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# Political Turmoil Rocks BJP in Telangana Over Fund Misuse Allegations

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A political storm is brewing within the Bharatiya Janata Party in Telangana, as internal conflicts and allegations of financial irregularities threaten to derail the party's ambitions ahead of upcoming elections. Instead of focusing on strengthening the party, leaders appear to be locked in a bitter power struggle, exchanging letters and accusations that have now reached the party's central leadership in New Delhi.

At the heart of the controversy lies the alleged diversion of municipal election funds. Large sums reportedly sent from the central leadership for election expenses are said to have failed to reach candidates at the grassroots level. The issue has escalated to such an extent that senior party leader B. L. Santhosh has stepped in to oversee the situation, signaling the seriousness of the crisis.

The party high command has sought detailed accounts of every rupee released from Delhi, raising questions over how much money actually reached candidates and how much may have been siphoned off by intermediaries. The scrutiny has reportedly created panic among several leaders accused of mismanaging funds.



Adding fuel to the fire is a confidential report submitted by Telangana in-charge Abhay Patil. The report allegedly points to a lack of transparency in fund distribution and suggests that some senior leaders may have diverted party funds for personal use. Based on these findings, the high command is said to be preparing strict disciplinary action, with speculation rife within party circles about who might face consequences.

The controversy has also had serious repercussions at the grassroots level. Several candidates who contested elections reportedly did so on borrowed money, expecting party funds that never arrived. In one alarming instance, a candidate from the Palamuru region allegedly attempted suicide due to mounting debts, intensify-

ing outrage among party workers.

Meanwhile, some leaders are believed to have submitted inflated or fabricated expense reports in a bid to cover up discrepancies. However, the central leadership is reportedly verifying expenditures through digital records and field-level inquiries, indicating that any irregularities could soon be exposed.

The situation has been further aggravated by remarks from suspended BJP leader T. Raja Singh, who openly accused state leaders of misappropriating central funds. He claimed to have written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, demanding a thorough investigation into election funding since 2014. His statements have gone viral on social media, intensifying pressure on the par-

ty leadership.

At the same time, internal divisions have spilled into the open, with a war of words between MP Dharmapuri Arvind and Rajya Sabha member K. Laxman. Their public exchange of allegations has shocked party cadres, who are increasingly disillusioned by the infighting.

Observers warn that such internal discord could severely impact the BJP's prospects in Telangana. With leaders engaged in ego battles and factionalism, party workers at the grassroots feel neglected and demoralized. Many question how the party can challenge the ruling establishment when it is grappling with internal chaos. Sources indicate that the BJP high command is taking the matter seriously and may initiate a sweeping cleanup operation before the next Assembly elections. Leaders found guilty of financial misconduct, indiscipline, or actions damaging the party's image are unlikely to be spared.

As the crisis deepens, the BJP in Telangana stands at a critical crossroads. Whether the leadership can restore order, ensure accountability, and reunite the party remains to be seen. For now, all eyes are on the high command's next move—and on who will bear the brunt of the impending action.



# Bhatti Vikramarka Urges Cadres to Take Congress Ideology to People

Khammam, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka emphasised the need to uphold the core principles of the Congress party while addressing the Khammam District Congress Committee (DCC) and Khammam Corporation executive swearing-in ceremony.

He said it was a matter of pride that the oath-taking ceremony of DCC leaders was held on the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, highlighting the party's commitment to constitutional values and social justice. He noted that leaders today hold positions due to the freedom achieved for the country and the Constitution framed by Ambedkar.

Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the Congress party has a rich history that the BJP cannot match. He added that securing positions in such a historic party is an honour and comes with the responsibility of taking its ideology and programmes to the people.

He urged party workers to actively communicate the government's welfare schemes and development initiatives at the grassroots level. He alleged that opposition parties are attempting to defame the

Congress despite the government implementing several welfare programmes for farmers and poor people.

Highlighting key achievements, he said that the government has provided around 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses to beneficiaries across the state. He added that fine rice is being distributed to all ration card holders and that interest-free loans are being extended to women through banks.

The Deputy Chief Minister also announced that the government is introducing an insurance scheme under "Indiramma Bharosa" for every family, stating that such an initiative is unique in the country.

He reiterated that despite continuous criticism from the opposition, the Congress government is focused on development and welfare. He called upon party cadres to ensure that these initiatives reach every household.

Bhatti Vikramarka assured that the party would recognise and honour every worker who performs well and contributes to strengthening the organisation. He also stated that all those who worked towards the party's success in the district over the past decade would be duly acknowledged.

# Ambedkar's Vision Guides Governance: CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy highlighted the enduring relevance of B. R. Ambedkar during the 135th birth anniversary celebrations, stating that his ideas continue to shape governance and public policy in the country.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that while Mahatma Gandhi demonstrated that battles could be won through non-violence, it was Ambedkar who showed how a nation could be governed as a model for the world through a strong constitutional framework. He described Gandhi and Ambedkar as the "two eyes of the nation," both playing equally important roles in India's progress.

Revanth Reddy said Ambedkar firmly believed that education is the key to transforming lives and emphasised that the present government is committed to carrying forward his vision through people-centric governance. He noted that

Ambedkar's ideology forms the foundation of democratic administration.

Referring to the formation of Telangana, he stated that Article 3 of the Constitution enabled the creation of the state, and acknowledged the role of national leadership in the process. He also highlighted the contributions of weaker sections in the Telangana movement and paid tribute to cultural icons like Gaddar and lyricist Andesri for inspiring the movement through their work.

The Chief Minister said that the current government has prioritised Dalits, Adivasis, Backward Classes, and minorities across sectors. He pointed out initiatives such as increased diet charges in government hostels, expansion of educational opportunities, and the establishment of Young India Integrated Schools and Telangana Public Schools to ensure quality education for all.

He further stated that a significant number of houses under the Indiramma housing



scheme have been allotted to SC, ST, and other disadvantaged communities, and that a majority of jobs have been provided to these sections.

Raising concerns over national issues, Revanth Reddy alleged that attempts are being made to undermine democrat-

ic values and warned against policies that could disadvantage southern states, particularly in terms of parliamentary seat allocation. He called for collective efforts to protect democracy and ensure equitable representation.

Emphasising public respon-

sibility, he said that safeguarding democracy and people's governance is a shared duty. The Chief Minister urged citizens to support progressive policies and continue working towards an inclusive and equitable society inspired by Ambedkar's ideals.

# CM Revanth Reddy Writes to PM Narendra Modi on Delimitation

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has written a detailed letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging that extensive national-level consultations be held to ensure that southern states are not subjected to injustice in the process of increasing parliamentary constituencies.

The Chief Minister requested the Prime Minister to convene an all-party meeting involving all political parties and states, emphasizing that such a crucial decision should be taken only after building a broad consensus. He noted that the issue has a significant impact on the future of Indian democracy and therefore requires a responsible and urgent approach.

Revanth Reddy clarified that women's reservation, delimitation, and the increase in Lok Sabha seats are three distinct issues and should not be linked together, as doing so creates confusion among the public. He reiterated that the Indian National Congress fully supports the Women's Reservation Bill and demanded immediate implementation of 33% reservation for women within the existing 543 Lok Sabha seats, as well as in all state assemblies.

On delimitation, he recalled that in the past, the process was conducted by altering constituency boundaries without increasing the number of seats. He suggested that a similar approach could be adopted now.

However, he expressed serious concern over the proposal to increase Lok Sabha seats to 850, particularly if done on a pro-rata or population basis. He warned that such a move would disadvantage southern states, including Telangana,



which have made significant progress in population control, healthcare, and human development over the decades.

The Chief Minister pointed out that leaders like Indira Gandhi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee had previously deferred such decisions to maintain national balance. He cautioned that implementing seat increases purely on population could disturb the federal equilibrium and weaken national unity.

Revanth Reddy proposed a "hybrid model," suggesting that half of the new seats be allocated on a pro-rata basis and the remaining based on economic contribution (GSDP) and development indicators. He stressed that this approach would ensure fairness while preserving democratic representation.

He concluded by urging the Centre to engage in meaningful dialogue and arrive at a solution that upholds the unity and diversity of India while ensuring justice for all regions.

# CM Calls for Fight on Seat Allocation, Slams BJP and BRS

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy called for a sustained struggle against the Union Government, demanding an increase in parliamentary seats for southern states based on the pro-rata principle during the delimitation process.

Speaking at the 135th birth anniversary celebrations of B. R. Ambedkar, the Chief Minister warned that the proposed 50 percent seat increase formula would lead to grave injustice for Southern India. He alleged that the Centre is attempting to reduce the repre-

sentation of southern states under the guise of population-based expansion.

Revanth Reddy expressed concern that such a move would adversely impact women, Scheduled Castes (SCs), and Scheduled Tribes (STs), reducing their representation in legislative bodies. He questioned whether Union Ministers are aware of the implications of such decisions and urged collective resistance to protect the interests of southern states.

The Chief Minister also criticised the previous BRS government, stating that its leaders failed to pay homage to Ambedkar during their ten-

year rule. He targeted former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, alleging that he disrespected democratic institutions by not attending Assembly sessions and thereby insulting the Speaker.

Emphasising his government's commitment to social justice, Revanth Reddy said that the "people's government" has accorded top priority to Dalit empowerment. He questioned whether Dalits are not entitled to hold key positions such as Finance or Health Minister and asserted that his administration has brought a shift toward inclusivity and respect.

He appealed to Dalit com-

munities to reject the BRS, accusing it of betraying their interests. The Chief Minister alleged that certain leaders are attempting to undermine the government's efforts to uplift weaker sections.

Recalling the contributions of Mahatma Gandhi and Ambedkar, he described them as the "two eyes of the nation," highlighting their equal role in shaping India. He also paid tribute to revolutionary singer Gaddar and poet Andesri for their contributions to the Telangana movement.

The Chief Minister reiterated that education is the key to transformation and said that the government has in-

creased diet charges in hostels, launched Young India Integrated Schools, and introduced Telangana Public Schools to ensure quality education.

He added that 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses have been distributed, with a majority benefiting Dalits and tribal communities, and that 87 percent of jobs have been provided to SC, ST, BC, and minority groups.

Revanth Reddy concluded by stating that safeguarding democracy and people-centric governance is a collective responsibility and urged citizens to support progressive initiatives.

# Minister Urges RTC Workers to Call Off Strike

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnab Prabhakar has appealed to RTC employees to withdraw their proposed strike, stating that the government is fully prepared to resolve their issues through dialogue.

The minister said that the government remains open to discussions and that its doors are always open for employees to present their grievances. He clarified that matters related to the merger of RTC with the government and issues concerning labour unions fall within the government's purview, while all other employee concerns can be addressed through mutual discussions.

Highlighting recent measures, Ponnab Prabhakar stated that a 2.1 percent Dearness Allowance (DA) has already been implemented for RTC employees and that there are currently no pending DA arrears. He also mentioned that the government is considering the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) for employees, reaffirming its commitment to their welfare.



The minister recalled that the previous government had constituted a committee on September 9, 2023, to examine the RTC merger issue. However, he noted that the process was rushed just before the elec-

tion schedule was announced. He explained that due to successive election codes, including Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, the current government had limited time to take comprehensive decisions.

He further stated that within 48 hours of assuming office, the present government introduced the Mahalakshmi scheme, providing free bus travel for women, which has strengthened RTC services. He

revealed that more than 90 depots are now running in profit, compared to earlier concerns about the corporation's sustainability. Emphasising the government's priorities, the minister said that protecting the RTC institution, ensuring employee welfare, and providing better services to passengers remain key focus areas. He added that a detailed study by the committee is necessary before taking any final decision on employee merger, considering the state's financial position. The minister also pointed out significant financial improvements, including reduction of Provident Fund dues from Rs 1,205 crore to Rs 600 crore and CCS dues from Rs 690 crore to Rs 300 crore. Additionally, 2,978 new buses have been introduced, and 1,134 jobs have been provided on compassionate grounds. Stating that RTC is gradually recovering, Ponnab Prabhakar said a strike at this stage would inconvenience both the organisation and the public. He urged employees to reconsider their decision and resolve issues amicably through discussions.



## Congress Leaders Pay Tribute to Ambedkar in Medchal

Medchal, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Affairs In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and senior TPCC spokesperson and former DCC president Singireddy Harivardhan Reddy paid rich tributes to B. R. Ambedkar on the occasion of his 135th birth anniversary. The programme was organised in Medchal-Malkajgiri district under the leadership of District Congress Committee President Thotakura Vajresh Yadav. As part of the celebrations, a blood donation camp and a community meal programme were conducted in a Dalit locality, with participation from party leaders, workers, and local residents.

Addressing the gathering, Meenakshi Natarajan described Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as a great leader who ensured freedom and rights for weaker sections through the Indian Constitution. She said that Ambedkar, through his vision and writings, provided the val-

ues of equality, justice, and liberty to the people of the country.

She emphasised that Ambedkar's ideals continue to guide society and called upon people, especially the youth, to follow his principles in building an inclusive and progressive nation.

Several senior leaders attended the programme, including former MLA Mallipedi Sudheer Reddy, Kona Srisaiah Goud, and state Congress leader Nakka Prabhakar Goud. Kukatpally constituency in-charge Bandi Ramesh also participated in the event.

Congress leaders and workers from divisions 297, 298, and 299, along with representatives of affiliated organisations, public representatives, and a large number of local residents, took part in the programme. The event concluded with a call to work towards social equality and the upliftment of marginalised communities in line with Ambedkar's vision.



