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CM Pushes Centralised Procurement to Ensure Quality Supplies in Welfare Institutions

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister has directed officials to implement a centralised procurement system to curb irregularities in the supply of essential items to welfare hostels and schools across the state.

Reviewing the functioning of welfare departments, the Chief Minister stressed that items such as uniforms, textbooks, notebooks, and other educational materials must be procured and distributed through a unified system to ensure transparency and timely delivery. He made it clear that welfare schemes should serve beneficiaries and not suppliers.

The Chief Minister emphasized that priority must be given to the quality of materials provided to students, stating that there should be no com-



promise on standards under any circumstances. He instructed officials to ensure that all school uniforms reach educational institutions by June 15 without delay.

To streamline the supply chain and avoid logistical issues, he suggested appointing a nodal officer at the mandal level who would monitor distri-

bution and ensure timely delivery of materials to schools and hostels at the grassroots level.

He further directed that a co-ordination committee be established involving officials from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, Minority Welfare, and Education departments. This committee would be responsible for

ensuring smooth coordination among departments and addressing operational challenges effectively.

The Chief Minister also reviewed past issues in procurement systems and said that decentralised and unmonitored procurement had earlier led to delays and quality concerns. The new centralised approach, he said, would bring accountability and efficiency into the system.

Reiterating his commitment to student welfare, the Chief Minister stated that the government's focus is on strengthening education infrastructure and ensuring that every student receives high-quality learning materials on time.

Officials have been instructed to strictly adhere to guidelines and maintain continuous monitoring to avoid any disruption in supply chains during the academic year.

PM Modi to Visit Telangana on May 10 - Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad, 30-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy announced in Hyderabad that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Telangana on May 10 at 4 pm, his first visit to Hyderabad after assuming office for a third term. He addressed a press conference at the BJP state headquarters in Hyderabad.

He said BJP's vote share increased significantly in Telangana in recent elections, reflecting growing public support for Modi's leadership. The party added nearly 40 lakh new members and strengthened its organisation from booth to state level, and organisational strengthening continues, including gains in MLC elections.

During the visit, projects worth about 7,823 crore will be inaugurated or dedicated for Telangana people, marking a major milestone in Telangana's development.

Highlighting infrastructure growth, he said the Centre is prioritising highway and railway expansion with projects worth 85,000 crore. MMTS Hyderabad-Yadagirigutta expansion awaits land acquisition to ease connectivity.

He noted the 1,000 crore SammakkaSarakka Tribal University is progressing with land handover and construc-



tion works. The 400 crore National Science Centre at Tarnaka is also under construction, boosting research ecosystem.

He said the Regional Ring Road southern segment is in DPR stage. Under the industrial corridor programme, a greenfield smart city at Zaheerabad is being developed, expected to create jobs and improve connectivity and large-scale employment.

He added the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park in Warangal under PM MITRA will generate employment and boost cotton-based industry through industrial clusters. The 5F model links farm to foreign markets, aiming to increase exports.

He mentioned investments

including a petroleum terminal at Malkapur and railway upgrades across Telangana, with several stations nearing completion and logistics efficiency improving. He criticised opposition parties for blocking reforms like delimitation and women's reservation, saying they are needed for balanced representation and development at national level. He urged all parties in Telangana to support development and focus on public welfare over political differences ahead of upcoming initiatives.

Officials from BJP and allied leaders were present at the press meet along with senior party functionaries and spokespersons participating in the discussion.



No Power Cuts, Priority to Public Comfort: Bhatti

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Bhatti VikramarkaMallu has stated that the government's key objective is to ensure uninterrupted and hassle-free power supply to all consumers, even as electricity demand rises sharply due to the prevailing summer heat.

Chairing a review meeting at PrajaBhavan with senior officials of the Energy Department, the Deputy CM assessed the current power supply situation and preparedness of utilities in the state.

Officials informed him that the surge in temperatures, increased use of air conditioners and cooling equipment, and rising agricultural demand have significantly pushed up electricity consumption. They also noted that this has placed additional pressure on the power grid across the country.

In response, Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to procure additional electricity through power exchanges to avoid any shortage. He stressed that essential services such as

hospitals, drinking water supply schemes, and public utilities must receive uninterrupted power under all circumstances.

He instructed energy utilities to operate all available generation units at full capacity and ensure optimal utilisation of hydropower resources. He also called for strict monitoring and advance planning as temperatures are expected to rise further in the coming days. The Deputy CM emphasized coordinated functioning among all power utilities and asked field-level staff to remain vigilant to prevent disruptions. He reiterated that providing reliable and quality electricity to all categories of consumers remains the government's top priority.

Officials including Special Chief Secretary Energy Navin Mittal, TRANSCO CMD Krishna Bhaskar, GENCO CMD Harish, and SPDCL CMD Jitesh V. Patil attended the meeting and assured the minister that adequate arrangements are in place to maintain stable power supply across the state.

Kavitha Welcomes EC Approval for "Telangana Rakshana Sena" Name

Hyderabad, 30-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

BRS leader and Telangana Jagruthi president KalvakuntlaKavitha on Wednesday expressed happiness over the Election Commission's approval of her new political party name "Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS)".

Kavitha said the approved name reflects her long-standing commitment to Telangana's cultural identity and protection of state interests. Taking to social media platform X, she remarked that the abbreviation "TRS" seems to be "written in her destiny", referring to the symbolic continuity of the name. She stated that the party had applied in January with five proposed names in compliance with Election Commission guidelines. The EC, however, approved the third preference, "Telangana Rakshana Sena", and issued formal clearance to proceed with registration.

Officials from the Election Commission reportedly visited her residence in Banjara Hills and handed over the official approval letter. The Commission also advised her to publish notifications regarding the party name in newspapers and invite objections, if any, within 30 days.

Kavitha had announced the formation of her new political outfit on April 25 during a pub-



lic meeting in Medchal district, initially naming it "Telangana State Sena". However, the EC approved the revised name "Telangana Rakshana Sena" during the registration process. Following the approval, Kavitha confirmed that her political activities will now continue under the officially recognised name. She reiterated that her focus will remain on safeguarding Telangana's identity and continuing efforts for cultural revival and regional development.

The development marks a key milestone in the formalisation of her new political venture, with the party now moving towards completing remaining registration formalities under Election Commission procedures.

Governor Highlights Human Values at Yudhvira Memorial Awards

Hyderabad, April 30, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla attended the 33rd Yudhvira Memorial Award ceremony as Chief Guest at the FTCCI KLN Prasad Auditorium in Lakdikapul, Hyderabad, on Thursday, emphasising the importance of service, compassion, and human values in society.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor said that the Yudhvira Memorial Awards continue to inspire positive social change by recognising individuals dedicated to selfless service. He noted that such initiatives motivate people to contribute towards building a more caring and responsible society. On the occasion, Dr. GayatriPalat was honoured with the Yudhvira Memorial Award for her outstanding con-

tribution to palliative care. The Governor appreciated her efforts in promoting empathy, dignity, and equality in healthcare, especially for patients in need of compassionate support.

He also distributed prizes to ten winners of competitions conducted by the Foundation, encouraging youth to actively participate in socially meaningful activities. The Governor stressed that a truly inclusive society can be built only when individuals step forward with a sense of responsibility towards those in need. He called upon citizens to uphold the values of humanity and service in everyday life. The event was attended by members of the Foundation, dignitaries, and citizens committed to social welfare.

Rare Liver Transplant Saves 18-Month-Old at Osmania Hospital

Hyderabad, 30-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

In a rare medical achievement, doctors at Osmania General Hospital successfully performed a complex liver transplant on an 18-month-old child suffering from Glycogen Storage Disease. The child, weighing around 10 kilograms, underwent a 14-hour-long surgery in which a portion of the father's liver was transplanted. The procedure was carried out by a team of specialist doctors, marking a significant milestone for public healthcare in Telangana. Hospital authorities said the child is currently stable and recovering well after the surgery. Medical experts described the procedure as highly challenging, especially considering the young age and low body weight of the patient. The entire treatment was provided free of cost un-

der the Aarogyasri Scheme, showcasing the government's commitment to making advanced medical care accessible to economically weaker sections. Doctors noted that such complex liver transplants are rarely performed in government hospitals across the country.

Medical and Health Minister DamodarRajanasimha congratulated the team of doctors for their exceptional work and dedication. He said the success of the procedure reflects the improving standards of healthcare infrastructure and expertise available in state-run hospitals. Officials added that the achievement highlights the growing capabilities of Osmania General Hospital in handling advanced and life-saving procedures, offering hope to patients who may otherwise not afford such treatments in private institutions.



Gurukuls Record Historic Results, Say“Performance is the Only Answer”: Minister

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Social Welfare Gurukuls have achieved a landmark academic performance in the SSC 2026 examinations, recording an overall pass percentage of 99.12%, which the government has described as a historic achievement in the 40-year history of the system.

At a review meeting held at DSS Bhavan, Hyderabad, Social Welfare Minister Adluri-Laxman Kumar said that 17,071 students appeared for the examinations, of whom 16,921 passed. He said the results clearly demonstrate that gurukuls have evolved into strong institutions that can compete with corporate schools.

“Criticism or praise is secondary—performance is the only benchmark,” the Minister said, adding that the results reflect systemic reforms, continuous monitoring, and the government’s commitment under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to prioritise education.

He noted that 163 out of 235 institutions recorded 100% results, while nine districts achieved complete success across all gurukuls. In Intermediate second year, the pass percentage stood at 88.22%, with 41 colleges recording 100% results. In first year intermediate, 77.79% was

achieved, with 12 colleges securing full pass results.

In competitive exams, 441 students qualified in JEE Mains, including 35 scoring above the 90 percentile, while several students also performed well in IIT-JEE and NEET examinations.

The Minister credited the success to a “student-centric approach” involving personalised attention, daily teaching, special study hours, weekly assessments, and targeted coaching for weak students. He said no student was allowed to fall behind due to a structured tracking system.

He also highlighted reforms in nutrition, stating that improved mess facilities and protein-rich diets contributed to better attendance and health. Infrastructure upgrades such as digital classrooms, labs, libraries, and sports facilities were also implemented.

Addressing criticism from opposition parties, he said public trust in gurukuls has increased, reflected in record admissions this year. He added that the goal is to transform gurukuls into model educational institutions at the national level.

The Minister also felicitated top-performing students during the programme. Senior officials, principals, and students participated in the event.

35 Inspectors Promoted as DSPs After Long Wait: DGP Shivadhar Reddy

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy announced the promotion of 35 inspectors as Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs), ending a prolonged wait caused by legal and administrative hurdles.

The announcement was made during a meeting held at the DGP office on Thursday, where the newly promoted officers were formally congratulated. Shivadhar Reddy said that the promotions were cleared after resolving long-pending issues, including court cases and departmental delays that had stalled the process for years. He stated that the government is committed to ensuring timely career progression for police personnel and removing administrative bottlenecks that affect morale within the force. Addressing the officers, the DGP urged them to discharge their duties with greater responsibility and

dedication in their new roles. He emphasized that the promotion comes with enhanced accountability, especially in maintaining law and order and strengthening public trust in the police system.

Senior officials, including Law and Order Additional DGP M. Mahesh M. Bhagwat, Personnel Additional DG C. V. Chauhan, Multi-Zone IGP Chandra Shekhar Reddy, and Railway IGP Ramesh Naidu, attended the programme and congratulated the officers. Officials said the long-pending issue has now been resolved, bringing relief to several officers who had been awaiting promotion for years. The move is expected to improve morale within the police department and strengthen administrative efficiency. The promoted DSPs expressed gratitude to the department leadership for clearing their promotions and pledged to work with renewed commitment in their new responsibilities.

Funds Traced to Singer Mangli’s Brother’s Account

Hyderabad, 30-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

A fresh development has emerged in the microfinance fraud case allegedly linked to popular singer Mangli, with police tracing financial transactions to her brother Shiva Chauhan’s bank account. According to investigation officials, police examined multiple bank accounts as part of the probe and found that funds were transferred three times from an account belonging to RamavathMadhu into Shiva Chauhan’s account. Following these findings, police have reportedly frozen Madhu’s bank accounts and sought detailed financial records from banks regarding accounts linked to Madhu, Himakanth Reddy, and Shiva Chauhan. The case gained attention after allegations surfaced that several individuals, including Mangli and her brother, were involved in a multi-crore fraud under the guise of microfinance investment schemes promising high returns. A lawyer from Secunderabad, Subbarao, had recently alleged that he was approached by Himakanth Reddy and others regarding the scheme. He later claimed that

when he attempted to verify the matter with Mangli, she allegedly threatened him. Based on his complaint, the Panjagutta police registered a case against Mangli, her brother, and three others. In response, Mangli also filed a counter-complaint at the same police station, accusing Subbarao of defaming her and attempting to gain publicity through false allegations.

Police sources said that financial trails are being closely analysed, and further questioning of individuals linked to the transactions is likely. Officials are also verifying whether the funds transferred were part of investment collections or other financial dealings connected to the alleged scheme. The investigation is ongoing, and authorities have not yet confirmed the extent of involvement of each accused. Police have maintained that all angles are being examined before drawing conclusions in the case. The controversy has drawn public attention due to Mangli’s prominence in the entertainment industry, while investigators continue to piece together the financial network behind the alleged fraud.

Market-Driven Paddy Varieties to Be Promoted: Minister

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Agriculture Minister TummalaNageswara Rao held a detailed review meeting with representatives of rice millers’ associations, following earlier consultations with agriculture department officials, university scientists, farmer organisations, and commission representatives.

During the meeting, rice millers thanked the Agriculture Department and the Minister for encouraging the cultivation of paddy varieties suitable for both procurement and private market demand. They highlighted that varieties such as MTU 1010, KNM 118, and IR 64 are witnessing strong market demand. However, they noted that exports are still largely dependent on long-grain varieties cultivated in states like Punjab and Haryana. Millers suggested that agricultural universities focus on developing long-grain paddy varieties to improve export potential from Telangana. They also raised concerns that some varieties classified as fine rice in the state are not meeting the FCA Grade ‘A’ standards and



requested a review of classification norms.

Officials from agricultural universities, civil supplies, and the agriculture department informed the meeting that out of the eight varieties selected for the current Kharif season, two are not suitable for milling operations, indicating the need for better scientific selection.

Responding to the discussion, Minister TummalaNageswara Rao said that promoting market-demand-driven paddy cultivation will remain

a key priority for the government in the upcoming Kharif season. He emphasized that such an approach will ensure better price realization for farmers. The Minister urged all stakeholders—including millers, scientists, and officials—to work in coordination with a farmer-centric approach. He directed authorities to scientifically evaluate and finalize suitable fine rice varieties after considering all expert opinions to ensure both quality production and market viability.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Extends May Day Greetings

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of International Workers’ Day (May Day), Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud extended heartfelt greetings to all workers across the state.

He said that workers form the backbone of the national economy, contributing significantly across sectors such as agriculture, industry, and construction. He praised their relentless efforts and described them as the driving force behind development. Mahesh Kumar Goud reiterated that the Congress Party remains firmly committed to protecting work-

ers’ rights and improving their livelihoods. He stressed the need for comprehensive measures to ensure minimum wages, social security, and access to healthcare for workers.

He noted that the Congress government in Telangana is prioritising welfare initiatives aimed at improving the living standards of the working class through various welfare schemes and support systems. Calling workers the foundation of economic progress, he said their welfare directly contributes to the overall development of the state. He emphasized that safeguarding workers’ interests must remain a collective responsibility of society

and governance. The TPCC President also paid tribute to the struggles and sacrifices of workers, acknowledging their role in nation-building. He called upon all stakeholders to work together for the realization of labour rights and dignity.

On this May Day, he urged everyone to remember the contribution of workers and reaffirm commitment toward ensuring justice, equality, and better working conditions for them. He concluded by extending special wishes to all workers and appreciating their continued contribution to the progress of Telangana and the nation.

Telangana Sets National Example in Journalists’ Accreditation: Minister

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

State Information, Public Relations, Revenue and Housing Minister PonguletiSrinivasa Reddy announced that Telangana is setting a benchmark for the country in issuing journalists’ accreditation cards, with major reforms aimed at expanding coverage and improving welfare measures for media professionals. Speaking at an event where new accreditation cards were distributed, the Minister said the government, guided by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is committed to strengthening journalist welfare, including health benefits and other facilities.

