. At the Ambedkar Statue premises, Vani Prasad reviewed the surrounding development works and instructed officials to prepare a comprehensive plan for the proposed lawn areas, with emphasis on improving aesthetics and enhancing the visitor experience. She also suggested that the available spaces be utilised more effectively for tourism-related activities, cultural programmes and public engagement events. Later, the



team inspected the Musical Fountain project at Sanjeeviah Park, which was completed with support from the Union Ministry of Tourism but has not yet been opened to the public. Expressing concern over the delay, Vani Prasad directed the officials concerned to expedite the necessary formalities and make the facility accessible at the earliest.

She stressed that completed tourism infrastructure should not be allowed to remain idle and underlined the importance of ensuring that public investments translate into visible benefits for both residents and visitors. She also called for better upkeep, timely execution and efficient management to strengthen tourism infrastructure in Hyderabad and across Telangana. TGTDC MD Gautami assured the Special Chief Secretary that immediate steps would be taken to fast-track the opening of the Musical Fountain and prioritise development around the Ambedkar Statue premises. The visit is being seen as an early indication of the government's intent to push for faster execution and better utilisation of tourism infrastructure in the state.

Harish Rao Meet Cancelled, BRS Alleges Undemocratic Move

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Political tensions intensified in Telangana after authorities cancelled permission for a public meeting proposed by senior Bharat Rashtra Samithi leader T. Harish Rao, which was scheduled to be held on April 9.

The meeting was planned in Revalli mandal of Wanaparthy constituency in support of farmers protesting against the proposed Gollapalli reservoir project. Farmers in the region have been staging continuous protests and relay hunger strikes for nearly 100 days, expressing concerns over the necessity and impact of the project.

BRS leaders alleged that the Congress government initially granted permission for the meeting and allowed all arrangements to be made, but later abruptly cancelled the approval. They termed the move undemocratic and accused the government of trying to suppress opposition voices and prevent public gatherings.

The situation comes amid heightened tensions, as BRS leaders also alleged that former ministers and ex-MLAs were detained a day earlier while attempting to visit protesting farmers in Parigi. The party claimed that such actions reflect a broader attempt by the government to restrict political activity and silence dissent.

According to BRS leaders, the proposed Gollapalli reservoir is unnecessary since the nearby Yedula reservoir already has a storage capacity of seven TMC. They alleged that the new project is being pushed



forward mainly for financial interests, particularly for mobilisation advances, rather than for genuine public benefit.

The opposition further argued that completing pending works under the Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation scheme would allow water storage in reservoirs such as Narlapur, Yedula, Vattam, and Karivena. They said this would make the Gollapalli project redundant and questioned the government's priorities.

BRS leaders also criticised the Congress government for cancelling canal tenders soon after coming to power, while now focusing on new projects instead of completing ongoing works. They said farmers have been protesting for months due to these decisions.

Reacting strongly, former minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy condemned the cancellation of permission and said the party would approach the High Court to secure approval for the meeting.

He stated that the government was attempting to suppress the voice of the opposition, which is raising issues on behalf of farmers. He added that the BRS, known for its history of movements, would not be intimidated by cases or threats.

The issue has further escalated political tensions in Telangana, with farmers' protests and irrigation projects becoming a major point of conflict between the ruling Congress and the opposition.



Ranjith Kumar Joins Telangana Jagruthi

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

In a significant political development, Nadigadda Rights Struggle Committee president Gongalla Ranjith Kumar, along with his supporters, joined Telangana Jagruthi at its office in Banjara Hills on Tuesday.

He was formally welcomed into the organisation by Kalvakuntla Kavitha, who draped the party scarf and extended her support. The induction ceremony was attended by several members and supporters, marking a notable addition to the group's growing base.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavitha made strong political remarks and set the tone for future activities. She declared that April 25 would be a historic day that would change the future and political narrative of Telangana. She said Telan-

gana Jagruthi is preparing to introduce a new generation of leadership and a fresh style of politics in the state.

Kavitha emphasized that the organisation would question, fight, and work towards resolving public issues. She stated that their approach would be rooted among the people, working closely with common citizens and representing their concerns. She criticized both the ruling Congress and the opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi, alleging that neither is addressing the real problems faced by the public. According to her, Telangana Jagruthi is increasingly becoming a voice for people seeking accountability. Launching a sharp attack on the Congress government, Kavitha alleged that Telangana has turned into a financial resource base for national politics. She also accused the government of intimidating peo-

ple in the name of real estate and enforcement drives.

Taking aim at the leadership, she made critical remarks against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing him of compromising the state's interests and failing to question central decisions affecting Telangana.

Kavitha further alleged that both Congress and the BJP are being politically managed while the public is being misled. She claimed that Telangana Jagruthi would emerge as a strong alternative, focusing solely on public issues. She concluded by stating that the organisation is working with experts at an international level to prepare a comprehensive agenda aimed at addressing people's concerns. She asserted that Telangana Jagruthi would soon demonstrate a new model of people-centric politics in the state.

K.P. Vivekananda Targets Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy Over Mining Row

Hyderabad, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Senior leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) launched a sharp attack on Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy during a press meet at Telangana Bhavan, accusing him of corruption, illegal mining links, and failure to protect government lands. Addressing the media, Assembly whip K.P. Vivekananda alleged that the minister avoided accountability during the recent Assembly budget session. He claimed that after BRS leader T. Harish Rao raised the issue of alleged irregularities in Raghava Constructions' mining activities with supporting evidence, Ponguleti left for Kerala overnight under the pretext of election campaigning. BRS leaders accused the Revenue Department of being "deeply mired in corruption" and alleged that illegal mining activities were being exposed gradually. They further claimed that the minister's recent press conference appeared more like a defense of a private firm rather than a government response.

BRS general secretary R. S. Praveen Kumar demanded the immediate resignation of Ponguleti, alleging that his state-



ments were aimed at covering up irregularities. He also accused the Congress government of shielding the minister and failing to act against alleged violations. The leaders questioned the relationship between the state government and private firms such as Raghava Constructions and Megha Engineering, alleging that public resources were being diverted for private gain. They expressed concern that Telangana's assets, including land and natural resources,

were being exploited without proper oversight.

Raising the issue of Nadargul lands, BRS MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan Kumar alleged large-scale irregularities and negligence by the Revenue Department. He said the BRS government had previously taken steps to safeguard these lands and questioned why the current administration failed to act despite visible encroachments and disputes. The party also alleged intimidation of landowners in areas like Vattinagulapalli, claiming that private groups used force and machinery to assert control. They demanded clarity on reported police transfers linked to cases filed against such activities. BRS leaders further criticized the government for not responding adequately in the Assembly when mining-related discussions were raised, alleging that proceedings were adjourned to avoid answering questions. The opposition party reiterated its demand for a thorough probe into the alleged illegal mining operations and land issues, and called for greater transparency and accountability in the functioning of the Revenue Department.

The leaders warned that if the government fails to act, the party would intensify protests across the state.

Hyderabad, April 9 | TPN Bureau

At a round table meeting organized by the Telangana Adhyayana Samacharana Kendram (TASK), Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan Kumar presented a sharp critique of the Telangana Budget 2025-26, calling it a "numerical illusion masking deep governance failures."

Speaking at the event, Dr. Sravan Kumar emphasized that budget analysis must go beyond headline allocations. He said a holistic evaluation requires scrutiny of the Governor's address, Finance Minister's speech, Socio-Economic Survey reports, and CAG findings, with a strong focus on actual expenditure rather than estimates.

He alleged that the state's fiscal health has deteriorated significantly under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. According to him, Telangana moved from a revenue surplus of 779 crore to a deficit of 9,420 crore within two years, reflecting what he described as the government's inability to generate sustainable income.

Citing CAG data, the BRS leader claimed that the govern-



ment relied heavily on borrowings, approaching the RBI for funds on 363 out of 365 days in 2024-25. He further alleged discrepancies in debt figures, stating that while 3.47 lakh crore was borrowed, only 1.67 lakh crore was repaid under FRBM norms, accusing the government of inflating repayment claims by including corporate liabilities.

Dr. Sravan Kumar also highlighted a wide gap between allocations and actual spending across sectors. He pointed out that only 413 crore was spent out of 7,903 crore allocated for housing, while welfare funds for SC/ST/OBC communities saw significant underutilization. Similar trends were observed in minority welfare and

agriculture, where expenditure remained below 50 percent.

On central funding, he criticized the state government for failing to secure adequate grants despite claims of strong ties with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Against a target of 21,000 crore, the state reportedly received less than 7,000 crore.

The BRS leader further accused the government of neglecting farmers, alleging weak implementation of schemes like Rythu Bharosa and delays in compensation to families of farmers who died by suicide. He also questioned employment claims, stating that a significant portion of the announced jobs were initi-

ated during the previous BRS regime.

Concerns were also raised over low allocations to education and health, which remain below national averages, and the lack of clarity on initiatives like the Young India Skills University.

Calling for corrective measures, Dr. Sravan Kumar urged the government to ensure fiscal discipline, improve transparency, fully utilize welfare funds, and adopt balanced regional development instead of a Hyderabad-centric approach.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Erroju Srinivas and attended by several academicians and public representatives.

Ponguleti Counters Harish Rao Over Nadargul Land Row

Hyderabad, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has strongly rebutted allegations made by BRS leader T. Harish Rao over the Nadargul land issue, calling them "baseless and politically motivated."

Responding to claims of large-scale irregularities in land dealings at Nadargul, Ponguleti asserted that neither he nor his family members have any involvement in the dispute. He stated that the matter is sub judice and linked to ongoing legal proceedings, and advised opposition leaders to avoid mak-

ing misleading statements for political gain.

The controversy began after Harish Rao alleged that hundreds of acres of land in Nadargul, on the outskirts of Hyderabad, were being illegally occupied by entities allegedly linked to the minister's family. He also accused the government of failing to protect the interests of farmers and weaker sections dependent on those lands.

Rejecting the allegations, Ponguleti said that the ownership of the land has already been examined through legal processes and that private parties have le-

gitimate claims. He added that the transactions and developments related to the land date back to earlier periods, including when the BRS was in power.

The minister further accused the opposition of politicizing the issue to create confusion among the public. He said that instead of respecting legal findings, certain leaders were attempting to spread misinformation and damage the government's image.

Ponguleti also questioned why the issue was not raised during the previous regime, suggesting that the timing

of the allegations reflects a political motive. He reiterated that the government is committed to transparency and will act in accordance with the law.

The Nadargul land dispute has triggered a political war of words between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS, with both sides exchanging allegations.

As the matter remains under judicial consideration, the issue is likely to continue as a key political flashpoint in Telangana, drawing attention to broader concerns over land governance and accountability.



Officials Spring Into Action After TPN Report Exposes Illegal Constructions in Nizampet

Quthbullapur, April 8 | TPN Bureau

A hard-hitting report published by True Point News (TPN) has triggered swift administrative action in the Nizampet Circle, where illegal constructions had long been flourishing unchecked — even on previously seized premises.

The TPN story, titled "Seized Building, Fresh Construction in Shed... An Open Challenge to the Law!", shone a spotlight on blatant violations taking place near the Bachupally Sub-Station. The report exposed how construction activity had resumed on a shed that authorities had

seized as far back as February — with officials apparently turning a blind eye for months.

The impact was immediate. The Town Planning Department, which had remained conspicuously silent until now, swung into action shortly after the article was published. Bulldozers were deployed to demolish the illegal shed and unauthorized commercial structures near the Bachupally Sub-Station — marking a significant, if long-overdue, enforcement response.

The sequence of events, however, has raised uncomfortable questions. If a single media report

could prompt officials to act within hours, why had the same authorities failed to take action for months after the initial seizure in February? The incident lays bare a troubling pattern — that accountability in the system often requires public pressure to function.

Town Planning ACP Praseeda, speaking on the action taken, stated firmly: "No illegal construction will be tolerated, regardless of who is behind it. Whether it involves seized buildings, sheds, or commercial structures, any violations will be met with strict action. Our Town Planning staff were

fully involved in carrying out these demolitions."

While the statement signals a renewed commitment to enforcement, critics argue that such resolve should not depend on media intervention. The Quthbullapur episode stands as a clear example of the power of responsible journalism — and equally, of the gaps that persist in proactive governance.

For now, residents of the area are cautiously optimistic, hoping that this swift response marks the beginning of sustained action rather than a one-time reaction to public scrutiny.



CMC Launches Road Clearance Drive Against Encroachments in Gajularamaram

Quthbullapur, April 8 | TPN Bureau

In a decisive crackdown on illegal encroachments, municipal authorities carried out a special road clearance operation in the Shapur Nagar area under the Gajularamaram Circle, acting on the directions of the CMC Commissioner.

The drive, conducted with the active support of police personnel, saw the removal of unauthorised sheds, boards, and other obstructions that had been erected on public roads, significantly hampering the free movement of traffic and pedestrians in the area.

Deputy Commissioner Sri-pad Rameshwar, speaking on the occasion, issued a stern warning to those occupying public roads illegally, stating



that strict legal action would be initiated against anyone found encroaching on roads within the circle limits. He urged residents and shopkeepers to cooperate with the authorities and refrain from occupying public spaces.

The operation was carried out jointly by Cyberabad Municipal Corporation staff, Town Planning ACP Sumitra, TPS Machhender, Traffic Police personnel, and Law and

Order staff, reflecting a coordinated effort between civic and law enforcement agencies.

Officials indicated that such enforcement drives would continue regularly across the circle to ensure roads remain free of encroachments and accessible to the public. Residents of the area welcomed the initiative, expressing hope that the cleared roads would remain obstruction-free in the days ahead.



