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Revanth Reddy Attends Key CWC Meeting at Indira Bhavan, Delhi

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy participated in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting held at Indira Bhavan in New Delhi on Wednesday, marking a significant gathering of the party's top leadership and chief ministers from Congress-ruled states.



including Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The presence of multiple chief ministers highlighted the party's effort to strengthen coordination between the central leadership and state administrations.

portedly covered economic policies, welfare schemes, and the implementation of key election promises across states. CM Revanth Reddy's participation in the meeting is seen as politically significant, given his active role in Telangana politics and the Congress party's renewed focus on expanding its influence in southern India.

working to consolidate its position nationally while also preparing for a series of upcoming state and national-level political developments. Leaders emphasized unity, coordinated messaging, and stronger grassroots engagement as key priorities going forward.

Telangana Pushes AI-Driven Tax Monitoring to Boost Revenue Toward \$3 Trillion Goal

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu has said that the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI), continuous tax monitoring, and improved administrative systems are significantly boosting the state's revenue performance across key departments.

The remarks were made during the Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting on Revenue Generation and Resource Mobilization held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat on Friday. Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao, along with senior officials, participated in the review meeting.

The Deputy Chief Minister stated that modern technological tools, especially AI-based monitoring systems, have improved efficiency and transparency in revenue collection, particularly in departments such as mining and transport. He directed officials to take strict action against illegal sand mining, unauthorized crusher operations, overloading of vehicles, and illegal transportation activities.

He further noted that sustained departmental reviews and stricter tax enforcement have resulted in a 15 per cent increase in GST revenues over the past three months in the Commercial Taxes Department. The Registration Department has also reported steady growth in revenue collections during the same period.

Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized that the Revenue Generation and Resource Mobilization Sub-Committee will now meet every Friday to ensure continu-



ous monitoring and faster decision-making. He also instructed all departments to prepare structured revenue enhancement plans aligned with the long-term vision of achieving a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. During the meeting, Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy suggested expanding global outreach and awareness campaigns for land sales under the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), stating that improved publicity could unlock significant revenue potential from international investors and buyers.

The Deputy Chief Minister directed officials from the Registration Department to first submit reports from committees studying land value revisions to the Sub-Committee before placing them before the Cabinet for approval. He stressed the need for a systematic and transparent approach in revising land values and improving asset monetization strategies.

The discussion also covered revenue and expenditure aspects related to Metro Rail projects, along with performance reviews of the Excise, Revenue,

and Industries departments. Officials briefed the committee on ongoing initiatives aimed at strengthening financial discipline and enhancing state income streams. Bhatti Vikramarka instructed departments to submit Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions made in each meeting, ensuring accountability and follow-up in subsequent reviews. He reiterated that coordinated governance and technology-driven administration are key to achieving Telangana's long-term economic ambitions.

Telangana Inter Results to Be Declared on April 12 by CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education (TGBIE) will declare the Intermediate Public Examination (IPE) results on April 12, officials have announced.

The results will be formally released by Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy, following which the marks will be made available online through the official result portal.

According to officials, nearly 9.97 lakh students appeared for the Intermediate examinations this year, including first-year and second-year students. The exams were conducted across thousands of centres in the state in March 2026.

Education officials said all arrangements for the result publication have been completed and the evaluation process has been finalised. The announcement is expected to be made at a formal press event, after which students can access their marks memos online using their hall ticket numbers.

The Intermediate results are

considered a crucial academic milestone for students as they determine eligibility for higher education admissions in engineering, medicine, degree courses, and other professional programmes.

Authorities have advised students to keep their hall ticket details ready in advance to avoid last-minute inconvenience on the result day. The official website will handle heavy traffic expected on the day of announcement.

Officials also stated that measures have been taken to ensure smooth access to results without technical glitches, given the large number of students awaiting the outcome.

The announcement by the Chief Minister is expected to be part of the government's broader focus on education reforms and student welfare initiatives in the state.

Further details regarding pass percentages, toppers list, and supplementary examination schedule will be released shortly after the results are declared.



Telangana Governor Meets Prime Minister Modi in Delhi

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The Governor of Telangana met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Friday, marking a key courtesy visit in the national capital.

During the meeting, discussions were held on various administrative and developmental issues related to the state. Officials said the interaction focused on governance coordination and ongoing welfare and infrastructure initiatives being implemented in Telangana.

The Governor briefed the Prime Minister on the progress of key development programmes in the state and also discussed measures aimed at improving public service delivery and strengthening administrative efficiency. The meeting is seen as part of routine engagement between the Centre and state representatives.

Sources said that issues related to development planning, welfare schemes, and institutional coordination were part of the discussions. The Prime Minister acknowledged the Governor's inputs and emphasized

sized continued cooperation between the Centre and the state government for effective implementation of development projects.

Telangana, which continues to witness rapid urban growth and infrastructure expansion, has been focusing on areas such as education, healthcare, transport, and industrial development. The meeting is expected to further strengthen Centre-State coordination on these fronts.

Officials added that such high-level interactions help in reviewing the progress of centrally supported programmes and ensure smoother implementation of policies at the ground level.

The Governor's meeting with the Prime Minister comes at a time when several key infrastructure and welfare projects are under execution in Telangana, including initiatives in urban development, healthcare expansion, and connectivity improvement.

Further details of the discussions are expected to be shared through official channels in due course.

Mahabubnagar to Be Developed as Medical Hub of South Telangana: Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha

Mahabubnagar, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha announced that Mahabubnagar will be developed as a major medical hub for South Telangana, with strengthened healthcare infrastructure from primary health centres to super-specialty hospitals.

The minister made these remarks during the "Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika" programme held in Mahabubnagar district, where he inaugurated a voluntary mega blood donation camp as part of Health Awareness Week. He also launched an AYUSH programme featuring yoga sessions and free Ayurvedic and Unani medical camps.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that the government is committed to strengthening healthcare services in the combined Mahabubnagar district and ensuring that nearly 95 per cent of medical treatments will be available locally at the district headquarters. He added that the Mahabubnagar Medical College will be upgraded as a referral hospital, significantly improving access to advanced healthcare services.

He said efforts are underway to expand postgraduate (PG) medical seats and add 14 new departments to the existing 21 departments in the medical college, taking the total academic strength to a higher level. The institution, he said, will be developed on the lines of



Osmania Medical College.

Plans are also being implemented to establish organ

transplantation and vascular access centres at the medical college, along with the creation

of a new surgical department. The minister said that necessary infrastructure, faculty re-

ruitment including assistant and associate professors, and modern medical equipment will be provided to strengthen the institution. The government, he said, is also focusing on improving nursing education facilities. As part of this initiative, 2,322 nursing officer posts are being filled across the state. A new nursing college building, hostel facilities, and transportation services are also planned for Mahabubnagar. He noted that the establishment of IIIT in Mahabubnagar was made possible due to the support of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, marking a significant step in the district's educational development.

The minister also announced plans to set up trauma care centres along national high-

ways to improve emergency medical response. He stressed that these facilities will be crucial in reducing fatalities from road accidents. During his visit, the minister inspected the district hospital, interacted with patients, and reviewed the functioning of various departments. Health officials including senior bureaucrats, district collectors, municipal representatives, and medical education authorities participated in the programme.

Officials said the government's vision is to transform Mahabubnagar into a full-fledged referral medical centre for South Telangana, ensuring advanced healthcare accessibility within the region and reducing dependency on metropolitan hospitals.

Ministers Damodar Raj Narsimha and Ponnamp Prabhakar Participate in Yoga Session at Gachibowli Stadium

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

As part of the Telangana government's 99-day "Praja Palana - Pragati Nivedika" programme and the ongoing Health Week celebrations under the theme "Prevention is Better than Cure", a grand Yoga session was organised by the AYUSH Department at Gachibowli Stadium here on Friday. Health Minister Damodar Raj Narsimha and Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar actively participated in the session and performed various yogasanas along with a large gathering of citizens and enthusiasts.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar said the state government is conducting awareness programmes and review meetings across departments as part of



the 99-day action plan to highlight welfare schemes and development initiatives.

He stated that the Health and Medical Department has taken up several health awareness

programmes during this Health Week. "After assuming power, the government has given

top priority to education and healthcare sectors," he added. Prabhakar congratulated the AYUSH Department for organising the yoga session to create awareness on healthy lifestyles among the people.

Highlighting the rising incidence of lifestyle diseases, the minister said, "In today's busy life, high blood pressure and diabetes have become very common. To prevent these diseases, we must protect ourselves by adopting healthy habits. Daily exercise, yoga and physical activity are essential." He emphasised that only when people remain healthy can the state achieve overall development and progress. The yoga session witnessed enthusiastic participation and is expected to promote the importance of preventive healthcare and traditional wellness practices among the public.