He noted that delays in issuing new cards occurred due to a detailed review and adoption of best practices from other states. While the previous government issued accreditation cards to 23,352 journalists out of a potential 32,500, the present government has expanded the scope to over 46,000 beneficiaries. The Minister said around 2,800 applications have already been approved and assured that all eligible appli-



cants who apply by May 10 will receive accreditation cards. He directed district collectors to ensure distribution of cards across all districts starting May 1.

He also stated that bus passes for journalists, which were set to expire on April 30, will be extended by 15 days to avoid inconvenience. Ponguleti emphasized that the accreditation process will remain continuous even if journalists change organisations, and clarified that there will be no ambiguity

in issuing cards to eligible members. He added that once the final number of accredited journalists is determined, a structured welfare plan including health and other benefits will be implemented.

The Minister further announced that a meeting with journalist associations will be held soon to discuss welfare initiatives and future reforms, reaffirming the government’s commitment to making Telangana a model state for journalist welfare in the country.

Commission Submits Report on TTD Ghee Scam Case to CM

Amaravati, April 30 | TPN Bureau

The one-member commission appointed by the state government to examine the alleged irregularities in the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) adulterated ghee case has reportedly submitted its findings to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

Retired IAS officer and former Chief Secretary Dinesh Kumar, who headed the commission, is understood to have met the Chief Minister on Thursday and formally handed over the report prepared based on inputs from the CBI Special Investigation Team (SIT). According to sources, the report also outlines specific recommendations on action to be taken against officials named in the case. It is further report-

ed that a copy of the report was also submitted to Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand Sai Prasad for administrative processing. However, the contents of the report have not been made public so far, and official confirmation on the names included remains awaited. Earlier inputs from the CBI SIT had reportedly recommended disciplinary action against former TTD Executive Officer Anil Ku-

mar Singhal, former In-charge EO Dharma Reddy, and several other officials connected to the temple administration during the relevant period. With the submission of the commission’s report, attention has now shifted to the Chief Minister’s Office, as it is expected to decide the future course of action in the high-profile case involving the temple body.



May-End Deadline for 2BHK Allocation: Minister

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations PonguletiSrinivasa Reddy has directed officials to complete the allocation of all pending 2BHK housing units by the end of May, prioritising identification of eligible beneficiaries and fast-tracking unfinished works across the state.

ment land and directed strict action against encroachments. He also ordered joint surveys by the Revenue and Forest departments to permanently resolve boundary disputes using scientific methods and modern technology.

Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Housing Corporation headquarters with ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and district collectors from the combined Medak and Karimnagar districts, the Minister reviewed housing and revenue-related issues in detail. He stated that incomplete double-bedroom houses must be completed on priority and assured that additional funding up to 5 lakh per unit will be provided under the Indiramma Housing Scheme after adjusting already spent amounts. In cases where contractors fail to complete construction, beneficiaries themselves will be allowed to finish the houses with government support under a green-channel funding mechanism.

He instructed collectors to remove ineligible occupants from 2BHK colonies and ensure allocation to genuine beneficiaries, adding that elected representatives should be involved in the verification process. He also warned that officials involved in irregularities related to housing bills would face strict disciplinary action, including termination.

The Minister emphasized that no compromise will be made in protecting govern-

Several ministers, including D. Sridhar Babu, attended the meeting and stressed the need for accelerated implementation of the Indiramma Housing Scheme.

Officials were also asked to ensure basic infrastructure such as drinking water, roads, drainage, and electricity in housing colonies. The Minister noted that free sand allocation for housing construction must be strictly monitored to prevent misuse.



Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Offers Prayers at Tirumala, Sri Kalahasti

Tirumala/Srikalahasti, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu visited the sacred hill shrine of Tirumala Sri VenkateswaraSwamy Temple on Thursday morning along with his family members and offered prayers. On his arrival at the temple, officials of the Tirumala TirupatiDevasthanams (TTD) extended a ceremonial welcome. The Deputy CM later had darshan of Lord Venkateswara and performed special prayers seeking blessings.

A large number of devotees present at the temple premises noticed his visit and expressed enthusiasm. Many gathered around him to greet him, shake hands, and take selfies. Temple staff also interacted with him respectfully, and he spent some time speaking with devotees in a cordial manner. Following

the Tirumala visit, Bhatti Vikramarka proceeded to the Sri KalahasteswaraSwamy Temple in Sri Kalahasti along with his family. There, he offered prayers to Lord Shiva and participated in special rituals. Temple priests welcomed him with Vedic chants and blessed him by offering theerthprasadam. The visit witnessed traditional religious formalities and maintained a devotional atmosphere throughout. Officials said the Deputy Chief Minister’s temple visits were purely personal and religious in nature. Devotees at both temples expressed happiness at his presence and appreciated his interaction with them. The visits concluded peacefully with religious ceremonies and blessings from temple authorities at both shrines.



Hanumantha Rao Writes Open Letter to PM

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Senior Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao has written an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, raising concerns over the non-conduct of caste-based census in the country and alleging injustice to Other Backward Classes (OBCs). In his statement, Hanumantha Rao pointed out that while the general population census is being carried out, caste enumeration has not been taken up, despite repeated demands. He questioned why OBC communities, which form a significant population share, are being denied what he described as their rightful representation. He further alleged that there is a deliberate neglect of OBC interests and demanded immediate implementation of a nationwide caste census to ensure social and political justice. Hanumantha Rao also claimed that Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to visit Telangana on May 10, and said he would submit his concerns directly during the visit if possible. In a strong remark, he warned that if caste census is



not taken up, he would resort to an indefinite hunger strike. He asserted that such a step would be taken in the interest of justice for backward communities. Expressing his political stance, he also said that Rahul Gandhi should become the Prime Minister, stating that only then, in his view, justice would be ensured for all sections of society. His remarks are expected to trigger political debate ahead of the Prime Minister's proposed visit to the state.

Sevadad Must Be Strengthened as Discipline Force of Congress: Minister

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Minister Seethakka said that the Congress Sevadal stands as a symbol of discipline and commitment inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's ideals. Addressing a programme, she said the Congress Sevadal was shaped by Gandhian principles and continues to function as a disciplined organisation dedicated to public service and party ideology. She noted that the role of the Congress in India's freedom struggle and nation-building has been significant and historic. Seethakka said that the philosophy of non-violence advocated by Mahatma Gandhi remains the core ideology of the Congress, and the Sevadal continues to uphold the same values. She appreciated the regular training programmes conducted by Sevadal to strengthen party discipline and ideological clarity among members. She described the Sevadal as an organisation of patriots and suggested that training programmes should be expanded to district levels to further

strengthen the cadre base. She said ideological strength enables any organisation to overcome challenges and remain resilient. The Minister also said that the sacrifices and legacy of the Congress party should be taken to the grassroots level, especially in rural areas, to educate people about its contributions to the nation. She urged Sevadal workers to take a leading role in this effort. Referring to constitutional values, she said that the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru's nation-building vision, and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Constitution form the backbone of India. However, she alleged that democratic institutions are being weakened and divisive politics is being promoted. She said the Congress, which defeated extremist ideologies in the past, continues to protect the spirit of the Constitution and national unity. Sevadal workers, she added, should act as protectors of this ideological and democratic framework while promoting peace and harmony.

Farmer Anger Will Haunt Congress Govt: Ramchander Rao

Hyderabad, 30-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao on Wednesday strongly criticised the Congress government in Telangana, alleging complete failure of the paddy procurement system due to "incompetence and negligence". After visiting paddy procurement centres at Hanmapur in Bhongirmandal, Rao interacted with farmers and assessed ground conditions. He said farmers were forced to wait for over 10 days without basic facilities such as transport lorries, weighing machines, tarpaulins, and storage arrangements, leading to grain spoilage and sprouting. Rao, along with BJP Kisan-Morcha leaders, inspected multiple procurement centres and said the situation reflected a "collapse of governance". He warned that the "curse of farmers will haunt the Revanth Reddy government" and added that farmers' suffering would eventually lead to public anger against the ruling party. He highlighted the case of an IKP centre in-charge at Bachannagudem in Nalgonda district, who allegedly attempted suicide after facing pressure from millers and administrative stress. Rao said the inci-



dent reflected the deep distress in the procurement system. The BJP leader questioned why procurement delays persist despite the Centre releasing funds for Minimum Support Price (MSP), transportation, gunny bags, labour charges, and commission payments for IKP centres. Calling the Congress party's "Farmer's Declaration" a pre-political promise betrayal, he alleged that commitments made during elections remain unfulfilled. He further claimed that in Hanmapur alone, nearly 100 heaps of paddy are lying untended and rotting. Rao also al-



BJP Confident of Gains, Eyes Telangana "Double Engine Govt"

Karimnagar, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Rajya Sabha member, BJP Parliamentary Board member and OBC Morcha National President Dr. K. Laxman expressed confidence that the party will secure significant victories in five states, stating that ground-level reports indicate better-than-expected results for the BJP. Speaking at a press conference held in Karimnagar, he said that despite various exit polls, the BJP's internal assessments suggest strong electoral gains. He also targeted the Congress, calling it a "failed government," and described the BRS as an "out-

dated party" in Telangana politics. Dr. Laxman said the BJP is moving ahead with the goal of establishing a "double engine government" in Telangana, ensuring coordinated governance at both state and central levels. He added that political change in the state is becoming visible due to growing public support. He announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Telangana on May 10, marking his first visit to the state after assuming office for the third consecutive term. A massive public meeting, termed the "Janagraha Sabha," will be held on the occasion. He said the BJP is preparing to mobilise lakhs of

people from across the state for the event, which he described as a turning point in Telangana politics. He also alleged that the Congress and INDIA alliance have exposed their "true nature" by opposing key legislative measures such as women's reservation. Dr. Laxman further claimed that public sentiment in Telangana is shifting in favour of the BJP, citing the party's recent electoral gains, including its performance in local urban bodies like Karimnagar. He concluded that the upcoming public meeting will provide direction to Telangana politics and strengthen the B J P ' s presence in the state.

Tribal University Works Soon: Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad, April 30, 2026

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy announced that construction of the Sammakka-Sarakka Tribal University campus will begin soon, marking a significant step towards improving higher education opportunities for tribal students in Telangana. Addressing the media at the BJP state office in Hyderabad, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the city on May 10 to launch and lay foundation stones for multiple development projects worth 7,823 crore. These projects span key sectors including infrastructure, energy, and railways. Kishan Reddy said the Prime Minister will inaugurate a petroleum products terminal in Hyderabad, which is expected to strengthen fuel logistics and distribution in the region. In addition, national highway works worth 3,175



crore in Mahabubnagar will be virtually launched, boosting road connectivity and regional development. He further stated that several railway projects will also be inaugurated, including the development of Hafeezpet and Jogulamba railway stations, and the third railway line between Kazipet and Vi-

jayawada, which is expected to ease congestion and improve rail traffic efficiency. Highlighting ongoing infrastructure growth, the Union Minister said railway projects worth 85,000 crore are currently under construction in Telangana. He also noted that MMTS works between Hyderabad and Yadagirigutta have already commenced, enhancing suburban rail connectivity. Kishan Reddy added that the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park is being developed as a major industrial hub. He said the government has set an ambitious target of achieving textile exports worth 9 lakh crore by 2030, which is expected to generate large-scale employment and boost the economy. He emphasised that these initiatives reflect the Centre's commitment to the development of Telangana across sectors.



RS Praveen Kumar Alleges Phone Hacking and CCTV Surveillance

Hyderabad, 30-04-2026 | TPN Bureau

BRS leader and former IPS officer RS Praveen Kumar has alleged that his mobile phone was hacked and that CCTV systems were misused to monitor his activities, triggering fresh political controversy in Telangana. He claimed that he received alerts indicating possible unauthorized access to his phone, raising concerns over privacy violations and digital surveillance. Praveen Kumar said such actions, if true, point to misuse of advanced monitoring systems against political figures. He also alleged that surveillance mechanisms, including CCTV networks linked to control systems, were being used to track opposition leaders, intensifying the ongoing debate over alleged phone tapping and cyber monitoring in the state. The former IPS offic-

er stated that such practices undermine democratic freedoms and demanded transparency in the functioning of security and surveillance agencies. He called for accountability and a thorough inquiry into the allegations. Political circles have reacted sharply to the claims, with the issue adding to an already heated debate between ruling and opposition parties over alleged misuse of surveillance infrastructure. While no official confirmation has been issued regarding the allegations, the controversy has further escalated political tensions in the state, with both sides continuing to trade charges over privacy and governance issues. The matter is expected to generate further discussion as leaders seek clarity on the use of digital and surveillance systems in public administration.

Minor Irrigation Tanks Need Urgent Focus: Report

Hyderabad, April 30, 2026

Nearly 44,000 minor irrigation tanks in Telangana require urgent attention to effectively serve local communities, according to a report commissioned by the Telangana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Commission. The report highlighted a systemic decline in the management of these tanks following the administrative merger of minor irrigation with major irrigation. This, it said, led to reduced focus, accountability, and technical oversight. It described water use efficiency in these structures as being at "abysmal levels" and in a "deplorable situation." Commission chairman M. Kodanda Reddy said that while the Mission Kakatiya programme launched by the previous government was a good initiative, its implementation fell short of expectations. The state has about 44,170 minor irrigation tanks capable of irrigating nearly 20 lakh acres.

However, many have suffered due to siltation, encroachments, and poor maintenance, leading to a significant decline in their irrigation potential. The report stressed that maintaining such a vast and distributed network of tanks requires a dedicated institutional mechanism. It noted that the merger of departments created a vacuum in managing minor irrigation structures and called for a renewed focus on this sector. One of the key recommendations is to revive water users' associations to actively manage tanks based on local needs. The report also suggested involving the Panchayat Raj department, enabling village-level bodies like gramasabhas to prioritise maintenance, monitor water sharing, and resolve disputes. It emphasised that without sustained efforts, institutional continuity, and proper technical oversight, any improvements in the sector would not be long-lasting.

Pay RTC Dues in 2 Months: Supreme Court

New Delhi, April 30, 2026

The Supreme Court of India has directed the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation to clear pending dues of 23 employees within two months. A bench comprising Justice J.K. Maheshwari and Justice A.S. Chandurkar issued the while hearing the matter related to arrears payable from the date of regularisation of services. Appearing for TSRTC, senior counsel informed the court that the process of regularisation had already been completed and an affidavit to that effect was filed earlier. He submitted that only the issue of arrears remained pending



and assured the court that the corporation would comply if directed. Counsel for the employees argued that the affect-

ed staff had been waiting for nearly two decades for their dues. He pointed out that some employees had already retired

while others had passed away, stressing the urgency of the matter. He also referred to earlier directions of the Telangana High Court, which had ordered payment of arrears from 2007. Taking note of the submissions, the apex court directed TSRTC to calculate and pay arrears arising out of pay differences from 2007, the year in which the employees were regularised. It also ordered the corporation to file an affidavit within two weeks confirming compliance. The ruling is expected to bring long-awaited relief to the employees and their families, who have been seeking settlement of dues for years.

CM's Busy Tour to Krishna District Today

Amaravati, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will participate in the 'PedalaSevalo' programme in Pamidimukkala of Krishna district on Friday, where he will interact with beneficiaries of the NTR Bharosa pension scheme and review welfare delivery at the grassroots level. During the visit, the Chief Minister will distribute pensions to beneficiaries at NTR

Colony and interact directly with them. Officials stated that since the formation of the present coalition government, pensions worth 63,158 crore have been disbursed under the scheme. In Krishna district alone, 2.34 lakh beneficiaries receive monthly pensions totalling 102 crore. On the occasion of May Day, the Chief Minister will also interact with construction workers at Veerankilaku village,

highlighting government welfare measures for the labour community. Later in the day, he will inaugurate the LV Prasad Eye Institute facility at Gudlavalleru. The Chief Minister will also hold a review meeting with party leaders and workers from Pamarru constituency during his visit. The programme is part of a day-long tour focusing on welfare outreach, public interaction, and development initiatives across the district.





Young Swimmer Likhita Goud Honoured

Quthbullapur, April 30 | TPN Bureau
Likhita Goud (15) from Suraram, daughter of Ravikumar Goud, was felicitated for her outstanding achievements in both sports and academics. She earned appreciation for winning a gold medal in swimming competitions and also securing the prestigious CM Cup, showcasing remarkable talent at a young age.