## Take Welfare to Every Doorstep: Minister Ponguleti

Khammam, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy called upon Congress workers to take government welfare programmes to every household, stating that the government is undertaking large-scale development but needs to communicate it more effectively to the public.

Speaking at the district and city Congress executive swearing-in ceremony held at the party office in Khammam, the minister said that previous rulers exaggerated small achievements, while the present government is carrying out major development but is lagging in taking it to the people. He urged party workers to step up efforts and explain welfare schemes to every family.

Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said that the government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is built on the hard work of party workers. He stated that despite financial constraints, the government is committed to fulfilling every promise made to the people and is working with the aim of improving the lives of the poor.

He emphasised that party workers are the foundation of the government and must work

responsibly to strengthen it. He encouraged them to stay connected with the public and ensure that the benefits of welfare schemes reach all sections.

Criticising the opposition, he said that parties which ruled the state for ten years are unable to accept their defeat and are spreading misleading information. He expressed confidence that people will not believe such claims.

He added that if party workers effectively communicate the government's development and welfare initiatives, the Congress party's success will continue.

The event was held in the presence of TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, with District Congress Committee President Nuthi Satyanarayana Goud presiding. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, MP Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, MLAs Ramdas Naik and Matta Ragamaye Dayanand, along with other leaders and party members, attended the programme.

The swearing-in ceremony of the new district and city Congress executive members was held in a festive atmosphere, marking a renewed focus on strengthening the party at the grassroots level.

## MP Vamsi Krishna Slams Delimitation 'Injustice' on Ambedkar Jayanti

Peddapalli, April 14:

On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna vowed to raise a strong voice in Parliament against what he termed as the BJP's "delimitation conspiracy" against Telangana and the southern states. The MP visited multiple locations across his constituency, garlanded statues of Ambedkar, former MP Kaka Venkataswamy, and former Andhra Pradesh Speaker D. Sripada Rao, and paid rich tributes. Addressing a rally organised by Dalit groups in Peddapalli, Vamsi Krishna stressed that the delimitation of constituencies must be carried out fairly, ensuring equal justice to all regions. He alleged that the BJP-led Union

government is attempting to manipulate the process to benefit northern states while disadvantaging the southern states. "The Constitution drafted by Dr. Ambedkar must be protected. Any attempt to misuse delimitation for political gains will be opposed strongly. We will fight this issue constitutionally in Parliament," he asserted. He also questioned the Centre over alleged disparities in fund allocation to Telangana and criticised Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy for remaining silent on the issue.

Highlighting regional demands, the MP called for increasing the Singareni pension to 10,000 per month, establishment of an ESI hospital, and development of an airport in Ramagundam. He further demanded that Singareni work-

ers receive benefits on par with Coal India employees.

Later, in Godavari Khani, Vamsi Krishna garlanded the Ambedkar statue near the Municipal Office. Members of the Ambedkar Association thanked him for allocating 50 lakh from MPLADS funds for constructing a new Ambedkar Bhavan. In Manthani, the MP paid tributes to leaders and recalled their contributions to regional development. He emphasised that education remains the key to progress, echoing Ambedkar's vision.

Reaffirming his commitment, Vamsi Krishna said he would continue to fight for the rights of the poor and weaker sections, ensuring justice and development in line with Ambedkar's ideals.



## Kishan Reddy Bats for Women's Reservation, Slams Congress Over Delimitation Remarks

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau:

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Tuesday announced that the Centre is set to take forward the implementation of 33% reservation for women in legislative bodies, with key discussions scheduled in Parliament on April 16, 17, and 18.

Addressing a press conference, the minister said the Women's Reservation Bill is aimed at empowering nearly 75 crore women in the country and ensuring their dignity, rights, and participation in governance. He emphasised that the move is not merely a law but a significant step towards strengthening democracy and promoting women's empowerment.

Kishan Reddy stated that both delimitation and women's reservation are constitutional processes and not decisions taken by any single political party. He noted that the demand for women's reservation has been pending for over five decades, adding that while the bill was passed in the Rajya Sabha in 2010 during the Congress regime, it could not be implemented at that time.

Highlighting the Centre's commitment, he credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking decisive steps on key national issues, including Article 370 abrogation, Triple Talaq legislation, GST im-

plementation, and strengthening internal security.

The Union Minister also responded strongly to criticism from Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and other opposition leaders regarding delimitation. He rejected claims that southern states would face injustice, clarifying that the Centre is working on a balanced approach to ensure no region is disadvantaged.

He said the government plans to increase seats based on the current structure, ensuring proportional representation without harming southern states. Criticizing Congress, Kishan Reddy alleged that the party has a history of undermining regional leadership and making inconsistent arguments on key national issues.

He further questioned the opposition's stance, stating that raising unnecessary controversies over sensitive issues like delimitation is not constructive. Instead, he called for meaningful discussions and cooperation to ensure the smooth passage of the Women's Reservation Bill.

Kishan Reddy urged all political parties to support the bill in the larger interest of democracy and women's empowerment, stating that the final decision on leadership and representation ultimately lies with the people.

## Spiritual Fervour at Narayanapuram as Minister Ponguleti Hosts Hanuman Chalisa Recital

Kallur, April 14 | TPN Bureau:

Narayanapuram village in Kallur Mandal was filled with devotion and spiritual energy as Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy organized a grand recital of the Hanuman Chalisa at his residence on Tuesday.

The minister's home turned into a spiritual venue as the chanting of hymns dedicated to Lord Hanuman created a peaceful and divine atmosphere. The event witnessed the participation of family members, relatives, and close asso-



ciates, all joining together in prayer and devotion.

**Family Participation in Rituals**

Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, along with his wife Madhuri, performed special prayers with devotion. The ceremony was held in the presence of his mother Swarajyam, adding emotional and traditional significance to the event. His brother Prasad Reddy and sister-in-law Srilakshmi also participated actively in the chanting. As the family members collectively recited the Hanuman Chalisa, the surroundings echoed with spiritual vibrations, creating a sense of unity and peace among the participants.

**Prayers for Public Welfare**  
The recital was conducted not only as a spiritual practice but also with the intention of praying for the welfare and prosperity of the people. Devotees sought the blessings of Lord Hanuman for peace, happiness, and well-being across the state. The minister highlighted the importance of such spiritual gatherings in promoting harmony and positivity in society. He stated that collective prayers strengthen community bonds and inspire individuals to work towards the greater good. The event concluded with participants expressing their happiness and gratitude for being part of the sacred occasion. They believed that the blessings of Lord Hanuman would bring prosperity, peace, and positive energy to everyone.

# Jagga Reddy Speaks on Sangareddy Development, Slams BRS and BJP

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Congress leader and TPCC Working President Jagga Reddy made a series of remarks on development, state politics, and opposition parties while addressing the media.

He said he had been confined to Sangareddy due to municipal elections and has been working continuously for party workers. He noted that it has been 104 days since he last visited Gandhi Bhavan and added that he has invited Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to Sangareddy. According to him, the Chief Minister is expected to visit either by April 30 or in May, and a review meeting on development works will be held on April 21.

Jagga Reddy stated that he has distributed house site patas to around 10,000 poor people and plans to provide another 15,000 beneficiaries with house sites. He alleged that lands earlier allocated to the poor were reassigned during the BRS government's tenure. Raising concerns over delimitation, he said southern states,



including Telangana, would suffer losses and alleged that there is a conspiracy to weaken their political representation. He criticised the BJP, claiming its leaders are unable to respond effectively on such issues, while adding that the Congress allows leaders to express their views freely, citing Sonia Gandhi as an example.

He also dismissed the criticism of BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar, stating that his comments need not be taken seriously and are limited to political criticism.

leaders of making baseless allegations due to lack of issues.

On internal party matters, Jagga Reddy clarified that he himself had proposed the name of Mahesh Kumar Goud for the TPCC chief post and said leaders from all communities supported his appointment. He stressed unity among communities and warned against attempts to create divisions.

He also supported the continuation of Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy in the Cabinet and suggested that Rajagopal Reddy should also be included.

Commenting on the cost of elections, he said politics has become expensive, with huge amounts required to win elections. He further alleged that during the previous BRS regime, key positions were dominated by certain sections, and questioned why such issues were not raised earlier.

Jagga Reddy concluded by stating that political allegations are common, but urged focus on development and public welfare.

# BRS Leaders Pay Tribute to Ambedkar at Telangana Bhavan

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), including K. T. Rama Rao and R. S. Praveen Kumar, paid rich tributes to B. R. Ambedkar on the occasion of his 135th birth anniversary at Telangana Bhavan.

The leaders offered floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait and recalled his immense contribution as the architect of the Indian Constitution. Speaking on the occasion, R. S. Praveen Kumar stated that Ambedkar and the Constitution are inseparable, emphasizing that the unity and integrity of the country are preserved because of the Constitution

drafted by him.

He noted that the formation of Telangana was made possible through Article 3 of the Constitution, a point often highlighted by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. He added that Telangana has given unparalleled respect to Ambedkar compared to other parts of the country.

Praveen Kumar further stated that initiatives taken during the previous BRS government, particularly in education, have enabled students from Telangana to pursue studies abroad. He highlighted the establishment of more than a thousand residential gurukul schools aimed at empowering students from disadvantaged backgrounds and shaping them into capable citizens.

Raising concerns, he alleged

that the Constitution is under threat and that attempts are being made to weaken its principles. He criticised recent developments affecting reservation policies and expressed concern over issues related to social justice and equality.

He also spoke about the need to safeguard constitutional rights and ensure justice for all sections of society. Referring to recent incidents, he stated that such developments highlight the importance of protecting democratic values and upholding the spirit of the Constitution.

Several BRS leaders and party members attended the programme, reaffirming their commitment to follow Ambedkar's ideals and work towards social justice, equality, and empowerment.

# BRS Leaders Observe Ambedkar Jayanti at Telangana Bhavan

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), including K. T. Rama Rao, paid floral tributes to B. R. Ambedkar during the 135th birth anniversary celebrations held at Telangana Bhavan.

Former Minister Koppala Eshwar, who attended the programme, said that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar has not received the level of recognition he truly deserves. He stated that the formation of Telangana State became possible through Article 3 of the Indian Constitution, underlining Ambedkar's role in shaping the country's demo-

cratic framework.

He noted that the installation of a 125-foot Ambedkar statue in Telangana reflects the respect given to the great leader. He added that leaders must continue to uphold and promote Ambedkar's ideals in society.

Eshwar said that future leaders like K. T. Rama Rao should closely examine the living conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He emphasised that understanding ground realities in these communities is essential for ensuring social justice and inclusive development.

He credited former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao for introducing gurukul schools and welfare schemes

aimed at empowering underprivileged sections, particularly SC communities. According to him, these initiatives have provided confidence and opportunities to weaker sections.

He also alleged that the Congress party had failed to deliver justice to Scheduled Castes in the past. Expressing confidence in the party's future, he said the BRS would return to power under the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao, who played a key role in achieving Telangana statehood.

Several BRS leaders and party members attended the programme and reiterated their commitment to Ambedkar's ideals of equality, social justice, and empowerment.



# KTR Slams Congress, Pays Tribute to Ambedkar Statue

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao strongly criticised the Congress government, alleging that the Ambedkar statue in Hyderabad was "restricted" and that the government acted only after pressure from the BRS.

KTR, along with party MLAs, MLCs, and senior leaders, took out a large convoy from Telangana Bhavan to the 125-foot statue of B. R. Ambedkar located near Hussain Sagar. They paid floral tributes and raised slogans remembering Ambedkar's ideals.

Speaking to the media after the event, KTR recalled that the statue, one of the tallest in the world, was installed during the tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao as a mark of respect to Ambedkar. He said that the ideology of "Educate, Organise, Agitate" inspired the Telangana movement.

He stated that the BRS government had not only honoured Ambedkar symbolically but also implemented welfare measures such as establishing over 1,000 gurukul schools for Dalit students and naming the

State Secretariat after Babasaheb Ambedkar.

Launching a sharp attack on the current Congress government, KTR alleged that the statue had been neglected since 2024 and was effectively kept inaccessible. He claimed that it was only after BRS issued warnings two weeks ago that the government initiated official celebrations.

He further criticised the Congress for failing to deliver on its promises to Dalits. He said that while the previous BRS government provided financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh to Dalit families, the Congress had promised Rs 12 lakh but had not delivered on that commitment.

KTR asserted that the BRS would continue its struggle inspired by Ambedkar's ideals until the implementation of various declarations related to SC, ST, BC, and farmers' welfare. After the tribute programme, KTR and other public representatives visited the museum located beneath the statue, where they observed exhibits related to Ambedkar's life and contributions. A large number of party leaders and workers participated in the programme.

# Work Towards Realising Ambedkar's Ideals: Minister Ponguleti

Kallur, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy called upon people to strive towards achieving the ideals of B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, on the occasion of his birth anniversary.

Participating in the 135th birth anniversary celebrations, the minister garlanded Ambedkar's statue at the main center in Kallur mandal and paid rich tributes on Tuesday.

Addressing the gathering, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said that Ambedkar's contributions towards the upliftment of marginalized and weaker sections of society are unforgettable. He emphasized that the rights guaranteed by the Constitution have played a crucial role in ensuring justice and equality for underprivileged communities.

The minister highlighted that Ambedkar dedicated his life to social justice, equality, and empowerment, and urged everyone to follow his vision in building an inclusive and progressive society.



gressive society.