CMRF Cheque Distributed to Varshith's Family in Medipally

Medipally, April 8 | TPN Bureau

A government-sanctioned Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheque was distributed today to the family of Pulkam Varshith, a resident of Maabhavani Colony in 10th Division, Peerzadiguda, at the office of Tungaturthi Ravi.

The cheque was sanctioned through the special initiative of District Congress Committee President Vajresh Yadav,

whose personal intervention ensured the timely release of the relief amount to the distressed family.

On the occasion, members of the affected family expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the leaders for their timely support and efforts in securing the financial assistance. The relief has come as a significant help to the family during their time of hardship.

BRS Leaders Distribute CM Relief Fund Cheque to Needy Resident in Quthbullapur

Quthbullapur, April 8 | TPN Bureau

The Chief Minister's Relief Fund is proving to be a lifeline for economically distressed families in the Quthbullapur constituency, with BRS leaders ensuring its benefits reach those most in need.

At the MLA office in Chinthala, Quthbullapur MLA and BRS Party Whip K.P. Vivekanand took the initiative to facilitate the distribution of a Letter of Credit (LOC) worth Rs 2,20,000 to Vishwakarma Chandini, a resident of Balayyanagar, under the CM Relief Fund scheme.

The LOC was handed over to

the beneficiary through the hands of 125 Division BRS President Vijayaram Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, party leaders emphasized that the CM Relief Fund has been playing a vital role in supporting poor families facing severe financial hardships, offering them much-needed relief during difficult times.

The event was attended by Parishu Srinivas Yadav, Telangana Sai, Balayyanagar President E. Nagesh, Sunil, Kumar, Varma, Chinna, Taurya, Ranjan, and several other party workers and local leaders.



Trainee Pilot Assault Case Raises Alarm

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

A disturbing case of alleged sexual assault involving a trainee woman pilot has surfaced in Begumpet, sparking concern over safety standards in aviation training institutes.

According to police, a flying instructor at a private pilot training institute has been accused of sexually assaulting a female trainee and subjecting her to continued harassment. The case was registered at Begumpet police station after the victim lodged a formal complaint detailing her ordeal.

In her statement, the trainee alleged that the instructor initially gained her trust by behaving in a supportive and protective manner during her training. The situation reportedly escalated when he called her to his residence under false pretences and allegedly assaulted her. She further claimed that the accused threatened her against speaking out and continued to intimidate her in the following months.

The victim stated that the ongoing harassment and fear forced her to stop attending training sessions. She also alleged that the accused used his



position of authority to manipulate and exploit her vulnerability, making it difficult for her to come forward earlier.

Police officials said a case has been registered under relevant sections dealing with sexual assault, criminal intimidation, and abuse of authority. The accused has been taken into custody, and further investigation is underway.

Investigators are currently collecting evidence, including digital records and witness statements, to build a strong case. Officials emphasized that strict action will be taken

based on the findings of the probe.

The incident has triggered widespread concern about the safety of women in professional training environments, particularly in specialized fields like aviation. It has also highlighted the need for stricter monitoring, grievance redressal mechanisms, and accountability within private training institutions.

Authorities have urged victims of harassment to report incidents without fear, assuring necessary support and legal protection.

GHMC Leader Nemali Anil Surveys Mallapur Division Colonies, Raises Street Light Issues

Mallapur, April 8 | TPN Bureau

As part of the Basti Bata programme, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation leader Nemali Anil visited several colonies in Mallapur Division and took stock of the problems faced by residents, with electricity and street lighting emerging as the most pressing concerns.

During the visits, locals brought to his attention that the absence of street lights in many bastis has plunged neighbourhoods into darkness at night, enabling anti-social elements to operate freely. Residents also raised alarm over the growing menace of stray dogs in unlit streets, creating fear and safety concerns among the public, particularly



for women and children. Additionally, the lack of adequate lighting near speed breakers

was cited as a major factor contributing to road accidents in the area. Taking immediate

cognisance of the grievances, Nemali Anil on Wednesday formally met Electricity Department Divisional Engineer Subbarao and submitted a petition highlighting the issues. He specifically requested the installation of new electric poles in areas lacking street lighting infrastructure, urging the department to prioritise the work on an urgent basis.

Speaking after the meeting, Nemali Anil assured residents that efforts would continue until a permanent solution is found to address all the lighting-related problems, keeping public safety and convenience at the forefront. He added that the Basti Bata programme would continue to serve as a platform for identifying and resolving grassroots-level issues across the division.

Yoga Session Held at Pranavaayu Park as Part of 99-Day Action Plan

Quthbullapur, April 8 | TPN Bureau

As part of the 34th day of the 99-day action plan being implemented under the Praja Palana Pragati Pranali initiative, a yoga programme was organised at the Pranavaayu Oxygen Park in the Gajularamaram Circle under the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation limits.

The session, which commenced at 6 AM, saw the participation of around 50 residents who were guided through yoga exercises by a trained yoga instructor. Participants were educated on the significance of yoga in maintaining good health and encouraged to incorporate it as a daily practice in their lives.

Speaking on the occasion, organisers stressed that yoga is not merely physical exercise but a holistic approach to overall well-being, benefiting both



mental and physical health. The serene environment of the Pranavaayu Oxygen Park provided an ideal setting for the early morning wellness session.

The programme was attended by officials from various departments under the Gajularamaram Circle, former corporator Ravula Sheshagiri, and several local residents. The enthusiastic turnout reflected growing public awareness and

interest in health and wellness activities being promoted through the civic body's ongoing action plan.

Officials reaffirmed their commitment to continuing such community-oriented programmes throughout the 99-day plan period, with the aim of fostering healthier lifestyles and stronger community engagement across all circles under the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation.

19-Year-Old Dies After Bike Hits Hoarding Pole in Bachupally

Quthbullapur, April 8 | TPN Bureau

A tragic road accident claimed the life of a young man in the Bachupally Police Station limits on Wednesday, plunging his family into grief and raising fresh concerns over road-side hoardings posing danger to motorists.

The incident occurred near Pragathi Nagar Kaman, where Kommu Ajay (19), a resident of Bachupally, was travelling on his motorcycle at high speed when he failed to notice a hoarding iron pole standing on the road and crashed into it. The impact was severe, and Ajay collapsed on the spot with critical injuries.

Locals who witnessed the accident immediately rushed



him to a nearby hospital, but

doctors declared him brought

dead on arrival. The sudden loss of such a young life has left his family devastated.

Bachupally Police, upon receiving information, rushed to the scene, registered a case, and launched an investigation into the circumstances of the accident. The body was shifted to a government hospital for post-mortem examination.

The incident has once again highlighted the grave danger posed by hoarding poles and other unauthorised structures erected on or near public roads. Residents of the area demanded that civic authorities conduct a thorough survey of roadside hoardings and take immediate steps to remove those that encroach upon carriageways and endanger the lives of commuters.

Double Bedroom House Pattas Distributed in Secunderabad

Secunderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnampallabharathi said that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the government is clearing long-pending housing applications and distributing double bedroom houses to eligible beneficiaries. The programme was held at Classic Gardens, where a total of 155 beneficiaries received housing allotment documents. The beneficiaries included residents from areas such as Marepally, ACS Nagar, Old Marepally, Sai Charan Colony, and Kattamaisamma in Secunderabad. The event was attended by MLA Sri Ganesh, former corporator

Deepika, and other local leaders and officials. Addressing the gathering, Minister Ponnampallabharathi said that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the government is clearing long-pending housing applications and distributing double bedroom houses to eligible beneficiaries. He stated that the government has also issued ration cards to all eligible families in urban areas and emphasized that the process of issuing ration cards will continue as an ongoing initiative. In addition, he said that the government is providing fine rice at the rate of six kilograms per person.

Highlighting welfare measures, the minister said the government is supplying up to 200 units of free electricity and providing free bus travel for women in RTC services. He noted that crores of women have benefited from free travel, resulting in significant savings. He also encouraged women above 16 years of age to become members of self-help groups to access interest-free loans and improve their livelihood opportunities. Officials were directed to conduct special drives to ensure maximum enrollment of women into such groups. The minister further stated that efforts are underway to transform slums in Hy-

derabad into double bedroom housing units. He added that the government plans to construct Indiramma houses for people with land and develop multi-storey housing facilities for those without land. He said discussions are being held with district collectors to implement the housing plans effectively. The minister also called for cooperation from the Centre in providing land in cantonment areas to facilitate housing construction. Congratulating the beneficiaries, he assured that more eligible families would soon receive housing benefits as part of the government's ongoing welfare initiatives.



Urban Health Centre Inaugurated in Nalgonda

Nalgonda, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said the government's primary objective is to provide quality healthcare services to the poor through government hospitals. As part of the "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranali" programme and the ongoing Health Week celebrations from April 6 to 11, the minister on Wednesday inaugurated a new Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) at Manyam Chelka in Nalgonda town. The facility has been constructed at a cost of 1.91 crore. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the new health centre was established to ease the burden on the Nalgonda Government General Hospital, which has been witnessing a heavy influx of patients. He stated that, along with government funds, addi-



tional infrastructure and medical facilities worth 50 lakh were arranged with support from Prateek Foundation. The UPHC has been equipped with necessary medical infrastructure and equipment, and the minister assured that more facilities would be added if required. He said the centre would cater to nearby residents, including elderly people and pregnant women, by providing accessible healthcare services. Doctors were instructed to offer all basic treat-

ments at the centre and refer patients to the government hospital if necessary. The minister also suggested that local representatives identify patients suffering from various ailments and guide them to the health centre. He added that, as Nalgonda has become a municipal corporation, efforts are being made to improve civic amenities such as roads, drainage, drinking water, and healthcare services. He further announced plans to establish an eye hospital on

three acres of land with the support of Prateek Foundation and LV Prasad institutions. In case of shortage of medicines at the UPHC, arrangements have been made through a private medical shop to provide essential drugs based on doctors' prescriptions. The minister said steps would also be taken to provide food to patients visiting the hospital with support from Akshaya Foundation if required. He directed doctors and ASHA workers to perform their duties efficiently and ensure better healthcare delivery to the poor. Nalgonda Mayor Burri Chaitanya Srinivas Reddy said the facility would benefit residents of Manyam Chelka and surrounding areas. Other officials and public representatives also appreciated the initiative, stating that the centre would significantly improve access to quality healthcare in the region.

Adilabad to Get Defence-Civil Enclave Airport

Hyderabad, April 8 | TPN Bureau

In a significant step towards improving regional connectivity, the Centre has approved plans to develop a defence airport with a civil enclave at Adilabad in Telangana. Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu said the proposed facility will serve both defence and civilian purposes, providing a major infrastructure boost to the northern region of the state, which currently lacks direct air connectivity. The project will be developed on an existing defence airstrip spread across nearly 360 acres. The Telangana government has been asked to acquire an additional 450 acres to support the expansion and development of a full-fledged airport capable of handling commercial operations. Officials stated that the proposed airport will be designed to accommodate aircraft such as Airbus A320, making it suitable for regular passenger services. The dual-use model—where



defence infrastructure is shared for civil aviation—is already operational in several parts of the country and has proven effective in enhancing connectivity. The proposal was cleared during high-level discussions involving Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu, and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, highlighting the strategic and developmental importance of the project. As part of the next phase, a joint team of officials from the Defence Ministry, Airports Authority of India, and the Telangana government will conduct

field inspections and technical studies before preparing a detailed master plan. The airport project is expected to meet a long-pending demand of the region and significantly reduce travel time for residents who currently depend on Hyderabad for air connectivity. It is also likely to boost economic growth, attract investments, and promote tourism in Adilabad and nearby districts. Authorities believe the initiative will play a key role in transforming Adilabad into an emerging development hub while strengthening overall infrastructure in Telangana.



DGP Reviews Projects, Stresses Timely Completion

Hyderabad, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy conducted a comprehensive review of ongoing police infrastructure and development projects across the state, directing officials to ensure their timely completion while maintaining quality standards. At the review meeting, the DGP assessed the progress of various construction and modernization works, including police buildings, barracks, offices, and other essential infrastructure aimed at strengthening law enforcement capabilities. He stressed that delays in execution would not be tolerated and instructed officials to strictly adhere to the timelines set for each project. Shivadhar Reddy emphasized the need for close coordination between engineering wings, district police units, and executing agencies to avoid bottlenecks. He asked officials to identify hurdles at an early stage and take proactive measures to resolve them, ensuring that projects do not get stalled due to administrative or technical issues. Highlighting the importance of accountability, the DGP directed field-level officers to regularly monitor the progress of works under their jurisdiction. He said officers must take personal responsibility for ensuring that projects are com-

pleted as per schedule and meet the required standards. Periodic reviews and reporting mechanisms were also emphasized to keep track of developments and address any deviations promptly. The DGP also underlined that while speed is essential, it should not come at the cost of quality. He instructed engineers and contractors to follow prescribed norms and ensure durability and functionality in all construction works. Quality infrastructure, he noted, plays a crucial role in improving the efficiency and morale of police personnel. Officials briefed the DGP on the status of various projects, including those in advanced stages and others facing minor delays. He directed that priority be given to projects nearing completion so that they can be made operational at the earliest. The review meeting reflects the Telangana Police leadership's focus on strengthening infrastructure to support modern policing needs. Enhanced facilities are expected to improve working conditions for personnel and contribute to better service delivery to the public. Reiterating his commitment to efficient project execution, Shivadhar Reddy called for a results-oriented approach and urged all stakeholders to work in coordination to ensure that the projects are completed within the stipulated timeframe.

