

Stay Alert to Curb Rising Cyber Crimes: SP

Adilabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau



District Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan urged citizens to remain vigilant amid a surge in cybercrime cases, noting that 18 complaints were registered in the district this week alone.

scam in Jainath, another was cheated of Rs 1.95 lakh in an online trading fraud in Uttoor, and a victim in Ichoda faced blackmail after installing a malicious APK file.

RS 397 Crore Sanctioned for Future City and Musi Development

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

In Hyderabad, the state government has approved major funding to accelerate key urban projects, allocating 150 crore for the development of the proposed Future City and Rs 247 crore for infrastructure works along the Musi River.

along the Outer Ring Road Hyderabad corridor. This includes Rs 229 crore for building a major bridge along service roads on both sides of the ORR and for developing a new service road connecting Exit No. 18A to Narsingi Ring Road.

New Osmania Hospital Complex Set for Completion Next Year

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

In Hyderabad, State Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha announced that the construction of the new Osmania General Hospital complex at Goshamahal is expected to be completed by next year.

graduates, the minister advised young doctors to uphold compassion and patient care as their primary focus, rather than commercial interests.

Despite infrastructure challenges, the existing hospital continues to serve a large number of patients. Recent achievements, including a successful liver transplant performed on an infant, highlight the institution's medical expertise.

LRS Drives to Fast-Track Applications

Hyderabad, Date | TPN Bureau

The state government has decided to organize special drives and public melas to speed up the clearance of applications filed under the Layout Regularization Scheme (LRS) as part of the 99-day Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika initiative.

DA's existing call center will also continue to support applicants seeking information related to LRS.

Authorities stated that these outreach programs aim to simplify procedures and ensure that applicants complete all requirements without confusion or delay.

Warangal PM MITRA Kakatiya Textile Park to Boost India's Textile Growth

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

The upcoming PM MITRA Kakatiya Mega Textile Park in Warangal is set to provide a major boost to India's textile industry and place Telangana on the national industrial map.

Developed with world-class infrastructure, the mega textile park is expected to become a key textile manufacturing and export hub. Officials said the facility will significantly enhance production capacity while generating large-scale employment opportunities for



the youth. The project has been developed at an estimated cost of Rs 1,695.54 crore and is projected to attract investments worth around Rs 6,000 crore. So far, investments exceeding Rs 3,800 crore have already been secured, reflecting strong industry interest.

Kakatiya Mega Textile Park is the largest textile park in the country. It has been developed under the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) scheme as a brownfield project. The park is aligned with the Prime Minister's "5F Vision" model—Farm to Fiber, Fiber to Factory, Factory to Fashion, and Fashion to Foreign—aimed at strengthening the entire textile value chain.

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Governor Assures Action on Ex-Servicemen Welfare Issues in Telangana

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

A delegation of the Telangana BJP Ex-Servicemen Cell met Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan and submitted a detailed memorandum highlighting various welfare concerns of ex-servicemen in the state.

The delegation was led by Lt. Col. (Dr.) Sunkara Srinivasa Rao (Retd), Convenor of the cell, along with Co-Convenor Subedar Major Rajender Singh (Retd), Subedar Major PSN Swamy (Retd), Subedar Neeraj Dubey (Retd), and Havaladar Dubashi Sagar (Retd), among others.

During the meeting, the representatives brought several key issues to the Governor's attention. These included delays in ex-gratia payments to families of martyrs and gallantry award winners, the need for a



dedicated Sainik Corporation for employment generation, and alleged irregularities in the utilization of Armed Forces Flag Day funds. They also sought the establishment of an

ECHS polyclinic in the LB Nagar-Kanchanbagh region and raised concerns over pay disparities among Special Police Officers.

The delegation further urged implementation of High Court directions regarding relaxation of qualifying marks for ex-servicemen, and requested postings of ex-servicemen bank employees closer to their native places to reduce hardship. They also demanded permanent security roles in banks for eligible veterans and appointment of ex-servicemen in Regional Sainik Welfare Officer posts instead of civilian appointments.

Other demands included formation of district-level ex-ser-

vicemen committees under District Collectors and construction of war memorials in all districts of Telangana to honour martyrs.

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla assured the delegation that the issues would be examined and communicated to the government for necessary action. He emphasized the importance of timely and systematic resolution of welfare concerns.