Young Chess Prodigy Shreyansh Muralikrishna Patel Felicitated at Gandhi Bhavan

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana PCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Whip and DCC President Beerla Ailayya, and MLA Samuel jointly felicitated young chess champion Konda Shreyansh Muralikrishna Patel at Gandhi Bhavan here on Friday. The leaders, along with Minister Konda Surekha, specially congratulated the talented youngster for creating a new world record in the World Book of Records Chess Competition recently organised by the Ray Chess Academy.

Shreyansh, a child prodigy, achieved the rare feat at a very

young age, bringing international recognition to Telangana. The leaders praised his exceptional talent and dedication towards the game of chess.

Speaking on the occasion, the Congress leaders expressed confidence that Shreyansh would continue his outstanding performance and bring more laurels to the country and the state in the coming years. They wished the young champion all success in his future endeavours and encouraged him to keep pursuing excellence with the same passion and hard work. Several Congress party leaders and workers were present during the felicitation programme.



Minister Seethakka Defends Mobile Phones Distribution to Anganwadi Teachers

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Women and Child Welfare Minister Seethakka has strongly defended the state government's decision to distribute mobile phones to Anganwadi teachers across Telangana and hit back at the opposition for levelling false allegations.

Speaking to the media on Friday, the minister said the phones are being distributed as part of the government's efforts to strengthen the ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) scheme and improve digital monitoring.

She welcomed the participation of BRS MLAs in the distribution programme, calling it a commendable gesture.

Seethakka clarified that the procurement was done in a completely transparent manner through the GeM (Government e-Marketplace) portal as per Central Government guidelines. "These are not phones called by Seethakka. Tenders were floated twice by TGTS through an expert committee following third-party procedures," she explained.

Countering allegations that phones were purchased at 14,999 each, the minister said the actual purchase price was

only 11,650 per unit, well below the Central Government's maximum limit of 11,800.

"Some vested interests are spreading false propaganda. If they have any proof, let them complain to the Centre or approach the courts instead of making baseless accusations," she said.

Seethakka warned that legal notices would be issued against those continuing with false propaganda. She recalled that when legal notices were sent to TRS (now BRS) leaders in the past over sand mining irregularities, they had expressed regret. "If they don't stop now, legal action is inevitable," she added.

The minister pointed out that five years ago, the previous government had purchased phones for Anganwadi workers at 10,000 each. "Now prices have increased and we are providing advanced mobiles. Why are they feeling heartburn when modern phones are given to our sisters?" she questioned.

Seethakka urged opposition leaders, particularly KCR, to restrain elements spreading misinformation, warning that such campaigns would ultimately harm them.

Jupally Krishna Rao Accuses Harish Rao of Double Standards on Palamuru Projects

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Excise and Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Friday launched a sharp attack on former minister T. Harish Rao, accusing him of adopting double standards on irrigation projects in the erstwhile Palamuru district. Addressing media persons along with MLAs G. Madhusudan Reddy and Veerlapalli Shankar at the CLP meeting, Jupally questioned why the BRS leaders, who had issued a Government Order (GO) for the construction of Gollapalli Reservoir a decade ago, were now opposing it for political gains. He reminded that in 2016, the then BRS government had accorded administrative approval for 25 reservoirs with 4,177 crore rupees, including Gollapalli. In March 2019, 27 reservoirs in-

cluding Gollapalli were proposed. "Now they are creating hurdles on the same project they had cleared. This is nothing but cheating the people of Palamuru," he alleged. Jupally criticised the BRS regime for signing the Krishna water agreement that allocated only 299 TMC to Telangana against 512 TMC to Andhra Pradesh. He said reservoirs like Gollapalli were essential to store water for use when Srisailem had low levels, but the previous government ignored their pleas. Dismissing Harish Rao's claim that 80 per cent of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project works were completed, Jupally said there was no truth in it. "With an estimated cost of 80,000 crore, only 25,000 crore was spent. Canal works, land acquisition and administrative clearances are incomplete. They switched on pumps just before elections

to deceive people but not a single acre received water in ten years," he charged. The minister pointed out that while BRS spent 7,000 crore on Palamuru projects in ten years, Congress governments in united Andhra Pradesh had spent 8,300 crore. He strongly criticised Harish Rao for the displacement of farmers in the 50 TMC Mallanna Sagar project and said he had no moral right to speak about Palamuru farmers. Jupally challenged Harish Rao to an open debate on Palamuru projects anywhere and anytime. He also defended the Congress government saying it was not indulging in political vendetta, unlike the previous regime which filed false cases. The minister expressed confidence that Congress would return to power both in the state and at the Centre under Rahul Gandhi's leadership.



Hyderabad DISHA Meeting Reviews Civic Services, Infrastructure Push: Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy said that coordinated efforts between central and state agencies are crucial for the accelerated development of Hyderabad, following the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting held at the Dr. MCR HRD Institute in Jubilee Hills. Addressing the media after the eight-hour-long review meeting, the Union Minister said that the committee evaluated a wide range of public services and ongoing development works in Hyderabad. Officials from the district administration, GHMC, Metro Water Board, and various departments participated in the detailed review. He said discussions focused on key civic sectors including education, healthcare, drinking water supply, and urban infrastructure. The meeting reviewed the implementation of mid-day meal schemes, distribution of textbooks and uniforms, and expansion of smart and digital classrooms in government schools. In the healthcare sector, Kishan Reddy said efforts are underway to strengthen hospital infrastructure in Hyderabad, including dialysis centres, vaccination facilities, and installation of advanced medical equipment such as cardiac and diagnostic systems. He added that new medical colleges and speciality hospitals are being developed with central support. Urban services such as drinking water supply, road connectivity, and drainage systems were also reviewed. A summer action plan has been prepared jointly by GHMC and the Metro Water Board to ensure uninterrupted civic services, while monsoon preparedness measures have been initiated, including inspection and repair of drainage and flood management systems. The Minister said the Centre

is also promoting long-term infrastructure expansion, including high-speed rail corridors connecting Hyderabad with Bengaluru, Chennai, and Pune. He noted that Hyderabad is emerging as a key hub in three of the seven proposed national high-speed rail corridors, reflecting its growing strategic importance.

He further said that the Centre is investing heavily in modernising railway infrastructure, urban transport, sports facilities, and civic amenities across Hyderabad. Major projects such as hospital upgrades, new medical institutions, and expansion of sports infrastructure, including Osmania Hospital redevelopment, are also underway. Kishan Reddy highlighted the development of the Komuravelli railway station, stating that the project is nearing completion and will soon be dedicated to devotees of Lord Mallanna. He said the station will significantly improve connectivity and provide safer and more affordable travel options for pilgrims across Telangana. He also mentioned proposals to enhance connectivity between Hyderabad and Yadagirigutta through MMTS expansion, with an estimated investment of around 500 crore under consideration. The project, he said, is expected to improve regional connectivity and ease passenger movement. The Minister added that several new institutions, tourism development projects, and scientific research initiatives are being planned in Hyderabad, calling on the state government to cooperate with the Centre for timely implementation of development schemes.

He concluded that Hyderabad's transformation into a global hub for education, research, IT, and infrastructure can be achieved through coordinated governance and effective execution of centrally supported projects.

Telangana Govt Farmers' Welfare Model an Inspiration, Says Minister Tummala

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has said that the Telangana government is emerging as a model for other states in India by taking bold, farmer-centric decisions and prioritising welfare-oriented governance. Addressing criticism from the opposition, the minister said the government has demonstrated "bold and decisive leadership" by implementing landmark initiatives, particularly in the agriculture sector. He asserted that the state, though relatively young, is setting an example for larger states through welfare-focused administration.

Tummala stated that despite facing financial challenges upon assuming office, the government fulfilled its electoral promise by implementing farm loan waiver for loans below 2



lakh in a single phase. He said this decision alone benefited over 25 lakh farmers and has been widely recognised as a milestone in agricultural welfare policy.

He further claimed that Telangana is the only state in the country to implement such a large-scale waiver in one go, calling it a historic step that has strengthened farmer confi-

dence. According to him, official reports presented in Parliament also indicated that Telangana's farm loan burden remains among the lowest in southern India. The minister strongly criticised the previous administration led by K. Chandrashekar Rao, alleging that despite promising loan waivers up to 1 lakh during its tenure, the scheme was not im-

plemented effectively, leading to increased interest burdens on farmers. He also alleged irregularities and delays in earlier waiver announcements, which he said caused financial stress to the farming community.

Responding to opposition criticism, Tummala said that those who failed to implement promises during their tenure are now attempting to mislead farmers by questioning the current government's initiatives. He termed such criticism as politically motivated and an attempt to undermine welfare programs. Highlighting transparency measures, the minister said the current government coordinated with banks to collect accurate farmer loan data before implementing the waiver. Based on verified records, the scheme was executed to ensure that all eligible farmers received benefits with-

out exclusion.

He added that in cases of data discrepancies, officials conducted door-to-door verification and Aadhaar linkage to ensure no eligible farmer was left out. This, he said, reflects the government's commitment to accountability and inclusiveness. Tummala reiterated that the total loan waiver implemented amounts to 20,616.89 crore, reinforcing the government's commitment to farmer welfare despite fiscal constraints. He said the administration remains focused on strengthening agriculture and will continue introducing new support measures in the future. The minister concluded that the government's farmer-first approach will remain central to its policy framework, and efforts will continue to modernise agriculture while ensuring sustained rural development across Telangana.