In academics, Likhita achieved an exceptional milestone by directly appearing for the Class 10 examinations after completing up to Class 7 and scoring 458 marks. Her achievement was widely praised by the participants at the felicitation programme.

On the occasion, environ-

mental activist Kola Ravinder Mudiraj said that every student should learn sports like swimming along with dedicated academic preparation to achieve good results. He emphasized that age is not a barrier to education and anyone with determination can reach higher levels of success.

He also appreciated the management of Deeksha School for supporting and encouraging Likhita Goud's achievements.

Local residents, students, and well-wishers attended the programme and congratulated Likhita for her inspiring performance in both education and sports, calling her an example for other students in the region.

Naveen Reddy Appointed to State Education Committee

Medchal, April 30 | TPN Bureau
Chartered Accountant Reddangari Naveen Reddy from Kishitapur village under Kishitapur-Pudur Division has been appointed as a member of the Telangana State Higher Education Department's Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee. The government issued official orders in this regard on Wednesday.

Naveen Reddy had earlier served in the State Excise Department's price regulation committee, contributing to policy-related responsibilities in that role.

Following his appointment, Naveen Reddy expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the Congress government for placing trust in him. He said that he would work with full commitment to justify the confidence reposed in him.

He stated that his priority would be to ensure better access to higher education for poor and deserving students. He also emphasized that he would focus on regulating fee structures in educational institutions and bringing transparency in admissions and fee-related matters.

Naveen Reddy further said that he would strive to support policies that reduce the finan-



cial burden on students and parents, while maintaining quality standards in higher education.

Local residents and well-wishers congratulated him on his appointment and expressed hope that his experience would help strengthen the functioning of the regulatory committee and benefit students across the state.

Teacher Cheated of ₹1.25 Lakh in Loan Scam

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

A cyber fraud case has been reported under Nagole Police Station limits, where a teacher was cheated of 1.25 lakh by fraudsters promising a low-interest loan. The incident has once again highlighted the growing threat of cyber scams in the city.

According to police, the victim, Koppula Linga Reddy (46), a resident of Sainagar Colony in Nagole, received an anonymous call on April 2. The caller claimed to be speaking from the ICICI Bank Nanakramguda branch and offered a loan at a very low interest rate.

Although the victim initially declined, saying he already had loans from other banks, the caller convinced him by stating that existing loans could be closed and a new loan with better terms would be provided. The accused introduced himself as "Pradeep" and gained the victim's trust.

He then claimed that the victim's CIBIL score was low and demanded 1,25,000 as processing and documentation charges. Believing the caller to be a genuine bank employee, the victim shared his personal details via WhatsApp.

Following instructions, he transferred money in three instalments: 50,000 from his wife's account on April 7, another 50,000 on April 14, and 25,000 via PhonePe on April 28. After receiving the total amount, the fraudster switched off his phone and became unreachable.

Realising he had been cheated, the victim immediately contacted the cybercrime helpline 1930 and later lodged a complaint at Nagole Police Station. Inspector Mohammed Makbool Jani said that a case has been registered and investigation is underway using technical evidence and bank transaction details to trace the accused.

Youth Congress Reviews Future Plans

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

A state executive meeting of the Telangana Youth Congress was held at Gandhi Bhavan under the leadership of Jakiruddin Shivacharan Reddy. State co-incharges Roshini Jaiswal and Bhavya participated in the meeting, reviewing district-wise programmes and outlining future strategies.

Addressing the gathering, Shivacharan Reddy highlighted the success of the recent 'MahaDharna' held at Indira Park, stating that it was the result of collective effort. He urged party members to continue the same spirit and complete the formation of committees at village, mandal, and division levels by the end of May to strengthen the organisation. He also stressed the need to create awareness about the "With IYC" mobile application among party workers to improve coordination and outreach.



Referring to the call given by Rahul Gandhi, he asked members to actively participate in the "Gig Worker Nyay Abhiyan" and ensure large-scale registration of gig workers.

Leaders were also advised to take the welfare initiatives of

the government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to the people. He assured that active workers would be given opportunities in the future. The meeting began with tributes to party members who had recently passed away.

Development Works Begin

Quthbullapur, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Development works have been initiated in Simhapuri Colony of Bowrampet Division under Dundigal Circle, following efforts by BJP Dundigal Circle president Pesari Krishna Reddy. Acting on representations from residents over civic issues, he had approached Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender last month seeking intervention.

Responding positively, the MP directed officials to sanction key infrastructure works, including underground drainage, high mast lights and a borewell. As part of these efforts, marking for the installation of two high mast lights and drilling of a borewell was carried out on Thursday under the MP Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS). The works were formally launched in the presence of local residents.

Residents expressed happiness over the development, stating that long-pending is-



ssues were finally being addressed. They thanked Eatala Rajender and Pesari Krishna Reddy for taking the initiative to improve basic amenities in the colony.

Meanwhile, authorities removed encroachments on open spaces and park lands within the colony. Leaders who visited the locations urged officials, through the media, to protect

these government lands by installing fencing and ensuring proper maintenance.

Municipal treasurer Kommu Prashanth, along with local residents including Nalla Rajireddy, Pariki Pramod Kumar, Sai Kiran, Shiva, Narendra, Mahesh, Tarak, Venkataratnam, Ashok, Suresh, Praveen and Rama Rao, participated in the programme.

Protest Erupts Again Over Tree Felling Near KBR Park

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Citizens in Hyderabad staged their second protest within four days against the felling of trees for flyover and underpass construction near KBR Park, as part of the ongoing H-CITI infrastructure project.

The protest was held near the stretch between Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Maharaja Agrasen Island, where activists alleged that tree cutting continued despite growing public opposition and legal uncertainty surrounding the project.

According to a press state-

ment issued by the protesters, work on the ground has not stopped even after repeated appeals and objections. They demanded an immediate suspension of all construction and tree felling activities until legal clarity is established.

Activists warned that irreversible environmental damage is being caused. One protester, Aditya, said that once trees are cut, they cannot be restored, even if courts later rule in favour of conservation. He questioned who would compensate for the ecological loss.

Another protester, Dr. Srinivas Reddy, expressed concern over rising temperatures and

stressed the need to prioritise sustainability over "concrete-heavy development" in ecologically sensitive zones.

Vijay Mallangi, speaking on behalf of the "Save KBR" campaign, pointed out what he called contradictions in environmental policies, noting that while biodiversity is promoted in some regions, similar concerns appear to be ignored locally. The citizens reiterated their demand for halting all ongoing work near the park until the legal situation is clarified, stating that environmental protection should not be compromised for infrastructure expansion.



Road Works Launched in Bachupally

Quthbullapur, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Road construction works between Kennedy High - The Global School and Nandanavanam Colony in Bachupally were formally launched on Wednesday. The programme was attended by Congress party constituency in-charge Kolan Hanmanth Reddy as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that providing basic infrastructure according to the daily needs of the people is the main objective of the Congress party. He added that the aim is not only to construct roads but also to ensure permanent solutions to the problems faced by colony residents.

He further stated that improving civic infrastructure would enhance living standards and bring long-term relief to residents in the area.

Former ZPTC vice chairman Kolan Krishna Reddy, Nizampet Circle president Kolan Rajasekhara Reddy, along with leaders Kolan Jeevan Reddy, senior Congress leaders Ball Reddy, Rajender, Jittu, Murali, Kishore, Mahesh and others participated in the programme.

Large number of colony residents also attended the event and expressed satisfaction over the commencement of long-pending road works in the locality.

New Bus Stop Sought Near Hospital

Quthbullapur, April 30 | TPN Bureau

BRS senior leader Varala Vinod met BRS MLA and whip KP Vivekanand and submitted a representation seeking the establishment of a new bus stop and shelter in front of Mallareddy Narayana Hospital on the Suraram Colony main road. During the meeting held at the MLA's residence office, Varala Vinod explained that the absence of a proper bus shelter is causing inconvenience to patients and commuters visiting the hospital. He pointed out that pregnant women, senior citizens and emergency visitors are forced to wait on the roadside without basic protection from sun and rain. He urged the MLA to take immediate steps to construct a bus stop and shelter at the location to ensure safe and comfortable access for the public.

Responding to the request, MLA KP Vivekanand assured that the matter would be taken up on priority and necessary arrangements would be made soon. He said that the proposed



bus shelter would be designed to provide convenience to patients, elderly citizens and daily commuters using the busy stretch. The proposal was appreciated by local leaders and residents who expressed hope that the long-pending demand would be fulfilled shortly. Several party leaders and residents participated in the meeting, including Raj Kumar, President Lakshminarayana, Satyanarayana Reddy, Venkat Reddy, Mani, and Gowshuddin of Siddhi Vinayaka Nagar Owners Association. They welcomed the initiative and said it would significantly improve public transport facilities in the area.



Operation Octopus Targets Mule Accounts in Cybercrime Crackdown

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

A renewed focus on combating digital frauds has been placed on "Operation Octopus," with authorities tightening action against mule bank accounts used in cybercrime networks. According to a report published by Telangana Today, the Department of Financial Services recently held a high-level review meeting in Hyderabad involving officials from the police, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The meeting assessed the rising trend of cyber frauds and discussed coordinated strategies to curb them. Officials highlighted that mule accounts continue to be one of the primary tools used by cybercriminals to route and conceal stolen funds. These accounts are often opened using fake identities or by exploiting unsuspecting individuals, making it difficult to trace the money trail. A key focus of the discussions was strengthening "Op-

eration Octopus," which aims to identify, monitor and dismantle such accounts across banking networks. Authorities also stressed the need for faster information sharing between banks and enforcement agencies to prevent financial losses.

Banks were urged to adopt the Reserve Bank of India's AI-based "MuleHunter" system, which is designed to detect suspicious transaction patterns and flag potential mule accounts at an early stage. The tool is expected to enhance real-time monitoring and reduce fraudulent fund transfers.

Officials also emphasized improving Know Your Customer (KYC) compliance and increasing public awareness about cyber fraud schemes, including fake loan offers and phishing scams.

The meeting underscored the need for a multi-agency approach combining technology, regulation, and enforcement to effectively dismantle cybercrime networks operating through mule accounts.



Pragati School Students Shine in Class 10 Results

Adilabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Students of Pragati School, Ichoda in Adilabad district have delivered an outstanding performance in the Class 10 examinations results declared on Wednesday, bringing recognition to the institution for its consistent academic excellence.

True to the school's guiding values of humility, education, knowledge and discipline, the students have once again demonstrated strong academic commitment and discipline. The school emerged as a top performer in the region with remarkable results.

K. Vaibhavi secured the first position in the school by scoring 560 marks out of 600, while another student, T. Akshara, stood in second place with commendable performance. Their achievements were widely appreciated by the school management and teaching staff. On this occasion, school correspondent Surakanti Vana-mala and principal K. Praveen congratulated the students who performed exceptionally



well. They felicitated the top-pers and appreciated their hard work and dedication.

Speaking at the event, Vana-mala said the success was the result of students' discipline, determination, and continuous effort, along with the commitment of teachers and the trust of parents. He added that the school aims to nurture students into responsible citizens who can contribute to national

development. The principal also encouraged students to set higher goals and strive to become future leaders and intellectuals who can bring positive change to society.

Teachers, students, and parents participated in the celebration and expressed happiness over the school's impressive academic performance in the board examinations.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Visits NAC

Nizamabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud visited the National Academy of Construction (NAC) in Nizamabad on Wednesday and reviewed its functioning and training programmes. During the visit, he held a detailed review with officials on the academy's ongoing activities, skill development courses, and training modules aimed at improving employability among youth. He also examined the infrastructure and facilities available for trainees at the institution. Speaking on the occasion, Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasized the importance of strengthening skill development initiatives in the construction sector. He stated that enhancing technical skills among youth would significantly increase employment

opportunities, especially in both urban and rural areas.

He suggested that the academy should focus on expanding training programmes in line with industry requirements and modern construction technologies. He also stressed the need for collaboration with private and public sector organisations to ensure better job placements for trained candidates. The TPCC chief noted that skill development institutions like NAC play a key role in addressing unemployment by equipping youth with practical knowledge and hands-on experience. He urged officials to take steps to make training more accessible and outcome-oriented.

District Congress Committee president Bobbili Ramakrishna, Nagesh Reddy, Farmer Commission members Gadugu Gangadhar, Rambhupal, and Gadilaramulu participated in the programme along with other leaders.

Minister Felicitates Top SSC Students

Karimnagar, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Minister Ponnambhakhar felicitated students who delivered outstanding performance in the Class 10 examinations in Chigurumamidimandal. Model School students and government high school students who secured top marks were honoured during a programme held in the mandal.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister appreciated the efforts of students who achieved excellent results in the SSC examinations while studying in government schools. He said their performance reflects the quality of education being imparted in public institutions and the dedication of teachers working in rural areas.

Prabhakar urged parents to think positively and consider enrolling their children in government schools, noting that students from these institutions are proving their talent by securing high marks and competitive results. He emphasized

that government schools are being strengthened with improved infrastructure, teaching quality, and student support systems.

He also encouraged students to build a strong future. The Minister said education is the foundation for social and economic progress and called upon students to continue working with discipline and determination.

Teachers and school staff were also appreciated for their role in guiding students towards success. The Minister stated that consistent efforts by educators and cooperation from parents are essential to further improve results in the coming years.

The event witnessed participation from students, teachers, and parents, who expressed happiness over the recognition given to achievers from government schools in the mandal

Minister Reviews Development Works

Karimnagar, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Minister Ponnambhakhar held a detailed review meeting at the Chigurumamidimandal headquarters as part of the "99-day action plan" under PrajaPalanaPragathi. The meeting focused on welfare schemes, infrastructure development, and administrative performance across the mandal.

The Minister directed officials to ensure smooth functioning of paddy procurement centres without causing any inconvenience to farmers. He instructed that strict monitoring should be carried out by tahsildars, MPDOs, and agricultural officers, warning that negligence at procurement centres would invite disciplinary action. He said each of the 21 procurement centres in the mandal must have continuous supervision by GPOs and village secretaries, along with proper transport arrangements for paddy lifting. He also stressed the availability of tarpaulins and adequate labour support.

Expressing concern over drinking water issues, Prabhakar directed officials to take permanent measures to resolve supply problems in villages including Donthulapalli. He suggested utilising old and unused borewells after desilting, and improving pipeline connectivity to ensure regular water supply. He also reviewed pending issues such as power connections to borewell mo-



tors and directed immediate rectification.

On infrastructure, he questioned delays in shifting pipelines along the under-construction four-lane road between Kothapally and Husnabad and instructed officials to coordinate with road agencies to avoid further delays, especially before the monsoon season.

In the education sector, the Minister emphasised strengthening the "Badi Bata" programme to increase admissions in government schools. He announced that he would personally participate in the drive and instructed officials to improve enrollment from pre-primary level itself. He also called for upgrading school infrastructure, including painting, benches, toilets, and other basic facilities. The mandal currently has 31 schools with 1,225 students, and he urged officials to significantly increase this number.

Under the Vanamahotsavam programme, Prabhakar set a target of planting 80,000 saplings and asked officials to ex-

ceed the target. He directed village-level committees to ensure plantation in all available spaces, including roadside areas of newly constructed roads.

On housing, he reviewed Indiramma housing progress, noting that out of 341 sanctioned houses, 42 were completed and 193 were in slab stage. He instructed officials to complete pending houses and ensure large-scale housewarming ceremonies by June 2. He also ordered cancellation of stalled works after issuing notices. The Minister further reviewed oil palm cultivation covering 280 acres and instructed awareness meetings for farmers. He also directed health camps in all villages, measures to curb drug abuse, road safety initiatives, and strengthening of police surveillance to make the mandal a model region.

Senior officials including Ashwini Tanaji Wakade and others attended the review meeting.

Minister Reviews Development Works in Koheda Mandal

Siddipet, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Ponnambhakhar conducted a detailed review meeting at the Kohedamandal office as part of the "99-day action plan" under PrajaPalanaPragathi. The meeting focused on welfare schemes, agriculture, education, drinking water supply, housing, and environmental programmes. The Minister directed officials to ensure smooth functioning of 26 paddy procurement centres in the mandal, including 16 IKP and 10 PACS centres. He warned that negligence in procurement operations would not be tolerated and asked officials to resolve all issues by May 2 through proper coordination. He also instructed them to ensure availability of tarpaulins and transport facilities for farmers. On drinking water supply, he ordered immediate resolution of issues in villages such as Gundareddypally, Eraguntlapally, Shani gram, and SC Colony areas of Kurella. He stressed the need for permanent solutions instead of temporary borewell arrangements

and suggested utilising old water bodies and pipeline systems effectively.