He further stated that it is the responsibility of every citizen to uphold constitutional values and work collectively for the welfare of all sections of society.

Sathupalli MLA Matta Raghavayya Dayanand, District Collector Durishetty Anudeep, along with public representatives, officials from various departments, political leaders, and local residents, participated in the programme.

The event concluded with tributes and a renewed commitment from participants to carry forward the ideals of Babasaheb Ambedkar for a just and equitable society.

# Mahesh Kumar Goud Targets KTR at Khammam Meet

Khammam, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud criticised BRS leader K. T. Rama Rao while addressing the District Congress Committee (DCC) executive meeting in Khammam.

Speaking as the chief guest, Mahesh Kumar Goud said that people in Telangana will not support K. T. Rama Rao and claimed that public sentiment has shifted against him. He referred to KTR's proposed padayatra and said that before

starting such a political campaign, he should first respond to the allegations made by his sister.

He stated that serious allegations have been raised regarding his family members and associates, and demanded that KTR clarify all those issues. "He should answer those allegations first and then begin his padayatra," he said.

The TPCC president said that the Congress party has a long history of sacrifices and is continuously working for the welfare of the people. He alleged that while the Congress government is implementing welfare schemes, the BRS is trying to create obstacles and

prevent benefits from reaching the people.

Mahesh Kumar Goud administered the oath to the Khammam district Congress executive members at the party office. Following the ceremony, a community meal was organised at Ambedkar Bhavan.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy also participated in the programme and joined party leaders and workers.

The event was attended by several Congress leaders, workers, and supporters, marking efforts to strengthen the party at the grassroots level in the district.

# Congress Confident of Clean Sweep in Tamil Nadu: Uttam Kumar Reddy

Ooty, Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu:

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy expressed strong confidence that the Indian National Congress will achieve a clean sweep in all the seats it is contesting in alliance with the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in Tamil Nadu.

Addressing an election campaign meeting in Ooty, the minister said the growing popularity of Rahul Gandhi among the people of Tamil Nadu is a clear indicator of the Congress party's strong prospects in the ongoing elections.

Uttam Kumar Reddy, who has been appointed as a star campaigner, has been extensively touring the state and participating in multiple campaign events. On Tuesday, he attended a public meeting in the Ooty constituency, where he campaigned for Congress



candidate B. Ramachandran. He assured that if elected, the Congress party would focus on preserving the unique identity of Ooty while accelerating its development. Special emphasis, he said, would be

placed on protecting the interests of tea plantation farmers, who form the backbone of the local economy. The minister also called upon voters to reject the strategies of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is

attempting to expand its presence in Tamil Nadu. He urged people to safeguard the state's rich culture and traditions by supporting the DMK-Congress alliance.

Reaffirming his confidence,

Uttam Kumar Reddy stated that the DMK-Congress alliance would return to power in Tamil Nadu. He said the Congress is contesting 28 seats as part of the alliance and expressed optimism that the party would secure convincing victories in all of them.

He added that internal surveys also indicate a significant increase in the vote share and winning margins of Congress candidates compared to previous elections. In constituencies like Ooty, he predicted that the party would achieve an unexpectedly large majority.

The minister credited party leaders and cadre for their coordinated efforts at the grassroots level, ensuring effective campaign management across the state. He concluded by assuring that once the alliance returns to power, special focus will be given to infrastructure development in Ooty and other regions.

# CBIT to Host POSH Awareness Session 'SHIELD 2026'

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) will organise a half-day awareness session titled "SHIELD 2026" on April 16 at its Assembly Hall, focusing on workplace safety and legal awareness under the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act, 2013.

The programme is being conducted by CBIT's Chaitanya Suraksha - Women's Safety Club in association with the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC). The session, themed SHIELD - "Strengthening Harmony, Integrity, Empowerment, Legal Awareness and Dignity through the POSH Act," aims to educate students, faculty and staff on women's safety, legal rights, grievance redressal mechanisms and institutional responsibilities.

The event will feature expert sessions by Sita Reddy, DSP, CID, Women's Safety Wing of Telangana Police (SHE Team), and Shuchi Bajaj. The speakers will share insights on legal

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frameworks, preventive measures and safety practices both within and beyond workplaces.

CBIT Principal C. V. Narasimhulu said that such initiatives are important for building a safe and respectful

academic environment. He emphasised that awareness and preventive strategies play a key role in addressing work-

place harassment.

Vice-Principal (Administration) P. V. R. Ravindra Reddy stated that programmes like SHIELD 2026 help the academic community understand legal rights and institutional mechanisms, encouraging shared responsibility for ensuring safety and dignity.

Vice-Principal (Academics) and ICC Chairperson K. Krishnaveni noted that integrating POSH awareness into education helps develop responsible and ethically aware students, strengthening institutional culture.

The programme is being coordinated by the Chaitanya Suraksha team, led by student president Vaishnavi A. Das, along with faculty coordinators Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi, Dr. Prasanna Rani R, and ICC member A. Sangeetha.

The initiative highlights CBIT's commitment to promoting a safe, inclusive and respectful campus environment while increasing awareness of legal rights and responsibilities among its community.



## Torch Rally Marks George Reddy Memorial

Secunderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

A massive torch rally was held at Osmania University on the occasion of the 54th death anniversary of student leader George Reddy. The event was organised by the Progressive Democratic Students Union (PDSU), drawing participation from thousands of students across the campus.

The rally began at the Engineering College and marched towards the Arts College, with students carrying flaming torches and raising slogans such as "George Reddy lives on" and "If you want to live, learn to fight at every step." The procession created a powerful atmosphere of remembrance and solidarity, reflecting the continued influence of George Reddy's ideas among students.

After the rally, a memorial meeting was conducted at the Arts College premises under the leadership of PDSU State President Kampani Prithvi. Students and leaders paid floral tributes to the portrait of George Reddy and recalled his contributions to student movements.

Speakers at the event included M. Hannesh from the Mass

Line Party, Arts College Vice Principal Professor Konda Nageswara Rao, Amanchi Nageshwar, former PDSU State General Secretary S. L. Padma, and current State General Secretary S. Anil. They described George Reddy as a guiding force for progressive, democratic, and secular student movements in India.

The speakers stressed that George Reddy's ideology continues to inspire youth to strive for social justice, equality, and scientific thinking. They called upon students to actively participate in building a fair and inclusive society.

Concerns were also raised about the current national situation, with speakers stating that certain policies of the central government are affecting democratic values. They warned that increasing communal tensions could harm the unity of the country.

The gathering concluded with a call for stronger student movements to demand free and quality education, better healthcare, and employment opportunities. PDSU State Vice Presidents B. Narasimha Rao, Narendra, Karka Ganesh, and several other student leaders were also present at the event.



## Ambedkar Statue Unveiled in Valmiki Nagar

Cantonment, April 14 | TPN Bureau

A new statue of B. R. Ambedkar was unveiled at Valmiki Nagar in West Maredpally under the Cantonment constituency on the occasion of his 135th birth anniversary. The programme was organised by the Ambedkar Youth Association, with Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh attending as the chief guest.

The unveiling ceremony witnessed the participation of local residents, youth, and leaders who gathered to pay tribute to the architect of the Indian Constitution. Floral tributes were offered to the statue, and speakers highlighted Ambedkar's contributions to nation-building and social justice.

Addressing the gathering after the unveiling, MLA Sri Ganesh emphasised that today's youth should not only install statues of Ambedkar but also work to spread his ideals in society. He stated that Ambedkar was not a leader of any one community, but a great national figure respected by all sections of society.

He further noted that recognising Ambedkar's intelligence and vision, national leaders entrusted him with the responsibility of drafting the Indian Constitution, which he carried out successfully. The MLA added that India's strong democratic system and its position in the world today are largely due to the Constitution framed under Ambedkar's leadership.

Highlighting the relevance of Ambedkar's teachings in present times, Sri Ganesh called upon citizens, especially the youth, to work towards building an equal and just society by following his principles of education, empowerment, and social justice.

Congress party leaders Peddala Narasimha and Sanki Ravinder, along with several local representatives and community members, were also present at the event. The programme concluded with participants reaffirming their commitment to uphold Ambedkar's vision and contribute to social harmony and national progress.

## Demand to Name OU Admin Building After Ambedkar, Phule

Hyderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The Chairman of the OU Joint Action Committee (JAC), Kothapalli Tirupati, has demanded that the newly constructed administrative building at Osmania University be named after B. R. Ambedkar and Jyotirao Phule. He also urged the university administration to institute fellowships in their names to support students from marginalized sections.

The demand was raised on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti during a commemorative programme organized by the OU JAC at the Arts College on campus. As part of the event, students cut a cake and paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait, remembering his contributions to social justice and equality.

Speaking on the occasion, Kothapalli Tirupati said that naming the new administrative building after Ambedkar and Phule would be a fitting tribute to their enduring legacy and vision for an inclusive society. He emphasized that universities must reflect the values of social justice, equality, and education for all.

The event was attended by several student leaders and representatives from various organizations. Among the chief guests were Nalaganti Sharath, President of DBSA, and Velpula Sanjay, President of Bahujan Student Organizations, who expressed support for the demand and highlighted the importance of honoring leaders who fought against social discrimination.

Tirupati also welcomed the State government's proposal to construct the Jagjivan Ram-

Ambedkar Knowledge Park at Tank Bund with an estimated cost of Rs 100 crore. He stated that students across the university appreciate this initiative and see it as a significant step towards promoting knowledge and social awareness.

He extended his gratitude to Minister Adhuri Laxman and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for taking up the project. He further called upon students and youth to work collectively to uphold and spread Ambedkar's ideals in society.

Several OU JAC and Political JAC leaders, including Narasimha, Jangili Darshan, Madhu, Charan, Daruvu Ramesh, Rajender, Praveen, Sanjeev, Arun, Karunakar, and Uday, participated in the programme, making it a notable gathering of student voices advocating for social justice and recognition of reformist leaders.

## Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated with Children in Jayanagar Colony

Secunderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm among children at Jayanagar Colony in New Boiguda under the Bansilalpet Division.

The event was organised on the main road of the colony under the leadership of Congress Bansilalpet Division SC Department President Parsi Mahesh. A large number of local residents and children participated in the celebrations, making it a vibrant and memorable occasion.

As part of the programme, children delivered speeches

highlighting the life, struggles, and achievements of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Their confident presentations and understanding of Ambedkar's contributions impressed the gathering and drew appreciation from the audience.

Following the speeches, a cake-cutting ceremony was held to mark the occasion. Buttermilk packets were also distributed to residents and participants, offering relief from the summer heat and adding a service element to the celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, Parsi Mahesh said that Dr. Ambedkar's ideals should continue to inspire generations as long as history exists. He urged everyone, especially the young-

er generation, to learn from Ambedkar's life and work towards equality, education, and social justice.

He further emphasised the importance of educating children about national leaders and their contributions, stating that such programmes help instil values of respect, unity, and awareness from a young age.

The event concluded on a positive note with active participation from children and support from the local community. Residents appreciated the initiative, stating that involving children in such meaningful celebrations helps preserve the legacy of great leaders like Ambedkar while promoting social harmony.

## Drinking Water Camps Vital in Summer: Talasani

Secunderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav said that drinking water distribution centres play a crucial role in quenching public thirst during the summer season. He inaugurated a water distribution camp set up at Padmarao Nagar Park under the leadership of Mukka Srinivas on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Talasani Srinivas Yadav stressed that providing safe drinking water during extreme heat conditions should be considered a social responsibility. He noted that with rising tem-



peratures, access to clean drinking water becomes essen-

tial, especially for pedestrians, workers, and the underprivi-

leged sections of society.

He appreciated the efforts of organisers who came forward to establish the facility and urged more individuals and organisations to take part in such service-oriented initiatives. He added that small acts of service like setting up drinking water camps can make a significant difference in people's lives during the harsh summer months.

The MLA highlighted that community participation is key in addressing seasonal challenges and ensuring public welfare. He encouraged youth and local leaders to actively engage in humanitarian activi-

ties and support those in need.

Several local leaders and party members attended the programme. Among them were Padmarao Nagar BRS Party In-charge Gurramp Pawan Kumar Goud, Bansilalpet Division President Venkatesan Raju, and leaders Esuri Mahesh, Mahender Goud, Srikanth Reddy, Shailender, Sudhakar Reddy, Kotturu Venkat, Gajjala Srinivas, Bal Reddy, and Sagar.

The event concluded with a call for collective efforts to expand such initiatives across the city to ensure that no one suffers due to lack of drinking water during the peak summer season.



## Ambedkar's Fight for Women's Rights Praised

Medchal, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan said that the efforts made by B. R. Ambedkar for women's rights are unparalleled in the country's history. She made these remarks while participating in the "Nyaya Bhoj" programme organised in Medchal on Tuesday to mark the 135th birth anniversary of Ambedkar.

On the occasion, Meenakshi Natarajan paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait and highlighted his significant role in ensuring justice and empowerment for women through the Constitution. She stated that the rights granted to women by Ambedkar continue to play a crucial role in their progress across various fields in modern society. She further mentioned that the "Nyaya Bhoj" programme was organised following a call given by TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to observe Ambedkar Jayanti across the state in a meaningful manner.

As part of the programme,

Meenakshi Natarajan joined women from a Dalit locality in Medchal and shared a community meal, symbolising equality and social harmony. She emphasised that Ambedkar's vision continues to guide society towards justice, dignity, and equal opportunities for all.