The ADC has been directed to review the memorandum and coordinate with relevant departments. The delegation expressed confidence that the Governor's intervention would help strengthen welfare measures for ex-servicemen across Telangana

Kishan Reddy Launches Wall Writing Campaign Ahead of Modi's Telangana Visit

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Telangana on May 10, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy initiated a wall-writing campaign in Himayat Nagar and Narayana to mobilize public participation for the upcoming mega meeting. Speaking to the media during the programme, Kishan Reddy said that a large public gathering will be held at Parade Grounds, Hyderabad, where Prime Minister Modi will address the people.

He stated that there is growing public enthusiasm in the state, with many women across assembly constituencies voluntarily extending support to the Bharatiya Janata Party. According to him, people are increasingly favouring the idea of a "double engine government" under BJP leadership



for faster development in Telangana.

The Union Minister claimed that there is a strong desire among people for political change in the state, with calls to move away from dynastic and corrupt governance. He added that favourable public sentiment is currently visible towards the BJP across various regions.

Highlighting the Centre's performance, Kishan Reddy said Prime Minister Modi has taken strong measures against terrorism and ensured effective welfare delivery, with central schemes reaching households across the country.

He said the poor and marginalized sections are looking towards Modi with hope for continued development.

He expressed confidence that the BJP would emerge stronger in the coming elections if party workers continue to work unitedly at the grassroots level. He urged cadres to intensify organizational efforts and ensure maximum participation at the Parade Grounds meeting on May 10.

Telangana Archives Museum to Reopen with Rare Historic Documents

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Archives and Research Institute is set to reopen its renovated archival museum in Hyderabad, offering visitors a glimpse into the rich historical legacy of the Deccan region. The museum, located in Tarnaka, will showcase nearly 150 to 200 rare documents, including ancient manuscripts, maps, royal decrees, and portraits.

Spread across a 1,650-square-foot exhibition hall, the display will feature documents in Persian, Urdu, Telugu, Marathi, and English, making it a valuable destination for researchers and history enthusiasts.

BJP Gears Up for Modi Rally, Says Eatala Rajender

Secunderabad, May 2, 2026 | TPN Bureau

At a press conference held at Gayatri Garden in Cantonment, BJP leader Eatala Rajender stated that nearly one lakh people from the Malkajgiri Parliamentary constituency are expected to attend the upcoming public meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He emphasized that the BJP remains determined to secure power in Telangana.

Rajender said the party had already conducted eight preparatory meetings across the constituency to ensure the success of the rally. He added that outreach efforts are being carried out in gated communities, colonies, and local neighborhoods, with more meetings scheduled in LB Nagar, Medchal Urban, and Cantonment areas. Praising Modi's leadership, he described the Prime Minister as a dedicated public



servant working tirelessly throughout the year. He appealed to citizens from all sections—students, intellectuals, and community leaders—to attend the meeting in large numbers at Parade Grounds.

He further noted that development projects worth around 7,000 crore would be dedicated during the visit. Drawing parallels with the party's growth in West Bengal, Rajender expressed confidence that the BJP would continue expanding its presence in Telangana.

Leaders Across Telugu States Pay Tribute at Nadendla Bhaskara Rao Dashadina Karma

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

The 10th-day memorial ceremony (Dashadina Karma) of former Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh Sri Nadendla Bhaskara Rao was held on Saturday at Jubilee Hills Convention Centre in Hyderabad. The event witnessed a large turnout of political leaders, public representatives, officials, and admirers from both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Leaders from various political parties attended the ceremony and offered floral tributes to his portrait. They recalled their personal interac-



tions with the veteran leader and expressed deep grief over his demise, describing him as a respected statesman, legal expert, and dedicated public servant. Condolences were conveyed to his son, Andhra

Pradesh Minister Nadendla Manohar, and other family members. Prominent dignitaries present included Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka,

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Among the notable exhibits are one of India's oldest surviving documents, a decree issued by Shah Alam II related to arrangements for the Kumbh pilgrimage at Allahabad, a treaty involving Tipu Sultan with the Nizams and Marathas, and records connected to the Hyderabad merger. Visitors will also find royal farmans concerning the Bhadrachalam Temple, as well as historic approvals for landmarks such as the High

Court, Osmania Hospital, and Osmansagar. A particularly significant document is an 1876 proclamation issued during the reign of Mir Mahbub Ali Khan enforcing a ban on sati. The order directed strict implementation by regional officials, reflecting the administration's efforts to abolish harmful social practices and strengthen justice.