In education, the Minister emphasised strengthening the "Badi Bata" programme to increase admissions in government schools. He said the mandal has 42 schools with 2,706 students and urged officials to improve enrolment further. He also announced CSR support for improving school infrastructure including benches, toilets, and painting works.

Under Indiramma housing, he reviewed progress of 506 sanctioned houses, of which 445 were grounded and 76 completed. He instructed officials to complete all houses and ensure housewarming ceremonies by June. He also reviewed oil palm cultivation across 335 acres and urged expansion through farmer awareness. On environmental protection, he directed officials to plant saplings under Vanamahotsavam and develop avenue plantations along roads. Senior officials including Nirmala Jayaraj, engineering and revenue officers attended the meeting.

Sanathnagar TIMS to Begin Trial Run from Friday

Hyderabad, April 30 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government is gearing up to operationalise the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) at Sanathnagar, with a structured trial run scheduled to begin from Friday. Acting on instructions from Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha, the Health Department has completed all arrangements for the trial phase, which will continue for about one month before full-scale inauguration. During the trial run, outpatient (OP) and diagnostic services will be provided daily from 9 am to 11 am. A total of 22 medical departments will be functional during this phase, including cardiology, neurology, nephrology, gastroenterology, urology, general medicine, and general surgery. Officials have confirmed that required doctors and paramedical staff have already been deployed to ensure smooth functioning of services.

The trial run aims to test hospital operations, patient flow management, and diagnostic systems before full commissioning. The initiative is expected to provide valuable insights into service delivery and infrastructure readiness, helping authorities fine-tune hospital operations for large-scale public use.

The Health Department stated that TIMS is being developed as a major public healthcare facility to strengthen tertiary care services in Hyderabad and reduce pressure on existing government hospitals. Officials also indicated that feedback collected during the trial phase will be used to improve efficiency, patient care, and departmental coordination.

With the launch of services across multiple specialties, TIMS is expected to become an important healthcare hub in the region once fully operational.



Young India Integrated School Launched

Nalgonda, April 30 | TPN Bureau

Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Thursday said the Telangana government is committed to making quality education accessible to poor students, stating that education is the foundation of individual and social development. Along with Telangana Legislative Council member Gutha Sukender Reddy, he laid the foundation stone for the Young India Integrated Residential School at Kondamallepally in Devarakonda Assembly constituency of Nalgonda district. The minister said similar residential schools are being set up in every constituency with capacity to accommodate 2,563 students per campus, ensuring inclusivity without caste or religious barriers. He directed officials to complete the Kondamallepally school within one year and assured that there would be no shortage of funds.



He also said 20 crore has already been released for related works in the district. He added that Telangana Public Schools will be upgraded to international standards with improved in-

frastructure and transport facilities, including pick-up and drop services for students. On infrastructure development, Venkat Reddy said a four-lane road from Nalgonda to Dindi is

being taken up at a cost of 324 crore, while road works worth 74 crore are currently underway in Devarakonda constituency. He further stated that tenders worth 13,000 crore have

been called for road development across the state, with works expected to begin in May after agreements are finalised.

He also announced that a 132/11 KV substation will be sanctioned at Neredugommu and assured steps to address drinking water issues in the constituency. Referring to welfare initiatives, the minister said Aarogyasri beneficiaries are receiving Letters of Credit within a week, and about 10 crore has been spent under the scheme in Devarakonda constituency. Gutha Sukender Reddy said education remains a top priority for the government, noting that around 18.5 lakh students are studying in nearly 29,000 government schools across the state. He stressed the focus on providing free and quality education to underprivileged sections. Devarakonda MLA Balu Naik and District Collector B. Chandrasekhar were present at the programme.

UAE’s Exit from OPEC, A Strategic Shift That Could Redraw Global Power Lines

The United Arab Emirates’ decision to leave the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) marks a pivotal moment in global energy politics. Far from being a routine policy change, the move reflects a deeper transformation underway in the Middle East—one shaped by war, shifting alliances, and the evolving economics of oil. The question now is not just why the UAE left, but whether this could trigger a broader unravelling of OPEC and re-shape global geopolitics.

At its core, the UAE’s departure underscores growing tensions within OPEC, particularly between Abu Dhabi and Riyadh, the cartel’s dominant force. For years, the UAE had expressed frustration over production quotas that limited its ability to fully exploit its expanding oil capacity. With ambitions to significantly increase output in the coming years, these restrictions increasingly appeared misaligned with its national interests.

But economics alone does not explain the timing. The exit comes amid a volatile geopolitical backdrop, including an ongoing conflict involving Iran that has disrupted oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz—a critical artery for global energy

supplies. This crisis has exposed cracks in regional alliances, particularly within the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), where the UAE reportedly felt a lack of political and military solidarity.

In this context, the UAE’s decision can be seen as an assertion of “strategic autonomy.” Rather than operating within a collective framework dominated by Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi appears determined to chart its own course—both economically and politically. By stepping outside OPEC, it gains the flexibility to adjust production levels independently, potentially increasing output to capitalize on high oil prices driven by geopolitical tensions.

This shift also aligns with the UAE’s broader foreign policy recalibration. In recent years, the country has strengthened ties with the United States and Israel, particularly following the Abraham Accords. These relationships offer both security assurances and economic opportunities, reinforcing the UAE’s pivot away from traditional regional blocs.

The implications for OPEC are significant. As one of its largest and most technologically advanced producers, the UAE’s exit weakens the cartel’s ability to coordinate sup-

ply and influence global oil prices. Analysts warn that this could reduce OPEC’s overall cohesion and make it harder to manage market stability. In the long term, it may even lead to a more fragmented oil market, where individual producers pursue independent strategies rather than collective discipline.

However, fears of an immediate domino effect may be overstated. Early indications suggest that other OPEC members are not rushing to follow suit, despite underlying tensions. That said, the UAE’s move could embolden countries that have long been dissatisfied with the cartel’s structure, particularly those with excess production capacity constrained by quotas.

Another dimension of this development is its potential impact on global oil prices. In the short term, prices are likely to remain influenced more by geopolitical disruptions—such as the Hormuz blockade—than by OPEC’s internal dynamics. But over time, the erosion of coordinated production could lead to greater volatility, with periods of oversupply driving prices down and geopolitical shocks pushing them sharply higher.

For oil-importing countries like India, the UAE’s exit

could present opportunities. Freed from OPEC constraints, the UAE may offer more flexible pricing and supply arrangements, potentially benefiting major buyers seeking to diversify their energy sources. This could also accelerate shifts toward alternative trading arrangements, including transactions in non-dollar currencies.

Beyond economics, the move carries broader geopolitical implications. It highlights a growing divergence among Gulf states, particularly between the UAE and Saudi Arabia. While Riyadh continues to emphasize collective action and market stability, Abu Dhabi appears more focused on maximizing its own strategic and economic advantages. This divergence could reshape regional power dynamics, especially if it extends into other areas such as security cooperation and diplomatic alignment.

The UAE’s exit also reflects a larger global trend: the gradual decline of traditional multilateral institutions in favor of more flexible, interest-driven partnerships. As countries increasingly prioritize national interests over collective commitments, organizations like OPEC may find it harder to maintain relevance in a rapidly changing world.



At the same time, the decision raises questions about the future of the global energy transition. On one hand, increased oil production from non-OPEC countries could lower prices, potentially slowing the shift toward renewable energy. On the other hand, the instability and unpredictability of fossil fuel markets may reinforce the case for investing in cleaner, more sustainable alternatives.

Ultimately, the UAE’s departure from OPEC is not just about oil—it is about power, strategy, and the changing nature of global alliances. While it may not immediately trigger a wave of exits, it has undoubtedly altered the calculus for both producers and consumers.

Whether this marks the beginning of the end for OPEC or simply a period of adjustment remains to be seen.

What is clear, however, is that the era of unquestioned cohesion within the cartel is over. In its place emerges a more complex, fragmented landscape—one where individual nations are increasingly willing to go it alone in pursuit of their own interests.

In that sense, the UAE’s move may be less an anomaly and more a sign of things to come.

Why Iran No Longer Trusts Brother Pakistanas a Mediator

The idea of Pakistan acting as a bridge between Iran and the United States once seemed plausible, even promising. Islamabad had positioned itself as a rare player capable of engaging both Washington and Tehran, leveraging its strategic location, military influence, and ties across competing blocs. For a brief moment, it appeared Pakistan might transform itself into a credible peacemaker in one of the world’s most volatile conflicts.

That moment has now passed. Iran’s growing distrust of Pakistan is no longer subtle, it is explicit, public, and rooted in a series of political, strategic, and historical grievances. What was once framed as ‘brotherly’ cooperation has steadily given way to suspicion, frustration, and disillusionment.

At the heart of the breakdown lies a simple but critical issue: credibility.

Iranian officials have increasingly questioned whether Pakistan can act as a neutral intermediary. A senior Iranian lawmaker recently described Pakistan as “partial” and lacking credibility, accusing it of tilting toward American interests rather than maintaining a balanced stance. This perception of bias strikes at the very foundation of mediation. For any mediator to succeed, both sides must believe it is impartial. In Iran’s view, Pakistan no longer meets that standard.

The roots of this mistrust can be traced to the collapse of U.S.-Iran talks held in Islamabad. These negotiations, which lasted over 20 hours, ended without agreement, exposing deep divisions over key issues such as Iran’s nuclear program. For Tehran, the failure was not just about differences with Washington, it also reflected Pakistan’s inability to effectively manage or bridge those differences.

More damaging, however, were perceptions that Pakistan may have overstepped its role. Reports suggested that Pakistani officials shared details of a U.S. ceasefire proposal publicly, even as Iran was still evaluating it. Such actions risk undermining trust, especially in sensitive negotiations where confidentiality is paramount. From Iran’s standpoint, this raised uncomfortable ques-



tions: Was Pakistan acting as a facilitator—or as a conduit for American messaging? **Geopolitics has only deepened these doubts.**

Pakistan’s close ties with the United States, particularly in security and military cooperation, have long been a source of unease for Iran. While Islamabad has tried to present itself as an independent actor, Tehran sees a country that remains deeply embedded in Washington’s strategic orbit. Iranian critics argue that Pakistan has consistently avoided criticizing the U.S., even when American actions directly conflict with Iranian interests.

Recent developments have reinforced this perception. Iran has openly accused Pakistan of favoring U.S. positions and even reneging on earlier commitments, further eroding confidence in its neutrality. In diplomacy, perception often matters as much as reality—and right now, the perception in Tehran is that Pakistan cannot be trusted to act independently.

There is also the broader context of shifting regional alliances. Pakistan’s growing closeness to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, many of which are aligned against Iran, has complicated its diplomatic positioning. While Islamabad maintains relations with Tehran, it must balance those ties against its economic and strategic partnerships elsewhere. This balancing act, while pragmatic from Pakistan’s perspective, appears inconsistent and unreliable from Iran’s.

Beyond high politics, longstanding bilateral tensions have further strained trust.

Iran and Pakistan share a border that has frequently been a source of friction.

Cross-border militancy, security incidents, and mutual accusations have created an undercurrent of mistrust that predates the current crisis. These issues may not dominate headlines during diplomatic engagements, but they shape perceptions and influence decision-making behind the scenes.

Economic disputes have also played a role. The long-delayed Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline remains a symbol of unfulfilled commitments. For years, the project has been stalled due to sanctions and political hesitation, reinforcing Iran’s view that Pakistan is unwilling—or unable—to follow through when faced with external pressure.

Taken together, these factors paint a picture of a relationship weighed down by contradictions. Pakistan presents itself as a partner and mediator, but Iran sees a country constrained by competing loyalties and external influences.

The consequences of this trust deficit are significant.

For one, it limits Pakistan’s ability to play a meaningful role in resolving the ongoing conflict between Iran and the United States. Mediation requires not just access, but influence, and influence depends on trust. Without it, Pakistan risks being side-lined in favour of other actors such as Oman or Russia, which Iran may perceive as more neutral or reliable.

It also reflects a broader shift in how Iran approaches diplomacy. Faced with what it sees as unreliable intermediaries, Tehran appears increasingly inclined to either negotiate directly or rely on partners it views as strategically aligned. This shift could reshape the diplomatic landscape of the

Middle East, reducing the space for middle powers like Pakistan to act as go-betweens. For Pakistan, the stakes are equally high. Its attempt to position itself as a global mediator was not just about diplomacy—it was about redefining its international image. Successfully brokering peace between the U.S. and Iran would have elevated its standing and demonstrated its relevance on the world stage. Instead, the failure of the talks and the erosion of Iranian trust risk undermining that ambition.

Yet, it would be premature to declare the relationship irreparably broken. Diplomacy is rarely linear, and interests can change quickly. Pakistan still retains certain advantages: geographic proximity, historical ties, and channels of communication with both sides. If it can address concerns about neutrality and rebuild confidence, there may still be a role for it to play.

But that will require more than rhetoric. It will demand consistent actions that demonstrate independence, discretion, and reliability, qualities that Iran currently finds lacking.

Ultimately, the story of Iran’s distrust of Pakistan is not just about one failed mediation effort. It is about the complexities of modern geopolitics, where alliances are fluid, interests are overlapping, and trust is hard to earn but easy to lose.

In a region defined by conflict and competition, even “brotherly” ties are not immune to strain. And for Pakistan, the lesson is clear: in diplomacy, credibility is everything—and once it is questioned, regaining it is far more difficult than losing it.

Stree Shakti Utsav Marks ISTS Graduation with 100% Placement Success

East Godavari, April 30, | TPN Bureau

Grand Celebrations at ISTS

The International School of Technology and Sciences (ISTS) celebrated its Graduation Day and Achievers’ Day with great enthusiasm under the banner of ‘Stree Shakti Utsav’. The campus wore a festive look as students, faculty, and dignitaries gathered to mark the occasion, celebrating academic achievements and outstanding placement records.

The ceremony began on a traditional note with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by distinguished guests. G.S.N. Raju, Chancellor of Centurion University, attended as the Chief Guest. He was joined by ISTS Chairman KallemUpende Reddy, Anusha Madam, and Principal Rajashri Rao.

Message of Perseverance

Addressing the graduates, Dr. Raju delivered a motivational speech, emphasizing resilience and determination as key drivers of success. He highlighted that failures often pave the way for greater achievements. Drawing inspiration from Abraham Lincoln, he explained how perseverance can help individuals overcome setbacks and reach great



heights.

100% Placement Achievement

A major highlight of the event was the announcement by Chairman KallemUpende Reddy, who revealed that the institution achieved a remarkable 100% placement record for the 2022–2026 B.Tech batch. He credited this success to the college’s proactive approach in equipping students with technical and programming skills from the first year itself.

Building Industry-Ready Graduates

The Chairman noted that ISTS focuses on preparing students to meet industry demands well before graduation. With continuous training and skill development initiatives, the institution ensures that

students are job-ready and capable of excelling in competitive environments.

Honouring Excellence

The event concluded with a grand felicitation ceremony where students who secured placements in leading multinational companies were honoured. Graduating students were presented with their scrolls, marking the successful completion of their academic journey. Principal Dr. Rajashri Rao congratulated the students and reaffirmed the institution’s commitment to empowering women through quality technical education. The ‘Stree Shakti Utsav’ stood as a proud moment for ISTS, reflecting the dedication of its faculty and the bright future of its students.



IPPB Launches SHG Savings Account to Boost Financial Inclusion for Rural Women

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), a wholly government-owned entity under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, has introduced a dedicated Self Help Group (SHG) Savings Account aimed at strengthening financial inclusion and empowering women-led groups across rural India.

The new offering is designed to provide SHGs with a simple, reliable, and cost-effective banking solution, enabling them to better manage their finances and integrate into the formal financial system. By focusing on accessibility and ease of use, IPPB is targeting grassroots-level economic participation, particularly among women in rural communities.