Several Congress leaders and local representatives participated in the event in large numbers. Among them were Medchal District DCC President Thotakura Vajresh Yadav, former president Singireddy Harivardhan Reddy, former Sullabapur MLA Kuna Sri-sathlam Goud, former Medchal MLA Mallipeddi Sudheer Reddy, and senior leader Nakka Prabhakar Goud.

Local Congress leaders including Palakurthi Raghavendra Goud, Ramannagari Raghavender Goud, Ninnu Srinivas Reddy, Chirla Ramesh, Ramannagari Manikantha Goud, Chaparaju, and Kaudi Mahesh were also present.

The programme concluded with leaders reiterating their commitment to uphold Ambedkar's ideals and continue working towards social justice, equality, and empowerment of women in society.

# CM Revanth Reddy Meets Jagtial Congress Leaders, Calls for Unity

Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, April 15 | TPN Bureau:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held a key meeting with senior leaders from the Jagtial constituency, emphasizing unity and commitment to strengthening the Indian National Congress in the state.

The meeting was attended by ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Adhuri Laxman, MP Vem Narendar Reddy, MLA Sanjay Jagtial DCC president Nandayya, and other prominent leaders.

Despite some senior leaders leaving the party, key Jagtial leaders reaffirmed their loyalty to the Congress and assured the Chief Minister that they would continue

working within the party. They also pledged to take the government's welfare schemes more effectively to the grassroots and work collectively to bring the Congress back to power for a second term in Telangana.

Addressing the gathering, Revanth Reddy said the meeting was convened to understand the ground realities in the constituency. He clarified that the party had always respected senior leader Jeevan Reddy and never undermined his stature or dignity.

The Chief Minister noted that the party had fully supported Jeevan Reddy during the 2023 Assembly elections and even offered him an opportunity to contest in the parliamentary elections. Al-

though the party suggested Karimnagar, it accommodated his request to contest from Nizamabad, where he eventually lost.

Revanth Reddy stated that even in municipal elections, tickets were allotted based on Jeevan Reddy's recommendations. Despite assurances regarding his and his family's political future, he chose to leave the party.

Criticizing his move, the Chief Minister alleged that Jeevan Reddy had betrayed party workers who supported him for decades and joined hands with K. Chandrashekar Rao. He termed it unfortunate that a leader of such experience aligned with the BRS leadership.

Revanth Reddy urged party

workers to remain strong and united against political conspiracies. He stressed that protecting a democratically elected government is the responsibility of all party members.

Encouraging the cadre, he said that time would reveal the truth and called upon everyone to stand firmly with the party. He also assured that he would soon visit Jagtial to meet grassroots workers and further strengthen the organization.

The Chief Minister concluded by appreciating the leaders for prioritizing the party over individuals and called for collective efforts to ensure development in Jagtial and the return of Congress to power.



# Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated by Youth Association

Secunderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm under the banner of the Swami Vivekananda Youth Association in Bansilalpet Division.

The programme was organised under the leadership of Association President Potturi Nagaraj and General Secretary Boddu Abhilash. A large number of members and local residents participated in the event and paid floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, remembering his invaluable contribution to the nation as the architect of the Indian Constitution.

Gandhinagar Police Station Inspector Bose Kiran and BRS leader Gurram Pawan Kumar Goud attended the programme as chief guests. Other prominent attendees included Sai Baba Temple President Boddu Mahesh, senior BRS leader Namala Prem Kumar, and BJP senior leader S. Y. Giri, who all paid homage to Ambedkar and



spoke about his legacy.

Addressing the gathering, Inspector Bose Kiran said that celebrations like Ambedkar Jayanti should not be limited to rituals but must inspire people to implement his ideas in society. He stressed that promoting constitutional values and a sense of equality among youth is essential for the development of the nation. He appreciated the efforts of local youth organisations in spreading awareness and encouraging social responsibility.

BRS leader Gurram Pawan Kumar Goud stated that Ambedkar's lifelong struggle for equality, justice, and social empowerment remains an inspiration to every Indian. He emphasised the need to take Ambedkar's thoughts and teachings to the younger generation.

Association President P. Nagaraj said that such programmes are important for creating awareness and awakening social consciousness among youth. He added that

youth organisations play a vital role in building a responsible society.

Several leaders and members, including Ramaswamy, Gnani, Ravikumar, Bal Reddy, Boddu Srinivas, Hari, Vijay, Sai, and Laddu, along with local residents, participated in the event.

The programme concluded with a call to follow Ambedkar's ideals and work towards building an equal and just society.

He further stated that the

reservation system has played a key role in providing equal opportunities to all communities, helping in the upliftment of weaker sections. He recalled that Ambedkar dedicated his entire life to the welfare and progress of the oppressed and marginalised.

Ramakrishna added that Ambedkar's thoughts continue to guide every generation and stressed that building an equal society is possible only by following the path shown by him.

He urged people to uphold constitutional values and work collectively for social harmony and justice. Several BJP leaders, including Vijayanand, B. N. Srinivas, Satish, Santosh, Sachin, Rakesh, Srikanth, Kiran, and Ajay, also participated in the programme. The celebrations concluded with participants reaffirming their commitment to follow Ambedkar's ideals and contribute towards building an inclusive and equitable society.

# Ambedkar a Guiding Force for Equal Society

Cantonment, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm across Secunderabad Cantonment, with several programmes organised to honour the architect of the Indian Constitution.

Former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman and BJP State Executive Member Janyavula Ramakrishna took part in the celebrations and paid floral tributes to Ambedkar statues in several wards. Local leaders, party workers, and residents gathered in large numbers to commemorate the occasion and remember Ambedkar's contributions.

Speaking during the events, Ramakrishna said that the Constitution drafted by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar remains a strong foundation for the country's development. He emphasised that the Constitution ensures equality, social justice, and protection of rights for all sections of society.

He further stated that the



Observers noted that the BJP appears to be focusing on attracting younger sections of society by organising such events and highlighting Ambedkar's ideals. Issues such as social justice and equality were prominently discussed during the programmes, underlining their growing importance in public discourse.

Several BJP leaders, including Anga Muthu Srinivas, Y. Srinivas, Gunti Satyanarayana, M. Raghunath Goud, M. Anita, M. N. Srikanth Reddy, Gopi Srinivas, K. Naresh, Parsi Paramesh, K. Shravan, Sagath Vamsi, Prodduturi Vinay Krishna, and M. Chennareddy, participated in the events.

The programmes concluded with participants reaffirming their commitment to follow Ambedkar's ideals and work towards an inclusive and equitable society.

# BJP Youth Leader Pays Tribute on Ambedkar Jayanti

Secunderabad, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was marked with grand celebrations across several localities in Secunderabad. BJP State youth leader Marri Pururava Reddy participated in multiple programmes Bansilalpet Division.

The events were held in areas including New Boiguda IDH Colony, Jayanagar Colony, and Padmarao Nagar Hamali Basti, where local residents and party leaders gathered in large numbers. During the programmes, floral tributes were offered to Ambedkar's statues, remembering his immense contribution to the upliftment of marginalized sections of society.

Speaking on the occasion, leaders highlighted that



Ambedkar's vision and ideas continue to serve as a guiding force for building an equal and just society. They noted that his contributions towards social justice, equality, and empower-

ment remain relevant even today. The celebrations also reflected increasing political engagement around Ambedkar Jayanti, with various parties



using the occasion to connect with the public. In urban areas, such programmes are seen as a way to reach out to youth and promote awareness about social issues.

He said the government has launched Young India Integrated Residential Schools across the state to remove caste and social divisions. He added that the SLBC Young India School in Nalgonda is progressing rapidly and that a model school will soon be established in Domalapalli village. The minister further assured that funds will be allocated for the development of Ambedkar Kalabharathi in the district headquarters, including improvements to infrastructure and facilities. He also mentioned that a government school established with his own funds in Prakasham Bazaar has received a large number of admissions and that similar schools will be set up in the future. Calling upon youth and students to take inspiration from Ambedkar, the minister said he would continue to support higher education for poor students and work towards achieving Ambedkar's ideals.



# Food Distribution Marks Ambedkar Jayanti

Nacharam, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Nacharam, where a food distribution programme was organised as part of the occasion.

The celebrations were conducted under the aegis of the Nacharam Ambedkar Statue Committee, with Uppal Constituency Congress in-charge Parameshwar Reddy attending as the chief guest. He, along with former serviceman Santosh Reddy, paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr. Ambedkar.

Following the tribute, a large-scale food distribution programme was organised under the leadership of Santosh Reddy, serving meals to local residents and the needy. The initiative was widely appreciated as a meaningful way to mark the occasion.

Speaking at the event, Parameshwar Reddy said that Ambedkar's ideology continues to inspire people not only

in India but across the world. He commended Santosh Reddy for organising the food distribution programme and contributing to society through such service activities.

Santosh Reddy, while addressing the gathering, noted that great leaders like Ambedkar and Jagjivan Ram had family backgrounds connected to military service during British India. He added that he himself had served in the Army and belongs to a family with a tradition of service.

He called upon people to take inspiration from the lives of such leaders and work towards achieving their ideals. He emphasised the importance of service, equality, and social responsibility in building a better society.

Members of the Nacharam Ambedkar Statue Committee, leaders from various political parties, and local residents participated in the programme in large numbers, making it a notable community event.

# Minister Komatireddy Pays Tribute to Ambedkar in Nalgonda

Nalgonda, April 14 | TPN Bureau

State Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy paid floral tributes to B. R. Ambedkar on the occasion of his birth anniversary at Marriguda Bypass and near the DEO Office in Nalgonda town. Addressing the gathering, the minister said that education alone can lead to development, as emphasised by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. He described Ambedkar as a great leader who fought for equality and social justice and worked tirelessly for the upliftment of all sections of society. He stated that Article 3 of the Constitution, introduced by Ambedkar, made the formation of Telangana State possible. He added that Ambedkar believed smaller states could achieve faster development and better governance. He emphasised that Ambedkar drafted the Constitu-



tion for all people and remains a leader for the entire nation. The minister announced that the area in front of the DEO Office will be named "Ambedkar Circle." He also said that the PMHO

and DEO offices will be shifted to the Collectorate to enable better development of the area.

He revealed that Rs 15 crore has been sanctioned for road development from Panagal to the

DEO Office and assured that the works will begin before May 2. He stated that politics should be limited to elections and that development will be carried out beyond political differences.

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## Minister Anam Pays Tribute to Ambedkar in Atmakur

Atmakur, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

State Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy paid rich tributes to B. R. Ambedkar on the occasion of his 135th birth anniversary at Atmakur. The minister participated in the celebrations held at the municipal bus stand centre and offered floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue. He remembered Ambedkar's services to the nation and his role in framing the Constitution that

ensured equality and justice for all sections of society.

Large numbers of public representatives, officials, and leaders from various political parties including TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP, along with SC, ST, and weaker section leaders, attended the programme and paid homage.

The event reflected a collective tribute to the architect of the Constitution, reaffirming respect for his ideals of social justice, empowerment, and equality.



## Ambedkar's Vision Changed Nation's Course: MLA Kotamreddy

Nellore Rural, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy said that the initiatives of B. R. Ambedkar changed the direction of the nation. On the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, he paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait in the constituency. He inaugurated an Ambedkar Community Hall built at a cost of 35 lakh in Vengalrao Nagar, 33rd Division, along with TDP leader Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy. He said the

community hall fulfilled a long-pending demand of local residents and would benefit weaker sections. The MLA stated that Ambedkar worked for the upliftment of marginalized communities and ensured equality through the Constitution. He added that development works in the constituency have accelerated in the last two years and will continue further. Several local leaders and party representatives participated in the programme.



## Ambedkar Constitution is Protective Shield for Citizens: Minister Narayana

Nellore, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana, along with his wife Ramadevi, paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 135th birth anniversary. The homage was offered at his residence in Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the Constitution drafted by Babasaheb Ambedkar acts as a protective shield for all citizens of the country, ensuring equal

rights, dignity, and justice. He praised Ambedkar's lifelong struggle for the empowerment of marginalized and weaker sections of society.

Narayana stated that the government is committed to fulfilling Ambedkar's ideals and urged everyone to follow his vision for social progress and equality. He called upon citizens to work collectively towards development by being inspired by Ambedkar's principles and contributions to nation-building.

## Allegations Against Hospital Are Baseless: Haripriya Hospital Chairman

Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Allegations made by R.B.S. Ramu of Mangalam that his health condition worsened due to negligence at Haripriya Hospital are completely false, said hospital chairman Aditya on Tuesday. Speaking at the hospital near M.R. Palli, he said Ramu first approached the hospital in April last year with severe abdominal pain and was diagnosed with gallbladder stones and infection. He stated that treatment was provided

and later surgery was successfully performed in June, after which the patient was discharged in good health following nine days of care.

Aditya said the total bill was Rs. 3 lakh, of which Rs. 1.3 lakh was paid and Rs. 1.7 lakh remained pending. He alleged that despite repeated reminders, the patient avoided payment and later made false accusations. He added that the hospital is ready for any inquiry and may initiate defamation proceedings.