Officials believe the reopening will provide an important platform to preserve and promote Telangana's historical heritage.

Leaders Across Telugu Adendla Bhaskara Rao Dashadina Karma

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Ministers Sridhar Babu and Uttam Kumar Reddy, and several ministers and MPs from Andhra Pradesh. Senior leaders from multiple parties, including MLAs, former ministers, and party representatives, also participated, reflecting his wide political associations.

Officials, retired bureaucrats, and police officers also paid respects. Representatives from the film industry such as

Allu Aravind, Vishwa Prasad, and others joined the gathering, along with leaders from Janasena Party and various social groups. The ceremony reflected the widespread respect Sri Nadendla Bhaskara Rao commanded across political and social circles. Participants remembered his contributions to public life and highlighted his long-standing service to society and governance. The event concluded with heartfelt tributes and prayers in his memory.

Dy CM Assures Swift Resolution of Employee Issues

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Malu Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the government has addressed many long-pending employee concerns and is actively working to resolve the remaining issues. During a meeting with employee union leaders, he emphasized that salaries are now being credited on the first day of every month, ensuring financial stability for staff. He noted that while dues had once been cleared, substantial liabilities accumulated over the years, creating a heavy burden. The present gov-

ernment, he said, has undertaken a detailed review and is moving systematically to settle these obligations. As part of this effort, plans are in place to clear pension arrears of around Rs 6,000 crore within 100 days. The Deputy Chief Minister highlighted that the initiative reflects the administration's commitment to employee welfare. He also mentioned that Revanth Reddy is approaching the issue of employee health cards with sensitivity and is working through a structured plan to address all pending concerns efficiently.

MP Inspects Procurement Centers, Urges Faster Grain Lifting

Aler, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy along with Aler MLA and Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah conducted surprise inspections of IKP (Indira Kranthi Patham) procurement centres in the constituency to review ongoing grain procurement operations. During the visit, they assessed the facilities available at the centres and examined the moisture levels of the paddy being procured. The leaders instructed officials to ensure swift transportation of the collected grain to rice mills without delay, so that farmers do not face inconvenience.



They later inspected a nearby rice mill, observing the unloading process and interacting with mill owners and staff. Emphasizing efficiency, they directed that procurement activities be carried out smoothly and on time.

The MP assured farmers that the government is committed to purchasing the entire produce without any discrimination. He also cautioned officials and millers against imposing unjust deductions or citing shrinkage issues that could burden farmers.

Officials from the Revenue and Marketing departments, local representatives, and farmers were present during the inspection.

State Launches Major Tank Restoration Drive

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has directed officials to take up large-scale restoration of minor irrigation tanks across the state, focusing on desilting works during the summer. He emphasized that all tanks should be ready to store adequate water ahead of the monsoon season.

During a review meeting at Jalasoudha, the Minister called for the formation of district-level committees to monitor and implement restoration activities effectively. He also issued strict orders to identify and remove encroachments on tanks, stressing the need to demarcate Full Tank Level (FTL) boundaries without delay. Officials from the Irrigation, Revenue, and Agriculture depart-

ments have been asked to coordinate closely for this task.

The Minister appreciated a report prepared under the leadership of M. Kodand Reddy on minor irrigation tanks and said it would be forwarded to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for further action.

He instructed that desilting guidelines already in place be implemented immediately and that works be completed within the two-month summer window. In addition to desilting, officials were told to strengthen tank bunds, repair sluices, and conduct mapping of critical structures.

Special focus has also been placed on preparing proposals for desilting major projects like Jurala and Musi to improve water storage capacity and support agriculture.