Speaking on the initiative, IPPB Managing Director and CEO Shri R Viswesvaran emphasized the bank's commitment to inclusive banking. He stated that the SHG Savings Account reflects IPPB's mission to make financial services accessible to every Indian. He highlighted that empowering women-led SHGs with dependable banking tools would help them actively participate in



the formal economy and contribute to long-term, sustainable growth.

Self Help Groups play a crucial role in India's rural development landscape. These groups, often composed of

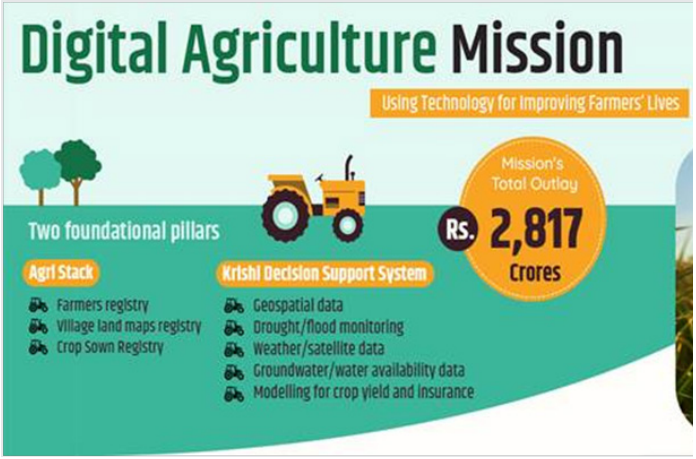
women, have been instrumental in promoting savings habits, enabling access to credit, and supporting small-scale entrepreneurship. Their impact is closely aligned with major government initiatives such as

the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) under the Ministry of Rural Development and programs supported by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

IPPB's latest initiative builds on this foundation by combining its strong physical and digital infrastructure. Leveraging the vast network of the Department of Posts, the bank aims to reach even the most remote areas of the country. Its doorstep banking model, supported by postmen and GraminDakSevaks (GDS), ensures that SHG members can access banking services without needing to travel long distances.

Additionally, IPPB's digital onboarding process simplifies account creation and management, making it easier for SHGs to adopt formal banking practices. This blend of technology and last-mile connectivity is expected to significantly enhance financial access and convenience for rural users.

Overall, the launch of the SHG Savings Account marks another step forward in India's journey toward inclusive growth. By empowering women-led groups with better financial tools and access, IPPB is not only strengthening rural economies but also reinforcing the role of women as key drivers of economic progress.



Government Strengthens Digital Agriculture Push with New Initiatives for Farmers

The Government of India has reaffirmed its commitment to transforming the agricultural sector through digital innovation, unveiling a series of initiatives aimed at empowering farmers and improving service delivery. These efforts are part of the broader push to modernize agriculture, enhance productivity, and ensure better access to resources for farmers across the country.

At the core of this initiative is the development of a robust digital public infrastructure for agriculture, designed to create a unified platform that integrates data, services, and stakeholders. This system is expected to streamline access to information related to crops, weather, soil health, credit, and insurance, enabling farmers to make informed decisions.

A key focus is the creation of farmer-centric digital databases, which will help in delivering targeted benefits and services. By leveraging technology, the government aims to ensure that subsidies, financial aid, and agricultural schemes reach the right beneficiaries efficiently and transparently.

The initiative also emphasizes the use of advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), remote sensing, and geospatial tools. These technologies will assist in crop monitoring, yield estimation, and risk assessment, helping farmers manage uncertainties and improve productivity.

In addition, efforts are being made to strengthen digital advisory services, providing farmers with real-time guidance on best practices, pest control, irrigation, and market trends. This is expected to reduce dependency on traditional methods and improve overall farm outcomes.

The government is also working to enhance market linkages through digital platforms, enabling farmers to access better price discovery and connect directly with buyers. This move is aimed at reducing intermediaries and increasing farmers' income.

Collaboration with states, private sector players, and technology partners is a crucial component of this strategy. By fostering a collaborative ecosystem, the government seeks to accelerate the adoption of digital tools and ensure scalability across regions.

These initiatives align with the broader vision of making Indian agriculture more resilient, efficient, and sustainable. By integrating technology into every stage of the agricultural value chain, the government aims to empower farmers, improve livelihoods, and strengthen food security.

Overall, the push toward digital agriculture represents a significant step forward in transforming one of India's most vital sectors, ensuring that farmers are better equipped to meet future challenges and opportunities.



Iran FM Araghchi Calls Jaishankar, Ceasefire and West Asia Crisis in Focus

Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi held a fresh round of talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, as diplomatic efforts continue amid the ongoing West Asia conflict and fragile ceasefire situation.

The conversation, which took place over a phone call, marked the seventh interaction between the two leaders in just two months since the conflict began on February 28. This highlights the increasing frequency of India-Iran engagement as tensions in the region remain high.

During the discussion, both sides exchanged views on the latest developments related to the ceasefire, along with broader regional and international issues. Jaishankar later confirmed the call, stating that they had a "detailed conversation" and agreed to remain in close contact.

The timing of the call is significant. It came shortly after Araghchi's diplomatic visits to countries like Pakistan and Russia, and at a point when talks between the United States and Iran have hit a deadlock. Despite a ceasefire agreement reached in late March, there has been little visible progress toward a long-term resolution.

India's role in the situation has also been crucial, particularly in ensuring the safety of its citizens and trade interests. New Delhi has been actively coordinating with Tehran on the evacuation of Indian nationals and securing the movement of Indian ships through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz. So far, over 2,400 Indians have been evacuated, and several Indian vessels have safely transited the region.

The Strait of Hormuz remains a key concern, given its importance to global oil supply and shipping routes. Any disruption there has wide-ranging economic and geopolitical consequences, making continued dialogue between countries like India and Iran essential.

The interaction also gains importance in the context of upcoming diplomatic engagements. India is set to host the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting in mid-May, and Iran has been invited. However, it remains unclear whether Araghchi will attend in person. Overall, the latest conversation underscores India's steady diplomatic outreach and its attempt to maintain balanced ties while navigating a complex and evolving geopolitical crisis.

Operation Sindoor Halted on India's Terms, Says Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has stated that Operation Sindoor was halted on India's own terms, underlining the country's strategic control and decisive approach during the mission. His remarks come amid growing discussion around the operation and its objectives, signaling India's firm stance on national security matters.

Speaking on the development, Singh emphasized that the decision to pause the operation was not due to external pressure but was a calculated move by India after achieving its intended goals. He highlighted that the armed forces carried out the mission with precision and professionalism, reinforcing India's military capabilities.

While specific operational details remain limited, the Defence Minister made it clear

that India acted with a clear strategy and withdrew at an appropriate stage. This, he said, reflects the country's ability to conduct operations effectively while maintaining control over escalation.

Singh also praised the armed forces for their execution, noting that their preparedness and coordination played a crucial role in the success of the operation. He reiterated that India's approach is guided by national interest, and decisions are taken keeping long-term security considerations in mind.

The statement comes at a time when regional tensions and security concerns remain sensitive. By asserting that the operation was halted on India's terms, the government aims to project confidence and reinforce the message that India retains full autonomy in matters of defence and strategy.

Observers believe that such messaging is intended to underline India's position as a strong and responsible power, capable of taking decisive action while avoiding unnecessary escalation. It also reflects a broader policy approach of balancing firmness with restraint.

Although details about Operation Sindoor have not been fully disclosed, Singh's remarks suggest that the mission met its objectives before being concluded. The emphasis on strategic control indicates that India remains prepared to respond to evolving security challenges when necessary.

Overall, the Defence Minister's statement reinforces the narrative of a self-assured and strategically driven India, capable of executing military operations effectively and choosing the timing of both action and restraint.



Jammu to Srinagar in Under 5 Hours,Vande Bharat Express Creates Rail History

In a landmark moment for Indian Railways and connectivity in Jammu & Kashmir, the Vande Bharat Express has successfully completed a direct journey from Jammu to Srinagar in under five hours, marking a major milestone in the region's infrastructure development.

This historic run significantly reduces travel time between the two key cities, offering a faster, more comfortable, and reliable mode of transport. Traditionally, the journey between Jammu and Srinagar has been time-consuming and often affected by weather conditions and road disruptions. The introduction of a high-speed train service is expected to transform travel in the region.

The Vande Bharat Express,



known for its advanced features and semi-high-speed capabilities, is designed to provide a modern travel experience. With improved safety systems, comfortable seating, and efficient operations, the train represents a new era in Indian rail transport.

One of the most remarkable aspects of this achievement is the challenging terrain through which the train operates. The route includes complex engineering structures such as tunnels and bridges, built to navigate the Himalayan landscape. This reflects the scale of effort and innovation

involved in connecting the Kashmir Valley with the rest of India through a reliable rail network.

The project has long been seen as a strategic and developmental priority, aimed at boosting tourism, trade, and economic growth in the region. Faster connectivity is expected to enhance mobility for residents, facilitate the movement of goods, and open up new opportunities for businesses.

Officials have highlighted that the successful run demonstrates the readiness of the rail infrastructure and signals a major step toward full operationalization of the service. Once regular services begin, passengers will benefit from significantly reduced travel time and improved convenience.

Beyond transportation, the development holds symbolic importance as well. It represents deeper integration of Jammu & Kashmir with the national rail network and showcases India's engineering capabilities in overcoming geographical challenges.

The Vande Bharat Express continues to be a flagship initiative for Indian Railways, reflecting the country's push toward modernization and high-speed travel. With this historic Jammu-Srinagar run, it has once again demonstrated its potential to reshape connectivity across diverse terrains.

Overall, the achievement is not just about speed, it is about connecting regions, enhancing accessibility, and driving progress in one of India's most strategically important areas.



Tragic Road Accident in Madhya Pradesh Claims Lives of Labourers

A devastating road accident in Madhya Pradesh has resulted in the death of several labourers after a pickup van they were travelling in collided with an SUV. The incident has once again highlighted concerns over road safety and the vulnerability of daily wage workers who often travel in unsafe conditions.

According to reports, the accident occurred when the pickup vehicle, carrying a group of labourers, crashed into an SUV on a highway. The impact of the collision was severe, leading to multiple fatalities on the spot, while several others sustained injuries. Emergency services rushed to the scene and the injured were immediately taken to nearby hospitals for treatment.

Initial information suggests that the labourers were on their way for work when the accident took place. Such journeys, often undertaken in overcrowded or poorly equipped vehicles, expose workers to significant risks. Authorities are investigating the exact cause of the crash, including the possibility of overspeeding or negligence. Local police have registered a case and begun an inquiry to determine the circumstances that led to the collision. Officials are also working to identify the victims and inform their families. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem examinations as part of the standard procedure.

The tragic incident has drawn attention to the broader issue of road safety, especially in rural and semi-urban areas where enforcement of traffic regulations can be inconsistent. Labourers and daily wage workers frequently rely on informal transport arrangements, which may not meet safety standards.

State authorities have expressed grief over the loss of lives and assured that necessary action will be taken based on the findings of the investigation. Compensation for the victims' families is also expected to be announced as per government norms.

Accidents involving pickup vans carrying passengers are not uncommon in India, raising serious concerns about the misuse of goods vehicles for human transport. Experts have repeatedly called for stricter enforcement of traffic laws and greater awareness to prevent such tragedies.

This incident serves as a grim reminder of the need for improved road safety measures and responsible driving practices. Ensuring safer transportation options for vulnerable sections of society remains a critical challenge that requires urgent attention.

As investigations continue, the focus remains on providing medical care to the injured and support to the families of those who lost their lives in this unfortunate accident.

Iran’s Mojtaba Khamenei Targets Trump, Slams US Policy

Tensions in the Middle East have once again come into focus after Mojtaba Khamenei, a senior Iranian figure and son of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, made sharp remarks criticizing former US President Donald Trump and American policy in the region. His comments, referring to a “new chapter in Hormuz,” signal a continued hardening of Iran’s stance amid ongoing geopolitical strains.

In his statement, Mojtaba Khamenei described the US approach as a “shameful failure,” directly targeting Trump-era policies that had intensified pressure on Iran through sanctions and diplomatic isolation. The remarks

appear to frame recent developments in the Strait of Hormuz as evidence of shifting regional dynamics, where Iran believes it holds a stronger strategic position.

The Strait of Hormuz remains one of the world’s most critical maritime chokepoints, with a significant portion of global oil supply passing through it. Any escalation in this region has immediate implications for global energy markets and international security. By invoking Hormuz, Khamenei underscored Iran’s influence over this vital corridor and its ability to shape regional outcomes.

The criticism of the US also reflects broader tensions that have persisted since

Washington withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal in 2018 under Trump’s administration. The subsequent reimposition of sanctions strained Iran’s economy and triggered a cycle of retaliation and countermeasures in the region. While diplomatic efforts have continued intermittently, mistrust between the two sides remains deep.

Khamenei’s remarks are also seen as a signal to both domestic and international audiences. Domestically, they reinforce a narrative of resistance and resilience in the face of external pressure. Internationally, they serve as a reminder that Iran remains a key player in regional geopolitics, capable of influencing

critical global trade routes.

Analysts suggest that such rhetoric could further complicate already fragile relations in the Middle East. With ongoing conflicts and shifting alliances, any escalation involving Iran and the US risks broader instability. The reference to a “new chapter” may indicate a willingness to adopt a more assertive approach in the region.

At the same time, the comments come amid evolving global dynamics, including changes in energy markets and geopolitical alignments. Countries in the Gulf region, along with global powers, are closely monitoring developments in Hormuz, given its strategic importance.

While no immediate escalation has been reported, the strong language used by Mojtaba Khamenei highlights the persistent tensions and underlying friction between Iran and the United States. It also underscores how past policies continue to shape present-day geopolitics.

As the situation unfolds, the focus will remain on whether such statements translate into concrete actions or remain part of ongoing rhetorical exchanges. Either way, the Strait of Hormuz continues to be a focal point in global strategic discussions, with far-reaching implications for energy security and regional stability



Pakistan Opens 6 Land Routes to Iran Amid Hormuz Blockade

In a major geopolitical development, Pakistan has opened six overland trade routes to Iran, providing Tehran with a crucial lifeline as the Strait of Hormuz remains disrupted due to the ongoing US-Iran conflict. The move is being seen as a significant shift in regional dynamics—and has sparked criticism that Islamabad may be undermining US efforts to isolate Iran.

The decision comes in response to the US naval blockade imposed on Iran, which has severely restricted maritime trade and left thousands of containers stranded at Pakistani ports, especially in Karachi. To ease the situation, Pakistan issued a formal order allowing goods to be transported into Iran via road through designated corridors. These routes connect major Pakistani ports like Karachi, Gwadar, and Port Qasim to border crossings such as Taftan and Gabd, enabling direct land access into Iran. The move effectively creates an alternative trade channel at a time when traditional sea routes through Hormuz have become highly risky or inaccessible. The primary trigger behind this decision is the severe

disruption in the Strait of Hormuz—one of the world’s most critical oil and trade routes. The blockade has halted a large portion of shipping activity, affecting not only Iran but also regional economies.

With over 3,000 containers reportedly stuck at Pakistani ports due to the crisis, Islamabad faced mounting pressure to find a workaround. Opening land routes was seen as the most practical solution to keep trade flowing and avoid economic losses. However, the move has drawn sharp criticism, particularly from US analysts. Some experts have accused Pakistan of “double-dealing,” arguing that by enabling Iran to bypass the blockade, Islamabad is weakening Washington’s “maximum pressure” strategy against Tehran. This has also raised broader questions about Pakistan’s role as a mediator between the US and Iran. While Islamabad has been involved in facilitating diplomatic talks, actions like this have led to doubts about its neutrality. For Iran, the new land corridors offer a much-needed economic lifeline. With maritime routes choked, these overland paths allow

goods—and potentially trade with countries like China and Russia—to continue despite sanctions and blockades. Experts say the move has effectively “punched a hole” in the US blockade, giving Iran a way to sustain its supply chains and reduce economic pressure. The development highlights the complex balancing act in the region. Pakistan is trying to manage its ties with both the US and Iran while also safeguarding its own economic interests.

At the same time, it underscores a broader reality: even in the face of strict maritime blockades, countries can find alternative routes—reshaping how economic pressure tactics play out in modern geopolitics. While the land routes provide temporary relief, they are not a complete substitute for large-scale maritime trade. Still, the move could complicate US strategy and influence future negotiations in the ongoing crisis. In essence, Pakistan’s decision has added a new dimension to the US-Iran conflict—one that goes beyond military tension and highlights the strategic importance of trade routes in global power politics.