BRS Leaders Allege Massive Land Grab in Nadargul, Submit Complaint at Rangareddy Collector's Office

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy, along with MLA Vivekananda, MLAs Dasoju Shruvan and Vanidevi, and former MLAs Manchireddy Kishan Reddy, Anjaya, and Patnam Narendra Reddy, visited the Rangareddy District Collector's office on Friday

and submitted a strong complaint to Additional Collector Chandar Reddy regarding alleged illegal occupation of 373 acres of government land at Nadargul.

The BRS leaders accused certain Congress leaders of serious irregularities in Survey No. 673. They claimed that around 600 farmers are

being prevented from cultivating their lands by bouncers and goons allegedly backed by Congress-affiliated individuals, including a minister. The leaders alleged that prime government land worth several thousand crores is being encroached upon, causing huge loss to the state exchequer and violating

the Land Ceiling Act.

"Congress leaders are constructing sheds with blue sheets and barbed wire fencing around the land, harassing farmers and blocking access to their borewells. In some cases, borewells belonging to farmers have been damaged and cultivators physically assaulted and driven

out," the delegation alleged. They questioned how Congress leaders could construct illegal sheds on government land without any action from officials. The leaders pointed out that even after complaints to the local Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), no steps were taken to remove the encroachments.

The BRS team demanded immediate action to protect the valuable government land, cancellation of illegal occupations, removal of fences and structures, and strict measures against those involved in the alleged irregularities. They warned that failure to act would force them to intensify their agitation.

The complaint has once again brought the spotlight on the long-standing Nadargul land dispute, which has been a bone of contention between BRS and the ruling Congress party in recent weeks. Officials are yet to respond officially to the fresh complaint filed by the BRS delegation.



Kavitha Alleges Massive Corruption in GHMC, Demands Tender System

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Jagruthi president and BRS leader K. Kavitha on Friday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, accusing it of large-scale corruption in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA). Addressing a press meet at the Telangana Jagruthi office in Banjara Hills, Kavitha alleged that contracts worth 1,148 crore have been awarded in GHMC through the nomination method without calling tenders since the Congress came to power. She claimed this practice violates the Telangana State Financial Code and enables massive irregularities. "Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is favouring his close as-

sociates by awarding works through nomination. All works in GHMC and HMDA should be given only through transparent tender process," she demanded. Kavitha pointed out that even the previous BRS government had awarded contracts worth 480 crore through nomination since 2017, but the scale has increased significantly under the present regime. She warned that if the nomination system is not scrapped immediately and replaced with competitive tenders, she would approach the Enforcement Directorate (ED) with full details of the alleged corruption. The BRS leader also criticised the government for allegedly intimidating real estate companies in the name of HYDR and collecting 150 per square foot. She asked the government to stop such practices or face complaints to central agencies. On the Kaleshwaram project, Kavitha said the Congress is

undertaking repairs only to earn commissions. She accused the government of drying up 8.5 lakh acres of land and called it a "heartless regime" for failing farmers.

Kavitha also hit out at the BJP over the Women's Reservation Bill, stating that using 2011 census data is a fraud on women, especially BC women. She warned BJP MP Arvind against making personal remarks against her and said she would not remain silent.

She announced that Telangana Jagruthi has formed 21 committees with 30 members each and 500 volunteers to ensure smooth conduct of its upcoming public meeting. She appealed to media persons to reach the venue early.

Kavitha said the Congress government has failed to deliver on its promises and is continuing corrupt practices under the guise of development.

BRS Leader Alleges 1.5 Lakh Crore Scam in Musi Beautification Project, Vows Resistance to Evictions - Dasoju Sravan

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader Dr. R. S. Praveen Kumar has launched a sharp attack on the Telangana Congress government, alleging that its procurement policy and Government Order (G.O.) 17 are undermining social justice and destroying opportunities for small and medium contractors in the state.

Speaking at a press conference held at Telangana Bhavan, Praveen Kumar accused the ruling Congress of "breaking its promises" made before elections, particularly regarding reservations in government procurement contracts. He recalled that the Congress party had issued separate BC and SC, ST declarations during its election campaign, promising 42 per cent reservation for Backward Classes, 18 per cent for Scheduled Castes, and 12 per cent for Scheduled Tribes in public procurement.

He alleged that despite being in power for over two years, the government has failed to implement these assurances. Instead, he claimed, G.O. 17 has been introduced, which allows



national-level companies to participate in tenders for school and welfare institutions, effectively sidelining local small contractors. According to him, this policy shift has severely impacted nearly 12,000 small and medium contractors who were earlier supported during the tenure of K. Chandrashekar Rao. He said the previous administration had created an ecosystem that promoted education, micro-industries, and decentralized procurement, ensuring fair opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

Praveen Kumar further alleged that the new tender conditions, including high solvency certificate requirements ranging from 10 crore to 25 crore and watermark specifications for notebooks, are impractical and designed to benefit large corporations. He questioned whether such conditions were necessary for school supplies like uniforms, shoes, bags, belts, and notebooks.

He accused the government of indirectly favouring "close associate companies" and claimed that G.O. 17 has creat-

ed a system where small companies are pushed out while big contractors gain monopoly access. He also alleged irregularities worth nearly 2,000 crore in procurement linked to the education sector.

The BRS leader said even the High Court had suggested modifications to G.O. 17, but the government has failed to act. He demanded immediate withdrawal of the order and restoration of reservation-based procurement policies in line with states like Karnataka, where SC reservations in procurement are implemented.

He also criticised remarks made by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating that development claims are meaningless if small industries are destroyed. He announced that he would write a formal letter to the Chief Minister and urged the government to apologize and roll back the policy on Ambedkar Jayanti.

Praveen Kumar concluded that the Congress government is ignoring social justice principles and pushing small entrepreneurs into crisis, while favouring large contractors for alleged financial gains.



KTR to Visit Mancherial District on April 12

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) will visit Mancherial district on April 12 (Sunday) as part of the party's ongoing organisational efforts. During the visit, KTR will attend a district-level party workers' meeting at 11 AM at the district BRS office. The meeting is expected to focus on strengthening the party cadre in the district. Mancherial district BRS president and former Government Whip Balka Suman personally invited KTR for the tour. As part of the programme, KTR will felicitate Kyathan Mandal

Municipal Chairman and members who stood firmly with the BRS party despite facing several hardships, threats, and inducements. Later, at 12:30 PM, KTR will attend the wedding reception of the daughter of former MLA Durgam Chinniah. After the wedding function, KTR will interact with the media at 1:30 PM at Balka Suman's residence in Kyathanpally. He is also scheduled to meet leaders of various local organisations during the same visit. The visit is being seen as significant for boosting the morale of BRS workers in Mancherial ahead of future political battles.

Sangareddy Government Schools, Colleges to Get Major Infrastructure Boost: Jaggareddy

Sangareddy, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Sangareddy MLA T. Jaggareddy and Nirmala have directed officials to prepare detailed proposals by the 25th of this month for strengthening infrastructure in government schools, junior colleges, degree colleges, and welfare hostels in Sangareddy and Sadashivpet towns.

A review meeting was held under the supervision of Deputy Revenue Officer Pandu, continuing discussions from an earlier meeting chaired by former Collector Praveenya. Officials from education, municipal, public health, R&B, revenue, and social welfare departments participated in the review.

The leaders instructed that proposals must include additional classrooms, new school and college buildings, hostel expansion, drinking water facilities, sanitation infrastructure, and other essential amenities in institutions including girls' and boys' high schools, women's junior and degree colleges, BC, SC, ST, and minority welfare hostels, as well as Tara Degree College.

They stressed that future student enrolment growth must be taken into account while planning new infrastructure. Jaggareddy said that there should be no hesitation in estimating adequate funds, as the priority is to ensure quality education and proper facilities for students.

He further stated that he would personally take up the



matter with the Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to secure necessary government funding. In addition, he said CSR funds would also be mobilised to support the development works. During the meeting, Jaggareddy reportedly contacted representatives of sev-

eral industrial organisations, including Aurobindo, MSN, and UB companies, seeking CSR contributions. The representatives responded positively, according to officials.

The MLA and Nirmala directed departments to prepare institution-wise detailed esti-

mates for all schools, colleges, and hostels, ensuring that every requirement is clearly documented. They emphasized that infrastructure development should be future-ready and focused on long-term educational needs. They announced that another review meeting will be

held on the 25th of this month to finalize proposals and expedite funding approvals. Jaggareddy assured that he would ensure swift sanction of funds for the proposed development works to improve government educational institutions across the region.