TGDA Revamps Vaidya Bhavan for Visiting Doctors

Hyderabad, April 9 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGDA) has renovated Telangana Vaidya Bhavan in Hyderabad at a cost of nearly 70 lakh, creating a dedicated accommodation facility for doctors visiting the city on official assignments. The revamped facility was inaugurated on Wednesday by Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha and Principal Secretary (Health) Dr Christina Z. Chongthu. Speaking on the occasion, TGDA president Dr B. Narahari said the as-

sociation regained possession of the building in 2024 after a legal battle, following which elections were conducted. He noted that the renovation was made possible through contributions from doctors, starting at 1,000, which together raised close to 70 lakh. Of this, more than 60 lakh was spent on renovation, while the remaining amount was used for infrastructure development. The upgraded Vaidya Bhavan now features seven rooms and is designed for short-term stays by visiting doctors, especially those coming to Hyderabad as examiners or on official duty. The association has

fixed the accommodation tariff at 1,500 per day per person. Dr Narahari said the response has been encouraging, with the facility already fully booked for the next two weeks, as several medical professionals are scheduled to visit the city. The facility offers basic amenities such as furnished rooms, beds, and television, while food arrangements can be made separately. TGDA leaders said the initiative is aimed at providing affordable and convenient lodging for doctors, thereby supporting professional activities and strengthening coordination within the medical community.



HYDRAA Removes Encroachment in New Bhoiguda

Hyderabad, April 9 | TPN Bureau

The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) carried out a demolition drive in New Bhoiguda, Secunderabad, removing an illegal structure that had encroached on a public road and caused inconvenience to residents. According to officials, the action was initiated following complaints from local residents about an under-construction building obstructing a 20-foot-wide road. After a field inspection, authorities confirmed that the structure was unauthorized and had been built on land meant for public use without obtaining valid permissions. The encroachment had reduced the effective width of the road, making it difficult for vehicles and pedestrians to pass. Residents stated that the construction began as a small tem-



porary structure but gradually expanded into a larger building, blocking access to several homes in the area. Despite repeated objections

from the local community, the construction continued, forcing residents to seek intervention from authorities. Acting on these complaints, HYDRAA

officials, along with other concerned departments, took swift action to remove the illegal structure. Using heavy machinery, of-

ficials demolished the under-construction building and cleared the obstruction, restoring the road to its original width. The operation was carried out smoothly with minimal disruption to nearby areas. Residents expressed relief after the demolition, stating that the clearance has improved access and eased traffic movement. They appreciated the prompt response from authorities in resolving the issue. HYDRAA officials reiterated that strict action will continue against unauthorized constructions, especially those encroaching on public land and affecting civic infrastructure. They also urged citizens to report such violations to ensure better urban management. The agency has been actively conducting similar drives across Hyderabad as part of its efforts to protect public assets and ensure orderly development in the city.

“Ease AP” Program Promotes Mental Health Among First-Year Med Students

Chittoor, April 9 | TPN Bureau

First-year medical students at AIMSR, Chittoor participated in the inaugural Ease AP program, aimed at raising awareness about mental health and suicide prevention. The initiative is jointly conducted by Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences and Cupri Institute India Pvt. Ltd., focusing on equipping students with skills to manage stress, regulate emotions, and recognize early signs of mental health challenges. The program also emphasized the

importance of seeking help when needed. Nelson Moses, a senior trainer from Cupri Institute India, led the sessions, guiding students on practical strategies to maintain psychological well-being. Key topics included stress management techniques, emotional control, problem identification, and preventive approaches to mental health issues. The program was coordinated by Dr. Dinesh from the Department of Psychiatry and Dr. Savitha from the Department of Anatomy at AIMSR. Organizers highlighted that rising mental health concerns among stu-



dents nationwide necessitate scientifically designed interventions like Ease AP. AIMSR is committed to upporting the mental wellness and overall well-being of our students. Programs like these are crucial in fostering resilience

and awareness,” the organizers said. By integrating structured mental health training into the academic curriculum, Ease AP represents a proactive step in nurturing healthier, more aware medical professionals of the

Drugs-Free Andhra Pradesh: MLA Nelavala Vijayasri Applauds “Dandi March 2.0”

Sullurupeta, Tirupati District | TPN News, April 08

Tirupati district MLA Dr. Nelavala Vijayasri lauded the joint efforts of the district police, Eagle Team, and Vibrants of Kalam in organizing the “Drugs Vaddu Bro” campaign and the “Dandi March 2.0” cycle rally. Speaking on the occasion, she urged the youth to stay away from narcotics and build a bright, drug-free future. She specifically praised the Sullurupeta constituency police for coordinating with the district administration to take the anti-drug awareness campaign from villages to educational institutions. The cycle rally, covering the route from Tirupati to Visakhapatnam, has inspired a strong sense of

awareness among youth across the state, she noted. She highlighted that over 80,000 students in the district have been digitally engaged in this campaign, describing it as a positive outcome. MLA Vijayasri instructed local police to ensure continuous awareness sessions in every school and college in the constituency. She also emphasized strict action under the P.I.T. NDPS Act against gangs involved in selling drugs and cannabis. She appreciated the proactive role of the police in safeguarding law and order while preventing the “drug epidemic,” and urged citizens to cooperate with authorities by reporting any suspicious activity via the toll-free number 1972 or to local police stations.



“Every effort of the police to make our constituency a drugs-free zone has my full support,” she affirmed.

LPG, Petrol, Diesel Supplies Stable in AP: Officials

Tadepalli, Guntur District, April 9 | TPN Bureau

State-level General Manager of AP Oil Industries, N. Bhaskar Reddy, has assured residents that LPG, petrol, and diesel supplies in Andhra Pradesh are stable and uninterrupted. Addressing the media at the Retail Regional Office near Sai Baba Temple in Tadepalli, he emphasized that there are no supply disruptions and sufficient stock is available for households, hospitals, schools, and industrial canteens.

Reddy explained that, while minor interruptions occurred initially, supplies have normalized. Daily LPG distribution ranges from 2.3 to 2.4 lakh cylinders, with OTP-based deliveries ensuring 90% transparency. He also noted that central and state governments conduct regular reviews and strict action has been taken against black marketing, seizing 4,300



cylinders.

Residents were urged not to believe social media rumors about shortages and to rely only on official information. With pipelines from Visakhapatnam Refinery, Gail, and HPCL, LPG production

has increased, ensuring smooth state-wide distribution.

Officials from HPCL, including Information Officer Upendra and Chief Regional Manager Abhishek Pradeep Singh, participated in the briefing.

Collective Responsibility Key to Protecting Children: AP Official

Amaravati, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Sri Vetukuri A.V.S.S. Raju, Chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, stressed that safeguarding children’s safety and rights is a collective responsibility of society. Highlighting the growing concern of gender-based violence against children, he underlined the need for widespread awareness to prevent such incidents.

Sri Raju released a poster titled “Understanding and Addressing Gender-Based Violence against Children”, developed by the HELP Organization, at his office. He appreciated the organization’s efforts to educate both the public and children, noting that such initiatives contribute to positive social change.

He emphasized strengthening child protection systems,



providing immediate support to victims, and encouraging the public to report incidents without fear. Sri Raju called on parents, teachers, officials, and

society at large to collaborate in ensuring every child grows up in a safe and dignified environment. The program was attended by commission mem-

bers Sri V. Gandhi Babu, Smt. K.G. Venkata Padmalatha, and HELP Organization representatives Nimmaraju Rammohan and V. Bhaskar.

AP Tourism Minister Durgesh to Attend Major Hotel Investment Conference in Mumbai

Amaravati, April 8 | TPN Bureau

Minister K. Durgesh will participate in the 21st Hotel Investment Conference South Asia (HICSA) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Mumbai, scheduled for April 8-9.

Today, the minister is set to attend the Hotels Operations Summit India workshop and highlight investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh’s tourism sector. He will engage with national and international investors to promote the state’s New Tourism Policy 2024-29 and elaborate on incentives offered by the AP government for tourism-related projects.

Minister Durgesh will also



raise awareness about granting ‘industrial status’ to the tourism sector and invite leading hotel chains and investors to consider Andhra Pradesh for future investments.

Accompanying the minister is Ajay Jain, Special Chief Sec-

retary of the Tourism Department, who will support discussions with investors and stakeholders during the conference. The event provides a platform for AP to showcase its potential as a preferred destination for tourism develop-

Free Eyeglasses Distribution for Journalists in Anantapur

Anantapur, 08 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists’ Union, under the AP Journalist Development Society, organized a free eyeglasses distribution program for working journalists and their families on April 10 at the Anantapur Press Club. The initiative was held in collaboration with Sri Meenakshamma Foundation, courtesy

of Ravikanth Raman.

Over 200 journalists and their family members underwent free eye check-ups during the event. Those who completed the examinations received complimentary eyeglasses, ensuring better vision and eye health for media professionals. Some beneficiaries will also have access to free eye surgeries as part of the program.

Speaking about the initiative, AP Working Journalists’

Union state president, Macha Ramalingareddy, emphasized that only those who participated in the eye tests would be eligible to receive the glasses. Journalists and their families were encouraged to attend and complete the process to avail the benefits.

The program reflects the union’s commitment to supporting the well-being of journalists while promoting eye care awareness across the district.

Pulivarthi Nani Reviews Development Works in Tiruchanuru Panchayat

Chandragiri Constituency | TPN Bureau, April 08

MLA Pulivarthi Nani conducted an inspection of ongoing development works in Lakshmi Nagar and Ambedkar Colony within the Tiruchanuru Panchayat. Addressing a long-standing road issue that persisted for nearly 20 years, the MLA oversaw the completion of critical road works. He personally inspected both com-

pleted and ongoing CC road projects alongside local leaders, emphasizing the importance of high-quality construction. Noticing areas littered with garbage, MLA Nani instructed officials to ensure proper cleanliness and maintenance across the Panchayat. He also conducted a surprise inspection at the Lakshmi Nagar Secretariat, reviewing registers and administrative proce-

dures. The MLA directed all officials to be accessible to residents and resolve their issues promptly, ensuring that citizens face no inconvenience while approaching government offices. The inspection saw participation from coalition leaders, local party workers, and administrative officials, who supported MLA Nani in evaluating the progress of development activities.



Andhra Pradesh Electricity Minister Inaugurates New APCPDCL Office

Amaravati, April 9, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Electricity Minister Gottipati Ravikumar inaugurated the new office of APCPDCL, calling the occasion “truly joyful.” He praised the staff for their collective efforts in building a strong reputation for the Electricity Department. The minister emphasized that the state is committed to providing high-quality power supply and that the construction of new substations is progressing rapidly. He highlighted the department’s goal of ensuring uninterrupted electricity to farm-

ers without increasing tariffs. Ravikumar also noted the government’s focus on delivering reliable power to all citizens and lauded officials for their prompt response during emergencies. Staff played a critical role in restoring electricity within hours following disasters. He urged employees to continue improving services, recognizing the department’s dedication to round-the-clock operations, ensuring power supply day and night.

The inauguration underscores the state government’s commitment to modernizing electricity infrastructure and enhancing service quality.

Sri Venkateswara Veda Vijnanapeetha: Tirumala’s Center for Vedic Excellence

Tirumala, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirumala’s Dharmagiri is home to the esteemed Sri Venkateswara Veda Vijnanapeetha, a premier institution for preserving and promoting India’s Vedic traditions. Established in 1884 under Mahant Prayag Das Ji and relocated to Dharmagiri in 1992, it has evolved into a comprehensive center offering 17 specialized departments across Veda, Agama, Smartha, and Divya Prabandham studies.

Currently, 374 students are guided by 43 pandits, receiving in-depth spiritual and academic training. TTD ensures their

welfare with hostel facilities for 540 students, nutritious meals, free clothing, books, daily essentials, and medical support. Financial incentives include deposits of 3 lakh for Vedic course students and 1 lakh for others, along with merit recognition and silver coins upon course completion.

Daily routines follow Vedic practices, from Sandhyavandanam to recitation, study, and sports. The institution hosts the Sri Venkateswara Veda Shastra Agama Vidwat Sabha, attracting scholars nationwide, cementing Tirumala’s role as the spiritual birthplace of Vedic knowledge.



Coalition Government Stands by Citizens in Times of Hardship

Tirupati District | TPN News, April 08

The coalition government has extended crucial support to families facing financial difficulties in Narayana Vanam mandal. TDP leader Kurapati Shankar Reddy, along with local party members, handed over a 10 lakh cheque sanctioned under the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund to cover medi-

cal expenses for RS Kasturi. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized that public welfare remains the primary goal of the coalition government. Shankar Reddy highlighted that the government stands firmly with every family facing hardships, and assured that the Chief Minister’s assistance would provide significant relief to the affected household.

Lawyers Demand Strict Action Against Murderers of Advocate Poojari Ellayya

Tirupati District | April 08 | TPN Bureau

The Tirupati District Satyavedu Lawyers’ Bar Association has demanded strict punishment for the criminals who brutally murdered Advocate Poojari Ellayya from Vaddipalli village in KV Palli mandal, Annamayya district.

On Wednesday, Bar Association members, led by President Mahesh, boycotted court proceedings and staged a protest outside the courthouse to condemn the attack on Ellayya’s residence that resulted in his death.

Speaking at the protest, Bar Association Secretary Raja expressed deep concern over the rising attacks on lawyers, stating that the safety of legal pro-

fessionals is increasingly at risk. He called for the enactment and implementation of a special law to ensure protection for lawyers, emphasizing that such measures are essential to encourage future generations to join the legal profession.

Raja urged the government to identify and punish the perpetrators responsible for Ellayya’s murder and assured support for the victim’s family in all possible ways.