## Kabaddi Fever in Rajamahendravaram on Ambedkar Jayanti

Rajamahendravaram, April 14 | TPN Bureau

The spirit of sports blended with social celebration as a state-level kabaddi tournament was held at Arts College grounds in Rajamahendravaram on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary. The event, organised under BJP SC Morcha, witnessed intense competition among teams in a vibrant atmosphere. BJP leader Kambala Srinivasa Rao inaugurated the tournament after paying tributes to Ambedkar's portrait and later presented prizes to the winners. He announced a financial support of Rs. 1.50 lakh for the conduct of the event and distributed special cash incentives of Rs. 1,000 each to 85 outstanding players. Winners were awarded trophies, medals, and



prize money amid loud cheers from the crowd. Organisers said the event aimed to promote sportsmanship and social awareness among youth. Leaders, physical education teach-

ers, and sports enthusiasts participated, encouraging players throughout the competition. The tournament concluded with high enthusiasm and strong public response.

## Uddanam Launches First Biomarker Tests for Kidney Research

Amaravati, April 14 | TPN Bureau

For the first time, biomarker-based testing has begun in the Uddanam region to study the causes of chronic kidney disease. A special research team is collecting blood and urine samples from local residents and conducting field surveys using structured questionnaires. The initiative aims to identify individuals at risk of developing kidney disease within the next three to four years.

A dedicated laboratory has been set up at King George Hospital (KGH), Visakhapatnam, equipped with advanced instruments including centrifuges, deep freezers, and analytical systems. Around 1,500 samples have already been collected and stored at Palasa be-



fore being transferred to KGH. The research, supported by an ICMR grant of 6.2 crore, is being led by senior nephrology experts. Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav reviewed the pro-

gress and urged timely completion to benefit affected communities and enable early diagnosis and prevention of kidney diseases in the region.

## Somireddy Pays Tributes to Ambedkar in Nellore

Nellore City, April 14 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy paid floral tributes at the Ambedkar statue at VRC Centre in Nellore and also offered respects at the TDP district office portrait. Several party leaders participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, he said Ambedkar's Constitution ensures equal justice where both the rich and poor are treated alike under a single law. He noted that India's global recognition is largely due to its strong constitutional framework and added that all citizens must be able to live with dignity and equal rights. He urged both Central and State governments to take stronger measures for the upliftment of the poor, including



formulation of new laws and allocation of special budget provisions. He expressed concern that BCs, Dalits and tribals still face social and economic injustice and land-related

exploitation. He also referred to past incidents during YSRCP rule and said justice was pursued through the National SC Commission, ensuring relief for affected families.

## Collector Kirthi Chekuri Calls for Active Participation in Census-2027 Self-Enumeration

East Godavari, April 14 | TPN Bureau

East Godavari District Collector Kirthi Chekuri has directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the successful implementation of Census-2027 self-enumeration process. She said the on-line self-enumeration facility, being introduced for the first time in India's census history, will be available from April 16 to 30, allowing citizens to submit their details from home.

The Collector urged all departments to coordinate effectively to ensure maximum public participation. A detailed awareness campaign will be conducted from April 15 to 30, engaging various groups including public representatives,



students, SHGs, workers, and government employees on designated days. She also instructed secretariat staff to facilitate at least 10-20 registrations per day and promote the initiative widely through media and so-

cial platforms. Emphasising that the process is voluntary, she appealed to citizens to actively participate, stating that Census-2027 is crucial for national development and data-driven governance.



## MEIL Adopts Gurukula School on Ambedkar Jayanti

Chittoor/Ramakuppam, April 14 | TPN Bureau

Marking the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, a new chapter began for the B.R. Ambedkar Gurukula School in Ramakuppam mandal as Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) adopted the institution for comprehensive development.

Chittoor MP Daggamalla Prasada Rao lauded the initia-

tive, calling it inspiring. District Collector Sumit Kumar, MEIL representative M. G. V. K. Bhanu, and other dignitaries attended the event and paid tributes. Speaking on the occasion, Bhanu said the focus extends beyond infrastructure to fostering behavioural change and holistic student development, ensuring long-term progress and empowering students to achieve higher goals in society.



## Jana Sena Pays Tribute to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

Nellore, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, Jana Sena Party leaders paid rich tributes in Nellore City. District General Secretary Gunukula Kishore, along with party members, offered floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue at VRC Centre.

Speaking on the occasion, he said Ambedkar was not limited to any single community but was a global icon of equality, social justice, and constitution-

al values. He noted that Ambedkar's principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity laid the foundation of the Indian Constitution and must be passed on to future generations.

He added that Jana Sena Party, under the leadership of Pawan Kalyan, is committed to social justice and equal opportunities for all sections of society. The party aims to ensure dignity, rights, and equal opportunities for every citizen through continuous public service and efforts.



## Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated Grandly in Nellore

Nellore, April 14, 2026 | TPN Bureau

The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated grandly in Nellore city. At the VRC Centre, district Collector Himanshu Shukla, MLA Beeda Ravichandra, MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, and State Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Azeem paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue. The leaders recalled Ambedkar's immense

contribution to nation-building and said his services to society would always be remembered. They highlighted his role in ensuring equality, justice, and rights for all sections of people through the Constitution. Several officials and public representatives participated in the programme and paid homage to the leader, reaffirming their commitment to uphold his ideals of social justice and empowerment.



## Bapatla Police Observe Ambedkar Jayanti with Grandeur at District HQ

**Bapatla, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary was celebrated with great respect at the Bapatla District Police Headquarters. District SP B. Uma Maheshwar, IPS, paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait at the VC Hall and remembered his invaluable contribution as the architect of the Indian Constitution. He stated that the ideals of Ambedkar continue to guide the functioning of the police department, especially in protecting wom-

en, children, SC and ST communities, and ensuring equal justice for all.

The SP emphasized that every citizen has a responsibility to uphold Ambedkar's vision of equality and justice. As part of the celebrations, sweets were distributed among police personnel. Earlier, the SP also participated in tributes at the Ambedkar statue near Jammulapalem flyover along with district officials and public representatives. Senior police officers and staff actively participated in the event.



## Ambedkar Ideals Emphasized at APSPDCL Event

**Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

APSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Shivashankar Loteti has called upon everyone to work towards realizing the ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. Speaking at the Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations held at the corporate office in Tirupati on Tuesday, he said Ambedkar's Constitution is among the finest in the world and highlighted his fight

against social discrimination. He noted Ambedkar's achievements as the first graduate from the Dalit community and earning 32 degrees, and his efforts for women and marginalized groups. An exhibition on Ambedkar's life attracted around 600 visitors. Employees, families attended. The program also included distribution of clothes to security and sanitation workers and inauguration of a water and buttermilk stall for pedestrians respectively noted.



## Buggana Slams Capital Spending, Regional Neglect

**Kurnool, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

Former minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy criticised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu over alleged misuse of funds and neglect of backward regions. He alleged Rs 400 crore corruption in design-related works and questioned priorities in capital development, comparing Amaravati costs with cheaper infrastructure projects. Speaking at a press conference in Kurnool on Tuesday, he said Rayalaseema

and North Andhra remain ignored, while pending employee dues are mounting and medical college works are delayed due to lack of funds. He urged government to consider Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy proposal of decentralised capitals including Machilipatnam Vijayawada and Guntur. He referred to past committee reports on capital planning and criticised he called "secret PPP" models and excessive spending on Secretariat buildings.

## Ambedkar Ideals Guide Welfare Development: Collector

**Tirupati, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

Tirupati District Collector S. Venkateshwar said that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, remains a guiding force for governance and welfare development. He paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue at RTC Bus Stand in Tirupati on Tuesday during the 135th birth anniversary celebrations.

The Collector stated that the state government is implementing welfare and development programmes inspired by Ambedkar's constitutional vision, including the "Super Six" schemes and doorstep pension delivery system. He highlighted initiatives for SC and ST welfare, including a special grievance mechanism, infra-



structure improvements in hostels, and monthly civil rights monitoring meetings.

He also announced that land has been identified for construction of an Ambedkar

Bhavan in Tirupati, and proposals have been sent to the government. He said all efforts are being made to ensure social justice, equality, and inclusive development in the district.

## Micro Art on Pencil Tip Impresses Police Chief

**Bapatla, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

Bapatla District Superintendent of Police B. Umamaheswar appreciated a rare micro-art creation by student Annam Mahita from Chirala on Monday, on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary. Mahita met the SP at the district police headquarters and presented an intricate artwork depicting Ambedkar's life history carved on pencil leads. The artwork, created on nearly 50 pencil leads, highlights key moments of Ambedkar's life and his contribution to the Indian Constitution. The SP praised her ex-



ceptional creativity and encouraged students to develop artistic skills along with academic studies. He said youth should explore hidden talents and strive for excellence beyond textbooks. Mahita earlier created similar mi-

cro-artworks on Mahatma Gandhi's biography. The SP wished her success in achieving national and international recognition, including potential entry into world record platforms for her extraordinary talent and dedication.

## 25-Year Dream Fulfilled: 63 SC Families Get House Site Pattas

**Nellore, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

A 25-year-long wait ended for residents of Mudivarthi village in Vidavalur mandal as 63 SC families received house site pattas under Kovur constituency. The distribution programme was held on Monday, coinciding with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary, and the area was officially named "Jai Bheem Nagar." Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy, and TDP district president Beeda Ravichandra participated in the event and paid tributes to Ambedkar. Leaders said the long-pending issue was resolved through the initiative of



the MLA with government support. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu resolved long-standing housing issues and assured pattas for all eligible beneficiaries. She

highlighted development works worth over Rs. 2.29 crore in the village and said welfare and development are being implemented in equal measure. Officials and locals welcomed the initiative with joy.

## CMRF Aid of 1 Lakh for Child's Treatment

**Kajuluru, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

A family from Ramachandrapuram constituency received financial support through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) with the initiative of Minister Vasamshetty Subhash. An LOC of Rs. 1 lakh was sanctioned for the medical treatment of a two-year-old child, Yalla Daya Veera Shanmukh, from Uppu Milli village in Kajuluru mandal.

The amount will be utilized for treatment at KIMS Kona-seema Hospital. The minister said the government is committed to supporting poor families during medical emergencies and ensuring timely



assistance through CMRF. He added that hospital bills must be submitted within 90 days for reimbursement after verification.

The child's parents expressed gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu

Naidu and the minister for the timely help. TDP leaders and local representatives participated in the programme and appreciated the humanitarian initiative aimed at supporting needy families in critical health situations.

## Fire Service Week Launched in Ramachandrapuram

**Ramachandrapuram, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

Fire Service Week celebrations were inaugurated in Ramachandrapuram town under the Andhra Pradesh Disaster Response and Fire Services Department. The programme will be conducted from April 14 to 20 with awareness activities on fire safety and emergency response. Senior coalition leader Vasamshetty Satyam and Municipal Commissioner K.V.R.R.

Raju jointly released the campaign poster and flagged off a fire service awareness rally. Fire Officer K. Venkata Reddy also participated in the event.

Officials said the main objective of the rally is to educate the public on fire safety precautions and emergency response measures. Awareness programmes will be conducted in schools, hospitals, and public places, along with demonstrations of modern fire safety equipment. Leaders said the



initiative aims to build a safety-conscious society and reduce fire accidents through timely awareness and preparedness. Local TDP leaders, fire staff, and residents participated in the programme.



## Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated in Nagari

**Nagari, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary was celebrated with grandeur at Karakanda Puram in Nagari municipality. Floral tributes were offered to Ambedkar's statue by Hastakala Chairman and State PAC member Dr. Pasupuleti Hariprasada, who participated in the programme on invitation of Shiva. Speaking on the occasion, he said Ambedkar was not only the architect of the Constitution but also a

champion of social justice for marginalized communities. He stressed that true equality can be achieved only by following Ambedkar's ideals. He urged youth to use education as a powerful tool and carry Ambedkar's message to every household. He also called for collective efforts to build the society envisioned by Ambedkar. Jana Sena leaders, party workers, Veeramahilas and a large number of local people participated in the programme.



## MEIL Adopts Gurukula School in

## Ramakuppam on Ambedkar Jayanti

**Chittoor, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

On the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary, a new chapter began for the B.R. Ambedkar Gurukula School at Ramakuppam mandal in Chittoor district, as Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited adopted the institution for holistic development under its CSR initiative. District Collector S. Sumit Kumar, MP Daggumalla Prasada Rao, and other officials participated in the programme and paid tributes to Ambedkar's portrait. MEIL representative

M.G.V.K. Bhanu (retired IAS) said the focus is not only on infrastructure development but also on bringing behavioural change among students through discipline and value-based education. He emphasized that long-term progress can be achieved only by shaping students' mindset and preparing them for higher responsibilities in society. Officials appreciated the initiative, stating that the project would ensure comprehensive development of students beyond basic facilities, marking a significant step in educational upliftment.



## Ambedkar's Services Remain Everlasting: Chittoor SP

**Chittoor, April 14 | TPN Bureau**

Chittoor District Superintendent of Police Tushar Dudi paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the SP camp office on Monday, marking his 135th birth anniversary. District police officials also participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, the SP said Ambedkar's services as a lawyer, economist, politician, Constitution maker, and above all a social reformer are unforgettable. He noted Ambedkar's relentless fight

against untouchability and his efforts for the rights of Dalits, tribals, women, and workers. He said Ambedkar ensured constitutional equality and sovereignty for all sections of society. The SP highlighted that Ambedkar's life journey from social discrimination to becoming a Bharat Ratna continues to inspire millions. He added that Ambedkar's words encourage people to fight for their rights and follow the path of justice and equality. Senior police officials and staff attended the programme.