CBITMUN 2026 Opens with Grandeur at 15th Edition

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The 15th edition of CBIT Model United Nations (CBITMUN 2026) was inaugurated on Friday with great enthusiasm and prestige at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Honourable Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly, and Guest of Honour A. V. Ranganath, IPS, Commissioner of

HYDRABA. Their presence lent significant stature to the event and inspired the young delegates to approach the sessions with seriousness and commitment.

In his address, A. V. Ranganath highlighted the critical importance of environmental policy and effective governance. He stressed the need for responsible leadership and active participation of informed youth in tackling pressing global challenges.

C. V. Narasimhulu, Principal of CBIT, delivered a motivating

speech in which he urged the participants to engage constructively in the deliberations and make the most of this valuable opportunity. He expressed the institute's pride in hosting one of the region's most respected MUN conferences and reiterated CBIT's commitment to developing globally conscious citizens.

The organisers extended their heartfelt gratitude to the faculty coordinators, Dr. Shagufta Parween, Head of the Department of English, and Dr. Rahul, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, for their consistent guidance and unwavering support throughout the planning and execution of the conference.

CBITMUN 2026 features six specialised committees, each simulating prominent international and national bodies. The agendas have been carefully designed around pressing contemporary global issues, promising intense, structured, and insightful debates over the next three days.

With a professional atmosphere and energetic participation visible from the very first session, the 15th edition of CBITMUN has set high expectations. Organisers and delegates alike believe this milestone edition will further strengthen the conference's reputation as a premier platform for youth empowerment through diplomacy and dialogue.



Land Scam Victims Stage Protest at Begumpet Praja Bhavan, Demand Justice

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Hundreds of distressed plot owners from GPR Sri Sainath Gardens layout in Rudraram village of Patancheru mandal, Sangareddy district, raised their voices at Begumpet Praja Bhavan on Friday, urging the government to intervene immediately and deliver justice in what they termed a massive land fraud case.

They claimed that many plots were sold after hiding original land details and showing only selective survey numbers during registration. Several plots that were already sold to buyers were later shown as agricultural land and mortgaged to banks.



orders from the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT). "Many of us, including senior citizens and women, have been waiting for years. Our hard-earned money and properties are now at risk.

According to the victims, the developer GPR Housing Private Limited had developed the layout in about 218 acres with Gram Panchayat approval in 2000 across 70 survey numbers and sold around 3,100 plots since 2002. However, irregularities surfaced when the same lands were allegedly registered again as agricultural plots through Document No. 60/2026 on January 16, 2026, despite court injunctions.

With several families facing severe hardship, all eyes are now on how the state government will respond to the growing cries for intervention in this long-pending land dispute.

Dr. Praveen Kumar Conferred Telangana's Prestigious 'Best Medical Service Award'

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Dr. Praveen Kumar, Panchakarma Specialist at the Government Ayurvedic Hospital in Erragadda and Professor at the Ayurvedic Medical College, has been honoured with the State-level "Uttama Vaidya Seva Puraskaram" by the Telangana Government's AYUSH Department under the Medical, Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

The award was presented to him by Health Minister Damodar Raj Narsimha and Health Secretary Christina Z. Changdu during a special programme held at Ravindra Bharathi in Hyderabad.

Dr. Praveen Kumar is widely appreciated for his unique approach to treatment. Unlike conventional doctors who limit themselves to prescribing medicines after brief consultations, he spends considerable



time listening to patients, understanding their lifestyle, and addressing their concerns with empathy. Patients often say that half their ailment disappears just by talking to him and feeling his genuine care.

Ayurvedic therapy of Panchakarma, Dr. Praveen Kumar has successfully integrated traditional methods with modern requirements, giving a new lease of life to hundreds of patients suffering from chronic ailments. Many of his patients

describe him as a "Kalkiturayi" (guiding light) in the field of Ayurvedic medicine. In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Praveen Kumar has been shaping the next generation of Ayurvedic doctors as a professor in government Ayurvedic institutions, mentoring scores of young practitioners.

Speaking after receiving the award, Dr. Praveen Kumar said Ayurveda is not merely herbal medicine but a complete science that looks at the human being holistically. "Through Panchakarma therapy, both body and mind achieve complete wellness. This is our precious ancient medical heritage," he noted.

The Telangana government's decision to recognise Dr. Praveen Kumar's dedicated service highlights the growing importance being given to traditional systems of medicine under the AYUSH framework.



Sports Build Physical and Mental Strength: BC JAC Leader

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

BC JAC State Convener Jajula Lingam Goud has stressed the need for the state government to actively encourage youth towards sports to improve their physical fitness and overall well-being. Inaugurating the sports competitions organised by the OBC Students Association at Nizam College on Friday, Lingam Goud highlighted the importance of sports in building both physical strength and mental resilience.

mobile-dominated world, youth are spending very little time on physical activities. "In such a scenario, students actively participating in sports competitions is a welcome and positive development," he noted.

Prominent leaders who attended the inaugural function included BC Students Union National President Tatikonda Vikram, BC Youth Association President Kanakala Shyam Kurma, and other office-bearers Ediga Srinivasa, Veeraswamy, Indram Gooduru Bhaskar, Mahesh, Varun, Praneeth, Lakshman, Shivtej, Vikas, Pramod, Rohit, Sai Kumar, Sanjay, Rakesh and others.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, with various indoor and outdoor sports events scheduled over the coming days.



15-Year-Old Girl Commits Suicide in Hayatnagar

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A tragic incident of suicide has shaken Kuntloor division under Hayatnagar Police Station limits, where a 15-year-old Class 10 student ended her life by hanging herself at her residence. The deceased has been identified as Ritika, daughter of Venkateshwarlu, a lorry driver from Kuntloor village.

According to Circle Inspector Nagaraju Goud, the incident occurred on April 9 around 3 pm when Ritika was alone at home. She allegedly hanged herself from the ceiling fan. Family members informed her father Keshav over



phone. Upon reaching home in the evening, Keshav discovered the body. Instead of immediately alerting the police, the family shifted the body to their native place in Nagarjuna Sa-

gar Hill Colony without informing authorities. Following police instructions, a complaint was later registered. A case has been booked and investigation is underway. The body was sent for postmortem to Osmania General Hospital.

Preliminary inquiries suggest that Ritika had been in regular contact with her classmate Vinay (15), son of Barrel Rajkumar, through Instagram and WhatsApp for some time. Family members and locals suspect that online interactions may have played a role in the girl's extreme step.

Hayatnagar police have appealed to parents to monitor their children's digital activity closely, especially during stressful academic times. Further details are expected once the postmortem report and digital evidence analysis are completed.

Police said the exact reason behind the suicide is yet to be established and a thorough probe is being conducted, including examination of the girl's mobile phone and social media accounts to ascertain if cyber harassment or any other factor was involved.

The incident has triggered shock and grief in the locality, with many residents expressing concern over the increasing vulnerability of teenagers to online pressures during crucial examination periods.

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Fill All Government Vacancies Immediately: CPI(M) State Secretary John Wesley

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

CPI(M) Telangana State Secretary John Wesley has strongly demanded that the Congress government immediately fill all vacant posts in various state government departments and release a comprehensive job calendar as promised.

Addressing a media conference at the CPI(M) state office here on Friday, Wesley criticised the government for failing to fulfil its election promise of filling two lakh posts in the first year. He pointed out that in 28 months of Congress rule, only 16,798 posts have been filled so far.



employed JAC would launch phased agitations, and the CPI(M) would extend full support and actively participate in their struggles.

He also slammed the Central government led by Narendra Modi for following corporate-friendly policies that weaken public sector institutions and deny employment opportuni-

ties to deprived sections. Referring to the unfulfilled promise of creating two crore jobs nationwide, he questioned what happened to that assurance. He highlighted that there are 60 lakh vacancies in central departments, including 10 lakh in Railways alone.

Wesley condemned the issuance of arbitrary Government

Orders that create confusion among unemployed youth. On the Supreme Court verdict regarding reservation for Dalits who changed their religion, he demanded a review, stating that changing religion does not eliminate caste discrimination and the Constitution guarantees the right to profess any faith.

The CPI(M) leader also criticised the UAPA notices issued against CPI(ML) Mass Line State Secretary Potu Rangarao for condemning the arrest of Gaddem Innaiah. He demanded immediate withdrawal of the case, terming it an attack on democratic rights.

Wesley announced that a state-level unemployed convention would be held on April 30 at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram in Hyderabad. He urged the government to release the job calendar by June 2 and begin filling vacancies without further delay, failing which massive protests would follow.

DYFI State President Anaganti Venkatesh, Secretary Kota Ramesh, Unemployed JAC State Convener R.L. Murthy, and other leaders including Venkatesh, Kiran and Srinu participated in the press meet.

MLA, Officials Join Dry Day Rally to Combat Vector-Borne Diseases in Yousufguda

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau
Hon'ble MLA of Jubilee Hills, along with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Yousufguda, Assistant Medical & Health Officer (AMHO) and other staff, actively participated in the Friday Dry Day IEC (Information, Education and Communication) rally at Yousufguda in Circle 38 on Friday.