Putin Offers Help on Iran Uranium Issue, Trump Says “End Ukraine War First”

In a significant geopolitical development, Russian President Vladimir Putin has offered to assist the United States in resolving the ongoing dispute over Iran’s enriched uranium. However, US President Donald Trump has reportedly declined the offer—for now—urging Putin instead to focus on ending the war in Ukraine.

The exchange took place during a recent phone call between the two leaders, which lasted over 90 minutes and covered multiple global flashpoints, including the Iran conflict and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.



Putin proposed that Russia could play a mediating role in addressing concerns over Iran’s nuclear programme. One key idea reportedly involved removing or securing Iran’s stockpile of enriched uranium, which is seen as a critical component in preventing nuclear weapon development.

Russia has previously expressed willingness to act as a custodian for Iran’s uranium, positioning itself as a diplomatic intermediary capable of easing tensions between Tehran and Washington.

Despite the offer, Trump chose to prioritise the Ukraine conflict. He told Putin that ending the war with Ukraine would be more helpful than assisting with Iran at this stage.

This response highlights the US administration’s current focus on resolving the prolonged Russia-Ukraine war, which has remained a major international concern. Trump reportedly indicated that progress on Ukraine could take

precedence before expanding cooperation on other global issues.

Iran’s nuclear programme remains at the centre of tensions with the US and its allies. Reports indicate that Iran has accumulated large quantities of enriched uranium, raising fears about potential weaponisation.

Controlling or relocating this uranium is considered a key step in any future nuclear agreement. Putin’s offer suggests a possible pathway for de-escalation, though it would require trust and coordination among multiple global powers.

The conversation reflects how deeply interconnected today’s geopolitical crises have become. The US, Russia, and Iran are all involved in overlapping conflicts and negotiations, from Ukraine to the Middle East.

While Putin’s proposal could open the door to diplomatic cooperation, Trump’s response underscores the competing priorities shaping global strategy. The Ukraine war, ongoing tensions in the Strait of Hormuz, and Iran’s nuclear ambitions are all part of a larger, complex geopolitical puzzle.

At this stage, there is no confirmation that the US will accept Russia’s involvement in the Iran issue. However, the discussion itself signals ongoing backchannel diplomacy and the possibility of future negotiations. Whether this leads to meaningful progress will depend on developments in both Ukraine and Iran—two crises that continue to dominate the global stage.

“Next Stop \$140”, Iran’s Speaker Ghalibaf Warns of Oil Price Surge Amid US Standoff



Trump Weighs 3 Military Options Against Iran Amid Rising Tensions

Amid escalating tensions and stalled negotiations with Iran, former US President Donald Trump is set to be briefed on three major military options prepared by the US Central Command (CENTCOM). These options reflect a potential shift from diplomatic pressure to more direct military action if talks fail to progress.

One of the primary options involves launching a rapid and intense wave of strikes targeting Iranian infrastructure. The aim would be to pressure Tehran into returning to negotiations, particularly over its nuclear programme. However, such strikes could be controversial, as targeting civilian-linked infrastructure may raise concerns under international law.

Another strategy focuses on taking control of sections of the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global oil route. This move would aim to restore commercial shipping disrupted by the conflict and increase pressure on Iran. However, this option could require ground forces and a prolonged military presence, making it more complex and risky.

The third option reportedly involves deploying elite US special forces to secure Iran’s stockpile of highly enriched uranium. This would directly address US concerns about Iran’s nuclear capabilities but would also be a high-risk operation deep within Iranian territory.

These options come at a time when the US and Iran remain locked in a tense standoff despite an “indefinite” ceasefire. The conflict has already disrupted global oil supplies and heightened instability in the Middle East.

While Trump has previously indicated that economic measures like a naval blockade are effective, the existence of these military plans suggests that Washington is keeping all options open. Analysts warn that any of these actions could significantly escalate the conflict, with far-reaching global consequences.

In summary, the three options—targeted strikes, control of Hormuz, and a special forces nuclear mission—highlight the seriousness of the situation and the difficult choices facing US leadership.

Iran’s Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf has issued a sharp warning over soaring global oil prices, claiming they could soon hit \$140 per barrel, as tensions between Iran and the United States continue to escalate.

In a strongly worded message, Ghalibaf mocked the US strategy of imposing a naval blockade on Iran’s oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz. He dismissed claims made by former US President Donald Trump that the pressure campaign would cripple Iran’s oil industry, pointing out that no such damage had occurred even after the announced deadlines passed.

Taking aim at US policymakers, Ghalibaf blamed what he called “junk advice” within the American administration for worsening the situation. According to him, these strategies have not weakened Iran



but instead triggered a sharp rise in global oil prices, which have already crossed \$120 per barrel. He warned that \$140 could be the “next stop” if the standoff continues.

The warning comes at a time when global energy markets are already under strain due to disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz—one of the world’s

most critical oil transit routes. The ongoing conflict and blockades have significantly reduced the flow of oil, pushing prices to multi-year highs and increasing fears of inflation and economic slowdown worldwide.

The strait typically handles a substantial portion of global oil supply, and any disruption

Japan’s L0 Maglev, The World’s Fastest Train Set to Redefine the Future of Travel



ready set a staggering world record, reaching speeds of 375

miles per hour (603 km/h) during testing. Such velocity plac-

es it far ahead of even the fastest high-speed trains currently in operation. At the heart of this technology are superconducting magnets, cooled to extremely low temperatures of -452°F (-269°C). These magnets create powerful magnetic forces that lift, guide, and propel the train forward. The absence of friction not only enables incredible speeds but also ensures a smoother and quieter ride. What makes the L0 Maglev even more fascinating is how it appears to glide effortlessly through the air, almost like something out of science fiction. It doesn’t “run” on tracks in the traditional sense, instead, it floats and moves with precision and stability.

The project is expected to become operational around 2034-2035, and its impact will be significant. Once launched, it will reduce travel time between Tokyo and Nagoya to just 40 minutes, drastically cutting down what currently takes much longer by conventional means.

Japan hasn’t just built a faster train, it has engineered a glimpse into the future of transportation. The L0 Maglev stands as a testament to human ingenuity, combining physics, engineering, and innovation to create a system that could redefine mobility worldwide.

In essence, this is more than a train, it’s a symbol of what’s possible when technology and vision come together.

Market Recovers Partially, But Nifty Slips Below 24,000 as Sensex Drops 583 Points

Indian equity markets showed signs of recovery during the trading session but ultimately closed in the red on April 30, reflecting continued investor caution amid global and domestic uncertainties. The Sensex ended lower by about 583 points, while the Nifty fell by over 180 points, slipping below the crucial 24,000 mark.

The day began on a weak note, with markets under pressure due to rising geopolitical tensions and a sharp surge in global crude oil prices. Although there was some intraday recovery, selling pressure intensified in the latter half, dragging indices down by the close.

A major factor weighing on sentiment was the spike in Brent crude prices, which touched elevated levels amid ongoing global conflicts. Higher oil prices are a concern for India, as they can fuel inflation, widen the current account deficit, and strain the economy.

Currency weakness added to the pressure. The Indian rupee hit a record low of around 95.33 per dollar during the session before settling slightly higher. A weakening rupee typically dampens investor confidence, especially among foreign institutional investors, and increases import costs.

The market decline was broad-based, with almost all sectoral indices closing in

the red. Banking, auto, FMCG, and metal stocks were among the major losers. The only exception was the IT sector, which managed to end the session with modest gains, offering some support to the market.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continued to remain cautious, contributing to the selling pressure. Global cues also remained weak, as geopolitical uncertainties and concerns over tightening financial conditions kept investors on edge. Despite the negative close, the intraday recovery indicates that there is still some buying interest at lower levels. Analysts believe that the market is currently in a volatile phase, driven large-

ly by external factors such as oil prices, currency movements, and geopolitical developments.

Going ahead, much will depend on how these global risks evolve. If crude prices stabilize and geopolitical tensions ease, markets could see a more sustained recovery. However, continued uncertainty may keep volatility elevated in the near term. In summary, while the market attempted a rebound during the session, persistent global concerns and macroeconomic pressures ensured that the day ended on a weak note, with the Nifty slipping below a key psychological level and the Sensex posting significant losses.



Bajaj Finance Ends FY26 Strong, Sets Optimistic Growth Outlook for FY27

Bajaj Finance has delivered a strong finish to FY26, reinforcing its position as one of India's most consistent performers in the non-banking financial sector. The company's latest performance highlights robust growth across key metrics, while its guidance for FY27 reflects confidence in sustaining momentum despite global uncertainties.

The NBFC reported solid earnings growth in the final quarter of FY26, with net profit rising around 22% year-on-year, supported by healthy loan growth and stable asset quality. Net interest income also saw strong expansion, driven by continued demand for credit across consumer and business segments. This performance capped a year marked by steady operational execution and disciplined risk management.



A key highlight of Bajaj Finance's long-term story is its remarkable growth track record. Over nearly two decades (FY08–FY26), the company has delivered a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of about 34% in assets under management (AUM) and 46% in profits. This consistency has helped it build scale, diversify

its portfolio, and strengthen its leadership in retail lending.

Looking ahead, management has struck an optimistic tone for FY27. One of the most important expectations is a moderation in credit costs, which are projected to decline to around 145–160 basis points. This indicates improving asset quality and better control over

loan losses—both crucial for sustaining profitability in a lending business.

The company is also guiding for a stable and healthy return on assets (RoA) in the range of 4.3% to 4.7%, driven largely by operational efficiency rather than aggressive margin expansion. This reflects a more balanced growth strategy, where cost control and productivity gains play a bigger role in profitability. Another structural shift is visible in its loan mix. Bajaj Finance has been recalibrating its MSME portfolio, reducing its share slightly to manage risk, while expecting gradual growth going forward. This indicates a cautious yet forward-looking approach in navigating changing credit conditions. Brokerages remain broadly positive on the stock, citing strong AUM growth, improving asset quality, and a fa-

vorable credit cycle. Many analysts expect continued earnings growth over the next few years, supported by declining credit costs and rising fee income. However, some caution persists around external risks, including macroeconomic pressures and geopolitical uncertainties, which could impact credit demand and repayment behavior. Overall, Bajaj Finance's FY26 performance underscores its ability to deliver consistent growth even in a challenging environment. Its upbeat guidance for FY27 suggests that the company is well-positioned to benefit from ongoing credit demand while maintaining strong financial discipline. In essence, Bajaj Finance continues to balance growth with prudence—leveraging scale, efficiency, and risk management to sustain its long-term trajectory.

Meesho Shares Surge 12% After JP Morgan's Overweight Call, Sees Over 24% Upside



Shares of e-commerce company Meesho jumped sharply, rising around 12%, after global brokerage JP Morgan initiated coverage with an "Overweight" rating, signalling strong confidence in the company's future growth prospects. The rally was driven by JP Morgan's optimistic outlook, which includes a price target of about 215 per share. This suggests a potential upside of over 24% from current levels, making the stock attractive to investors looking for growth opportunities in India's digital commerce space.

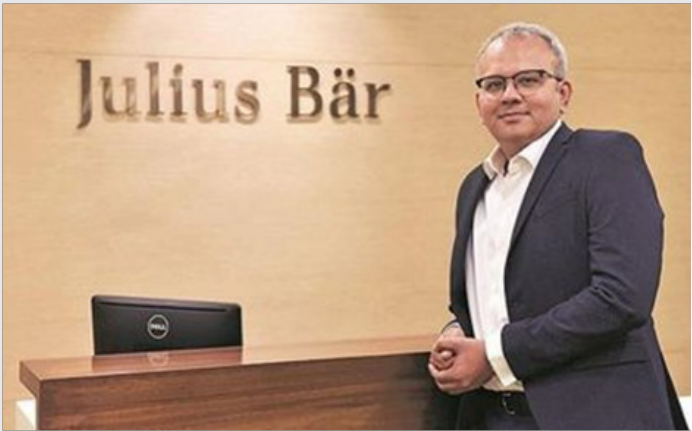
The brokerage highlighted Meesho's unique business model as a key strength. Unlike traditional e-commerce platforms, Meesho operates a discovery-led marketplace that focuses on affordability and caters strongly to users in smaller cities and towns. It also functions as a long-tail advertising network, combining commerce with embedded logistics capabilities—an approach that JP Morgan believes can unlock significant value over time. Another major factor behind the positive rating is the company's potential for margin expansion. Analysts expect Meesho to improve profitability as it scales operations, optimises logistics, and increases monetisation through advertising. Growth in net merchandise value (NMV) and improved cost efficiencies are also expected to support earnings in

the coming years. JP Morgan also pointed to multiple drivers for future revenue growth. Advertising is expected to play a larger role, as sellers on the platform increasingly spend to gain visibility. Additionally, Meesho's strong position in the value segment of India's e-commerce market gives it a competitive edge, particularly in price-sensitive regions.

Despite the upbeat outlook, the brokerage acknowledged some near-term challenges. Logistics-related issues have been flagged as a temporary concern, though not a structural weakness. Analysts expect these challenges to ease over time, allowing the company to improve free cash flow and operational efficiency.

The sharp rise in Meesho's stock also comes at a time when broader markets remain volatile due to global uncertainties. In contrast to the overall cautious sentiment, the stock's rally reflects strong investor confidence driven by positive analyst coverage and long-term growth expectations. Overall, JP Morgan's endorsement has reinforced bullish sentiment around Meesho, positioning it as a key player in India's fast-growing e-commerce sector. While risks remain, the combination of scalable business model, expanding user base, and improving monetisation strategies has made the stock stand out in an otherwise uncertain market environment.

Ex-Julius Baer India CEO Ashish Gumashta Launches New Wealth Firm with Star Fund Manager Roshi Jain



A major shake-up is underway in India's wealth management space, as former Julius Baer India CEO Ashish Gumashta teams up with noted fund manager Roshi Jain to launch a new advisory and asset management platform. The move signals the emergence of a potentially influential player in the country's fast-growing wealth management industry.

The new firm, reportedly named Veriquis, is being positioned as a high-end wealth advisory and asset management platform backed by private equity and industry veterans. The venture aims to cater primarily to ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNIs) and family offices—segments that are expanding rapidly in India amid rising wealth creation.

What makes this development significant is not just the launch itself, but the talent migration behind it. Several senior executives from Julius Baer are said to be exiting the Swiss

wealth management firm and joining the new platform. This indicates a broader shift in the competitive landscape, where experienced professionals are moving toward boutique, more agile firms.

Ashish Gumashta brings decades of experience in wealth and asset management to the table. He previously led Julius Baer's India operations and played a key role in build-

ing large-scale private banking platforms. His track record and industry relationships are expected to provide a strong foundation for the new venture.

Roshi Jain, who joins as a key investment figure, adds further credibility. Known for her expertise in fund management, her presence signals that the firm will not just focus on advisory services but also build a strong asset management capability.

The formation of Veriquis reflects a broader trend in India's financial services sector. As wealth grows and becomes more sophisticated, clients are increasingly seeking personalized, high-touch advisory services rather than standardized offerings from large institutions. Boutique firms, led by seasoned professionals, are well-positioned to tap into this demand. Additionally, the backing of private equity suggests that the venture is not merely a small-scale boutique but has ambitions to scale quickly and compete with established players. The firm is expected to combine traditional wealth advisory with modern investment strategies, possibly integrating alternative assets, global diversification, and technology-driven solutions.

The timing of the launch is also noteworthy. India's wealth management industry is un-

dergoing rapid transformation, driven by rising incomes, financialization of savings, and increasing participation in capital markets. This has created opportunities for new entrants who can offer differentiated services.

However, the road ahead will not be without challenges. The wealth management space is highly competitive, with global firms, domestic banks, and independent advisors all vying for the same client base. Building trust, delivering consistent returns, and scaling operations will be critical for success. Overall, the entry of Gumashta and Jain into a new venture marks a significant moment for the industry. It highlights both the growing attractiveness of India's wealth market and the shifting dynamics within it. If executed well, Veriquis could emerge as a strong contender in the evolving landscape of wealth management.