# BJP's SamratChoudhary Named New Bihar Chief Minister, Oath Likely Tomorrow

In a major political development, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader SamratChoudhary has been named the new Chief Minister of Bihar. His appointment marks a historic moment, as he becomes the first BJP leader to occupy the top post in the state. The oath-taking ceremony is expected to take place tomorrow, with top party leadership likely to attend the event.

**Historic Shift In Bihar Politics**  
SamratChoudhary's elevation signals a significant political shift in Bihar, where the BJP had previously shared power but never led the government directly. The decision follows the resignation of Nitish Kumar, who stepped down from the Chief Minister's post after moving to the Rajya Sabha. His departure paved the way for the BJP to take control of the state

leadership. The BJP already holds Chief Minister positions across several Hindi heartland states, including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Haryana. Bihar had remained a notable exception — until now. With Choudhary's appointment, the BJP expands its leadership footprint in the region.

**Unanimous Selection By BJP Legislature Party**

SamratChoudhary was unanimously elected as leader of the BJP legislature party during a meeting held in Patna. The meeting was attended by senior party leaders and central observers, who finalized his name for the Chief Minister's post. The decision reflects strong backing from the party leadership and signals confidence in Choudhary's

leadership abilities. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who was appointed as central observer, announced that Choudhary had been unanimously chosen by party lawmakers. This formal endorsement cleared the way for him to take oath as the new Chief Minister.

**Who Is SamratChoudhary?**

SamratChoudhary is a senior BJP leader and has played a key role in Bihar politics for several years. He previously served as Deputy Chief Minister and has been seen as a prominent face of the BJP in the state. His elevation is also viewed as a strategic move aimed at strengthening the party's coalition ahead of future elections.

Political observers believe his appointment reflects the BJP's intention to bring fresh leadership and

consolidate its position in Bihar. The move also marks a generational shift in the state's political landscape after decades of Nitish Kumar's leadership.

**What Happens Next**

Sources indicate that the oath ceremony is expected tomorrow, and senior BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, may attend the event. Following the swearing-in, Choudhary is expected to announce his cabinet and outline priorities for governance.

**A New Political Chapter**

SamratChoudhary's appointment marks the beginning of a new chapter in Bihar politics. With the BJP now directly leading the government, all eyes will be on how the new administration shapes policy and governance in the coming months.



## 10-Time Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Resigns, Successor May Take Oath Tomorrow

In a major political development, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar resigned from his post, marking the end of one of the longest political tenures in the state's history. Kumar, who served as Chief Minister 10 times, stepped down after chairing his final cabinet meeting and submitting his resignation to the Governor. The move signals a major transition in Bihar politics, with a successor expected to take oath as early as tomorrow.

**End Of A Two-Decade Era**

Nitish Kumar has been one of Bihar's most influential leaders, serving multiple terms since 2005. During his tenure, he became synonymous with governance reforms, infrastructure development, and political stability in the state. His resignation effectively brings an end to an era that shaped Bihar's modern political landscape.

Before stepping down, Kumar chaired his final cabinet meeting, after which the cabinet recommended dissolution — a procedural step to pave the way for a new government formation. This marked the final administrative move before his exit from the Chief Minister's office.

**Move Linked To Rajya Sabha Role**

Reports indicate that Nitish Kumar's resignation follows his transition to national politics after becoming a Rajya



Sabha member. His move to Parliament created the need for leadership change in Bihar, triggering consultations within the ruling alliance to decide his successor.

The development had been anticipated for days, with political discussions intensifying ahead of his resignation. The ruling alliance held meetings to finalise the next Chief Minister, and the swearing-in ceremony is expected to take place soon after the announcement.

**SamratChoudhary Likely Successor**

Following Nitish Kumar's resignation, BJP leader SamratChoudhary emerged as the frontrunner for the Chief Minister's post. He has already been elected leader of the BJP legislative party, clearing the path for him to take over lead-

ership in Bihar.

If sworn in, Choudhary would become the first BJP leader to serve as Chief Minister of Bihar, marking a significant political shift in the state.

**Major Political Shift In Bihar**

Nitish Kumar's resignation represents a turning point in Bihar politics. After more than two decades of leadership, the transition signals a generational shift and potentially a new governance approach under the next administration.

Political observers say the coming days will be crucial as the new leadership prepares to take charge and form a cabinet. With the oath ceremony expected tomorrow, Bihar is set to enter a new political chapter following the end of the Nitish Kumar era.

## 'Failed State' vs 'Pakistan Conspiracy': Noida Workers' Protest Triggers Political Storm

A massive workers' protest in Noida has sparked a major political confrontation between the opposition and the Uttar Pradesh government, with both sides trading sharp accusations. While opposition leaders termed the unrest a sign of governance failure, authorities claimed the violence was part of a pre-planned conspiracy, even hinting at possible foreign links.

**Massive Protest By Over 40,000 Workers**

The unrest began after more than 40,000 factory workers across Noida protested against low wages, poor working conditions, and rising cost of living. Demonstrations quickly escalated into clashes with police across nearly 80 locations in the city, leading to violence, traffic disruptions, and damage to public property.

Reports indicated that protesters threw stones, blocked roads, and set vehicles on fire as tensions escalated. Police were deployed in large numbers to bring the situation under control. The protest entered its second day, highlighting the seriousness of the unrest.

Workers said their monthly salaries, often around 12,000, were insufficient to meet basic expenses like rent, food, and education. Many demanded higher wages, citing rising inflation and better pay offered in neighbouring states.

**Government Claims Conspiracy**

The Uttar Pradesh government



rejected the opposition's claims and suggested that the violence may have been pre-planned.

**Officials pointed to:**

- WhatsApp groups allegedly coordinating protests
  - Inflammatory messages circulating online
  - Suspicious activity linked to organised groups
- Authorities also hinted at possible foreign links, including claims of a Pakistan connection, although investigations are still ongoing.

Police officials said these developments indicated a criminal conspiracy behind the violence rather than spontaneous protests.

**Political Impact Ahead Of Elections**

The timing of the protest is politically significant. Uttar Pradesh is heading into local polls soon and assembly elections in 2027, making the unrest politically sensitive. Analysts say the protests could become a major political issue, as opposition parties try to

challenge the BJP's dominance in the state.

**Situation Still Developing**

The state government has urged calm and warned against spreading rumours. Meanwhile, negotiations with workers are ongoing, and authorities are investigating the cause of the violence. The Noida protest has now evolved from a labour issue into a major political battle, with both sides using the incident to strengthen their positions ahead of future elections.

## "Final Cry Of Workers": Rahul Gandhi Backs Noida Wage Protest Amid Rising Inflation

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi has voiced strong support for factory workers protesting in Noida, calling the unrest the "final cry of the nation's workers whose every voice was ignored." His remarks came a day after violent protests erupted across industrial areas of Noida over low wages and rising living costs.

**Rahul Gandhi Highlights Workers' Financial Struggles**

In a social media post, Rahul Gandhi highlighted the difficult financial conditions faced by factory workers in Noida. According to him, many labourers earn around 12,000 per month, while rent alone costs 4,000 to 7,000, leaving very little for basic expenses. He also pointed out that annual salary increments are often as low as 300, while rents increase by around 500, worsening financial pressure on workers.

Gandhi said inflation has made survival even harder, noting that workers sometimes pay 5,000 for a cooking gas cylinder, which adds to mounting debt and economic distress. He described this situation as the harsh reality behind India's growth narrative, arguing that labourers are being "choked" by rising prices and stagnant wages.

He further emphasised that workers demanding 20,000 monthly salary are not being



people and deployed additional security personnel to control the situation. Authorities also initiated discussions between workers and industrial units to ease tensions.

**Government Announces Wage Hike**

In response to the unrest, the Uttar Pradesh government announced an interim hike in minimum wages, with officials setting up a high-level committee to resolve the dispute. However, many workers said the increase was insufficient and continued to demand higher pay and improved working conditions.

**Political Debate Intensifies**

Rahul Gandhi's comments have intensified the political debate over labour rights, inflation, and economic inequality. Opposition leaders argue that rising living costs and stagnant wages have pushed workers to the brink, while the government maintains that steps are being taken to address concerns.

As protests continue, the situation in Noida has evolved into a larger national discussion on wages, labour reforms, and economic disparity. Gandhi's intervention has placed the spotlight firmly on the struggles of industrial workers, turning the Noida unrest into a broader debate about the condition of India's workforce.

## "You Argued Well, Can Become A Lawyer": Judge Tells Arvind Kejriwal During Court Hearing

Delhi High Court judge made an unusual and light-hearted remark to Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal during a court hearing, telling him that he argued his case so effectively that he could consider becoming a lawyer. The comment came after Kejriwal personally presented arguments in court while seeking the judge's recusal in connection with the Delhi excise policy case.

**Kejriwal Argues His Own Case**

Arvind Kejriwal appeared before the Delhi High Court and personally argued for Justice SwaranaKanta Sharma to step aside from hearing the matter. The case relates to a petition filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation challenging the discharge of Kejriwal and others in the Delhi excise policy case. Instead of relying solely on legal counsel, Kejriwal addressed the court himself and laid out his arguments regarding why he believed the judge should recuse herself.

During the proceedings, Kejriwal reportedly expressed concerns about impartiality and fairness. He presented multiple reasons supporting his request and argued that certain developments in the case had raised apprehensions about receiving a fair hearing. His arguments drew attention in court, particularly because it is uncommon for senior po-



litical leaders to personally argue such complex legal matters.

**Judge's Remark Draws Attention**

As the hearing concluded, Justice SwaranaKanta Sharma appreciated Kejriwal's presentation, telling him he had argued well and could think about becoming a lawyer. The remark was made in a light-hearted tone but quickly caught public attention due to the unusual courtroom exchange. The comment highlighted Kejriwal's courtroom performance and his ability to present legal arguments despite not being a trained lawyer. Such moments are rare in high-profile legal proceedings,

particularly in politically sensitive cases like the Delhi excise policy matter.

**Government Lawyer Opposes Recusal Plea**

During the hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta opposed Kejriwal's request for recusal. He reportedly described the plea as "motivated" and questioned the basis for seeking the judge's withdrawal from the case. The government's legal team argued that the request lacked merit and should not be entertained.

Despite the arguments from both sides, the judge reserved the order on whether she would step aside from the case. The decision is expected to play a key role in determining

the next phase of the legal proceedings.

**High-Profile Case Continues**

The Delhi excise policy case remains politically significant, involving allegations of irregularities in the now-scraped liquor policy. The case has attracted national attention due to the involvement of senior political leaders and multiple investigative agencies. Kejriwal's decision to argue his own case and the judge's subsequent remark added an unusual dimension to the proceedings. The exchange has since drawn widespread attention, highlighting both the seriousness of the case and a rare lighter moment inside the courtroom.

# Saudi Arabia Urges US to Drop Iran Port Blockade Amid Escalation Fears

Saudi Arabia is reportedly urging the United States to abandon its plan to blockade Iranian ports, warning that the move could significantly escalate tensions in the Middle East and disrupt global energy supplies. The development comes amid rising geopolitical uncertainty following Washington's decision to pressure Iran through maritime restrictions.

According to reports citing Arab officials, Riyadh has expressed concern that the blockade could provoke Iran into retaliatory measures. One of the key fears is that Tehran might attempt

to close the Bab al-Mandeb strait — a crucial shipping route connecting the Red Sea to global markets — which is vital for Saudi Arabia's remaining oil exports. Such a move could severely impact global oil flows and further destabilize energy markets.

The United States' proposed blockade is aimed at restricting all shipments entering or leaving Iranian ports through the Strait of Hormuz. Washington believes this would increase economic pressure on Iran, whose economy is already strained by sanctions and ongoing conflict. However, regional allies like Saudi

Arabia are worried that tightening restrictions could backfire and lead to wider regional disruptions.

Saudi Arabia has reportedly urged the US administration to return to diplomatic negotiations instead of pursuing military or economic escalation. Riyadh fears that any further confrontation could lead to broader instability across the Gulf region, potentially affecting oil exports, shipping routes, and regional security.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important energy chokepoints, with a significant

portion of global oil supply passing through it. Any disruption in this region typically results in immediate volatility in oil prices and financial markets. A blockade or retaliatory closure of nearby routes like Bab al-Mandeb could worsen supply shortages and increase global inflationary pressures.

The reported Saudi intervention highlights growing unease among US allies in the Middle East. Many countries in the region fear that heightened tensions between Washington and Tehran could spill over into broader conflict, affecting regional trade and energy

security. Saudi Arabia's call for de-escalation reflects concerns about long-term stability and economic consequences.

The situation remains fluid, with diplomatic efforts continuing behind the scenes. While the United States has not officially responded to Saudi Arabia's request, the development underscores the complex geopolitical dynamics shaping the ongoing US-Iran standoff. The outcome of these discussions could play a key role in determining the direction of global energy markets and regional security in the coming weeks.



## US, Iran Considering Fresh Talks This Week; Islamabad or Geneva Likely Venues

The United States and Iran are weighing a fresh round of negotiations that could take place as early as Thursday, with Islamabad and Geneva emerging as the two most likely venues. The potential talks come after recent high-level discussions between the two countries ended without a breakthrough, leaving the future of the fragile ceasefire uncertain.

According to reports, both Washington and Tehran are exploring the possibility of resuming in-person talks in an effort to reach an agreement before the current ceasefire expires on April 21. Sources indicated that discussions about timing and venue are ongoing, although officials suggested the meeting could take place later this week.