The rally was organised to create widespread awareness about vector-borne diseases such as Malaria, Dengue, and Chikungunya. Participants marched through the locality emphasising the theme of prevention and the importance of community participation in controlling the spread of these diseases.

During the rally, officials and volunteers educated residents on simple yet effective preventive measures. Special focus was given to the elimination of stagnant water, which serves as breeding grounds for mosquitoes, and maintaining proper household hygiene.

Informative pamphlets highlighting dos and don'ts were distributed to households. Live demonstrations on identifying and removing potential mosquito breeding sources were also conducted to make the message more impactful. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA urged citizens to treat every Friday as "Dry Day" by ensuring no water is allowed to stagnate in and around their homes, schools, and workplaces. He stressed that collective responsibility is key to keeping the area free from vector-borne diseases.

Health officials appealed to the public to cooperate with municipal teams during source reduction drives and to immediately report any stagnant water spots in their neighbourhood. The initiative is part of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation's ongoing efforts to prevent seasonal outbreaks of mosquito-borne illnesses ahead of the monsoon season.



TGSRTC: Telangana's Lifeline Public Transport Corporation

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau
TGSRTC, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation, is the state-owned public bus transport service provider in Telangana. Formerly known as TSRTC, the corporation officially adopted the new name TGSRTC in May 2024 to avoid confusion with Tamil Nadu's transport corporation. Serving the people since its roots in 1932 (as part of the undivided Andhra Pradesh RTC), TGSRTC operates one of the largest bus fleets in India with over 10,000 buses. It runs extensive services across 36,593 routes within Telangana and to neighbouring states including Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra. The corporation plays a vital role as the "people's chariot" connecting remote villages, towns, and cities while providing affordable, safe, and reliable transport to millions of passengers daily. Key services include ordinary, express, super luxury, and premium AC buses, along with special op-



erations for festivals, airport connectivity (Pushpak buses), and contract hires. Recent Developments: DA Hike for Employees: The Telangana government has announced a 2.1% increase in Dearness Allowance, raising it from 50.7% to 52.8% with effect from January 1, 2026. This will add an extra burden of 2.82 crore per month to the corporation. Fleet Modernisation: TGSRTC is aggressively pushing towards green mobility with plans to deploy 2,800 electric buses in Hyderabad by 2027. Employee Welfare:

The government continues to focus on staff welfare, including hospital upgrades, compassionate appointments, and new recruitments to reduce workload. Passengers can book tickets easily through the official website (tgsrtc.telangana.gov.in), the TGSRTC mobile app, or authorised agents. Real-time bus tracking is also available for many express and airport services. TGSRTC remains committed to enhancing rural connectivity, improving service quality, and supporting the state's development goals under the Praja Palana initiative.

Full Inquiry Ordered into Fire Accident at NAS Pharmaceuticals in Nalgonda

Nalgonda, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The district administration has ordered a thorough probe into the fire accident that occurred at NAS Pharmaceutical Private Limited in Velimedu village of Chityal mandal. Government Whip and Narekral MLA Vemula Veeresh, along with Nalgonda District Collector B. Chandrashekar, visited the pharma unit on Friday and conducted an on-spot inspection of the reactor where the fire broke out on Thursday night. The two leaders directed the Chief Inspector of Factories, Fire Services Department, local Tahsildar and Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) to submit detailed reports immediately on the exact cause of the fire. They also asked for a report on the permissions and clearances granted to the company and the safety measures taken for workers. Two employees — Venkateswarlu and Lakshman Kumar — sustained injuries in the in-



jured workers and their families without any delay. Speaking to the media after the inspection, MLA Vemula Veeresh said the government is extending all necessary medical and financial support to the in-

jured workers and their families without any delay. Speaking to the media after the inspection, MLA Vemula Veeresh said the government is extending all necessary medical and financial support to the in-

employees. He stressed that the inquiry must clearly establish whether the fire was accidental or due to negligence and submit technical details if any equipment failure was involved. The MLA warned the management that it has the primary responsibility to ensure worker safety and protect the surrounding environment. "Any lapse that endangers lives will invite strict action against the company," he cautioned. District Collector B. Chandrashekar said reports have been called from all concerned departments and the company must provide complete support to the affected families. He emphasised that industries must strictly follow safety norms to prevent such incidents. The fire has once again highlighted concerns over safety standards in industrial units in the district. Officials, including Deputy Chief Inspector of Factories Sridevi and Chityal Tahsildar Vijay, accompanied the leaders during the inspection.

MLA Kaushik Reddy Meets CS, Raises Huzurabad Issues Including Dump Yard Opposition

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy met Telangana Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao and submitted a detailed representation highlighting several developmental, environmental, and administrative issues concerning his constituency. He urged the government to take immediate action on long-pending concerns and ensure timely resolution.

A key issue raised by the MLA was the proposed dumping yard at Sirisapalli village in Huzurabad mandal. He strongly opposed the project, stating that it would cause severe environmental pollution and adversely impact nearby regions as well. He warned that the project could damage agricultural lands, irrigation sources, and drinking water systems. Describing the region as agriculturally sensitive and

suitable for seed production, he said converting it into a waste processing zone under the "waste to energy" model would harm local livelihoods and demanded immediate cancellation of the proposal. The MLA also expressed concern over the Kalvala irrigation project in Shankarapatnam mandal of Manakondur constituency. He said that despite DPRs worth around 70 crore prepared earlier, the pro-

ject has seen no progress. Once completed, it would provide irrigation and drinking water to over 6,000 acres, he noted, urging the government to prioritize it in the interest of farmers. Kaushik Reddy further highlighted incomplete road works across the constituency, including delays in key routes such as Raachapalli-Nagampet, Raachapalli-Bujunoor, and Kanukulagidda-Chelpur, citing contractor negligence.

He demanded their immediate completion. He also raised the issue of pending bills for completed works, stating that contractors are under financial stress due to delayed payments. He urged the Chief Secretary to clear dues promptly. The MLA emphasized that timely intervention is essential for development, farmer welfare, and smooth implementation of infrastructure projects in Huzurabad.



Clash Between Two Groups in Lalaguda Ends in Man's Death

Lalaguda, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A violent clash between two groups in Lalaguda under Lalaguda Police Station limits led to the death of a 35-year-old man, who succumbed to severe head injuries while undergoing treatment in a hospital. According to Lalaguda Inspector Ashok and local sources, the incident stemmed from a financial dispute between Balakrishna Yadav of Indiranagar in Lalapet and Dilip Mudiraj (35), also a resident of the same locality. Balakrishna had allegedly given money on loan to Dilip in the past. On Thursday morning, Balakrishna called Dilip asking him to repay the money. However, Dilip, who was reportedly under the influence of alcohol, refused and responded rudely, leading to a heated argument over the phone. Later that night around 10 PM, Dilip along with his brother Saikumar allegedly went to Balakrishna's house. As soon as Balakrishna opened the door, the duo is said to have attacked him by throwing chilli powder into his eyes and pour-

ing petrol on him, attempting to set him on fire. Local residents intervened and prevented further escalation, managing to drive them away after a brief confrontation. Shortly after, Balakrishna's son Phaneendra (25) learned about the attack on his father. Enraged, he along with his relative Rakesh Yadav went towards Dilip's residence armed with sticks. En route, they reportedly confronted Dilip and Saikumar and attacked them. During the assault, Phaneendra allegedly struck Dilip on the head with a stick multiple times, causing him to collapse with severe bleeding injuries. Police rushed to the spot and shifted the injured Dilip to a hospital for treatment. However, he succumbed to his injuries on Friday morning. Based on a complaint filed by the victim's mother, police registered a murder case against Phaneendra and Rakesh Yadav. A separate case of attempt to murder has been registered against Saikumar for allegedly attacking Balakrishna. Police said investigations are underway.

Centre Committed to Telangana Development, Says BJP MLA Payal Shankar

Hyderabad, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau

BJP Adilabad MLA Payal Shankar has stated that the Central government is committed to the overall development of Telangana and is actively supporting the state with major funding and infrastructure projects. However, he alleged that delays in coordination from the previous state government had slowed down several key initiatives. Speaking at a press conference held at the BJP Telangana state office in Hyderabad, the MLA said the Centre is now fast-tracking infrastructure growth, particularly in the aviation sector. He pointed out that Telangana currently has only one operational airport and claimed that despite

repeated requests from the Centre over the past decade to send proposals for new airports, the then state government did not respond effectively. He said approvals have now been granted for airports in Warangal and Adilabad, while a third airport proposal is also under active consideration. According to him, the Centre is fully committed to developing Adilabad, including complete funding support for the airport project and proposals for an Air Force training centre, which would generate employment opportunities for local youth. Payal Shankar added that a master plan for the Adilabad airport has been prepared and a joint team from the Defence Ministry and the Airports Authority of In-

dia will visit the site on April 17 for final inspections. He also alleged that delays in projects like the Adilabad-Armur railway line were due to lack of cooperation from the previous state government, despite central approvals. Urging better coordination, he said development can be accelerated only when both Centre and State work together. He also thanked Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar for their efforts in Telangana's development. On agriculture, he criticised the state government over farmers' distress, procurement delays, and unfulfilled promises, demanding immediate action and full implementation of central welfare schemes.