Adani Enterprises Swings to 221 Crore Loss in Q4 Despite Strong Revenue Growth

Adani Enterprises, the flagship company of the Adani Group, reported a consolidated net loss of around 221 crore for the fourth quarter of FY26, marking a sharp reversal from a profit of 3,845 crore in the same period last year.

The decline in profitability comes despite a strong rise in revenue. The company's revenue from operations increased by over 20% year-on-year, reaching approximately 32,439 crore in Q4, highlighting robust business activity across segments.

A key reason behind the swing into losses lies in the high base of the previous year. The corresponding quarter in FY25 had benefited significantly from one-time gains, including proceeds from stake sales.

Without such exceptional income this year, the comparison appears much weaker.

Additionally, higher depreciation and costs associated with newly commissioned infrastructure projects weighed on the bottom line. Investments in areas such as airports, data centers, and the copper business have increased expenses, impacting short-term profitability even as they are expected to contribute to long-term growth.

Operationally, however, the company showed resilience. EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortisation) recorded modest growth, indicating that core operations remain stable despite the reported loss.

The results reflect a broader pattern seen in infrastructure-heavy conglomerates,

where aggressive expansion often leads to higher upfront costs and delayed returns. Adani Enterprises has been actively investing in emerging sectors, including green energy, airports, mining services, and digital infrastructure, areas that require significant capital expenditure.

Another factor contributing to the earnings pressure is the rise in input and operational costs as the company scales its businesses. While revenue growth remains strong, increased expenses have offset gains at the net profit level. Despite the quarterly loss, the company's growth trajectory remains intact. The strong top-line performance suggests continued demand across its business verticals, and management remains focused on

long-term value creation through strategic investments. Market participants are likely to view the results in context, distinguishing between temporary pressures and structural performance. The absence of one-off gains, combined with higher depreciation, has distorted the year-on-year comparison, but underlying operations continue to show steady progress. In summary, Adani Enterprises' Q4 FY26 results present a mixed picture: a sharp drop in net profit due to accounting and cost factors, but solid revenue growth and stable operational performance. The company's ongoing investments may weigh on short-term earnings, but they are expected to drive future growth as projects mature.



Canadian Tourist’s Scam-FilledDelhi Trip Sparks Online Debate

A Canadian travel vlogger has stirred controversy online after sharing a critical account of his visit to Delhi, claiming that his experience was dominated by repeated attempts to scam him. His video, which quickly went viral, has triggered a wider conversation about tourist experiences in India, drawing both support and criticism.

In his account, the tourist said he felt deceived in multiple everyday situations involving money. From transport to small purchases, he alleged that he was frequently overcharged or misled. According to him, the issue was not limited to one or two incidents but appeared to be a recurring pattern throughout

his stay. He remarked that almost every time he reached for his wallet, he felt like someone was trying to take advantage of him.

What troubled him most was not just the financial aspect, but the sense that dishonesty seemed normalized in some interactions. He claimed that in certain cases, people openly admitted to misleading him, which left him frustrated and distrustful. As a result, even simple transactions became stressful, overshadowing his ability to enjoy the city.

The tourist also highlighted the challenges of bargaining, a common practice in many Indian markets. While negotiation is often seen as part of the cultural experi-

ence, he said he found it exhausting and confusing, especially when he felt prices were deliberately inflated for foreigners. This constant need to question prices and intentions, he explained, made his trip mentally draining.

Despite his negative experience, the vlogger clarified that he was not entirely dismissing India as a destination. He acknowledged that his experience might not represent the whole country and expressed openness to visiting again under different circumstances. However, he emphasized that his time in Delhi had been particularly difficult.

The video has sparked mixed reactions on social me-

dia. Some viewers agreed with his concerns, noting that scams targeting tourists do exist and can harm the country’s reputation. Others, however, argued that such experiences are not unique to India and that travellers should be prepared for cultural differences, including bargaining and varying pricing practices.

Many users also pointed out that millions of tourists visit India each year and have positive experiences, often praising the country’s hospitality, culture, and diversity. They cautioned against generalizing an entire nation based on individual encounters.

The incident highlights a broader issue in global tour-



ism: the gap between expectations and reality. For first-time visitors, unfamiliar systems and practices can sometimes feel overwhelming or unfair. At the same time, it underscores the importance of awareness, preparation, and understanding local customs.

Ultimately, the Canadian tourist’s story reflects both the challenges and complexities of travel. While his experience raises valid concerns about transparency and trust, it also serves as a reminder that every journey is shaped by personal interactions—and no single story can define an entire place.



Bengaluru’s Beloved Bookstore Devastated by Sudden Rains

A sudden spell of heavy rain in Bengaluru has left one of the city’s most cherished bookstores reeling, after thousands of books were destroyed in a matter of minutes. The iconic independent bookstore, located on Church Street, suffered massive losses when rainwater flooded the premises, damaging between 4,000 and 5,000 books. The incident occurred following an intense downpour accompanied by hail, which quickly overwhelmed the city’s drainage systems. Water began gushing into the shop, submerging shelves and soaking books before staff could respond. Images shared by the store on social media showed books floating in muddy water, while hailstones were seen piled up outside the shop.

The timing of the disaster made the situation even worse. The bookstore had recently stocked up on additional inventory in preparation for the busy summer season, when demand for books typically rises. Unfortunately, much of this newly acquired stock was

among the items destroyed in the flooding, compounding the financial and emotional impact on the store’s owners.

While the owners are attempting to salvage whatever they can, the damage is extensive. Some books are being dried in the hope that they can still be sold at discounted prices. However, many titles are beyond recovery and will have to be discarded entirely. The nature of modern publishing has also added to the losses—books printed on recycled or lower-quality paper were particularly vulnerable to water damage, leaving little chance of restoration. Beyond the financial setback, which is estimated to run into lakhs of rupees, the loss is deeply emotional. The bookstore was not just a retail space but a cultural hub for readers, students, and literary enthusiasts. Over the years, it had carefully curated a diverse collection of titles, making it a beloved destination in the city’s reading community.

The incident has sparked an outpouring of support online.

Readers and well-wishers have expressed heartbreak over the loss, with many offering to help the store recover. Some have even suggested buying damaged books as a gesture of solidarity, echoing similar community-driven efforts seen in other cities after such disasters.

The tragedy also highlights the broader impact of extreme weather events on small businesses. Bengaluru has witnessed increasingly unpredictable rainfall patterns, often leading to waterlogging and infrastructure strain. In this case, the consequences extended beyond inconvenience, striking at the heart of the city’s literary culture.

Ultimately, the loss of 5,000 books is more than just a numerical figure—it represents years of effort, stories, and knowledge washed away overnight. Yet, the strong response from the reading community offers a glimmer of hope that the bookstore can rebuild, with support from the very people it has served for years.

Want to See Your Younger Self? These AI Prompts Can Recreate You Across Decades

Artificial intelligence is rapidly changing how people create and interact with images, and one of the latest viral trends taps into nostalgia: using AI prompts to recreate yourself across different decades. From the 1920s to the 1990s, users are now generating hyper-realistic portraits of how they might have looked in another era—with just a few lines of text.

The trend is powered by advanced image-generation tools such as Google’s Nano Banana and other AI platforms, which have become increasingly sophisticated in understanding detailed instructions. These tools can generate highly realistic visuals with improved textures, lighting, and accuracy, making it easier than ever to create lifelike portraits from simple prompts.

At the heart of this trend are carefully crafted prompts. Instead of simply uploading a photo and applying filters, users describe themselves and the era they want to appear in. For example, a prompt might



include details like clothing style, background, lighting, and even camera type from a specific decade. The more detailed the description, the more realistic and convincing the result. Some popular prompt styles include imagining yourself in the roaring 1920s wearing vintage suits or flapper dresses, or stepping into the 1950s with classic Hollywood glamour. Others experiment with the 1970s disco era, complete with bold fashion and retro lighting, or the 1990s with grainy film textures and casual

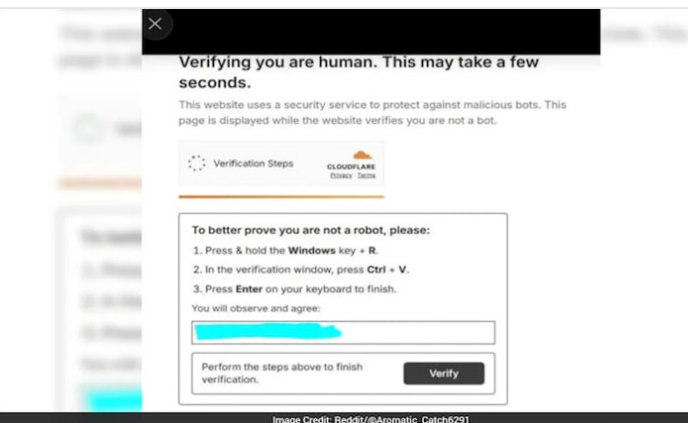
people use AI. What was once a complex technology reserved for experts has now become accessible to everyday users. In recent years, AI tools have evolved into intuitive platforms that can generate images, write content, and assist with creative projects using simple text inputs. However, as with any AI-driven trend, there are considerations to keep in mind. The accuracy of these images depends heavily on the quality of prompts and the data used to train the models. There are also ongoing discussions about bias, authenticity, and the ethical use of AI-generated content. Despite these concerns, the “younger self” trend continues to gain popularity across social media. It combines nostalgia, technology, and creativity in a way that resonates with users around the world. By blending personal identity with historical aesthetics, AI is offering a new kind of digital time travel—one that is limited only by imagination and the power of a well-written prompt.

Fake Job Interview Turns into Malware Trap

A tech professional’s alarming experience with a fake job interview has gone viral, shedding light on a new and dangerous form of online recruitment scam. The incident, involving a deceptive Cloud flare verification page, highlights how cybercriminals are using increasingly sophisticated tactics to target job seekers.

According to the viral post, the techie had applied for a remote data analyst position at a company called Crip Toro. The job listing appeared completely legitimate, offering an attractive salary, clear requirements, and a professional-looking description. The hiring process also seemed normal at first—there was a response from recruiters, followed by an interview schedule, which helped build trust.

However, things took a suspicious turn during the later stages of the process. The applicant was sent a link via WeChat, supposedly as part of the interview procedure. This link led to what looked like a Cloud flare verification page, a commonly used security check on websites. But this page was fake and designed to trick the



user.

The page instructed the applicant to press a sequence of keyboard shortcuts: “Windows key + R,” followed by “Ctrl + V,” and then “Enter.” Unknown to the victim, the page had already copied a malicious command onto the system’s clipboard. By following the instructions, the user unintentionally executed the command, allowing malware to run on the computer.

This technique is particularly dangerous because it does not rely on traditional downloads or suspicious files. Instead, it manipulates users

scams targeting professionals, especially in the remote work space. As more hiring processes move online, scammers are exploiting the format to create convincing but fraudulent opportunities. Well-designed job postings, fake company websites, and realistic communication make it increasingly difficult for applicants to distinguish genuine offers from scams.

Experts advise job seekers to remain cautious during online recruitment processes. Warning signs include requests to install software, execute commands, share sensitive information, or communicate through unofficial platforms. Verifying the company’s authenticity through official websites and avoiding unfamiliar links can help reduce risks.

Ultimately, this case serves as a reminder that even tech-savvy individuals can fall victim to cleverly designed scams. As cybercriminals continue to evolve their methods, awareness and vigilance remain the best defence for job seekers navigating the digital hiring landscape.

Indian Founder’s Unique Workplace Rule Wins Hearts

An Indian entrepreneur has gone viral for introducing an unusual yet heartwarming workplace practice, a mandatory one-hour “office picnic” every day for her entire team. The initiative, aimed at strengthening team bonding and reducing workplace stress, has received widespread praise on social media.

Kavya Karnatak, founder of KK Create, shared the idea on LinkedIn, explaining how her 40-member team pauses work daily at 2 PM to come together for a shared meal. What makes this ritual stand out is its non-negotiable nature, no matter how busy the day gets, every-

one steps away from their desks to participate.

According to her, the goal is simple, create a space where employees can connect beyond deadlines and job roles. During this hour, hierarchies disappear. Managers, freshers, and team leads all sit together, often squeezing into whatever space is available, ensuring no one eats alone.

The atmosphere, she describes, feels less like a corporate setting and more like a casual gathering. Employees share homemade food, crack jokes, and sometimes even play games during the break. What begins as a lunch hour often

turns into a lively social interaction that strengthens relationships within the team?

Karnatak also pointed out that leaders in the company actively encourage this culture. Managers make it a point to remind their teams to take the break, reinforcing the idea that productivity is not just about constant work but also about meaningful connections.

The concept has resonated widely online, with many praising it as a refreshing take on work culture. Social media users highlighted how such practices can build trust, improve collaboration, and create a more positive work environ-

ment. Some commented that genuine team bonding cannot be achieved through formal meetings alone but through shared, everyday experiences like these. At the same time, a few responses offered a more balanced perspective. Some users noted that while the idea is appealing, it may not suit every workplace or individual. For instance, employees who prefer quiet breaks or need uninterrupted time for focused work might find it challenging. Others emphasized that flexibility is key in ensuring such initiatives work for everyone.

Still, the overwhelming reaction has been positive, with

many calling it an example of how small cultural changes can make a big difference. In a time when conversations around burnout and work-life balance are becoming more prominent, this initiative stands out as a simple yet effective way to humanize the workplace. Ultimately, the daily “office picnic” reflects a broader shift in how companies are rethinking productivity and employee well-being. By prioritizing connection and community, the founder has shown that building a strong team doesn’t always require complex policies—sometimes, it just takes an hour of shared time.



Gujarat Titans Outclass Royal Challengers Bengaluru in Commanding Display

Gujarat Titans continued their dominant run in IPL 2026, defeating Royal Challengers Bengaluru by four wickets in a one-sided contest at the Narendra Modi Stadium. Chasing 158, Gujarat completed the target in just 15.5 overs, with 25 balls to spare. After opting to bowl first, Gujarat restricted RCB to a modest total, setting up the game for their in-form batting unit. In reply, skipper Shubman Gill led from the front with a blistering 43 off just 18 balls, smashing four boundaries and three sixes. Though Sai Sudharsan departed early, Gill's aggressive approach ensured a flying start.

He was well supported by Jos Buttler, who hammered 39 off 19 deliveries, including four sixes. The duo powered Gujarat to 69/1 in the powerplay, putting RCB under immense pressure.

However, Bhuvneshwar Kumar brought RCB back into the contest with a su-

perb spell, picking up three crucial wickets, including Gill and Buttler. At one stage, Gujarat slipped to 92/3, raising hopes for a comeback. Romario Shepherd added to the pressure by removing Shahrulkh Khan and Washington Sundar, but Gujarat's lower order held firm.

Finisher Rahul Tewatia once again delivered under pressure, scoring an unbeaten 27 off 17 balls to guide his team home. He received support from Jason Holder and Rashid Khan as Gujarat sealed the win comfortably. For RCB, Bhuvneshwar was the standout bowler with figures of 3/28, while Shepherd claimed two wickets. However, Josh Hazlewood proved expensive, conceding 56 runs in his four overs. The victory strengthens Gujarat Titans' position on the points table as they continue their impressive campaign.



ShreyasIyer Named Brand Ambassador for F1-Backed Sim Racing Programme in India

Indian cricketer ShreyasIyer has been announced as the brand ambassador for a Formula 1-backed sim racing programme in India, marking an exciting crossover between cricket and motorsports. The initiative aims to identify and nurture young racing talent through virtual racing platforms, bringing global motorsport opportunities closer to aspiring Indian drivers.

The programme, supported by Formula 1, focuses on sim racing—an increasingly popular and accessible format that allows participants to compete in realistic racing environments using advanced simulators. By leveraging technology, the initiative seeks to bridge the gap between grassroots talent and professional motorsport, which has traditionally been difficult to access due to high costs and limited infrastructure.

ShreyasIyer's association with the programme is expected to significantly boost its visibility and appeal, particularly among young audiences. Known for his dynamic personality and strong fan base, Iyer brings mainstream attention to a niche but rapidly growing sport in India. His involvement highlights



the growing intersection of sports and digital innovation.

Speaking about the initiative, Iyer expressed enthusiasm for being part of a platform that empowers young talent and provides them with new opportunities. He emphasized the importance of innovation in sports and how sim racing can open doors for aspiring racers who may not have access to traditional training routes.