US President Donald Trump signaled openness to renewed negotiations, telling reporters that Iran had reached out and expressed interest in working toward a deal. This development has raised hopes that diplomatic efforts may still prevent further escalation in the ongoing conflict.

US Vice President JD Vance, who led the American delegation in earlier talks, said there had been some progress despite the lack of a final agreement. He noted that Iran had moved closer to US positions during negotiations but emphasized that Tehran needed to take further steps for discussions to advance.



The previous round of talks in Islamabad lasted about 21 hours and marked one of the most significant face-to-face meetings between the two countries in decades. Despite initial optimism, the discussions ended without a deal due to deep disagreements over key issues, including Iran's nuclear program, sanctions, and regional security concerns.

Another major point of contention is the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial global energy route that has been affected by tensions. The US has pushed to reopen the route, while Iran has maintained its strategic leverage in the region. These disagreements have complicated efforts to reach a lasting ceasefire agreement.

Diplomatic sources said there was strong optimism midway through the Islamabad talks that a breakthrough

could be achieved, but negotiations stalled due to unresolved differences. Nevertheless, both sides have kept communication channels open, signaling willingness to continue dialogue.

The proposed new round of negotiations highlights the urgency of finding a diplomatic solution before the ceasefire deadline. A successful agreement could help ease geopolitical tensions, stabilize oil markets, and reduce global economic uncertainty.

Overall, the potential talks in Islamabad or Geneva represent another opportunity for the US and Iran to resolve key disputes and avoid further escalation. While significant challenges remain, the willingness of both sides to return to the negotiating table has offered cautious optimism for diplomatic progress.

## US-Iran Deal Was "80% Done" Before Nuclear Dispute Stalled Talks

Negotiations between the United States and Iran were reportedly close to a breakthrough, with officials saying a potential agreement was "80 percent done" before talks collapsed over disagreements regarding Tehran's nuclear programme. The discussions took place in Islamabad and lasted more than 20 hours, marking one of the most significant direct engagements between the two countries in over a decade.

### Nuclear Freeze Dispute Became Major Roadblock

The central issue that stalled the negotiations was the duration of Iran's uranium enrichment freeze. Washington proposed a 20-year suspension of Iran's uranium enrichment programme, while Tehran countered with a much shorter timeline of up to five years. The gap between the two positions ultimately prevented the deal from being finalized.

The disagreement represented a shift from earlier US demands that Iran permanently halt uranium enrichment. However, despite some flexibility, the United States maintained that a long-term freeze was essential to ensure Iran could not develop nuclear weapons.

### Talks Came Close to Breakthrough

Sources involved in the negotiations said the two sides were "very close" to reaching an agreement, with discussions progressing positively midway through the talks. However, tensions rose when negotiations moved to key issues such as nuclear guarantees, sanc-



tions relief, and non-aggression commitments.

The negotiations were held in a tightly controlled environment at Islamabad's Serena Hotel, with the US and Iranian delegations stationed in separate wings. Pakistani mediators facilitated communication between the two sides, and phones were reportedly restricted during meetings, forcing delegates to step outside to relay messages to their governments.

### Other Key Issues in Negotiations

Apart from Iran's nuclear programme, discussions also covered reopening the Strait of Hormuz, a critical route for global energy supplies, which Iran had effectively blocked.

The United States pushed for reopening the waterway, while Iran sought broader guarantees and sanctions relief.

Sanctions relief, non-aggression assurances, and broader regional security arrangements also formed part of the negotiations. However, differences over the scope of the deal further complicated the talks, with Washington focusing primarily on nuclear issues and Tehran seeking a more comprehensive agreement.

### Dialogue Still Open Despite Deadlock

Although the Islamabad talks ended without a final agreement, both sides indicated that negotiations could continue. Officials said discussions for a second round of

face-to-face talks were underway, signaling that diplomatic channels remain open.

US President Donald Trump also indicated that Iran had expressed interest in continuing negotiations, suggesting there may still be momentum toward a potential deal.

### Outlook Remains Uncertain

While the failure to reach an agreement has raised concerns, analysts believe the fact that talks progressed significantly indicates both sides are willing to negotiate. The coming days are expected to be crucial, as further discussions could determine whether a diplomatic breakthrough is still possible or tensions escalate further.

## Iran Steps Up Meme War, Calls Trump "Miserable Pirate of the Persian Gulf"

Iran has intensified its online propaganda campaign against U.S. President Donald Trump, launching a fresh wave of memes and satirical posts that mock his actions amid rising tensions over the Strait of Hormuz blockade. The move highlights how the conflict between Washington and Tehran is now being fought not only militarily and diplomatically, but also across social media platforms.



One of the most widely circulated posts came from an Iranian diplomatic account, which portrayed Trump as a pirate stranded in the sea. The image included the caption calling him a "miserable pirate of the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz." The meme depicted Trump stuck in the middle of the water, symbolizing Iran's criticism of the U.S. blockade strategy.

The meme campaign followed Washington's decision to block Iranian maritime traffic, a move that sharply escalated tensions between the two countries. In response, Iranian officials and diplomatic missions began sharing satirical content, including videos and music-style posts mocking Trump's policies. One viral clip even featured a musical-style parody referencing the blockade, further amplifying the messaging online.

Iran's social media push is part of a broader strategy to project defiance and shape public opinion during the conflict. Analysts say such "meme diplomacy" allows countries to influence global audiences quickly, especially during fast-moving geopolitical crises. By using humor, satire, and pop culture references, Iran aims to undermine Washington's narrative while boosting domestic morale. This is not the first time Iran has used memes during the ongoing tensions. Over recent weeks, Iranian diplomatic accounts across the world have shared satirical posts targeting U.S. actions and leadership. These posts often combine humor with political messaging, turning social media into another front in the broader geopolitical confrontation. The online exchanges come amid heightened tensions in the Middle East follow-

ing U.S. efforts to pressure Iran over its nuclear program and control of strategic waterways. The Strait of Hormuz remains a key flashpoint, as it handles a significant portion of global oil shipments. Any escalation in rhetoric or military activity in the region typically impacts global markets and energy prices. Despite the humorous tone of the memes, analysts warn that the messaging reflects serious geopolitical tensions. The use of satire underscores how modern conflicts increasingly extend beyond traditional battlefields into information and digital spaces. Overall, Iran's latest meme campaign — branding Trump a "miserable pirate of the Persian Gulf" — highlights how both sides are using communication strategies to shape narratives while diplomatic and military tensions continue to evolve.

## Iran Could Lose \$435 Million Daily Due to US Hormuz Blockade

Iran could suffer economic losses of up to \$435 million (around 4,081 crore) per day following the United States' blockade of Iranian ports in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, according to estimates cited in a report. The development comes amid escalating tensions between Washington and Tehran after diplomatic talks failed to produce a breakthrough. The blockade, announced by US President Donald Trump, aims to restrict maritime traffic to and from Iranian ports. Analysts warn that the move could significantly disrupt Iran's economy by limiting exports of oil, fertilizer, food, and other essential goods. Such disruptions may also trigger inflation within Iran due to shortages and reduced revenue.

### Oil Exports Face Major Hit

A large portion of Iran's economy depends on oil exports, most of which pass through the Strait of Hormuz. The blockade could sharply reduce these exports, leading to substantial revenue losses. According to estimates, a significant part of the daily loss stems from restricted crude oil and petrochemical shipments.

However, analysts note that the exact financial impact re-



mains uncertain. The scale of losses will depend on how strictly the blockade is enforced and whether Iran can redirect shipments through alternative routes such as the Jask terminal, which lies outside the Strait of Hormuz.

### Some Relief From Floating Oil Stocks

Despite the potential losses, Iran may cushion short-term damage through existing oil inventories. As of late March, Iran reportedly had around 154 million barrels of oil already at sea outside the blockade-affected region. These supplies could help offset immediate revenue losses, at least

### Strategic Importance of Strait of Hormuz

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most critical energy routes, with a substantial portion of global oil shipments passing through it. Any disruption in this corridor can significantly impact global energy markets and fuel prices. The US blockade has already heightened geopolitical tensions and increased uncertainty in global trade flows.

### Rising Geopolitical Risks

The blockade follows failed negotiations between the United States and Iran and has intensified fears of further esca-

lation. Iran has criticized the move as a violation of sovereignty, while global powers continue to push for diplomatic solutions. The situation remains fluid, with markets closely watching developments in the region.

### Outlook

While the estimated \$435 million daily loss highlights the potential economic impact on Iran, the long-term consequences will depend on how long the blockade lasts and whether diplomatic efforts succeed. A prolonged standoff could deepen economic strain on Iran and further destabilize global energy markets.

# Wall Street Futures Rise Ahead of Second Round of US-Iran Peace Talks

Wall Street futures edged higher on Tuesday, rising by as much as 0.4 percent, as investors grew optimistic about a possible second round of peace talks between the United States and Iran later this week. The positive movement in futures signaled a potentially firm opening for U.S. markets, following gains recorded in the previous trading session.

The upward momentum in futures came after reports suggested that negotiating teams from the United States and Iran could reconvene for further discussions. The first

round of high-level talks concluded without a final agreement, but the possibility of it

Investors have been closely monitoring developments in the geopolitical standoff, as tensions between the two nations have significantly impacted global markets, particularly oil prices. Hopes for diplomatic progress have eased concerns about supply disruptions, leading to a slight decline in crude oil prices. Lower oil prices often support equities by reducing inflationary pressures and easing concerns over corporate costs.

The geopolitical situation has been one of the key drivers of global financial markets in recent weeks. Escalating tensions previously pushed oil prices higher and weighed on equity markets, as investors worried about potential disruptions to energy supply routes, especially through critical shipping lanes. However, renewed diplomatic efforts have temporarily improved risk appetite among investors.

Market participants are also focusing on how the outcome of the talks could influence broader economic conditions.

A successful agreement could ease supply concerns, stabilize oil prices, and support equity markets. On the other hand, failure in negotiations could reignite volatility, push crude prices higher, and weigh on global equities.

Recent geopolitical tensions have already led to increased volatility in global markets. Oil prices surged earlier amid fears of supply disruptions, while equities reacted with caution. However, any progress toward de-escalation is expected to bring relief to investors and improve risk

sentiment.

Traders are also watching upcoming economic data releases and corporate earnings, which could further influence market direction. Despite these factors, geopolitical developments remain the primary driver for now, with investors awaiting clarity from the upcoming talks.

Overall, the rise in Wall Street futures reflects cautious optimism among investors. While uncertainties remain, hopes of diplomatic progress between the United States and Iran have improved sentiment



and supported global markets. The outcome of the second round of talks later this week

is likely to play a crucial role in shaping market direction in the near term.

## OFFBEAT

# Flavours, Family & a Highway Dream: The Story of Rayudu Gari Military Hotel

On a busy highway stretch between Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam, there's a place where the aroma alone is enough to slow down speeding cars. It isn't just a restaurant—it's a story simmered in emotion, resilience, and the unmistakable taste of home.

Welcome to Rayudu Gari Military Hotel, where every dish carries a name, a memory, and a bond.

### When Crisis Cooked Up an Idea

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted lives across the globe, but for Munna, it sparked something unexpected. During lockdown, as he relished meals prepared by his mother Rajeshwari and wife Uma, a thought struck him: why should such soulful food remain confined to home?

That simple idea turned into a culinary venture near Mallepalli—today known as one of the largest and most talked-about highway eateries in Andhra Pradesh.

### Branding with Bonds, Not Budgets

In an era where branding often demands massive investment, Munna chose a different path—he turned relationships into identity.

Instead of fancy names, the



menu reads like a family album. Dishes such as "Uma Chicken Nalla Vepudu" and "Rajamma Mutton" are not just food items—they're tributes. This emotional branding struck a chord online, quickly going viral and creating a loyal customer base.

More importantly, the authenticity remains intact—family members themselves are deeply involved in cooking, ensuring that every plate tastes like it came straight from a home kitchen.

### A Feast by the Highway

Set on a sprawling campus

along the national highway, the hotel offers more than just food—it offers pause. Travelers find a rare blend of comfort and calm, making it a preferred stopover.

Within just two years, its fame has crossed state borders, attracting food lovers from far and wide.

### The Reluctant Entrepreneur Turned Role Model

Munna's journey is anything but conventional. With no massive capital or aggressive advertising, he relied purely on taste and the power of social media. Starting with just four friends, he now provides employment to nearly 200 people.

What sets him apart is his hands-on approach. He isn't just the owner—he's often seen as the chef, promoter, and storyteller, inspiring many young entrepreneurs to believe in grassroots ideas.

### What Makes It Special?

A Non-Veg Paradise: Rich mutton dum biryani, fiery chicken curries, and rustic Andhra-style preparations.

Family-Friendly Veg Thali: A wholesome option for those seeking traditional vegetarian meals.

Atmosphere: Spacious, relaxed, and ideal for highway travelers looking to unwind.

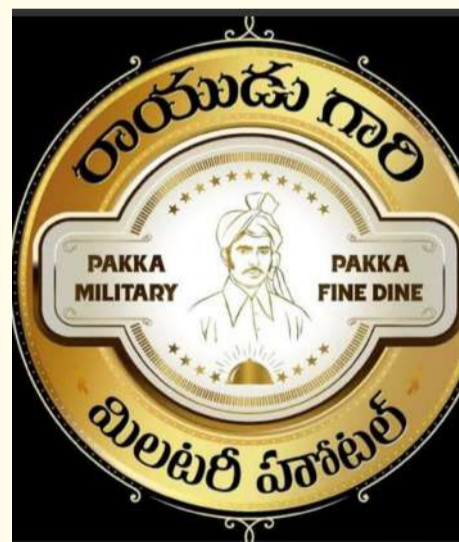
### More Than a Meal

At its heart, Rayudu Gari

Military Hotel is not about luxury—it's about love. It proves that when food carries emotion, it becomes unforgettable.