Bar Association members who participated in the protest included Kuberan Venkateshwarlu, Lokesh, Munishekar, Shivanandam, Balakrishnareddy, Venkatesh, Shravan, Vignesh, Dinakaran, Kishore, Ajit, and Amos.

Minister Nadeandla Manohar Reviews Gas Supply & Rabi Preparations

Amaravati, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Food and Civil Supplies Minister Shri Nadeandla Manohar conducted a video conference on Wednesday to review gas supply management and Rabi crop preparedness across the state.

Minister Manohar emphasized strict monitoring of gas supply agencies, timely resolution of public complaints, and prompt clearance of backlog bookings. He instructed officials to ensure field-level supervision, focusing on rural delivery challenges and daily updates on bookings and deliveries.

liveries. Special attention was to be given to call center and media-reported issues.

Guidelines for 5 kg gas cylinder distribution were reviewed, ensuring compliance with central directives and prioritizing areas with critical demand. Officials were also instructed to prevent black marketing and ensure uninterrupted kerosene supply.

On Rabi procurement, the minister directed district officials to maintain smooth collection, transport, and milling of crops, while monitoring weather-related risks. Immediate corrective actions were mandated to avoid any inconvenience to farmers.



BC Janardhan Reddy Reviews Shankar Villas ROB in Guntur

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Minister BC Janardhan Reddy inspected the 70-year-old Shankar Villas ROB in Guntur city and addressed the media, highlighting the TDP-led government's efforts to modernize the bridge.

The new 930-meter, 4-lane ROB is sanctioned under the Centre's CRIF scheme with an estimated cost of 98 crore. The project includes raising the height to accommodate electric lines and double-decker trains. Work is progressing swiftly and is expected to be completed by May 2027. Contractors have been instructed to finish ahead

of schedule, with daily monitoring by government officials and party leaders.

Reddy criticized the previous YSRCP administration for neglecting the bridge and stressed that the current government is prioritizing road and infrastructure development. He highlighted extensive R&B road improvements, allocation of 3,000 crore for road works in 20 months, and the development of six new airports and four greenfield ports.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to balanced regional growth, youth employment, and tourism promotion.



APWJF Condemns Attacks on Newspapers

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The Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists Federation (APWJF) strongly condemned attacks on newspapers, emphasizing their role as a vital bridge between the government and the public, said State General Secretary Anjaneyulu.

Speaking to the media on Wednesday, Anjaneyulu highlighted the challenges faced by journalists, who should operate in a free environment but are increasingly caught between political parties and media owners. Ordinary journalists, he added, end up bearing

the brunt of such conflicts. He cited the recent attack on Andhra Jyothi newspaper as a concerning example.

Anjaneyulu stressed that legal avenues exist to address objectionable content, including seeking clarification from owners, issuing condemnations, or filing cases for compensation. Direct attacks on newspaper offices, he said, are never justified and often result in local party workers facing legal consequences.

Senior journalists Aluru Girdhar and Mohan Rao, along with APWJF Tirupati district president Chengalarayulu and secretary Valigam Gopi, were present during the statement.

Seven AR Constables Promoted to AR Head Constables in Anantapur

Anantapur, 08 April 2026 | TPN Bureau

Seven constables working in the Anantapur AR (Armed Reserve) division have been promoted to AR Head Constables by District SP P. Jagadeesh, IPS. Of the seven promoted, six belong to the 2000 batch, while one is from the 2009 batch. The newly promoted head constables met the District SP with due respect to express their gratitude for the promotion.

The District Police Officers' Association (GPOA) Adhak Committee members Sake Trilokanath and Lakshminarayana extended their thanks to SP Jagadeesh for recognizing and promoting



the constables. The promotion ceremony was attended by Additional SP AR Elias Basha and RIs Pawan Kumar and Madhulu, among other senior police officials. The officials lauded the dedication and service of the constables and encouraged them to continue maintaining high standards in their duties.

Officials Urged to Work Towards "Vikasit Bharat" and "Swarna Andhra" by 2047

Kurnool, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

Lankaa Dinakar, Chairman of the 20-Point Program, emphasized the need for officials to actively contribute to achieving the goals of "Vikasit Bharat" and "Swarna Andhra" by 2047.

During a review meeting at the Collector's conference hall, Dinakar assessed the implementation of central-sponsored schemes and projects in Kurnool district. He highlighted the Prime Minister's vision of a developed India and the Chief Minister's goal of making Andhra Pradesh a leading state in the country. Officials were directed to align their efforts with these objectives.

Dinakar also stressed preventive health measures for handloom workers, ensuring timely interventions under the



NTR Health Services. He reviewed issues related to Jal Jeevan Mission, rural water connections, and project funding, noting that central and state budgets have been substantially increased to ensure

safe drinking water in all households. He urged fast-tracking housing, solar energy initiatives, and employment programs for SCs, STs, and BCs to strengthen human resources for sustainable growth.

Tirupati Eat Street Shops Allocated Under Strict Guidelines

Tirupati City, April 8, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati Municipal Commissioner N. Maurya instructed shop owners at the newly established Eat Street to strictly follow government regulations, while operating their businesses. The 14 shops, set up with central government funding, were allocated through a transparent lottery draw held at Kachapi Auditorium on Wednesday, which Commissioner Maurya personally conducted. Of the 14 shops, 13 were assigned via lottery, while Shop No. 10 was directly allotted to I-Stone Company. Com-

missioner Maurya emphasized that all shop owners must adhere to food safety and hygiene standards prescribed by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. He stressed the importance of providing quality food to customers, avoiding the use of expired or unsafe ingredients, and prohibiting overpricing.

Owners were instructed to ensure that food preparation and serving is carried out only by healthy personnel. Maintaining cleanliness in and around the shops is mandatory, with separate wet and dry waste disposal systems in place. The use of plastic covers

and single-use plastics is strictly prohibited. Violators of these rules will face action under municipal regulations.

A presentation on food quality standards was provided by food safety officials during the event. The program was attended by Deputy Commissioner Amarayya, Revenue Officers Setu Madhav and Ravi, Health Officer Dr. Yuv Anvesh, food safety officials Venkateshwar Rao and Jagadish, along with municipal staff. The initiative aims to promote safe, hygienic, and regulated food services in Tirupati while ensuring transparency and public accountability in shop allocation.

Implement Jaladhara-Jalaharati Program Efficiently: District Collector Himanshu Shukla

Nellore, 08.04.2026 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Himanshu Shukla directed officials to implement the Jaladhara-Jalaharati program, aimed at optimal water use and groundwater recharge under the JJSSB - Irrigation Water Societies initiative, effectively across the district.

In a review meeting held at his chamber in Nellore Collectorate on Wednesday, Shukla conducted a comprehensive assessment of water availability in various basins and sub-basins. He emphasized the need for sustainable measures to enhance groundwater levels in water-scarce areas and suggested exploring connections between water-rich and water-deficit basins.

The Collector instructed improvements to existing cascade systems, extension of water to downstream irrigation tanks, priority restoration of damaged or leaky check dams, and exploration of new tank construction where feasible. He also directed strengthening of tank embankments, canal desilting, and speedy repair of sluices and regulators.

Shukla urged officials from concerned departments to coordinate closely and implement the program within set timelines. The meeting was attended by Nellore Irrigation Circle SE Nayak, Somasila Project Circle SE, SSLC & SB Circle SE, executive engineers from the Water Resources Department, groundwater officials, and other key staff.

Our Collective Perspective Towards Priests Must Change!

Introspection Needed Among Them As Well



In our Indian society, for thousands of years, the individual who has commanded universal respect is not the Emperor, but the *Rishi* (Sage) or *Sannyasi* (Ascetic). In Western nations—which prioritize material comforts—it is the Emperor who occupies the highest position. When certain individuals or groups enjoy such high esteem and honor for hundreds or even thousands of years, it is only natural—a matter of human nature—for a sense of arrogance to develop among some of them.

Leaving aside the major temples, one must consider the actual income of priests in the vast majority of temples. Why do they continue in this profession? They serve as an act of devotion to God, not for the sake of income or social status. Certain forces, intent on dismantling the very fabric of Indian society, have actively sown seeds of hatred against temple priests. The impact of this malicious propaganda is felt by us all.

Priests exist across all castes even today. The priests serving the village deities (*Gramade-

vatas*) are often women and individuals belonging to various non-Brahmin castes! A thousand years ago, the 'Samatamurthy' (Icon of Equality), Ramanuja, established the system of *Mala Dasaris* and *Madiga Dasaris* drawn from the Scheduled Caste (SC) communities. In Kerala, Narayana Guru, and in the Telugu-speaking region, Sadguru Malayala Swamy, contributed significantly in this direction.

The Samarasata Seva Foundation (SSF)—established in 2015 with the blessings of *Dharmacharyas* (religious



preceptors)—constructed 822 temples across SC, ST, and fisherfolk colonies in two phases, with financial assistance from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD). In the construction of every single temple, people from all castes within those respective villages extended their full cooperation.

*Adhering to the principle that "anyone, regardless of caste, may serve as a temple priest," the foundation appointed individuals from the SC, ST, and fisherfolk communities within those specific colonies as the temple priests. Training for all these individuals was provided by SVETA—an institution affiliated with the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams—under the guidance of local (upper-caste)



Brahmin scholars.

At the sites of these newly constructed temples, the celestial wedding (Kalyanam) of Lord Sri Venkateswara was celebrated with the participation of thousands of devotees. People from all castes participated in these festivities; devotees residing in the SC colonies prepared Prasadam (sacred food offerings) in their own homes, and people from all other castes reverently accepted this Prasadam directly from their hands. In many places, people from all castes now regularly visit these temples.

Furthermore, some of these priests are now officiating at weddings and other auspicious ceremonies. While the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, driven by such a progressive social outlook, is constructing temples on a large scale in colonies inhabited by marginalized sections of society, there are still some who raise hue and cry against it—individuals who seemingly wish for the very essence of Hinduism to vanish.

In the current social context, what changes are required in the practices and conduct of

Brahmin priests? Everyone should read the book authored by Dr. Aravinda Rao (Retd. DGP). I invite you to visit and witness the temples constructed by the Samarasata Seva Foundation (SSF) across all districts of Andhra Pradesh. This transformation has been made possible through the blessings of numerous spiritual leaders.

Temple in SC colony by Samarasata Seva Foundation

Devotees of all castes at Srinivasa Kalyanam in SC colony temple by TTD

SC priests trained at SVETA, TTD-affiliated institute

District delegation of SC, ST, and Fishermen community priests at state conference, Vijayawada

Group photo of SC, ST, and Fishermen priests at SSF state conference, Vijayawada

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MallikarjunKharge Expresses Regret Over Gujarat Remarks At Poll Rally

Congress president MallikarjunKharge expressed “sincere regret” after his remarks about Gujarat during an election rally sparked a political controversy. His comments drew strong criticism from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and led to heated reactions across political circles.

The controversy began after Kharge’s speech during a poll campaign in Kerala’s Idukki district. During his address, certain remarks about Gujarat were perceived as offensive by political opponents. Soon after, BJP leaders strongly condemned the comments, accusing the Congress president of insulting the people of Gujarat. The issue quickly escalated,

with several leaders demanding an apology and criticizing the Congress leadership.

Following the backlash, Kharge clarified that his remarks were being misinterpreted and taken out of context. He emphasized that he had no intention of hurting the sentiments of the people of Gujarat. Later, he issued a statement expressing regret over the controversy and reiterated his respect for the state and its people.

In his clarification, Kharge stated that he has always held the people of Gujarat in high regard and that his comments were not meant to offend anyone. He described his regret as sincere and stressed that the remarks were misunderstood. His statement was seen as an at-

tempt to calm tensions and prevent the issue from escalating further.The incident comes at a time when election campaigning is intensifying across different states. Political speeches during election rallies often attract attention and scrutiny, especially when they involve sensitive regional issues. As a result, even minor remarks can quickly turn into major controversies, with rival parties using them for political advantage.

The BJP continued to criticize the Congress leader, saying such statements reflected the party’s mindset. Meanwhile, Congress leaders defended Kharge, stating that his comments were taken out of context and that he had already clarified his position. They also

emphasized that the Congress party respects all states and communities.

Political observers noted that controversies during election campaigns are not uncommon, particularly when leaders address large crowds and make spontaneous remarks. The rapid spread of information through social media further amplifies such issues, often intensifying political debates.

Despite the controversy, Kharge’s expression of regret is viewed as an effort to defuse tensions and shift focus back to election campaigning. As the political atmosphere continues to heat up, leaders across parties are likely to remain cautious with their statements to avoid similar controversies.



Chhattisgarh’s Vision to Transform Bastar From Maoist Corridor to Tourist Hub

Chhattisgarh is launching an ambitious plan to transform the Bastar region — long known as a Maoist stronghold — into a thriving centre of tourism, infrastructure, and economic growth. The plan, called “Bastar 2.0,” aims to shift the region’s identity from a conflict zone to a prosperous destination, improving the quality of life for local communities.

For decades, Bastar was synonymous with left-wing extremism and insecurity. However, with sustained security efforts and a focus on ending insurgency, the region has made significant progress toward peace. The state government is now seeking to capitalize on this stability by driving rapid development across multiple sectors.

A key pillar of the plan is tourism development. Bastar’s natural attractions, including Chitrakote and Tirathgarh wa-

terfalls and Kanger Valley National Park, will be upgraded with better facilities, connectivity, and marketing to attract both domestic and international visitors. Adventure tourism amenities, such as canopy walks and glass bridges, are also planned to make the region more appealing to global travellers.