Goal, Hard Work Key to Success: Governor Nazir

Rajamahendravaram, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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

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

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



Beware of Fake Social Media Profiles: Prakasam SP

Prakasam, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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

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

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



Resolve Revenue Issues Promptly: Nellore JC

Nellore, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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



Three School Buses Gutted in Kadapa Fire Incident

Kadapa, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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



'Mana Badi-Gnana Bata' Campaign Launched in Nellore

Nellore, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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

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



Collector Orders Fast-Tracking of Waste Processing in Kurnool

Kurnool, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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

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

Collector Warns of Action Over Water, Sanitation Lapses

Kurnool, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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



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

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



Barashahid Dargah Gateway Inaugurated in Nellore Rural

Nellore Rural, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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



Steps Initiated for Service Roads at Allipuram Cross

Nellore, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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

CPI Padayatra for MGNREGS Continuation

Anantapur, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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



Shettipalli Land Registrations Begin, Major Relief to Beneficiaries

Tirupati, April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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



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

Sullurupeta Constituency, April 10 | TPN Bureau:

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

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



Free Cancer Screening Camp Conducted by SVIMS in Tirupati

Tirupati, April 10 | TPN Bureau:

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

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

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



NTR District, April 10, 2026 | TPN Bureau:

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

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

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

Gudivada Youth Murdered in Haryana

Krishna District, April 10 | TPN Bureau:

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

Tirupati City | April 10 | TPN Bureau

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

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

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

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

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



Expedite Land Acquisition for NH-716: Tirupati JC

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

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



Infant Deaths Reviewed at District-Level Meeting

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

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



Paritala Sunitha Visits Srikalahasteeswara Temple

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

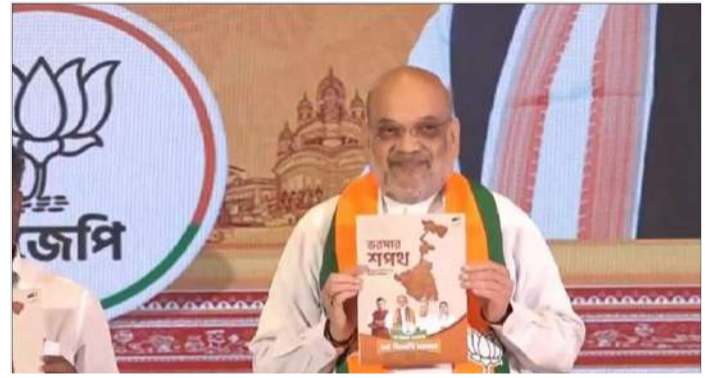
after the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, which triggered political controversy. Shah referenced this issue while rejecting any suggestion of ties between the BJP and Kabir.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

beneficiaries and strengthen women's welfare in the state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lebanese President Calls for Ceasefire Before Talks With Israel

Joseph Aoun has said that a ceasefire with Israel is the only viable solution to the escalating conflict, stressing that negotiations cannot begin while fighting continues. His remarks come amid intensified Israeli strikes in Beirut and growing regional tensions. **Ceasefire 'Only Solution,' Says Lebanese President**

President Joseph Aoun stated that the situation facing Lebanon can only be resolved through a ceasefire that would pave the way for direct negotiations between Lebanon and Israel. He made the comments after meeting representatives of the country's Maronite community, noting that Lebanon's proposal for a

ceasefire and talks is receiving positive international responses. Aoun also said Lebanon is continuing discussions with other countries to build diplomatic support for a ceasefire and negotiations, signaling ongoing international engagement in efforts to de-escalate the crisis. **Israel Open to Talks, But Fighting Continues**

Meanwhile, Benjamin Netanyahu said he has directed officials to begin direct talks with Beirut as soon as possible. However, Israeli officials indicated that negotiations could take place even while military operations continue, with no ceasefire currently in place. Netanyahu also reiter-

ated that Israel is not observing a ceasefire in Lebanon and will continue targeting positions linked to Hezbollah. The comments came as Israeli forces launched fresh strikes in Lebanon, further escalating tensions. **Heavy Casualties and Escalating Violence**

The conflict has intensified in recent days, with reports indicating that more than 300 people were killed in Israeli bombardments in Lebanon within 24 hours. The continued violence has raised concerns about regional stability and humanitarian conditions. Eyal Zamir also stated that Israeli forces are continuing combat operations in Lebanon and are not current-

ly in a position to agree to a ceasefire, reinforcing Israel's stance on ongoing military action. **Iran Warns Talks May Collapse**

Iran has warned that peace negotiations could remain suspended if Israeli attacks continue in Lebanon. Reports suggest that planned diplomatic talks involving multiple countries may be delayed until a ceasefire is implemented. Additionally, diplomatic efforts are underway, with Pakistan offering to mediate talks between the parties. However, continued strikes have placed the fragile truce under strain, raising doubts about immediate progress.

Growing International Pressure

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



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

Pakistan's capital Islamabad is preparing to host high-stakes peace talks between the United States and Iran following a fragile ceasefire, but uncertainty remains as ongoing Israeli strikes in Lebanon threaten to derail the diplomatic effort. The proposed negotiations are seen as a crucial step toward reducing tensions in West Asia and stabilising global energy markets. **Why Talks Are Being Held**

The possible meeting comes after a two-week ceasefire agreement between the United States and Iran, which temporarily halted hostilities following weeks of intense conflict. The war escalated after a US strike killed Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on February 28, triggering a broader regional conflict involving Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon. Pakistan emerged as a key mediator during the crisis and invited both Washington and Tehran to hold direct negotiations in Islamabad. If held, the talks could mark the first in-person discussions between US and Iranian officials since the conflict began. **Lebanon Conflict Complicates Talks**

Despite preparations, the negotiations remain uncertain

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

If talks proceed, discussions are expected to focus on several key issues:

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

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

Pakistan has stepped up se-

curity arrangements ahead of the potential talks. Authorities deployed additional forces and increased security measures around key government buildings and diplomatic areas in Islamabad. The preparations reflect the high stakes and sensitivity surrounding the negotiations. **Why Pakistan Is Playing Mediator**

Pakistan's diplomatic role has grown significantly during the crisis. The country maintains relations with both Washington and Tehran, allowing it to act as an intermediary. Officials hope the talks could help prevent a wider regional war and stabilise the situation. **What Happens Next**

The success of the Islamabad talks depends largely on whether tensions in Lebanon ease. If Israeli strikes continue, Iran may delay or withdraw from negotiations, potentially jeopardising the fragile ceasefire. In summary, Islamabad is preparing for crucial US-Iran peace talks following a temporary ceasefire, but ongoing fighting in Lebanon threatens to derail the diplomatic effort. The coming days will determine whether negotiations proceed and whether the fragile peace holds.

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

US President Donald Trump has said oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz will continue "with or without" Iran's cooperation, as uncertainty persists over ceasefire terms and ongoing conflict involving Iran, Israel, and Lebanon. **Trump Criticises Iran Over Oil Movement**

Trump criticised Iran's handling of oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, calling it a "very poor job." He said the situation did not match the agreement reached between Washington and Tehran, adding that oil flow through the crucial maritime route would continue regardless of Iran's stance. His comments highlighted uncertainty surrounding the ceasefire and what exactly the deal covers. The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most critical en-

ergy chokepoints, through which a significant portion of global oil supplies passes. Any disruption in the route has immediate effects on global oil prices and energy markets. **Ceasefire Still Fragile**

The remarks came after a fragile ceasefire between the United States and Iran, brokered with mediation efforts involving Pakistan. The truce aimed to reduce tensions and restore safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz, while paving the way for broader peace negotiations. However, continued military actions in Lebanon have raised doubts about whether the ceasefire will hold. Iran has warned that peace talks could become "unreasonable" if Israeli strikes continue, underlining the fragile nature of the agreement.