Munna's story is a reminder that sometimes, the most powerful brands aren't built in boardrooms—but in kitchens filled with warmth, laughter, and the timeless magic of a mother's cooking.

So the next time you're on that highway, follow the aroma. Chances are, it will lead you to a plate of Rajamma Mutton—and a story worth tasting.



## BNP Paribas Cuts Nifty 2026 Target to 25,500 Amid Crude Oil Shock; Recommends Defensive Bets

Global brokerage firm BNP Paribas has turned cautious on Indian equities, lowering its 2026 target for the Nifty 50 amid rising crude oil prices and growing macroeconomic risks. The brokerage reduced its Nifty target by 11 percent to 25,500, citing concerns over elevated oil prices, weaker corporate earnings outlook, and subdued foreign investor inflows.

The downgrade reflects the firm's growing caution following the recent crude oil surge triggered by geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. According to BNP Paribas, even if tensions ease, the after-effects of an oil shock typically linger for several quarters, impacting growth, inflation, and market sentiment. As a result, the brokerage believes the upside potential for Indian equities remains limited, estimating only about 7 percent upside from current levels despite recent valuation corrections.

A key concern highlighted in the report is crude oil sustaining in the \$85-90 per barrel range. BNP Paribas warned that such levels could strain India's macroeconomic fundamentals, widen fiscal and current account deficits, and weigh on corporate profitability. The brokerage also noted that consensus earnings estimates have not yet fully factored in the impact of higher input costs and weaker demand conditions. Historically, similar oil shocks have led to broad-based earnings downgrades across sectors. In addition to higher crude prices, the brokerage flagged inflationary pressures and potential demand slowdown as major risks for the market. Rising commodity costs could compress margins across industries, while higher bond yields may limit valuation expansion.

Overall, BNP Paribas' revised outlook signals a shift from broad market optimism to a more selective strategy. While India's long-term growth story remains intact, rising crude oil prices, weaker earnings expectations, and cautious foreign inflows may limit near-term upside for Indian equities heading into 2026.

These factors together could delay the expected recovery in corporate earnings and keep equity markets range-bound in the near term.

BNP Paribas also pointed to weak foreign institutional investor (FII) sentiment as another headwind for Indian equities. According to the firm, global investors have turned cautious toward emerging markets, including India, due to macro uncertainties and rising global risks. Furthermore, India's relatively limited participation in the global artificial intelligence-driven market rally has contributed to slower earnings growth expectations.

The report also highlighted structural concerns, including the potential disruption from artificial intelligence in services employment and discretionary consumption. These long-term risks, combined with near-term oil price volatility, could weigh on market sentiment and earnings outlook for several quarters.

Despite the cautious outlook, BNP Paribas continues to recommend a selective investment approach. The brokerage prefers defensive sectors that can better withstand macroeconomic volatility and earnings pressure. At the same time, it remains cautious on cyclical sectors such as automobiles and infrastructure, which are more sensitive to input costs and economic growth fluctuations.



# Ram Charan Reviews AdiviSesh's 'Dacoit'; Praises Performances and Technical Quality

Tollywood star Ram Charan has shared his review of Dacoit: A Love Story, starring AdiviSesh and Mrunal Thakur. The actor took to social media after watching the film and expressed his appreciation for the performances and the overall technical quality of the movie.

Ram Charan revealed that he thoroughly enjoyed the film and particularly praised AdiviSesh's performance. He described Sesh's portrayal of the character Hari as solid and

memorable, highlighting the actor's strong screen presence and emotional depth. The praise from a leading star like Ram Charan has further boosted the buzz around the film, which has already been receiving positive word-of-mouth from audiences.

The RRR star also lauded Mrunal Thakur for her performance, noting that she brought great depth to her role. He appreciated her ability to handle emotional scenes effectively and contribute meaningfully to the story. In addition to the lead pair, Ram Charan also praised Anurag Kashyap and the supporting cast, stating that the entire team delivered strong performances.

Ram Charan further appreciated the film's production quality and technical standards. He specifically mentioned producer SupriyaYarlagadda and Annapurna Studios for backing the film with conviction and presenting it with high production values. He congratulated the entire team for their efforts and wished them success.

The actor's tweet quickly went viral on social media, with fans sharing his comments widely. His review added to the growing list of celebrities who have appreciated the film since its release. The movie has been attracting attention for its blend of romance and action, along with strong performances from the

cast.

'Dacoit: A Love Story' is directed by ShaneilDeo and features a mix of action, romance, and emotional drama. The film, released on April 10, 2026, follows a gripping narrative involving love, betrayal, and revenge. It has generated solid buzz at the box office and continues to perform steadily after a strong opening weekend. Ram Charan's endorsement is expected to further strengthen the film's momentum, as celebrity reviews often play a key role in influencing audience interest. With positive responses coming from both fans and industry personalities, 'Dacoit' appears to be maintaining its strong run in theatres.



## NivethaPethuraj Plans Fresh Start in Career After Personal Setback

Actress NivethaPethuraj is reportedly preparing for a fresh start in her acting career after facing setbacks in her personal life. The actress, who had earlier stepped away from films to focus on marriage plans, is now said to be returning to the industry with renewed focus and determination.

### Personal Plans Took Priority

According to reports, NivethaPethuraj had decided to slow down her acting career when she received good film offers, as she planned to move towards married life. She reportedly got engaged last August to Dubai-based businessman Rajhithbran. Initially, the actress kept the relationship private but later shared engagement photos on social media, which received congratulatory messages from fans and industry colleagues.

However, the situation reportedly changed unexpectedly. News surfaced that Rajhithbran got engaged to someone else, after which NivethaPethuraj unfollowed him on social media and deleted her engagement photos. Although the actress has not officially commented on the matter, the development is believed to have deeply affected her personal plans.

### Focus Shifts Back to Acting

Following the personal setback, NivethaPethuraj is now reportedly planning to concentrate fully on her acting career. Sources suggest that she wants to put aside thoughts about relationships and marriage for the time

being and instead focus on building her professional journey.

As part of this fresh start, the actress is said to be reconnecting with directors, producers, and co-actors she has worked with previously. She is reportedly exploring opportunities that suit her acting style and is open to taking up diverse roles to regain momentum in the industry.

### Known for Versatile Roles

NivethaPethuraj has never restricted herself to traditional heroine roles. She has appeared in supporting characters as well as performance-oriented roles in films such as Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo and other Telugu and Tamil projects. Even though she has worked in a limited number of films, she has managed to carve out a distinct identity with her performances.

Her willingness to experiment with different kinds of roles is expected to help her during this second phase of her career. Industry insiders believe that the actress may now choose more impactful and performance-driven characters as she attempts a strong comeback.

### Second Innings Begins

With renewed focus and determination, NivethaPethuraj appears ready to begin a new chapter in her career. After navigating personal challenges, the actress is now keen to stay busy with films and rebuild her momentum in the industry.

Fans and industry observers are now watching closely to see what kind of roles she takes up in this second innings and whether this fresh start helps her reclaim a stronger position in Telugu and Tamil cinema.

## Spider-Man Returns with Emotional New Chapter

The excitement around Spider-Man: Brand New Day has reached new heights as Sony Pictures unveiled two striking new posters at CinemaCon 2026. The fresh visuals offer fans a glimpse into what promises to be one of the most intense and emotional journeys for the beloved superhero.

Studio chief Tom Rothman introduced the posters, describing the film as something entirely unique, despite the long legacy of Spider-Man stories. He praised Tom Holland's performance, calling it his finest portrayal yet. Holland later appeared virtually and shared that the film is "the most emotional Spider-Man story we've ever made," adding that it explores a more mature and grown-up side of the character.

The film has already generated massive buzz with its trailer, which has shattered viewing records and become one of the most talked-about releases in recent times. Fans across the globe have responded enthusiastically, signaling strong anticipation for a story that blends high-stakes action with deeper emotional storytelling.

Directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, the movie brings back a stellar cast. Alongside Holland, Zendaya and Jacob Batalon reprise their roles, while new and returning faces like Sadie Sink, Jon Bernthal, Mark Ruffalo, Michael Mando, and Trameil Tillman are set to play key roles. The ensemble hints at a layered narrative that could expand the Spider-Man universe in exciting ways. With its blend of action, emotion, and character-driven storytelling, Spider-Man: Brand New Day is shaping up to be a defining entry in the franchise. The newly released



posters further tease an epic showdown, suggesting that Peter Parker's journey will be more challenging than ever before. Sony Pictures Entertainment India has confirmed that the film will hit theatres on July 31, 2026. It will be released in multiple languages including English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam, ensuring a wide reach among audiences across India. As anticipation continues to build, fans are eagerly counting down to witness Spider-Man swing back onto the big screen with a story that promises both spectacle and heart.

## Jr NTR-Trivikram Mythological Film Likely To Be Announced On May 20

A highly anticipated collaboration between Jr NTR and director Trivikram Srinivas is once again making headlines, with fresh buzz suggesting that their much-talked-about mythological project could be officially announced on May 20, coinciding with the actor's birthday. The film, which has generated considerable excitement among fans and industry circles, is expected to be mounted on a grand scale as a pan-Indian mythological spectacle.

The project has been in discussion for quite some time, with speculation surrounding the lead cast, storyline, and production details. According to the latest reports, Jr NTR is likely to headline the film, although an official confirmation is still awaited. The potential announcement date of May 20 has further fueled anticipation, as fans often expect major updates from the actor on his birthday.

The film is reportedly based on Lord Kartikeya (also known as Kumara Swamy or Subrahmanya), making it one of the rare large-scale mythological films in Telugu cinema. If confirmed, the project is expected to combine Trivikram Srinivas' storytelling style with high-end production values, positioning it as a major cinematic venture. Mythological dramas have seen renewed



interest in recent years, and this film is expected to capitalize on that trend with a visually grand presentation and powerful narrative.

Adding to the buzz, industry chatter also suggests that the film's title may have already been locked as Shanmukudu. However, these details remain speculative, and the makers have not issued any official confirmation yet. Such rumors are common for big-ticket projects, and fans are waiting eagerly for an official announcement from the production team.

The film is expected to be produced by Naga Vamsi under Sithara Entertainments in collaboration with Fortune 4 Cinemas. With experienced producers backing the project, expectations are high that the film will be mounted on a grand scale with significant in-

vestment in visuals and production design.

Meanwhile, Jr NTR is currently busy with his ongoing project directed by Prashanth Neel, which is also being made on a large scale. Once that project progresses further, the actor is expected to shift focus to the Trivikram Srinivas film. This scheduling also explains why the announcement may still be some time away despite growing buzz.

If confirmed, the Jr NTR-Trivikram collaboration will mark one of the biggest upcoming Telugu film projects. With mythology, star power, and large-scale production coming together, the film is already being viewed as a potential blockbuster. Fans are now eagerly waiting for May 20 to see whether the much-anticipated announcement becomes official.

## Janhvi Kapoor Stunned By Jr NTR's Makeover; 'Devara 2' Buzz Gains Momentum

Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor is reportedly impressed with the latest transformation of Jr NTR, sparking fresh buzz around their upcoming collaboration. The actress reacted to the actor's newly surfaced workout look and called it "Unbelievable," drawing attention from fans and industry circles.

### NTR's New Look Goes Viral

A recent still of Jr NTR from his preparation for his upcoming film with director Prashanth Neel surfaced online, showcasing the actor in a heavily transformed, muscular avatar. The image quickly went viral, with fans praising the actor's intense physical transformation and dedication.

Among those impressed was Janhvi Kapoor, who shared the image and appreciated the makeover, adding to the growing excitement among fans. Her reaction gained significant traction, as actors rarely publicly praise co-stars unless there is a professional connection.

### 'Devara 2' Speculation Intensifies

Janhvi Kapoor made her Telugu debut alongside Jr NTR in Devara: Part 1, which reportedly crossed 500 crore at the box office. Despite the film's massive

success, the makers have yet to announce a clear timeline for the sequel, Devara: Part 2, leading to speculation about its progress.

However, Janhvi's recent reaction to NTR's makeover has sparked fresh discussions among fans, with many believing that work on the sequel could begin soon. Some industry observers suggest that her appreciation may hint at her continued involvement in the second installment.

### Busy Line-Up For Janhvi Kapoor

Even before the release of Devara, Janhvi Kapoor had reportedly signed another Telugu project opposite Ram Charan in the film Peddi. The film, which features her in a rural-based character, has faced delays due to production schedules.

Meanwhile, Jr NTR continues to prepare for multiple big-ticket projects, including his collaboration with Prashanth Neel, which is expected to be mounted on a large scale. His new physical transformation is believed to be part of preparation for that film.

Fans Excited Over Reunion While there is no official confirmation yet regarding Devara 2, Janhvi Kapoor's public praise for Jr NTR's transformation has

fueled speculation about their reunion. Regardless of the rumors, one thing is clear — Jr NTR's new look has impressed fans and celebrities alike, and expectations around his upcoming films continue to grow.