Infrastructure expansion is another major focus. The plan proposes building new roads, bridges, enhanced railway links, and improvements to airport infrastructure, connecting remote tribal areas with urban centres and national markets. Rural road projects are being prioritised to ensure even the most isolated villages gain access to basic services and opportunities.

Social services are also a critical component. The plan includes new educational facilities, permanent healthcare centres, super-specialty hospi-

tals, and upgraded schools. These investments aim to improve human development indicators that have lagged due to years of conflict and neglect.

Livelihood and economic initiatives are central to the development strategy. The plan targets increasing household incomes through expanded agriculture, irrigation projects, skill training programmes, and entrepreneurship support. The “Anjor Vision 2047” initiative aims to nurture thousands of new enterprises, helping Bastar residents secure stable livelihoods.

The government believes that the end of Maoist violence has opened a new chapter for Bastar. By transforming former conflict zones into centres of development, tourism, and opportunity, Bastar is being positioned as a model region for sustainable growth and cultural celebration.

National Launch of 8th PoshanPakhwada 2026 to Focus on Early Childhood Brain Development

The Ministry of Women and Child Development will launch the 8th edition of PoshanPakhwada from April 9 to April 23, 2026, reaffirming the Government of India’s commitment to improving nutrition outcomes and strengthening early childhood development across the country. The national launch event is scheduled to take place on April 9, 2026, at VigyanBhavan in New Delhi, where key stakeholders, policymakers, and frontline workers will come together to promote the importance of nutrition and early childhood care.

This year’s PoshanPakhwada will focus on the theme “Maximizing Brain Development in the First Six Years of Life.” The theme highlights the significance of early childhood, particularly the first 1,000 days, which are critical for brain development, physical growth, and overall well-being. Scientific evidence suggests that more than 85 percent of brain development occurs by the age of six, making early nutrition, caregiving, and stimulation essential for building a strong foundation for a child’s future.

The inaugural event will be led by Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annpurna Devi, along with Minister of State Savitri Thakur and senior officials from the ministry. The pro-

gramme will showcase best practices from states and union territories, launch key initiatives, and recognize the contributions of Anganwadi workers and other frontline personnel who play a vital role in delivering nutrition and early childhood services.

The government has identified several key focus areas for PoshanPakhwada 2026. These include maternal and child nutrition, early stimulation for brain development in children aged 0-3 years, and play-based education for children aged 3-6 years. These initiatives aim to promote holistic development and improve school readiness among young children. In addition, the campaign will emphasize reducing screen time among young children and encouraging greater parental involvement in child development.

Another important component of this year’s PoshanPakhwada is strengthening Anganwadi centres through community participation. The campaign will encourage collaboration between local communities, families, and institutions to enhance infrastructure and improve service delivery at grassroots levels. This approach aims to create a supportive environment for children’s growth and development.

During the fortnight-long campaign, activities will be organized across states and un-

ion territories through Anganwadi centres. These activities will include awareness sessions, Poshan Panchayats, early stimulation exercises, play-based learning programmes, and campaigns promoting healthy lifestyles. Mothers, caregivers, families, community institutions, and local bodies will actively participate in these events to promote better nutrition and early childhood care practices.

PoshanPakhwada is a key initiative under PoshanAbhiyaan, the Government of India’s flagship programme to improve nutrition outcomes. Over the years, PoshanAbhiyaan has evolved into a nationwide movement aimed at reducing malnutrition and improving maternal and child health through community participation and behavioural change.

PoshanPakhwada serves as an important pillar of this mission by mobilizing communities and promoting awareness at the grassroots level.

Through PoshanPakhwada 2026, the government aims to strengthen the national movement for better nutrition and early childhood development. By focusing on the first six years of life, the initiative seeks to ensure that every child receives the care, nutrition, and learning opportunities necessary for a healthy and productive future.

Leema Rose Emerges as Wealthiest Candidate in Tamil Nadu Elections

The Tamil Nadu Assembly elections have become increasingly interesting this time, with several new developments attracting public attention. One of the major highlights is the entry of actor Vijay’s newly formed political party, which has intensified competition across constituencies. Additionally, a large number of young candidates are contesting, making the political atmosphere more dynamic. Amid all this, a woman candidate, Leema Rose, has emerged as the wealthiest contestant in the Tamil Nadu elections, drawing widespread attention.

Leema Rose is contesting from the Lalgudi constituency in Tiruchirappalli district as a candidate of the AIADMK party. Her massive wealth has made headlines, as her family assets are reportedly valued at 5,863 crore. Out of this, her personal assets alone are said to be worth 1,049 crore, making her the richest candidate in the fray.

Leema Rose is the wife of Santiago Martin, a well-known lottery business entrepreneur. At the age of 58, she has recently entered politics and joined the AIADMK party. It is also reported that she made a significant donation to the party after joining, further strengthening her political presence.

According to the details provided in her nomination affidavit, Leema Rose possesses substantial movable and immovable assets. Her declared assets include 19 kilograms of gold, diamond jewel-



lery weighing 1,217 carats, 13 kilograms of silver, and 33 grams of platinum. In terms of financial value, she has movable assets worth 139.63 crore and immovable assets worth 909.94 crore. Despite her immense wealth, she also reported liabilities amounting to 8.57 crore. Her husband, Santiago Martin, reportedly owns assets worth over 4,100 crore. His declared jewellery includes 281 grams of gold, 9.83 carats of diamonds, 21 kilograms of silver, and 321 grams of platinum. Together, the couple’s financial strength places them among the wealthiest political families participating in the elections.

Interestingly, Leema Rose’s educational qualification is only up to the sixth grade. Reports also suggest that four cases are registered against her. Despite these factors, she is believed to enjoy considerable support among voters in the Lalgudi constituency. Local discussions and speculation suggest that she is a strong contender and may have a good chance of winning. Leema Rose has expressed confidence in her ability to bring development to the constituency. She has stated that once elected, she will focus on improving infrastructure and creating opportunities for employment. Her campaign has already gen-

erated temporary employment for thousands of young people. Apart from politics, Leema Rose is also associated with social service activities through the Martin Charity Foundation, which has reportedly been involved in welfare initiatives for several years. Her supporters believe that her financial strength and philanthropic background could contribute to the development of the Lalgudi constituency.

With strong financial backing, growing political presence, and active campaigning, Leema Rose has become one of the most talked-about candidates in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana Completes 11 Years: Driving Growth for Small Entrepreneurs

The Government of India has marked the 11th anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), celebrating its significant contribution to empowering small entrepreneurs and strengthening the country’s micro and small business ecosystem. Launched on April 8, 2015, the scheme was designed to provide easy access to collateral-free loans for non-corporate and non-farm enterprises. Over the years, the initiative has emerged as a major driver of financial inclusion, enabling millions of individuals to start or expand their businesses and improve their livelihoods.

Boosting Grassroots Entrepreneurship

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana was introduced to bridge the gap in access to formal credit for small businesses. Many micro-entrepreneurs, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, often struggled to obtain loans due to lack of collateral or formal financial records. The scheme addressed this challenge by offering collateral-free loans of up to 20 lakh through banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs). This simplified access to credit has encouraged individuals to take up entrepreneurial activities and contribute to economic growth.

Micro, Small and Medium



Enterprises (MSMEs) play a vital role in India’s economy by generating employment, supporting industrial growth, and promoting balanced regional development. By providing financial support to these enterprises, PMMY has strengthened their ability to expand operations, improve productivity, and create job opportunities. The scheme has also encouraged innovation and entrepreneurship at the grassroots level, helping individuals transform their ideas into sustainable businesses.

Expanding Financial Inclusion

Since its launch, the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana has disbursed a substantial amount of credit through crores of loans, demonstrating its wide reach and effectiveness. The initiative has successfully brought many first-

time borrowers into the formal financial system. The scheme’s focus on “funding the unfunded” has empowered individuals from diverse backgrounds, including women, youth, and rural entrepreneurs, to become financially independent.

Over the past decade, the scheme has played a crucial role in transforming the credit landscape. Many beneficiaries who once relied on informal sources of finance now have access to institutional credit at reasonable interest rates. This shift has reduced financial vulnerability and improved business sustainability.

Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth

The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana has significantly contributed to inclusive economic growth by supporting micro-entrepreneurship across sectors such as manufacturing,

services, and trading. The scheme has helped generate employment opportunities and enhance income levels, particularly in rural and underserved regions. It has also encouraged small businesses to formalize operations and integrate into the broader economic framework. The growth of digital banking and improved financial infrastructure has further enhanced the effectiveness of the scheme. Simplified loan processes, online applications, and faster approvals have made it easier for entrepreneurs to access funding and grow their businesses.

Towards a Self-Reliant India

As PMMY completes 11 years, the government reaffirmed its commitment to continuing support for small entrepreneurs and strengthening the MSME sector. The scheme is expected to play a crucial role in achieving long-term economic goals and empowering individuals to become active contributors to national development. Overall, the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana has emerged as a transformative initiative that promotes entrepreneurship, enhances financial inclusion, and supports inclusive growth. By providing access to credit and encouraging grassroots innovation, the scheme continues to uplift millions of individuals and contribute to building a stronger and self-reliant India.

2 Hours Before Trump’s Deadline, US-Iran Ceasefire Sealed; Mojtaba Khamenei Played Key Role

A dramatic last-minute diplomatic breakthrough helped prevent a major escalation between the United States and Iran, with both sides agreeing to a ceasefire just hours before former US President Donald Trump’s deadline for potential large-scale military action. The development came after weeks of intense conflict that had pushed the region to the brink of a wider war.

According to reports, the ceasefire agreement was reached roughly 90 minutes before Trump’s deadline, during which he had warned of devastating consequences if Iran did not comply. The warning reportedly included threats of massive destruction, raising fears of a broader regional conflict. However, last-minute negotiations led to a breakthrough and the announcement of a temporary truce.

A key role in the breakthrough was played by Iran’s new Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, son of former leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Reports indicate that Mojtaba, who had largely stayed out of public view during the conflict, encouraged Iranian negotiators to move forward with a



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deal for the first time since hostilities began. His intervention is believed to have paved the way for the ceasefire agreement.

The ceasefire, which is expected to last two weeks, includes reopening the strategically crucial Strait of Hormuz — one of the world’s most im-

portant oil shipping routes. The reopening is expected to ease global energy concerns and stabilise oil markets that were impacted by the conflict.

Following the agreement, Iran also ordered its military to halt operations, although officials clarified that the truce does not signal the end of the war. The temporary ceasefire is intended to create space for further negotiations between both sides.

The United States also planned attacks as part of the agreement. Trump later described the ceasefire as a major achievement, while officials from multiple countries welcomed the move as a step toward de-escalation.

The conflict, which lasted for several weeks, had raised fears of wider instability across the Middle East and disruptions to global energy supply. With the ceasefire now in place, diplomatic talks are expected to continue, though uncertainty remains over whether the temporary truce will lead to a lasting peace.



“Not End Of War”: Iran’s Mojtaba Khamenei Orders Military To Stop Firing

Iran’s Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei has ordered all military units to halt firing after Tehran agreed to a temporary ceasefire with the United States. However, he warned that the move should not be seen as the end of the conflict, emphasizing that the situation remains fragile and uncertain.

The announcement comes after weeks of escalating tensions and military confrontations that pushed the region to the brink of a wider war. In a statement broadcast on state media, Mojtaba Khamenei instructed Iranian armed forces to immediately stop military operations. Despite this directive, he made it clear that Iran remains alert and ready to respond if any further aggression takes place.

Khamenei stressed that the ceasefire is only a temporary pause aimed at creating room for diplomatic negotiations. He warned that Iran’s military forces remain fully prepared and that any violation of the ceasefire would be met with a strong response. The leadership also indicated that the country’s defensive posture would remain unchanged during the ceasefire period.

The temporary truce follows nearly 40 days of conflict that heightened fears of a broader regional crisis. The confrontation led to casualties and rising tensions across the Middle East, raising concerns about global stability and energy supply disruptions. Although

hostilities have paused, Iranian officials stated that their strategic objectives had largely been achieved during the conflict.

As part of the ceasefire framework, Iran reportedly presented a set of conditions for further negotiations. These include easing sanctions, reducing foreign military presence in the region, compensation for damages, and recognition of Iran’s strategic and security concerns. These proposals are expected to serve as the foundation for discussions during the ceasefire period.

Negotiations between both sides are expected to continue over the next two weeks. Officials suggested that the truce could be extended depending on progress in talks. However, Iran made it clear that the conflict cannot be considered over unless meaningful agreements are reached.

Meanwhile, global observers are closely watching developments, as the ceasefire has temporarily eased tensions in the Middle East. Despite the pause in hostilities, uncertainty remains about whether the diplomatic efforts will lead to lasting peace or if the region could witness renewed conflict.

The situation highlights the delicate balance between diplomacy and military readiness, with both sides stepping back from immediate confrontation while remaining cautious about future developments.

China Played Quiet Role In US-Iran Ceasefire, Trump Suggests



China appears to have played a quiet but significant diplomatic role in the ceasefire between United States and Iran, with former US President Donald Trump indicating that Beijing helped bring Tehran to the negotiating table. The ceasefire came after weeks of escalating tensions that threatened a wider regional conflict.

Trump acknowledged China’s possible involvement when asked whether Beijing had influenced Iran to agree to the truce. He responded by saying he believed China played a role in encouraging negotiations. The comments came amid growing reports that China had quietly worked behind the scenes to ease tensions and promote dialogue.