Israel-Lebanon Conflict Adds Complications

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered direct talks in Washington aimed at disarming Hezbollah, even as Israeli military operations continue in Lebanon. The ongoing strikes have complicated diplomatic efforts and increased regional tensions. Iran has also expressed concern that continued Israeli military action could undermine the ceasefire and derail negotiations between Washington and Tehran. **Peace Talks Expected**

Peace talks between the United States and Iran are expected to focus on de-escalation measures, maritime security in the Strait of Hormuz, and broader frameworks to end the conflict. The proposed discus-

sions could mark the first direct talks between the two sides since the conflict escalated earlier this year. **Global Impact**

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

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

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ruled out a ceasefire in Lebanon, stating that military operations against Hezbollah will continue despite growing international pressure and ongoing diplomatic efforts. The announcement came as Israel launched fresh strikes in Lebanon, further escalating tensions in the region. **Israel Rejects Ceasefire Calls**

Netanyahu asserted that there is "no ceasefire in Lebanon" and emphasized that Israeli forces would continue their campaign against the Iran-backed Hezbollah group until all security objectives are achieved. He reiterated that Israel considers its operations in Lebanon separate from the broader ceasefire linked to the ongoing US-Israeli-Iran conflict. The Israeli military also confirmed new strikes targeting what it described as Hezbollah positions, indicating that operations would proceed "with full force" despite diplomatic



developments. The continued attacks have raised fears of further escalation across the Middle East. **Heavy Casualties Raise Global Concern**

According to reports cited by international media, more than 300 people were killed in Israeli bombardments in Leba-

non within 24 hours of the ceasefire announcement earlier in the week. The scale of the strikes triggered concern from humanitarian organisations and global leaders, who called for restraint and de-escalation. The rising death toll and continued strikes have intensified fears that the conflict could widen, potentially destabilising the region further. **US Signals Possible Talks**

Despite the ongoing fighting, diplomatic efforts appear to be underway. A US State Department official indicated that Israel and Lebanon may hold talks in Washington next week. The proposed discussions are expected to focus on disarming Hezbollah and reducing tensions between the two sides. However, there has been no official confirmation from either Israel or Lebanon regarding participation in the talks. Lebanon has reportedly indicated that it would prefer a formal ceasefire before entering negotiations, highlighting a major

obstacle to diplomacy. **Trump Urges Restraint**

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump said he had urged Netanyahu to scale back military operations in Lebanon to support diplomatic efforts. Speaking to media, Trump stated that he asked Israel to "low-key it," suggesting that Washington is pushing for reduced hostilities to enable negotiations. **Fragile Situation Continues**

The ongoing strikes and uncertain diplomatic efforts have created a fragile situation in the region. While talks are being considered, the absence of a ceasefire and continued military action suggest that tensions remain high. In summary, Israel has rejected calls for a ceasefire in Lebanon and continues military operations against Hezbollah, even as the United States signals possible peace talks. With casualties rising and diplomacy still uncertain, the conflict remains volatile with no immediate resolution in sight.

Rift Within Republicans Over Trump's Iran Ceasefire Efforts

A growing divide has emerged within the Republican Party over US President Donald Trump's efforts to secure a ceasefire with Iran, highlighting tensions within his political base and the broader "America First" coalition. The disagreement has intensified as Trump shifted between threatening Iran and pursuing diplomatic negotiations. **Republican Support Base Faces Strain**

The internal friction began after the war involving the United States, Israel, and Iran escalated in late February 2026. Trump's move to push for a fragile ceasefire surprised many supporters who viewed him as taking a tougher stance against Iran. Some Republicans expressed frus-

tration, arguing that the ceasefire contradicted Trump's earlier strong rhetoric, including threats to escalate military action. The disagreement has exposed divisions within Trump's traditional "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) base. Several conservative commentators and long-time allies publicly criticized the President's handling of the conflict, further deepening the rift. **Trump Hits Back at Critics**

Trump responded sharply to critics, including Tucker Carlson, Megyn Kelly, Candace Owens, and Alex Jones. In a social media post, Trump dismissed them as having "low IQs" and accused them of opposing efforts to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.



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

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

questioned the administration's diplomatic strategy. Laura Loomer, a Trump supporter, also opposed negotiations with Iran and criticized Vice President JD Vance's involvement in peace talks negotiating with Iran was unacceptable despite backing Trump overall. Meanwhile, Marjorie Taylor Greene, once a strong Trump ally, went further and suggested invoking the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office after his aggressive rhetoric during the crisis. **Political Impact Ahead of Elections**

The internal divisions have raised concerns about potential political fallout ahead of US. midterm elections. Analysts suggest that the party's future could depend on

whether voters remain focused on domestic issues like inflation and economic conditions rather than foreign policy conflicts. Republican strategist Chris Wilson said the party hopes the Iran conflict fades from public attention before elections, noting that foreign policy issues rarely determine midterm outcomes. **Approval Ratings and Public Sentiment**

Trump's handling of the conflict also comes amid mixed public approval ratings. A poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that only about four in ten Americans approved of Trump's performance as president. While 63 percent of Republicans supported airstrikes on Iranian targets,

only about 20 percent backed sending ground troops. Rising fuel prices also emerged as a concern, with many Republican voters worried about economic impacts from the conflict. **Uncertain Path Ahead**

Despite the tensions, Trump continues to maintain strong support within segments of the Republican Party. However, the ongoing disagreement over Iran policy highlights growing divisions within his political base and raises questions about the long-term unity of the MAGA movement. The situation remains fluid, with the ceasefire and negotiations still evolving. The political consequences of this internal rift could become clearer as diplomatic efforts progress and elections approach.

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

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

Strong Closing Gains

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

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

Banking Stocks Lead Rally

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

ket sentiment.

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

Global Cues Support Market Sentiment

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

Lower crude oil prices are particularly beneficial for In-

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

Sectoral Performance Mixed

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

Market Outlook

Analysts believe that the sharp rebound indicates un-



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

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

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

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

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

Stock Performance

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

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

Rising Input Costs Behind the Fall

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

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



transportation activities.

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

Measures Taken by Coal India

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

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

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

Impact on Investors

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

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

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

Market Outlook

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

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

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

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

Markets to Stay Shut Across Segments

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

Commodity Market Timings

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

Upcoming Market Holidays in



2026

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

What Investors Should Know

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

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

Trading to Resume on April 15

Normal trading activity across

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

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

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

Geopolitical Tensions Remain the Biggest Risk

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

to watch in the coming week.

Earnings Season to Kick Off

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

Global Economic Data to Drive Sentiment

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

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

FII and DII Activity Under Watch

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

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

Market Volatility Likely to Continue

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

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

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

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

Gold ETF Inflows Drop Sharply

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

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

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



in March.

Silver ETFs Extend Outflows

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

ver amid market volatility. Investor Sentiment Shifts The contrasting trend between gold and silver ETFs highlights changing investor behavior. While gold continues to attract inflows, albeit at a slower pace, silver ETFs are witnessing consistent withdrawals. This divergence suggests investors may be favoring gold as a safer asset during uncertain market conditions. Gold is often considered a hedge against inflation and market volatility, which may explain continued interest despite slowing inflows. On the other hand, silver tends to be more volatile due to its industrial demand component, which may have contributed to

Outlook for Precious Metal ETFs

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

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

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) put up a commanding batting display against Rajasthan Royals (RR) in their IPL 2026 clash, powered by a brilliant knock from captain Rajat Patidar, who led from the front with a fluent half-century. His explosive innings formed the backbone of RCB's imposing total, setting up a strong contest for the second innings.

After losing the toss, RCB were asked to bat first and got off to a shaky start with an early wicket in the powerplay. However, Patidar steadied the innings with a mix of caution and aggression. He timed the ball beautifully, rotating strike effectively while also punishing loose deliveries to keep the scoreboard moving at a healthy rate.

Patidar's innings of 63 runs off just 40 balls included crisp boundaries and powerful sixes, showcasing his ability to accelerate under pressure. At one stage, RCB found themselves in a precarious position after losing quick wickets in the middle overs, but the skipper's composure ensured the team did not collapse.

He was well supported by the middle order, as RCB's lower batting unit added valuable runs in the death overs. A late surge helped the team cross the 200-run mark, putting Rajasthan Royals under significant pressure in the chase.

Virat Kohli also contributed with a quickfire start, while other batters chipped in with useful cameos to push the total further. The partnership-building approach in the middle overs proved crucial in rebuilding momentum after early setbacks.

RR bowlers struggled to contain the flow of runs, especially in the final overs where RCB capitalised with aggressive stroke play. Despite picking up wickets at regular intervals, Rajasthan Royals failed to stop the scoreboard from accelerating.



RCB eventually finished with a formidable total, widely seen as above-par on the surface. The innings highlighted Patidar's growing reputation as a dependable leader and match-winner for the franchise, particularly in high-pressure situations.

With a challenging target ahead, the match now promises a thrilling second half as Rajasthan Royals look to chase down a strong RCB total.



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

Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh recently reacted to an unusual incident involving former England pacer Stuart Broad, revealing that he had no issues with Broad throwing his signed jersey into the dustbin.

What Happened? The incident dates back to the iconic 2007 ICC T20 World Cup, when Yuvraj Singh smashed six consecutive sixes in an over bowled by Stuart Broad—one of the most memorable moments in cricket history. Following that match, Broad's father, Chris Broad, reportedly asked Yuvraj Singh to sign an Indian jersey for his son as a gift.

However, when Stuart Broad received the signed jersey, he reportedly threw it into the dustbin out of frustration and anger following the historic six-sixes moment.

Yuvraj Singh's Reaction Speaking about the incident, Yuvraj Singh said that he completely understood Broad's reaction and even described it as "acceptable." He acknowledged that Broad would have been extremely upset after conceding six sixes in a single over, which justified his emotional response at the time.