Whips Act as Vital Link Between Government and Public

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy stated that government Whips play a crucial role as the "eyes and ears" of the administration, ensuring that public concerns are effectively communicated and addressed. He made these remarks during a review meeting with Whips from both the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council held at MCRHRD on Saturday. During the interaction, the Whips highlighted several pressing issues from across the state, including drinking water shortages, irrigation challenges during the summer season, and the ongoing grain procurement process. They briefed the Chief Minister on the steps being taken at the constituency level to tackle these concerns. In response, the Chief Minister instructed officials to speed up procurement activities and resolve any related issues without delay. He emphasized that Whips must remain closely connected with the public, regularly visiting their constituencies and working proactively to



address grievances. He also advised them to coordinate with district administrations to ensure timely and continuous resolution of problems. Stressing the importance of welfare delivery, the Chief Minister called for effective implementation of government schemes at the grassroots level. He urged Whips to use media platforms to spread awareness about these initiatives and build public confidence in the govern-

ment's commitment. Additionally, he directed the Whips to keep him informed about key issues on a regular basis. To strengthen coordination, he announced that he would dedicate one day each week to interact with them and review public concerns directly. Several leaders, including MP Vem Narendar Reddy, Council Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, and other Whips, attended the meeting.

Ponnam Prabhakar Reviews RTC Issues, Orders Staff-Friendly Reforms

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar held a detailed Zoom review meeting with Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) top officials, including MD Y. Nagireddy, Executive Directors, Regional Managers, and Heads of Departments. The meeting focused on issues raised by RTC trade union leaders during their recent interaction with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.



The Minister issued several key directions aimed at improving employee welfare and passenger services. He stressed that RTC officials must maintain a positive, respectful, and approachable attitude towards drivers, conductors, and other frontline staff, ensuring a harassment-free work environment. He also advised that staff should be treated with dignity and work should be achieved through cooperation and mutual understanding.

ed Depot Managers to strengthen relations with passengers and improve basic infrastructure in all depots and bus stations by May 17. He emphasized the need for clean restrooms, drinking water facilities, proper sanitation, and greenery across all locations.

He also asked officials to review loss-making depots, including those in Khammam, Medak, Ranga Reddy, Narayanahed, Banswada, and Illandur, and take corrective measures. He directed that

ticketing-related disputes should be resolved immediately without conflicts between staff members.

The Minister proposed a fixed day every month—preferably the second Saturday—for grievance redressal meetings at depots, allowing employees to directly voice their concerns. He added that unresolved issues can be escalated to the RTC Managing Director for resolution.

Ponnam Prabhakar further instructed that pending issues related to bus station shops and vacant government lands should be resolved by June. He emphasized teamwork across all levels, from management to staff, to improve RTC performance and service quality.

Officials assured compliance and discussed ongoing reforms, while the Minister reiterated the importance of strengthening RTC operations along with employee welfare initiatives, including the Mahalakshmi Scheme introduced in December 2023.

CM Highlights Employee Welfare Measures

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy acknowledged the crucial role played by government employees in implementing welfare schemes, stating that their dedication has been key to effective governance. Addressing leaders of employee unions, he said the administration's first decisions after assuming office were aimed at improving employee welfare.

He noted that steps have been taken to ensure timely salary payments on the first of every month and to conduct employee union elections in a free and transparent manner. Transfers of staff, including long-pending teacher transfers, were carried out systematically to avoid confusion or disputes. The government has also responded positively to proposals for Health Security Cards.

Highlighting employment generation, the Chief Minister said nearly 67,760 recruitments have been completed in the past two years. He further announced that Rs 6,000 crore



will be released within the next 100 days to clear retirement benefits.

Regarding the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), he said a report has been sought from officials and a decision will be taken accordingly. Health cards are expected to be issued by June 1. He also urged recognized unions to meet regularly and submit reports, assuring that the government remains committed to addressing their concerns.

Welfare Schemes Reaching All Eligible Citizens: Nirmala Jaggareddy

Sangareddy, May 2 | TPN Bureau

TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy stated that the government's key priority is to ensure that welfare schemes reach every eligible citizen. She was speaking at a constituency-level meeting held at PSR Gardens in Sangareddy as part of the 99-day "Praja Palana - Pragathi Plan" initiative.

Addressing the gathering, she said the Congress government acted swiftly after coming to power, implementing the "Mahalakshmi" scheme within 48 hours to provide free bus travel for women. She also highlighted other major welfare initiatives such as Indiramma housing, Gruha Jyothi free electricity, and subsidized LPG connections.

Jaggareddy criticized the previous BRS government, al-

leging that it failed to issue ration cards to deserving families. In contrast, she said the current administration has taken steps to provide ration cards to all eligible beneficiaries. Emphasizing women's empowerment, she said the government is focused on improving financial independence among women through targeted schemes. As part of this effort, bank loans worth Rs 195.18 crore were distributed to women's self-help groups during the programme.