Behind-The-Scenes Diplomacy

China, which is one of Iran’s largest trading partners, reportedly used its diplomatic channels to push for peace. Sources indicated that Chinese officials stayed in contact with Iranian counterparts during the negotiations, encouraging them to consider a ceasefire. Beijing is believed to have worked through intermediaries such as Pakistan, Turkey, and Egypt to promote dialogue and reduce tensions.

China’s efforts were largely conducted quietly, without major public announcements. Officials suggested that Beijing preferred indirect diplomacy, using trusted regional part-

ners to communicate with Iran and encourage a negotiated solution.

Strategic Interests Behind China’s Move

China also had strategic reasons to support a ceasefire. The ongoing conflict raised concerns about global energy supplies and economic stability, issues that directly affect China’s economy. Chinese officials expressed concern about the war’s impact on global markets and urged all parties to show restraint and move toward peace. Another factor was Trump’s planned visit to Beijing in mid-May to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping. Reports indicated that China wanted tensions to ease before the high-level meeting, which had already been delayed due to the conflict.

Quiet Diplomacy Gains Attention

Although China has not officially detailed its involvement, its behind-the-scenes efforts have drawn attention as a sign of Beijing’s growing diplomatic influence. Analysts note that China’s role reflects its increasing involvement in global conflict resolution and its interest in maintaining regional stability.

The ceasefire remains temporary, with negotiations expected to continue. However, China’s quiet intervention is being seen as one of the factors that helped create space for diplomacy and avoid further escalation in the region.

Iran Lists 10 Ceasefire Conditions; Trump Calls Proposal “Workable”

Iran has put forward a 10-point ceasefire proposal to the United States amid escalating tensions, with former US President Donald Trump describing the plan as a “workable basis” for negotiations. The proposal comes as both sides agreed to a temporary two-week ceasefire aimed at preventing further military escalation and allowing diplomatic discussions.

The ceasefire follows weeks of rising tensions between Iran and the United States that raised concerns of a broader regional conflict. The temporary truce is intended to create space for negotiations, with both sides attempting to reach a long-term settlement.

Trump Calls Proposal “Workable”

Donald Trump confirmed that the United States had received Iran’s proposal and described it as a “workable” starting point for negotiations. He indicated that several key issues could potentially be resolved during the ceasefire period. The temporary pause is expected to allow diplomats to hold discussions and explore possibilities for a more permanent agreement. However, major issues such as sanctions, nuclear policy, and regional military presence remain unresolved.

Fragile Ceasefire

Officials from both sides have emphasized that the ceasefire is only temporary and depends on progress in negotiations. While the truce has

Iran’s 10 Ceasefire Conditions
Iran’s proposal reportedly outlines several key demands that would form the basis for negotiations. These include:
1.A non-aggression agreement between both sides
2.Continued Iranian control over the Strait of Hormuz
3.Acceptance of Iran’s uranium enrichment programme
4.Lifting of all primary US sanctions on Iran
5.Removal of secondary sanctions
6.Withdrawal of United Nations Security Council resolutions against Iran
7.Ending International Atomic Energy Agency restrictions
8.Compensation for damages caused during the conflict
9.Withdrawal of US combat forces from the region
10.Cessation of hostilities involving Iran and its allies
These demands reflect Iran’s broader strategic concerns, particularly regarding sanctions relief and recognition of its nuclear programme.

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eased immediate fears of escalation, uncertainty remains about whether talks will lead to lasting peace. The coming weeks are expected to be crucial as negotiations continue. Observers believe the outcome of these discussions could determine whether tensions ease permanently or if the conflict risks resurfacing.



Netanyahu Backs US-Iran Ceasefire, Says Hezbollah Not Included

Benjamin Netanyahu has backed the decision by Donald Trump to implement a two-week ceasefire between United States and Iran, but clarified that the truce does not apply to Lebanon’s Hezbollah. The statement highlighted continuing tensions in the region despite the broader pause in hostilities. Israel said it supports the US effort to ensure that Iran no longer poses a nuclear, missile, or security threat to Israel and its allies. However, Netanyahu made it clear that Israel would continue operations against Hezbollah in Lebanon, separating those actions from the broader ceasefire agreement.

The Israeli leader’s comments came shortly after Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan, stated that the ceasefire agreement extended “everywhere,” including Lebanon.



Netanyahu’s clarification contradicted that claim, emphasizing that the truce was limited to the US-Iran conflict only.

Lebanon Conflict Still Active

Lebanon became involved in

the broader regional conflict after Hezbollah launched rockets toward Israel. The attacks were reportedly carried out in response to escalating tensions involving Iran. Israel then responded with large-scale

strikes in Lebanon, which led to significant casualties and displacement of civilians.

Despite the ceasefire between the United States and Iran, Israel’s stance suggests that military operations

against Hezbollah may continue, raising concerns about the possibility of ongoing instability in the Middle East.

Ceasefire For US-Iran Tensions

The ceasefire between the United States and Iran was announced shortly before a deadline set by Donald Trump for potential military escalation. The temporary truce aims to create space for diplomatic talks and reduce tensions in the region. Negotiations between both sides are expected to take place soon, with hopes of reaching a longer-term agreement.

While the ceasefire has eased immediate fears of a broader conflict, Netanyahu’s remarks highlight that regional tensions remain unresolved, particularly along Israel’s northern border with Lebanon.

World Leaders Welcome US-Iran Ceasefire, Call It “Big Day for World Peace”

World leaders across the globe cautiously welcomed the two-week ceasefire between United States and Iran, announced by Donald Trump, describing it as a positive step toward de-escalation while urging all sides to pursue lasting peace. The truce is expected to reopen the strategically important Strait of Hormuz and reduce tensions following weeks of conflict.

Governments from Asia, Europe, and the Middle East described the ceasefire as an important opportunity for diplomacy but warned that sustained negotiations are needed to prevent the situation from slipping back into conflict. Several countries also stressed the importance of restoring safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz, a critical route that carries a significant portion of global oil supplies.

Israel Supports Ceasefire With Conditions

Benjamin Netanyahu backed the US decision to pause strikes, saying Israel supports efforts to ensure Iran no longer poses a nuclear or missile threat. However, he clarified that the ceasefire does not include Lebanon, where Israeli forces continue to confront Hezbollah.

Iraq and Egypt Call for Diplomacy

Iraq welcomed the ceasefire but urged both sides to fully commit to the agreement and avoid further escalation. Meanwhile, Egypt described the truce as an important opportunity to push for negotiations and emphasized regional stability and secure maritime navigation.

United Nations Urges Lasting Peace

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres welcomed the ceasefire and called on all parties to respect the agreement. He said the move could pave the way toward a comprehensive and lasting



peace while emphasizing the need to protect civilian lives.

Asian Nations Stress Stability

Japan highlighted the need for concrete steps to de-escalate tensions, especially ensuring safe navigation through the Strait of Hormuz. Japan, which depends heavily on oil imports through the route, stressed that diplomacy should lead to a final agreement soon.

Malaysia also described the ceasefire as a crucial step toward restoring stability and urged all parties to respect the agreement fully.

Australia and New Zealand Urge Caution

Australia warned that prolonged conflict would significantly impact the global economy and increase human suffering, calling for strict adherence to the ceasefire.

New Zealand welcomed the truce but emphasized that significant work remains to achieve lasting peace, pledging support for diplomatic efforts in the coming weeks.

Overall, while global leaders welcomed the ceasefire as a major step toward de-escalation, they stressed that the agreement remains fragile and must be followed by sustained diplomacy to achieve long-term peace.

Markets Rally For 5th Straight Day; Sensex, Nifty Jump Nearly 4% On Ceasefire Boost

Indian stock markets witnessed a strong rally for the fifth consecutive session, with benchmark indices surging nearly 4 percent following easing geopolitical tensions after a ceasefire announcement between the United States and Iran. The positive global sentiment, along with falling crude oil prices and supportive domestic cues, lifted investor confidence across sectors.

The benchmark BSE Sensex surged 2,946 points, or 3.95 percent, to close at 77,562.90, while the Nifty 50 jumped 873 points, or 3.78 percent, to end near the 24,000 mark. Both indices recorded their best single-day performance in nearly a year, reflecting

broad-based buying across the market.

Ceasefire Sparks Global Market Optimism

The rally was largely driven by the announcement of a two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran, which eased fears of escalation in the Middle East. The development triggered a sharp fall in crude oil prices, improving India's macroeconomic outlook. Lower oil prices typically help reduce inflationary pressure and improve fiscal stability, which boosted investor sentiment.

Markets opened with strong gains and maintained upward momentum throughout the session. The rally was supported by heavy buying across

sectors and strong participation from mid-cap and small-cap stocks.

Broader Markets Join The Rally

Broader markets also witnessed strong buying interest. The Nifty Midcap and Smallcap indices rose around 4 percent each, indicating widespread participation beyond large-cap stocks. Nearly 100 stocks touched their 52-week highs on the Bombay Stock Exchange, reflecting strong bullish sentiment among investors.

Several sectors saw sharp gains, with auto and realty stocks rising more than 6 percent. Banking and financial stocks also recorded strong buying, contributing significantly to the over-

all market rally. All sectoral indices ended the day in positive territory, highlighting the broad-based nature of the surge.

Market Cap Jumps Over ₹16 Lakh Crore

The strong rally added significant wealth for investors. The total market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies surged by more than 16 lakh crore in a single session, reflecting the sharp improvement in investor confidence and buying momentum.

RBI Policy Adds Support

The rally also received support from the Reserve Bank of India, which kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25 percent. The central bank maintained a neutral stance while projecting 6.9 percent

economic growth for FY27. The decision reassured investors and supported financial stocks.

Positive Outlook But Caution Remains

While markets celebrated the ceasefire and falling oil prices, analysts warned that the rally may remain sensitive to geopolitical developments. Sustained peace and stable global conditions will be crucial for maintaining the positive momentum.

Despite the caution, the five-day rally reflects strong investor confidence returning to Indian markets. With global tensions easing and domestic fundamentals remaining stable, markets may continue to see positive momentum in the near term.



Silver Futures Soar Over 6% To 2.46 Lakh/kg On Safe-Haven Demand

Silver prices surged sharply in futures trade, climbing more than 6 percent to 2.46 lakh per kilogram, driven by strong global cues and increased demand for safe-haven assets amid geopolitical developments. The rally reflects growing investor interest in precious metals as uncertainty continues in global markets. On the Multi Commodity Exchange of India, silver contracts for May delivery jumped 15,028, or 6.5 percent, to 2,46,376 per kilogram, compared to the previous close of 2,31,348. The sharp rise marked one of the biggest single-day gains for the metal in recent sessions.

Ceasefire Boosts Investor Sentiment

The surge in silver prices followed the announcement of a two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran, which lifted investor sentiment across global markets. While easing tensions improved risk appetite in equities, investors also increased exposure to precious metals to hedge against ongoing uncertainties. Silver is often considered a safe-haven asset, meaning investors tend to move toward it during periods of geopolitical tension, economic uncertainty, or currency volatility. The recent developments triggered fresh buying interest, pushing prices higher.

Global Trends Support Rally

The domestic rally mirrored strong global trends in precious

Volatility Expected Ahead

Despite the strong rally, analysts warned that silver prices may remain volatile. Much of the movement depends on geopolitical developments, global interest rate trends, and currency fluctuations. Any major shift in these factors could influence precious metal prices in the short term. However, the recent surge indicates strong investor interest in silver, especially during uncertain global conditions. With geopolitical tensions still lingering and global economic risks persisting, precious metals like silver are expected to remain in focus. The sharp jump to 2.46 lakh per kilogram highlights silver's growing appeal among investors, as they seek stability and protection against global market volatility.

metals. International silver prices also gained amid continued geopolitical concerns and fluctuations in currency markets. A softer US dollar and improved demand for precious metals further supported the upward movement. Market analysts noted that investors are increasingly turning to silver not only as a safe-haven asset but also due to its strong industrial demand. Silver is widely used in electronics, solar panels, electric vehicles, and other industrial applications, which continues to support long-term demand.

India At “Sweet Spot” With 10-15% Upside Despite War Jitters

India's equity markets are currently in a “sweet spot” with attractive valuations and strong macroeconomic fundamentals, offering 10-15 percent upside with limited downside, according to Dhiraaj Relli, Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Securities.

Speaking amid ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia and volatile global markets, Relli said India remains relatively resilient compared to other economies. Despite uncertainty driven by rising crude oil prices and global instability, he emphasized that India's macroeconomic environment continues to remain strong and supportive for investors.

Attractive Valuations After Long Correction

Relli noted that Indian markets have become attractive after nearly 18 months of correction, bringing valuations down to around 18 times earnings. He described this level as reasonable and favourable for long-term investors. According to him, the risk-reward equation currently favours investors, with only about 5 percent downside risk compared to 10-15 percent potential upside.

This improvement in valuations has made Indian equities appealing again, especially as

global investors search for stable markets during uncertain times.

Strong Macroeconomic Fundamentals

Despite global headwinds, India's macroeconomic outlook remains robust. Relli highlighted that economic growth continues to stay resilient even as many global economies face slowing growth. He also pointed out that most agencies have made only minor downward revisions to India's GDP forecasts, indicating continued confidence in the country's economic strength.

He also mentioned that global volatility driven by geopolitical tensions, rising oil prices, and inflation concerns has created a VUCA environment—characterized by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity. However, India has emerged as a relative safe haven in this challenging scenario.

Earnings Growth Still Healthy

Relli expects corporate earnings growth to moderate slightly from earlier projections but still remain in double digits. Earlier estimates suggested growth in the mid-teens, but even with moderation, earnings are expected to remain strong enough to support mar-

ket performance.

Broad-based earnings recovery across sectors is another factor supporting his optimistic outlook for Indian equities.