The programme is designed to identify top performers through competitions and structured training modules. Participants will have the chance to showcase their skills in a competitive environment, with the best talents potentially progressing to higher levels, including real-world racing opportunities.

Sim racing has gained global traction in recent years, with many professional drivers using it as a training tool. It replicates real racing conditions with im-

pressive accuracy, allowing drivers to develop skills such as precision, reflexes, and race strategy. In countries with limited motorsport infrastructure, it serves as an effective entry point into the sport.

In India, motorsports have often remained on the fringes compared to cricket and other mainstream sports. However, initiatives like this aim to change that narrative by making racing more inclusive and accessible. By combining global expertise with local talent, the programme could play a key role in developing the next generation of Indian racers.

Iyer's appointment also reflects a broader trend of athletes endorsing initiatives beyond their primary sport. As sports ecosystems evolve, collaborations like these help expand reach and create new opportunities for talent development. Overall, the F1-backed sim racing programme represents a significant step forward for motorsports in India. With ShreyasIyer as its ambassador, the initiative is well-positioned to attract attention and inspire young enthusiasts to explore racing in a whole new way.

Mumbai Indians Face Heat as Another Disappointing IPL Season Looms

Mumbai Indians' underwhelming run in IPL 2026 has sparked intense criticism, with fans and experts questioning the team's leadership and strategy. At the center of the storm is captain Hardik Pandya, who is facing growing calls for his release after a series of poor performances.

The five-time champions have struggled to find consistency this season, slipping down the points table and failing to live up to expectations. With another disappointing campaign seemingly on the horizon, frustration among supporters has reached a boiling point. Many fans have taken to social media demanding drastic changes, including replacing Pandya as captain or even releasing him from the squad.

Hardik Pandya's return to Mumbai Indians ahead of the 2024 season was initially seen as a bold and promising move. However, the transition of leadership from Rohit Sharma to Pandya did not sit well with a section of fans, and the team has since struggled to deliver strong results. The lack of success over consecutive seasons has only intensified scrutiny on his captaincy.



Critics argue that Pandya has not been able to inspire the team or make effective tactical decisions on the field. Questions have been raised about bowling changes, team combinations, and overall game management. While Pandya re-

mains a talented all-rounder, his leadership credentials are now under serious debate. Adding to the pressure is the team's inability to perform as a unit. Mumbai Indians, known for their strong core and winning culture, have looked dis-

jointed this season. Key players have failed to deliver consistently, and the team has struggled in both batting and bowling departments.

The criticism is not limited to fans alone. Former players and analysts have also weighed

in, suggesting that the franchise may need to rethink its approach if it wants to return to its dominant best. Some believe that leadership stability is crucial, while others feel a change at the top could help reset the team's direction.

Despite the backlash, it is important to note that Pandya's individual performances have not been entirely poor. However, in a high-pressure tournament like the IPL, results often define perception—and Mumbai Indians' lack of success has put the spotlight firmly on their captain.

For the franchise, the situation presents a tough challenge. Mumbai Indians have built a legacy of success over the years, and prolonged struggles are unfamiliar territory. Whether they choose to back Pandya or make significant changes in the upcoming season remains to be seen.

Ultimately, the calls to "release Hardik Pandya" reflect deeper concerns about the team's current trajectory. As the season progresses, all eyes will be on Mumbai Indians to see if they can turn things around, or if bigger decisions lie ahead.



Riyan Parag in Trouble, BCCI Set to Fine Star Cricketer Over Vaping Controversy

Rajasthan Royals captain Riyan Parag has landed in controversy after being found guilty of breaching the IPL Code of Conduct following a vaping incident. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is now set to impose a heavy fine on the young cricketer, bringing unwanted attention during an already intense IPL 2026 season. The issue stems from visuals that surfaced online, showing Parag allegedly vaping in public. The incident quickly went viral, drawing criticism from fans and cricket observers. Given the high standards expected from professional athletes, especially those in leadership roles, the act was viewed as inappropriate and against the spirit of the game. After reviewing the matter, the BCCI reportedly concluded that Parag's actions amounted to "bringing the game into disrepute," a serious charge under the IPL's disciplinary framework. While vaping itself is not illegal, the concern lies in the image it projects, particularly for a prominent player representing a major franchise. As a result, Parag is expected to face a significant financial penalty, though there has been no confirmation of further disciplinary action such as suspension. The board appears to be treating the matter as a breach of conduct rather than a criminal violation, focusing on maintaining the league's reputation.

This controversy comes at a time when Parag has been enjoying a strong run in the IPL, both as a player and a leader. His performances this season have been notable, and he has played a key role for Rajasthan Royals. However, the incident threatens to overshadow his on-field contributions.

The situation also highlights the growing scrutiny athletes face in the age of social media. Even off-field behavior can quickly become public and impact a player's image. For young stars like Parag, who are seen as role models, such incidents can carry wider implications. Fans have reacted with mixed opinions. While some have criticized the player for poor judgment, others believe the punishment should not be too harsh, arguing that it was a personal choice rather than a serious offense. Nevertheless, most agree that professional cricketers must be mindful of their public conduct.

The BCCI's firm stance sends a clear message about discipline and accountability in the IPL. Maintaining the league's image is a top priority, and any behavior perceived as damaging to that image is likely to be dealt with strictly.

For Riyan Parag, the focus will now shift to how he responds to the controversy. With the tournament still ongoing, he has an opportunity to move past the incident and let his performances on the field do the talking.

Rishabh Pant Faces ODI Uncertainty as Selectors Eye New Wicketkeeping Options

India's dynamic wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant may be on the verge of losing his place in the ODI setup, according to recent reports. With the team management, led by chief selector AjitAgarkar and head coach GautamGambhir, reportedly reassessing the squad composition, Pant's position in the 50-over format appears increasingly uncertain.

The move is said to be part of a broader strategy to refine India's ODI squad ahead of upcoming international assignments. While Pant remains a key figure in Test cricket and continues to be valued for his aggressive batting, his role in ODIs has come under scrutiny due to inconsistent performances and evolving team requirements.

Reports suggest that the selectors are considering alternative wicketkeeping options who can offer greater stability and consistency in the middle order. Among the names being discussed is Sanju Samson, who has been in strong form and is seen as a viable replacement. His ability to balance aggressive stroke play with composure has reportedly impressed the team



management.

Another factor influencing this potential shift is the growing competition within the squad. With multiple players vying for limited spots, the management is keen on building a balanced lineup that suits

different match situations. This has led to tough calls, even involving established players like Pant.

It is important to note that Pant's possible exclusion from ODIs does not diminish his importance to Indian cricket

overall. He continues to be a match-winner in the Test format and remains a valuable asset in T20 cricket as well. However, modern team strategies often demand format-specific specialization, and this appears to be one such case.

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Prabhas's Fauzi Nears Completion, October Release Still on Track

Prabhas' much-anticipated film Fauzi, directed by Hanu-Raghavapudi, is progressing steadily toward completion, with the makers reaffirming their commitment to an October theatrical release. The latest update from the production team reveals that a significant portion of the shoot has already been wrapped up, bringing the project closer to its final stages.

As per reports, nearly 80% of the filming has been completed, leaving only a few crucial portions to be shot. The remaining schedule primarily consists of three major action sequences featuring Prabhas, which are expected to be filmed soon. These sequences are said to be important to the narrative and are likely to add scale and intensity to the film.

Despite these pending portions, the team remains confident about meeting deadlines.

The makers have reiterated that the film is still on track for an October release, suggesting that post-production work is being planned efficiently alongside the remaining shoot. If achieved, the release will place Fauzi among the key festive season offerings, raising expectations among fans and industry watchers alike.

Fauzi is set in the 1940s during the British era, and is described as a period action drama with strong emotional undertones. The film aims to blend historical context with a compelling storyline, exploring themes of conflict, identity, and human relationships. This backdrop gives the film a distinct visual and narrative appeal, setting it apart from contemporary action entertainers.



The film features a notable ensemble cast. Alongside Prabhas, Imanvi plays the female lead, while veteran actors such as Jayapradha, Mithun Chakraborty, AnupamKher, and Chaitra J Achar play important roles. Their presence is expected to add depth and gravitas to the story.

Music for the film is composed by Vishal Chandrasekhar, known for his ability to create emotionally resonant soundtracks. Given the film's period setting and dramatic tone, the music is expected to play a key role in enhancing the overall cinematic experience. With the majority of the shoot already complete and only high-intensity sequences left to film, Fauzi is now entering a crucial phase of production. The coming weeks will be vital in ensuring that both shooting and post-production stay on schedule. Overall, the latest update offers reassurance to fans eagerly awaiting the film. If everything proceeds as planned, Fauzi could emerge as a major release in Prabhas' lineup, combining scale, storytelling, and star power in a grand cinematic package.

Maa Inti Bangaaram Needs a Creative Push as Buzz Remains Low

Samantha Ruth Prabhu's upcoming film Maa Inti Bangaaram is nearing its release, but the film is currently facing a noticeable lack of buzz, raising concerns within industry circles. Despite the actress putting in consistent efforts to promote the movie, the response so far has been underwhelming.

According to recent reports, the promotional campaign for the film has not been impactful enough to capture audience attention. While Samantha has been actively involved in marketing, the strategies used so far appear to lack engaging and innovative elements. As a result, the film has struggled to create the kind of excitement typically expected from a star-led project.

One of the major concerns is that a section of the target audience, particularly family viewers—remains unaware of the film's release. This is a significant issue, especially with just about two weeks left before the movie hits theatres. A strong pre-release buzz is crucial for films in this genre, and the current situation suggests that the campaign hasn't



reached its full potential.

What makes this situation more striking is the contrast with Samantha's previous produc-

tion venture, Subham. That film managed to generate strong attention and went on to become a success, largely due to effective promotions and word-of-mouth. This comparison highlights what Maa Inti Bangaaram might be missing, an engaging and memorable promotional approach.

Industry observers believe that the film now requires a fresh and unconventional promotional strategy to turn things around. With limited time remaining, only out-of-the-box ideas—such as unique marketing campaigns, viral content, or strong media engagement—can help the film reach a wider audience and build momentum before release.

The film itself has decent expectations, given Samantha's popularity and the film's family-oriented narrative blended with action elements. However, in today's competitive entertainment landscape, even star power alone is not enough to guarantee visibility. Audience attention is heavily influenced by how effectively a film is marketed across platforms.

Ultimately, Maa Inti Bangaaram finds itself at a crucial juncture. With the release date fast approaching, the makers, and Samantha as both actor and producer—need to rethink their promotional strategy. A more creative and aggressive campaign could still generate the required buzz and ensure the film reaches its intended audience.

All Eyes on Peddi as Makers Gear Up for Big Release Date Decision

Ram Charan's much-awaited film Peddi has become one of the hottest topics in Tollywood, with growing buzz around a crucial announcement regarding its release date. As anticipation builds, fans and industry watchers are eagerly waiting for clarity on when the film will finally hit theatres.

The excitement has intensified following the postponement of Yash's Toxic, which was earlier scheduled to release on June 4, 2026. This unexpected delay has opened up a prime box office window, and Peddi is now being widely seen as the strongest contender to take advantage of this slot.

Currently, Peddi is slated for release on June 25, 2026, which puts it in direct competition with another film releasing around the same time. However, shifting the release to June 4 could give it a clear solo run, potentially maximizing its box office performance. Adding to the momentum, the film's shoot is reportedly set to be completed, placing it in a strong position to make a strategic decision regarding its release. With production nearing its end and sufficient time available for post-production and promotions, the makers have the flexibility to consider a change in plans. This possibility has sparked intense discussions on social media, where fans are actively urging the team to prepone the release. Many believe that arriving earlier—especially in an unoccupied release window—could give Peddi a massive advantage at the box office. The



sentiment among fans is clear: a smart release strategy could significantly boost the film's commercial prospects.

Despite the growing speculation, there has been no official confirmation yet from the makers. This uncertainty has only added to the curiosity, with all eyes now on the team for a formal announcement.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddi is a high-budget pan-Indian sports action drama starring Ram Charan in a powerful role. The film has already generated significant hype due to Charan's transformation and the scale of the project. At this stage, the film stands at a crucial crossroads. Whether the makers stick to the planned June 25 release or make a bold move to capitalize on the June 4 window remains to be seen.

One thing, however, is certain—Peddi is poised for a major release, and the upcoming announcement could play a decisive role in shaping its box office journey.

Pujita Ponnada Bags Key Role in Venkatesh-Trivikram's Aadarsha Kutumbam

An interesting update has emerged from Tollywood regarding Venkatesh and Trivikram Srinivas' upcoming film Aadarsha Kutumbam, which is already carrying strong expectations. Actress Pujita Ponnada, known for her role in Rangasthalam, is reportedly set to play an important character in the film.

According to reports, Pujita will not just appear in a minor supporting role but will have a significant presence in the story, adding weight to the narrative. This has sparked curiosity among fans, as Trivikram is known for giving meaningful arcs to supporting characters in his films.

One of the most talked-about aspects of this update is that Pujita is likely to be paired opposite actor Nara Rohith, who is also said to be playing a key role in the movie. Their track is expected to be an integral part of the storyline rather than a side subplot, which could make it a strong highlight in the film.

Aadarsha Kutumbam marks a highly anticipated collaboration between Venkatesh and Trivikram Srinivas. While the duo previously worked together on successful films like NuvvuNaaku Nachav and Malliswari, Trivikram was only the writer in those projects. This film will be their first full-fledged collaboration as actor-director, increasing expectations significantly.

The film is said to be a family entertainer with emotional depth, a genre both Venkatesh and Trivikram are known to excel in. At the same time, re-



ports suggest that the movie may also include action elements, presenting Venkatesh in a slightly different avatar.

Leading actress Srinidhi Shetty plays the female lead, while the supporting cast includes several notable actors. The project is being produced by Haarika&Hassine Creations and is currently progressing with its shoot in a planned and low-profile manner.

Despite some speculation about changes in the music department, reports indicate that the team is focused on maintaining quality and is not rushing the production. The makers are said to be prioritizing

output over deadlines, which further raises expectations about the film's final result.

For Pujita Ponnada, this role could prove to be a significant boost to her career. Being part of a high-profile project led by Venkatesh and Trivikram offers her an opportunity to gain wider recognition, especially if her character leaves a strong impact.

Overall, with a strong cast, a proven director, and an intriguing mix of family drama and emotions, Aadarsha Kutumbam is shaping up to be a promising project—and Pujita's role is now one of the key talking points.

Anupama Parameswaran's 'Bhogi' First Look Unveiled, Actress Stuns in a Bold New Avatar

The makers of Bhogi, starring Anupama Parameswaran, have unveiled the film's first look, creating a strong buzz among fans and film circles. The poster introduces Anupama in a completely different and intense avatar, hinting at a role that is both layered and performance-driven.

In the first-look poster, Anupama is seen portraying a character named Kandula Sulochana Rani, a role that appears rooted in a rustic and emotionally charged setting. Her look is raw and grounded, reflecting a shift away from her usual soft and bubbly on-screen image. This transformation has immediately caught attention, with many praising her willingness to experiment with diverse roles.

Bhogi is directed by Sampath Nandi and is expected to be a content-driven drama with strong emotional elements. The film is reportedly set in a rural backdrop, and the first look suggests a story that revolves around intense human relationships and possibly social themes.

The title Bhogi itself evokes cultural significance, often associated with transformation and new beginnings, and the poster seems to align with that tone. Anupama's character appears serious and determined, hinting that the film may explore deeper emotional or societal conflicts rather than being a conventional commercial entertainer. This project marks another important step in Anupama's career, as she continues to move toward more challenging and unconventional



roles. Over the years, she has built a reputation for balancing commercial films with performance-oriented projects, and Bhogi seems to fall firmly in the latter category.

The film is expected to release in 2026, and with the first look generating positive reactions, expectations are gradually building. Fans are particularly excited to see how Anupama carries this intense role, as it offers her a chance to showcase a different side of her acting abilities.

Overall, the first look of Bhogi sets the tone for a serious and potentially impactful film. With a strong character, a rooted setting, and a director known for delivering engaging narratives, the movie is shaping up to be one of the more intriguing projects in Anupama Parameswaran's lineup.

If the film lives up to the promise shown in the first look, Bhogi could stand out as a defining moment in her career—one that reinforces her versatility and commitment to meaningful storytelling.