Yuvraj added that such reactions are natural in competitive sports, especially after a moment that becomes part of cricketing folklore. His response reflected sportsmanship and mutual respect between the two players despite the intense on-field rivalry.

One of Cricket's Most Iconic Moments The six-sixes over remains one of the most celebrated moments in cricket history. During that match, Yuvraj Singh smashed six consecutive deliveries over the boundary, creating a record that still stands as one of the most explosive displays of batting in T20 cricket. Despite the painful memory, Stuart Broad later went on to build a highly successful career for England, becoming one of their leading fast bowlers across formats. The incident, however, continues to resurface as one of the most talked-about episodes between India and England in T20 cricket.

Sportsmanship Beyond Rivalry Yuvraj Singh's reaction highlights the respect shared among players beyond on-field rivalries. Instead of taking offense, he acknowledged Broad's emotions and treated the situation with humor and understanding. Even years after the famous six-sixes moment, the story continues to capture fans' attention—not just for the record itself, but also for the human emotions behind it.



"Not Out of Syllabus": Arjun Tendulkar's Warning Comes True as MukulChoudhary Lights Up IPL 2026

Lucknow Super Giants' young sensation MukulChoudhary stunned the Indian Premier League with a breathtaking match-winning knock, but for teammate Arjun Tendulkar, the performance came as no surprise. The left-arm all-rounder had already warned about Mukul's explosive batting abilities well before the game, and his prediction proved spot-on.

MukulChoudhary Turns Match on Its Head

During Match 15 of Indian Premier League 2026 at Eden Gardens, Lucknow Super Giants chased down 182 runs against Kolkata Knight Riders in a dramatic last-ball finish. MukulChoudhary emerged as the unlikely hero, smashing an unbeaten 54 off just 27 balls to seal a thrilling three-wicket victory. The 22-year-old wicket-keeper-batter displayed fearless strokeplay, hitting sixes across the ground and turning a difficult chase into a memorable win.

When Mukul walked in, LSG still needed 54 runs in the final overs. Despite facing quality bowlers, he unleashed a barrage of shots, showing composure and power under pressure to guide his side home on the final ball.

Arjun Tendulkar Saw It Coming

Interestingly, Arjun Tendulkar had predicted Mukul's potential even before the match. During an earlier interview, he spoke about Mukul's impressive six-hitting ability



after watching him in practice sessions.

"MukulChoudhary hits amazing sixes. I saw him in a practice match. He hits everywhere—square leg, point, upper cut, even behind the bowler," Tendulkar had said, praising his teammate's 360-degree batting skills. These comments resurfaced after Mukul's heroics, with many fans noting that Tendulkar's assessment was remarkably accurate. His ability to spot talent early earned appreciation across cricket circles.

Praise from Captain and Coach

LSG captain Rishabh Pant also lauded Mukul's performance, admitting he had "no words" to describe the young batter's brilliance. He highlighted the importance of trusting young players and allowing them to express themselves on the big stage.

Meanwhile, LSG head coach Justin Langer praised Mukul's athleticism and game awareness. He compared Mukul's running between wickets to ViratKohli and his finishing ability to MS Dhoni, calling him a rare combination of power and composure.

A Star is Born

MukulChoudhary's sensational knock has quickly made him one of the most talked-about players in IPL 2026. His fearless batting and calm temperament under pressure suggest that Lucknow Super Giants may have discovered a future match-winner. While many labelled his performance as "out of syllabus," Arjun Tendulkar's earlier warning suggests that Mukul's rise was only a matter of time. If this innings is any indication, IPL 2026 may just be witnessing the arrival of another exciting young star.

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

The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 auction saw franchises spend heavily on top players, but several big-money signings worth nearly 118 crore combined have so far failed to justify their price tags. While the tournament is still in its early phase, the lack of returns from these expensive picks has become a talking point among fans and analysts alike.

Expensive Signings Yet to Make an Impact

According to reports, many of the top earners from the IPL 2026 auction have struggled to deliver impactful performances so far. Despite expectations of match-winning contributions, these players have either failed to perform consistently or have had limited opportunities in the playing XI.

One of the most notable names mentioned is Cameron Green, who has yet to make a significant impact in IPL 2026 despite being among the high-profile purchases. His subdued performances have raised questions about whether franchises may have overpaid during the auction frenzy.

The issue is not limited to one player alone. Several high-value acquisitions across teams are yet to justify their hefty price tags. In a tournament where teams invest heavily to strengthen key areas, poor returns from expensive signings can affect team balance and overall performance.

Early Days, But Concerns Remain

Experts, however, believe it

may be too early to judge the players. The IPL is a long tournament, and fortunes can change quickly. A few match-winning performances can turn the narrative around and justify the investment.

Still, the lack of contributions so far has added pressure on these players to deliver soon. Teams often rely on big-money signings to anchor batting line-ups, provide breakthroughs with the ball, or deliver in crunch situations. When these expectations are not met, it can impact team momentum and standings.

Auction Pressure in IPL

The IPL auction has always been known for high-stakes bidding wars, where franchises compete aggressively to secure top talent. This often leads to inflated price tags and increased expectations.

Historically, several expensive buys have struggled in the initial matches before bouncing back strongly later in the tournament. Teams therefore remain hopeful that their costly investments will eventually pay off.

What Lies Ahead

With IPL 2026 still unfolding, franchises will hope their high-value players hit form soon. A strong performance in upcoming matches could quickly change perceptions and silence critics. For now, however, the 118 crore auction bet remains largely unproductive, leaving teams waiting for their expensive signings to finally deliver and justify their hefty price tags.

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

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) expressed frustration over an alleged umpiring mistake following their heartbreaking last-ball defeat to Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in IPL 2026. The controversy centered around the dismissal of opener Finn Allen, which KKR believes played a crucial role in the match's outcome.

Controversial Catch Sparks Debate

The incident occurred during KKR's innings when Finn Allen attempted a big shot that resulted in a top-edge toward deep third-man. LSG fielder DigveshRathi completed the catch near the boundary, and Allen was declared out by the on-field umpires. However, replays later suggested that Rathi's foot may have touched the boundary cushion while holding the ball, raising doubts



over the legality of the catch.

Despite the uncertainty, the decision was not referred to the third umpire, which angered the KKR camp. The lack of review became a major talking point after the match, especially given the high-stakes nature of the encounter.

Rovman Powell Calls It a "Blunder"

KKR all-rounder Rovman Powell openly criticised the decision after the match, calling it an "umpiring blunder." He suggested that similar situa-

tions in the past had been referred to the third umpire, adding that officials had "gone upstairs for lesser things" in other matches. Powell also admitted that conditions played a role in the defeat but stressed that the controversial decision impacted the game's momentum. His remarks reflected frustration within the KKR camp following the narrow loss.

MukulChoudhary's Heroics Seal Thriller

The controversy overshadowed what was otherwise a thrilling contest. Lucknow Super Giants chased down a target of 182 runs in dramatic fashion, thanks to a sensational knock from MukulChoudhary. The 21-year-old smashed an unbeaten 54 off 27 balls, hitting multiple sixes to guide LSG to a three-wicket victory on the final ball.

At one stage, LSG were struggling at 128 for 7, but Choudhary's late assault turned the game around and stunned KKR. His performance has quickly made him one of the standout players of IPL 2026.

Debate Over Umpiring Standards

The incident has reignited debates about umpiring standards in the IPL, particularly regarding the use of technology and consistency in referrals. Critics argued that such decisions should automatically be reviewed to avoid controversy in closely contested matches. Despite the disappointment, KKR will look to move on quickly, while LSG will take confidence from their dramatic victory. However, the umpiring controversy is likely to remain a major talking point as IPL 2026 continues.

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

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

A Landmark Moment for Bollywood

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

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

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

Massive Box Office Performance

Released amid huge expecta-

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

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

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

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

Star-Studded Cast and Big-Scale Production

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

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



al blockbuster franchises. The sequel built upon the success of its predecessor and

expanded the story on a much bigger canvas. Setting New Benchmarks

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

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

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

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

Chiranjeevi Condemns Piracy

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

Major Leak Creates Industry Shock

The leak reportedly involved



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

Industry Unites Behind Vijay

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

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

Huge Expectations Around Jana Nayagan

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

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

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

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

Ajith's Next Film With AdhikRavichandran

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

Split Schedule Between Films and Racing

What makes this development particularly interesting is Ajith's proposed



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

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

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

Inspired by PawanKalyan's Model

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

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

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

What This Means for Fans

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

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

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

A Fun Ride With Emotional Depth

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

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

Strong Supporting Cast and Crew

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

A Different Role for Suriya

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

Growing Buzz Around the Film

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

Mamitha Baiju on Suriya's Vishwanath & Sons: "A Fun-Filled Entertainer With Soul-Searching at Its Core"



Buzz: Sara Arjun to Headline Madhubala Biopic

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

Big Opportunity for Sara Arjun

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

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

Extensive Preparation Planned

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

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

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

Film to Go on Floors Soon

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

Career-Defining Role

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

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