Officials and public representatives, including municipal chairpersons, commissioners, and local leaders, participated in the event, which aimed to raise awareness about government welfare programmes and ensure effective implementation at the grassroots level.

'Progress Plan' Review Meeting for Constituency Development

Aler, May 2 | TPN Bureau

A constituency-level review meeting titled "Public Administration - Progress Plan" was held with great participation at the Aler constituency headquarters on Saturday. The programme focused on accelerating development works and improving the delivery of welfare schemes. Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy attended as the chief guest and said the government's priority is to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive welfare benefits through effective governance. He emphasized that public issues must be resolved at the earliest through coordinated ef-

orts between officials and elected representatives. The MP assured full support at the parliamentary level for the development of Aler constituency. He said efforts would be made to secure central funds for strengthening infrastructure and improved basic amenities in the region. He also called for better coordination among departments to ensure smooth implementation of development and welfare programmes. Key public representatives and officials participated in the meeting, including Aler MLA and Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah, MLC Teenmar Mallanna, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Anurag Jayanthi, and State Women's

Commission Chairperson Bandru Shobha. Discussions were held on pending developmental works in various mandals and future plans for the constituency. Priority areas identified included road connectivity, irrigation facilities, and improvement of educational infrastructure in rural regions. Officials were directed to speed up grievance redressal and ensure timely completion of ongoing works. Municipal chairpersons, councillors, sarpanches, former MPTCs, public representatives, departmental officials, and party workers participated in large numbers, reflecting strong engagement in the development agenda.



Focus on Healthcare, Education and Women Empowerment: Minister

Andole, May 2 | TPN Bureau

State Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha stated that the government's foremost priority is to ensure quality education and accessible healthcare for every citizen. He was speaking at the "Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika" programme held at Andole-Jogipet on Saturday, attended by officials, public representatives, and residents in large numbers. The Minister emphasized that government hospitals are being strengthened to offer free medical services, ensuring that families are not burdened by healthcare expenses. He noted that modern infrastructure is being developed with the goal of delivering nearly 90% of medical services at the district level. Trauma and emergency care systems are also being upgraded to provide swift assistance

during critical situations.

Highlighting women's empowerment, he said self-help groups are being supported through interest-free loans and livelihood opportunities. Initiatives such as allotment of Indiramma canteens, solar units, and petrol pumps are aimed at promoting financial independence among women.

He further stated that along with improving academic standards, institutions are being equipped to provide nutritious food and essential facilities. Plans are underway to establish a pharmacy college in Andole and transform the constituency into an education hub. Additionally, development works for the Singur pipeline project have begun with an allocation of Rs 200 crore, alongside proposals to boost tourism in the region and generate employment opportunities.

Congress Defends Crop Procurement, Criticizes BRS Leaders in Adilabad

Adilabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Congress leaders in Adilabad district have asserted that the state government is carrying out crop procurement in a planned and transparent manner, while accusing BRS leaders of making politically motivated allegations.

Speaking at a press meet in Boath, Congress district spokesperson Pasula Chanti said the government, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is committed to safeguarding farmers' interests. He stated that procurement of key crops such as red gram, Bengal gram, maize, paddy, and jowar is being conducted systematically, with payments being processed transparently.

Chanti criticized BRS leaders, including district president Jogu Ramanna and Boath MLA Anil Jadhav, alleging that

their statements are driven by political motives rather than concern for farmers. He said the government is actively supporting farmers and is prepared to compensate those affected by natural calamities or fire incidents, as directed by the Chief Minister.

He further accused certain leaders of attempting to provoke farmers into protests for political mileage, even as procurement operations are ongoing in market yards. He emphasized that the government is ready to purchase the entire produce from farmers without discrimination.

Local leaders, including former Market Committee Chairman Boddur Gangareddy and other party representatives, attended the press conference and expressed support for the government's initiative

TPCC Leader Gajjela Kantham Slams BRS Family Over Governance and Debt Issues

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, TPCC General Secretary Gajjela Kantham launched a sharp attack on the BRS leadership and the former state government, alleging that the Telangana society was misled during their rule.

He claimed that the KCR family came to power by exploiting the Telangana sentiment and later focused on consolidating control instead of public welfare. He alleged that governance was centered around a single family, while public issues were neglected.