Domestic Triggers To Drive Markets

According to Relli, once geopolitical tensions ease, market attention is likely to shift back to domestic factors such as the monsoon season, festive demand, and major events like the IPL, which typically boost economic activity and investor sentiment.

He added that investor sentiment tends to improve quickly once global uncertainties reduce, which could further support market gains.

Cautious Optimism Ahead

While maintaining a positive outlook, Relli advised investors to remain selective and focus on quality stocks. He stressed that even though India is in a favourable position, global risks and geopolitical tensions could still create short-term volatility.

Overall, Relli concluded that India's combination of stable macroeconomic fundamentals, reasonable valuations, and expected earnings recovery places it in a strong position, making it an attractive market for investors despite ongoing global uncertainties.



Why RBI Maintained Status Quo On Rates Despite Pressure On Rupee

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to keep interest rates unchanged despite mounting pressure on the Indian rupee, adopting a cautious and balanced approach amid global uncertainty and domestic economic considerations. The decision reflects the central bank's effort to maintain stability while navigating complex economic challenges.

Balancing The “Impossible Trinity”

One of the key reasons behind the RBI's decision is the challenge of managing what economists call the “impossible trinity”—maintaining monetary policy independence, allowing free capital movement, and ensuring currency stability at the same time. When capital flows become volatile, defending the rupee by raising interest rates could disrupt growth and financial conditions. As a result, the RBI opted to hold rates steady and rely on other tools to manage currency pressures.

Growth Remains A Priority

The central bank also considered India's growth outlook before making its decision. Economic activity remains resilient, and policymakers preferred not to tighten financial conditions prematurely. A rate hike could have slowed borrowing, investment, and consumption, which are crucial for sustaining growth momentum. By maintaining status quo, the RBI aimed to support economic expansion while monitoring global risks.

Inflation Under Watch

Inflation trends also played a major role in the decision. While price pressures remain a concern, inflation has stayed broadly within the RBI's comfort zone. This gave policymakers

room to pause and assess the impact of previous policy moves instead of reacting immediately to currency fluctuations.

Global Uncertainty And Geopolitical Risks

The decision comes amid heightened global uncertainty, including geopolitical tensions and volatile capital flows. Rising crude oil prices and global market volatility have contributed to pressure on emerging market currencies, including the rupee. In such an environment, the RBI preferred a cautious approach rather than making aggressive policy changes.

Alternative Tools To Support Rupee

Instead of changing interest rates, the RBI has relied on other measures to manage currency volatility. These include liquidity management, foreign exchange interventions, and regulatory steps to stabilise market conditions. Such tools allow the central bank to address short-term currency movements without affecting broader economic growth.

Wait-And-Watch Strategy

The RBI's decision reflects a wait-and-watch approach, allowing policymakers to assess evolving global and domestic developments. The central bank wants to preserve flexibility so it can respond quickly if inflation rises sharply or growth slows. Overall, the RBI's decision to maintain status quo despite rupee pressure highlights its focus on economic stability, inflation control, and sustainable growth. While the rupee remains under pressure, the central bank has chosen a measured strategy rather than immediate rate changes, aiming to balance multiple economic priorities in an uncertain global environment.

Wall Street Futures Jump Up to 3.5% After US-Iran Ceasefire Sparks Global Market Rally

Global financial markets witnessed a sharp rally after news emerged of a temporary ceasefire between the United States and Iran, easing geopolitical tensions and boosting investor sentiment worldwide. Wall Street futures surged up to 3.5 percent, reflecting strong optimism among investors and signaling a positive start for US markets. The development also triggered gains across Asian and European markets, marking one of the strongest global rallies in recent weeks.

The ceasefire announcement significantly reduced fears of a wider conflict in the Middle East, which had earlier unset-

tled global markets. Investors reacted positively as the likelihood of disruption to global oil supply declined, particularly through the crucial Strait of Hormuz. With tensions easing, oil prices fell sharply, further supporting equities and encouraging investors to move back into riskier assets. The decline in crude prices also lifted sectors sensitive to fuel costs, including airlines, logistics, and manufacturing companies.

US stock futures led the rally, with gains seen across major indices. Technology stocks, financials, and consumer-focused companies were among

the top beneficiaries of improved sentiment. Investors who had earlier shifted toward safe-haven assets began returning to equities, driving broader market gains. The rally also reduced market volatility, reflecting improved confidence among traders and institutional investors.

Asian markets responded strongly to the ceasefire news, posting significant gains across major indices. European markets followed suit, recording solid advances as investors welcomed signs of easing geopolitical tensions. The global rally highlighted how sensitive financial mar-

kets remain to geopolitical developments, especially those involving energy supply routes and global trade. Indian markets also mirrored the global optimism, with benchmark indices recording sharp gains. Sensex and Nifty surged nearly 4 percent, marking one of their strongest performances in months. Banking, IT, auto, and metal stocks led the rally as investors took advantage of improved global sentiment. The broad-based buying indicated renewed confidence in equity markets after days of uncertainty.

Analysts noted that the ceasefire helped reduce risk

premiums across global markets. Lower oil prices and reduced geopolitical concerns encouraged investors to re-enter equities, pushing indices higher. However, market experts also cautioned that the rally could remain sensitive to further developments, as the ceasefire is temporary and dependent on continued diplomatic progress. Investors are now closely watching upcoming negotiations between the United States and Iran, which will determine whether the current relief rally can sustain momentum. Any signs of prolonged peace could further strengthen markets, while re-



newed tensions may trigger volatility again.

For now, the ceasefire has provided a much-needed boost to global equities. The surge in Wall Street futures and gains across international markets

underline the importance of geopolitical stability in shaping investor sentiment. As markets continue to respond to developments, traders remain cautiously optimistic about the outlook in the coming weeks.

“Play Fearlessly”: YashasviJaiswal’s Advice Powers VaibhavSooryavanshi’s Bold Attack on JaspritBumrah

A fearless approach and a few encouraging words from YashasviJaiswal helped teenage sensation VaibhavS-ooryavanshi take on one of the world’s best bowlers, JaspritBumrah, during a thrilling clash in Indian Premier League 2026.

The match between Rajasthan Royals and Mumbai Indians grabbed attention not just for the result, but for the fearless batting display by the young Sooryavanshi. Facing the experienced Bumrah, widely regarded as one of the toughest bowlers in world cricket, the youngster showed no signs of nerves.

After the match, Jaiswal revealed the brief conversation he had with Sooryavanshi before the youngster went out to bat. Jaiswal said he told him to play freely and without any fear, encouraging him to express himself on the big stage. The message was simple but impactful — trust your instincts and take on the challenge.

Sooryavanshi responded in spectacular fashion. He attacked Bumrah right from the start, hitting two impressive sixes, including one off the very first delivery he faced. His aggressive stroke play immediately shifted momentum in Rajasthan’s favour and energized both teammates and fans.

The teenage batter went on to score a quickfire 39 runs off just 14 balls, showcasing remarkable composure and confidence. His innings provided Rajasthan Royals with a flying start and reduced pressure on the rest of the batting lineup. Jaiswal, meanwhile, played a composed and dominant knock, remaining unbeaten with a well-crafted 77 runs.

Jaiswal praised the youngster after the match, highlighting his fearless mindset and maturity. He noted that Sooryavanshi’s aggressive batting made a big difference, allowing the team to maintain a strong run rate from the beginning. According to Jaiswal, such fearless performances from young players bring positive energy to the team and boost overall confidence.

The moment also reflected the growing trend of young talents making an immediate impact in the IPL. Sooryavanshi’s confidence against a bowler of Bumrah’s calibre demonstrated his potential and hinted at a bright future ahead.

The partnership between experience and youthful fearlessness ultimately helped Rajasthan Royals secure an important victory. Fans and cricket experts alike praised Sooryavanshi’s bold approach, while Jaiswal’s mentorship also earned appreciation. In the end, it was a simple piece of advice — play fearlessly — that turned into one of the most talked-about moments of IPL 2026, highlighting the importance of confidence, backing, and belief in young talent.



Hardik Pandya Wins Hearts With Gesture For Teen Sensation VaibhavSooryavanshi

Hardik Pandya may have ended up on the losing side, but his sportsmanship after the match stole the spotlight. The Mumbai Indians captain earned praise for his heartfelt gesture towards teenage sensation VaibhavSooryavanshi following a thrilling Indian Premier League 2026 clash against Rajasthan Royals.

The match grabbed attention after the 15-year-old Sooryavanshi delivered a fearless batting performance against one of the toughest bowling attacks in the tournament. Taking on star pacer JaspritBumrah, the young batter smashed two sixes in a single over, showing remarkable confidence and maturity beyond his age. He went on to score a quickfire 39 runs off just 14 balls, giving Rajasthan Royals a flying start and setting the tone for their victory.

Despite Mumbai Indians suffering defeat, Hardik Pandya displayed true sportsmanship after the match. Instead of walking off disappointed, Pandya approached the young batter, congratulated him warmly, and spent time interacting with him. The Mumbai Indians skipper was seen appreciating Sooryavanshi’s fearless batting and even examined the youngster’s bat while offering encouraging words. His gesture quickly went viral and was widely praised by fans and cricket experts alike.

Pandya also spoke highly of Sooryavanshi during the post-match interaction. He said it was fascinating to see such a young player bat with so much confidence and play fearless shots against experienced bowlers. The Mumbai Indians captain added that the youngster’s approach and temperament were impressive and wished him success in the future.

The encounter took place in a rain-affected match, where Rajasthan Royals posted a strong total after a blistering start. Sooryavanshi’s aggressive innings, combined with a solid performance from the rest of the batting lineup, helped Rajasthan Royals secure a convincing win.

However, the biggest talking point after the game was not just the result but Hardik Pandya’s classy conduct. In a highly competitive tournament like the IPL, moments of sportsmanship often stand out, and Pandya’s gesture towards the young cricketer became one of those memorable moments.

Fans praised the Mumbai Indians captain for encouraging young talent despite defeat. Many also highlighted how such gestures help boost the confidence of emerging players and promote the spirit of the game. Sooryavanshi’s fearless innings and Pandya’s sportsmanship together created one of the most heartwarming moments of IPL 2026. While Rajasthan Royals celebrated their win, Hardik Pandya walked away with admiration for his humility, proving that sometimes, even in defeat, a player can win hearts.



Titans Edge Capitals by One Run in Last-Ball Thriller

The Gujarat Titans registered a sensational one-run victory over Delhi Capitals in a thrilling Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 clash that went down to the final ball, keeping fans on the edge of their seats.

Batting first, Gujarat Titans put up a commanding total of 210 for 4 in their 20 overs. Captain Shubman Gill led from the front with a well-crafted 70, anchoring the innings with authority. He received strong support from Jos Buttler, who scored a brisk 52, and Washington Sundar, who contributed an aggressive 55. The trio ensured that Gujarat maintained momentum throughout the innings, finishing strongly with a flurry of boundaries in the death overs.

In reply, Delhi Capitals launched an impressive chase, driven by a superb innings from KL Rahul, who scored 92 off just 52 balls. His knock, filled with elegant strokes and timely acceleration, kept Delhi firmly in contention. Pathum Nissanka also played a crucial role, adding 41 runs and building a solid partnership with Rahul to keep the required run rate under control.

However, Gujarat Titans fought back in the middle overs with timely breakthroughs. The bowlers applied pressure by restricting easy scoring opportunities and picking up key wickets at crucial moments, gradually shifting the momentum of the game. The match reached a dramatic climax in the final over, with Delhi needing 13 runs to win. The tension mounted as boundaries and wickets came in quick succession. Despite a late surge that brought the equation within reach, Gujarat’s bowlers held their nerve under pressure.

In a dramatic finish, Delhi Capitals fell short by just one run, ending their innings at 209 for 8. A combination of disciplined bowling and sharp fielding, including a decisive final-ball effort, ensured Gujarat Titans emerged victorious in one of the closest contests of the season. The narrow win marked a significant turnaround for Gujarat Titans, showcasing their resilience and composure in high-pressure situations. For Delhi Capitals, despite a valiant chase, the defeat highlighted the fine margins that often define T20 cricket. The match will be remembered as one of the most thrilling encounters of IPL 2026, underlining the unpredictable and exhilarating nature of the format.



“Stephen Fleming’s Success Depends on Dhoni?” Ex-India Star’s Bold Claim Sparks Debate

A fresh debate has emerged in the Indian Premier League 2026 season after former India cricketer Sadagoppan Ramesh made a bold claim about Stephen Fleming and his success with Chennai Super Kings. Ramesh suggested that Fleming’s achievements as head coach are closely linked to his long-standing partnership with MS Dhoni.

Fleming has been one of the longest-serving coaches in IPL history, taking charge of Chennai Super Kings in 2009. Under his leadership, CSK became one of the most successful franchises in the tournament, winning multiple titles and consistently qualifying for the playoffs. However, Ramesh pointed out that most of those successes came when Dhoni was leading the side, raising questions about whether Fleming’s achievements were heavily dependent on the legendary captain.

The remarks come at a time when Chennai Super Kings are facing a challenging phase in IPL 2026. The team has struggled to find rhythm in the early part of the season, with inconsistent performances drawing criticism from fans and experts alike. Questions have also been raised about team combinations, batting approach, and overall strategy.

Ramesh argued that modern T20 cricket has evolved rapidly, with teams adopting aggressive approaches right from the start. According to him, Chennai Super Kings appear to be lagging behind this trend. He suggested that the team’s strategies have not adapted quickly enough to the changing nature of T20 cricket, where high-risk, high-reward cricket has become the norm.