Kantham remarked that after assuming office, the previous leadership prioritized official residences over people's problems and failed to address key developmental concerns. He also alleged internal political differences within the family, stating that new political formations were being discussed by various members.

He credited the Telangana

movement to SC, ST, BC, and minority communities, saying they played a key role in achieving statehood. He further alleged that during the BRS regime, the state accumulated significant debt and mismanagement of funds took place.

He said the current Congress government, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is working to stabilize finances, repay interest burdens, and implement welfare schemes. He claimed that development funds to gram panchayats, which were not released earlier, are now being restored.

Kantham added that the Chief Minister is working long hours to fulfill promises made to the public and expressed confidence that Congress would continue in power due to its development-oriented governance. He also criticized opposition claims and said political credibility depends on internal accountability and leadership representation.



Seethakka Rejects Allegations on HAM Road Projects

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka dismissed allegations made by T. Harish Rao regarding rural road projects under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), calling them unfounded and misleading. She said such criticism stems from an inability to accept the government's push for infrastructure growth.

The Minister explained that HAM is a nationally adopted model introduced by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and implemented by the National Highways Authority of India since 2016. Several states have successfully executed large-scale projects using this framework.

She stated that Telangana

has adopted HAM to upgrade rural roads, aiming to boost industrial growth and employment. In the first phase, 17 packages covering 7,450 km of roads have been approved at a cost of Rs 6,250 crore. While bids for most packages have been received, evaluation is currently underway through a transparent e-procurement system. Under this model, contractors complete construction within 30 months and maintain roads for 15 years. The government pays 40% during construction, with the remaining 60% released over time as annuities. Seethakka emphasized that all procedures follow national standards and urged critics to avoid spreading misinformation and instead support development initiatives

BJP Slams Congress Govt Over Farmer Crisis, Outlines Modi Visit Projects

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao has strongly criticized the Congress government, alleging that farmers in the state are facing a severe crisis due to non-payment of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their produce.

Speaking to the media in Ramayampet, Medak district, he said that during his visits to several paddy procurement centres, he observed large stocks of grain lying unattended, with crops getting damaged due to unseasonal rains. He alleged that delays in transportation, shortage of lorries, and alleged collusion between millers, middlemen, and some officials are causing heavy losses to farmers.

He further stated that paddy and maize farmers are being forced to sell their produce below MSP, calling it an injustice that requires immediate government intervention. He demanded urgent action to ensure fair procurement and protection of farmers' interests. Ramchander Rao also highlighted the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 10, marking his first visit to Telangana after as-



suming office for a third term. He said the Prime Minister would lay foundation stones and inaugurate development projects worth 7,823 crore, including the Zaheerabad Industrial City, Warangal Textile Park, and PM MITRA Mega Textile Park. Railway station upgrades and highway expansion works are also planned. He added that future projects like the Warangal Coach Factory and airport development would further boost infrastructure growth in the state.

The BJP leader also criticized the state government over delayed salaries for employees, pending PRC arrears

since 2015, and issues faced by retired staff. He alleged administrative failure and cited a High Court order directing clearance of dues within four weeks.

On RTC employees, he demanded immediate implementation of the merger promise and recognition as government staff. He also questioned the implementation of the Six Guarantees promised during elections.

Earlier, he participated in party programmes in Ramayampet, offering tributes to Bharat Mata and hoisting the BJP flag along with party leaders.

BRS Slams Congress Govt Over "Praja Palana" Programme, Alleges Governance Failure

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

At a press meet held at Telangana Bhavan, BRS Legislative Assembly Whip K.P. Vivekananda strongly criticised the Congress government over its flagship "Praja Palana" initiative, calling it a misleading 99-day progress report programme. He stated that nearly 60 days have already passed, yet there is no visible progress on ground-level issues.

Vivekananda alleged that the government has failed to deliver on its promises even after 900 days in power. He said the applications collected from citizens during the initial phase of "Praja Palana" have not been acted upon, and instead the programme is being used only for publicity.

He claimed that welfare schemes are either stalled or poorly implemented, and not a single section of society has received complete benefits. He further said that basic services like drinking water supply are in crisis across several areas, forcing people to protest on the



streets.