The former India opener also stressed that coaches, like players, should be evaluated based on performance and adaptability. He stated that while Fleming has enjoyed immense success, the current struggles highlight the need for fresh thinking and adjustments. His comments sparked widespread discussion, with fans divided over the assessment.

Supporters of Fleming argue that his contribution to Chennai Super Kings goes beyond results. They credit him for building a strong team culture, maintaining stability, and nurturing players over the years. Under his coaching, CSK earned a reputation for consistency, calm leadership, and smart tactical decisions.

On the other hand, some observers believe that Dhoni’s leadership played a crucial role in shaping CSK’s success. They argue that the partnership between Dhoni and Fleming has been central to the franchise’s achievements, making it difficult to separate their contributions.

Despite the criticism, Fleming’s record remains impressive. Chennai Super Kings have been one of the most consistent teams in IPL history, frequently reaching playoffs and finals. The franchise is also known for bouncing back strongly after difficult phases.

With IPL 2026 still underway, the focus now shifts to how Chennai Super Kings respond. The team will be aiming to improve performances and silence critics, while the debate around Fleming’s success and Dhoni’s influence continues to generate discussion among fans and experts alike.



Arjun Tendulkar’s Deadly Yorkers in Nets Leave Teammates Stunned Ahead of IPL 2026 Opportunity

Arjun Tendulkar is making a strong case for selection in IPL 2026 after delivering a sensational bowling performance during a practice session. The young left-arm pacer impressed everyone with his pinpoint yorkers, leaving even senior players struggling in the nets and sparking fresh discussions about his inclusion in the playing XI.

The 26-year-old, who recently moved to Lucknow Super Giants in search of more opportunities, is yet to feature in the playing lineup this season. However, his performances during practice sessions have caught the attention of fans, teammates, and experts alike. A video from the nets quickly went viral, showing Arjun repeatedly hitting the blockhole with remarkable accuracy. Rishabh Pant, the team’s captain, was among the batters who found it difficult to counter his sharp deliveries.

Arjun’s yorkers were delivered with consistency and pace, forcing the batters to stay on their toes throughout the session. The intensity of the practice reflected his determination to break into the main team. Despite not being selected for matches so far, he appears focused on improving his skills and making a strong impression on the coaching staff.

The young pacer’s efforts have also earned praise from former India star Yuvraj Singh, who highlighted Arjun’s discipline and work ethic. According to Yuvraj, the youngster has been putting in serious effort behind the scenes and shows strong commitment to improving his game. Such encouragement from experienced players has further strengthened Arjun’s case for selection.

Arjun joined Lucknow ahead of IPL 2026 after spending multiple seasons with Mumbai Indians, where opportunities were limited. During his stint with Mumbai, he played only a handful of matches, making it difficult to establish himself. The move to Lucknow was seen as a fresh start and a chance for him to showcase his potential.

The latest practice session indicates that Arjun is determined to make the most of this opportunity. His ability to bowl accurate yorkers — a crucial weapon in T20 cricket — makes him a valuable option, especially in death overs. Fans have already started calling for his inclusion, arguing that his recent performances deserve a chance in the playing XI.

With IPL 2026 progressing, Arjun Tendulkar’s impressive net session has created significant buzz. If he continues to bowl with such precision, it may only be a matter of time before he earns his place in the team. For now, his dedication and hard work in practice are sending a clear message — he is ready whenever the opportunity arrives.



Director Bobby Calls PawanKalyan a “Karma Yogi”, Post Goes Viral

Director Bobby’s emotional social media post about Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and actor PawanKalyan has gone viral on social media. Bobby, who previously directed PawanKalyan in Sardaar Gabbar Singh, recently met him and shared his experience online, describing the leader as a “Karma Yogi.”

Currently busy with pre-production work for his upcoming film with Chiranjeevi, Bobby revealed that he recently met PawanKalyan and shared photos from the meeting. In his post, he

wrote that he felt emotional while going to meet him, recalling the time when they worked together, when PawanKalyan had just stepped into politics. Now, seeing him as the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh made the meeting even more special.

Bobby said that when he arrived, PawanKalyan welcomed him with a calm smile and appeared like a sage. He praised the leader’s dedication, saying that while many people enter politics to grow their wealth, PawanKalyan chose a different path. According to Bobby,

PawanKalyan gave up comforts and privileges to stand by his beliefs and work for the people.

He further wrote that he was deeply touched by the affection shown by PawanKalyan during the meeting. Bobby compared him to historical figures who sacrificed personal comforts for a greater purpose. He mentioned that people have read about Lord Buddha leaving royal luxuries in search of knowledge, and said that he had now witnessed a “Karma Yogi” working tirelessly for the people.

Bobby concluded his

post by expressing his admiration and respect, stating that his affection and admiration for PawanKalyan would always remain. The post quickly gained attention online, with fans and netizens widely sharing and discussing it. Following the post, several social media users reacted with curiosity and excitement. Some users wondered whether Bobby narrated a story to PawanKalyan during the meeting, while others speculated about a possible future collaboration between the two. A few comments also suggested that Bobby might

be planning a film with PawanKalyan after his project with Chiranjeevi.

However, the exact reason behind Bobby’s meeting with PawanKalyan has not yet been officially revealed. Despite this, the heartfelt message and the “Karma Yogi” remark have made the post go viral, sparking discussions among fans and film industry followers.

The interaction has once again highlighted the strong bond between Bobby and PawanKalyan, leaving fans eager to see whether the meeting leads to another collaboration in the future.



Allu Arjun–Atlee Film Titled “Raaka”; First Look Sparks Massive Buzz

The much-anticipated collaboration between Allu Arjun and director Atlee has finally received its official title. The film, which was earlier referred to as “AA22xA6”, has now been named “Raaka”, creating huge excitement among fans and film circles. The announcement came on Allu Arjun’s birthday, making it even more special for his followers.

Along with the title reveal, the makers also unveiled a striking first-look poster that immediately grabbed attention. In the poster, Allu Arjun appears in a completely new and intense avatar. Sporting a bald look and a rugged appearance, the actor looks fierce and powerful, hinting at a high-voltage action entertainer. The transformation surprised fans and quickly went viral across social media platforms, with many praising the bold and experimental look. This project marks the first collaboration between Allu Arjun and Atlee, making it one of the most anticipated films in Indian cinema. Atlee, known for delivering large-scale commercial entertainers, is expected to present Allu Arjun in a never-before-seen role. The film is reportedly being planned as a pan-India spectacle with grand



visuals and high production values. The buzz around the film increased further with reports that DeepikaPadukone is expected to play a key role. While the makers are yet to confirm the full cast officially, the possibility of a star-studded lineup has already heightened expectations. Industry sources suggest that the film will feature advanced visual effects and large-scale action sequences. The makers are reportedly planning the movie with a massive budget, aiming

to deliver a cinematic experience that appeals to audiences across multiple languages. Following the announcement, fans flooded social media with reactions, calling the title powerful and praising Allu Arjun’s transformation. Many described the look as intense and mysterious, sparking curiosity about the storyline and character. The collaboration comes at a time when Allu Arjun’s popularity is at an all-time high after the massive success

of Pushpa: The Rise and Pushpa 2: The Rule. With Atlee’s track record of delivering blockbusters, expectations from “Raaka” have skyrocketed. With a powerful title, striking first look, and a strong combination of talent, “Raaka” has already become one of the most awaited films in Indian cinema. Fans are now eagerly waiting for the teaser, cast announcements, and release date.

Prithviraj Sukumaran Completes ‘Kumbha’ Shoot in Varanasi, Shares “My Work Is Done” Update

Actor Prithviraj Sukumaran has shared an important update from the sets of director S. S. Rajamouli’s much-anticipated film starring Mahesh Babu. The actor revealed that he has completed his shooting schedule in Varanasi and described the experience as intense and fulfilling.

Prithviraj, who plays a powerful character named Kumbha in the film, posted about wrapping up his portion of the shoot. Sharing his excitement, he wrote that his work for the schedule was finished and expressed satisfaction after completing the demanding filming process. The update quickly grabbed attention among fans and film enthusiasts, increasing anticipation for the big-budget project.

The Varanasi schedule is said to be an important part of the film, with several crucial scenes shot in the historic city. Prithviraj reportedly underwent significant preparation for his role, following a strict routine to maintain the physical and emotional intensity required for the character. The actor also hinted that the schedule involved challenging



scenes that required dedication and focus.

After completing the shoot, Prithviraj treated himself by taking a break from his disciplined routine. He mentioned enjoying food after following a strict diet during filming, calling it a well-deserved reward following the demanding

schedule. His candid update added a personal touch and delighted fans who closely follow his journey.

The film, directed by S. S. Rajamouli, is progressing steadily and is one of the most awaited Indian films in recent times. With Mahesh Babu playing the lead role and Prithviraj por-

traying a key character, expectations from the project are extremely high. The movie is being mounted on a grand scale and is expected to feature breathtaking visuals and a strong storyline.

Adding to the excitement, the film’s team recently hinted that the project is moving ahead as planned, further building anticipation among audiences. Social media interactions from the team members have also sparked curiosity, with fans eagerly waiting for official announcements regarding teaser releases and promotional updates.

This ambitious project also features Priyanka Chopra in a significant role, making the film even more appealing to a global audience. The combination of Rajamouli’s vision, Mahesh Babu’s star power, and Prithviraj’s strong screen presence has already created massive buzz. With Prithviraj Sukumaran completing his schedule in Varanasi, the film has taken another step toward completion. Fans are now eagerly waiting for more updates, including first-look posters, teaser announcements, and release details.

Alia Bhatt Faces Awkward Moment During First-Time Awards Hosting

Bollywood star Alia Bhatt recently found herself in an awkward situation while hosting an awards show for the first time. The actress, who is widely appreciated for her acting skills, stepped into a new role as host at the Screen Awards 2026, but her performance drew mixed reactions and quickly became a topic of discussion on social media. Alia Bhatt reportedly hosted the event alongside comedian Sunil Grover. While expectations were high, the actress appeared slightly nervous during several segments of the show. Being her first time hosting a major public event, she struggled at a few moments while delivering lines and interacting with the audience. Some of her jokes and comments did not land as expected, resulting in awkward pauses and muted responses from attendees. One particular moment that drew attention was when Alia spoke about filmmaker Sanjay LeelaBhansali and his films. While mentioning the movies, she reportedly mixed up the release years of some projects. Realizing the mistake, she attempted to recover with humor, but the effort did not fully work, leading to an awkward moment on stage. The incident quickly circulated on social media, with clips from the event going viral. Despite the hiccups, Alia continued hosting the event and completed her responsibilities. However, observers noted that she appeared somewhat quiet and reserved after the function, possibly reflecting on the experience. The incident sparked debates online, with some netizens criticizing her hosting skills, while others defended her, pointing out that hosting requires a completely different skill set compared to acting.

Several social media users commented that Alia seemed nervous and uncomfortable during the show, while others felt that her comedic timing did not work well with the au-

dience. At the same time, many fans supported the actress, stating that it was her first attempt and that she should be appreciated for trying something new outside her comfort zone.

Hosting an awards show is often considered challenging, as it requires spontaneity, quick wit, and the ability to engage a live audience. For many actors, transitioning into hosting roles can be difficult, especially during their first attempt. Alia Bhatt’s experience reflects these challenges and highlights the pressure that comes with stepping into a new role. Despite the awkward moments, the actress’s effort to experiment with hosting was noted by fans and industry insiders. Many believe that with more experience, Alia Bhatt could improve her stage presence and hosting skills in the future. While the performance received mixed reactions, the event once again placed Alia Bhatt in the spotlight, proving that even a small moment involving the popular actress quickly becomes a trending topic.



Nayanthara Faces Trolling After Surprise Appearance at ‘Love Insurance Kompany’ Event

Lady Superstar Nayanthara has once again become the subject of social media discussions, this time following her surprise appearance at the pre-release event of her husband VigneshShivan’s upcoming film Love Insurance Kompany. While her presence delighted many fans, it also sparked criticism and trolling from some sections of social media users.

Nayanthara is widely known for maintaining a strict rule of staying away from film promotions and public events. Over the years, she has consistently avoided attending promotional activities, even for films in which she played leading roles. Reports suggest that she has sometimes even reduced her remuneration to maintain this policy. Because of this long-standing stance, her sudden appearance at the pre-release event surprised many in the film industry and among audiences. The grand pre-release event for Love Insurance Kompany, directed by VigneshShivan, was held in Chennai ahead of the film’s release. During the event, Nayanthara unexpectedly walked onto the stage, hugged her husband, and extended her wishes to the film’s team. The emotional moment between the couple quickly went viral across social media platforms, drawing widespread attention. However, the viral videos also triggered criticism. Some netizens questioned why Nayanthara, who usually avoids promotions for other producers’ films, chose to attend the event for her husband’s movie. Critics argued that she seemed to follow one rule for other films and another for her own projects. Others even claimed that the entire moment appeared pre-planned as part of promotional strategy for the movie. At the same time, many fans came forward in her support. They pointed out that Nayanthara is also associated with the film as a producer and therefore has every right to promote the project. Supporters argued that her appearance was natural and emotional, especially since the film is closely connected to her family and professional journey. The film Love Insurance Kompany, directed by VigneshShivan, features Pradeep Rangathan and Krithi Shetty in lead roles. The movie is set to release soon and has already generated strong buzz through its promotional events and social media discussions.

Despite mixed reactions, Nayanthara’s surprise appearance has successfully drawn attention to the film. Whether criticized or praised, the actress once again became one of the most talked-about celebrities online, with the viral moment keeping Love Insurance Kompany in the spotlight.