Comparing the previous BRS regime, he said schemes like "Palle Pragathi" and "Pattana Pragathi" were successfully implemented, while the current government lacks both funds and planning. He also criticized the handling of education, home, and housing departments, alleging confusion and inefficiency in administration. Former MLA Methuku Anand also participated in the press meet and accused the government of failing in key welfare schemes such as Rythu Bharosa, Rythu Bima, and Indiramma Housing. He said even nutrition kits for preg-

nant women were discontinued and replaced with incomplete measures.

He further alleged misuse of public funds and selective implementation of housing benefits, claiming that well-off beneficiaries were being favoured. Anand also criticized the concept of "Future City," calling it disconnected from ground realities.

Both leaders asserted that BRS remains committed to protecting Telangana's interests and criticized the Congress government for administrative failures across multiple sectors, including agriculture, education, and law and order.

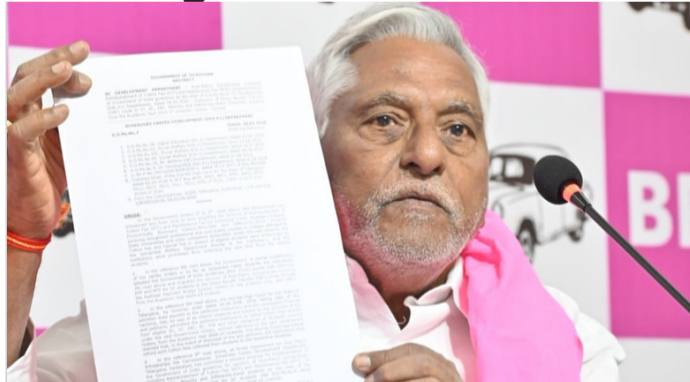
BRS Demands Restoration of Fee Reimbursement Scheme, Slams Congress Government

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

At a press meet held at Telangana Bhavan, BRS General Secretary Tatiparthi Jeevan Reddy strongly criticized the Congress government over issues related to education funding, welfare schemes, and governance, while demanding the immediate restoration of the fee reimbursement system for students.

He said the Fee Reimbursement Scheme, originally introduced during the united Andhra Pradesh regime under former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, was designed to support economically weaker students by covering their tuition fees from intermediate to higher education levels. According to him, the scheme continued effectively after the formation of Telangana and became a crucial support system for poor families, allowing students to pursue education without financial burden.

Jeevan Reddy alleged that under the current Congress government, delays in releasing fee reimbursement funds have forced colleges to withhold students' certificates, causing severe distress. He claimed that legal disputes have arisen, with courts direct-



ing colleges to recover dues from students' parents, increasing financial pressure on families.

He criticized the government's recent decision to issue orders shifting the responsibility of fee payment indirectly onto students, calling it unjust and against the promise made in the election manifesto. He demanded immediate withdrawal of Government Order (GO) 7 and restoration of the earlier system.

He also accused the government of failing to implement key welfare promises, including Rythu Bharosa, farm loan waiver, and agricultural investment support. He alleged that only a fraction of promised job opportunities have been delivered, leading to dis-

appointment among unemployed youth.

Highlighting past initiatives, he said the BRS government strengthened healthcare through Aarogyasri, established medical colleges in all districts, and improved infrastructure in education and health sectors. Jeevan Reddy further alleged that the current administration is focused on publicity rather than development, and demanded clearance of pending dues worth 10,000 crore.

He asserted that education is the foundation of Telangana's future and warned that failure to support students would have long-term consequences. He expressed confidence that the BRS would return to power under KCR's leadership, claiming public dissatisfaction with the present government.

KTR Reviews BRS Strategy with Ranga Reddy Leaders, Prepares for Next Elections

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) held an important meeting with party public representatives and senior leaders from the undivided Ranga Reddy district at his residence in Nandi Nagar.

The meeting mainly focused on strengthening the party organisation at the district level, planning the upcoming membership drive, and finalising the formation of new party committees. Leaders also discussed an action plan in connection with the Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls.

KTR reviewed the party's recent performance in local body elections and congratulated leaders who secured notable victories in panchayat and municipal polls. He appreciated their efforts in strengthening

the party base at the grassroots level.

During the meeting, he instructed leaders and cadres to actively highlight and explain the failures of the Congress government to the public. He stressed the importance of maintaining strong public outreach and effective communication of party positions.

KTR also directed party workers to begin preparations for the upcoming municipal and corporation elections. He emphasized that the cadre should work in a coordinated manner to ensure strong performance in the next electoral battles.

Party leaders assured full commitment to strengthening the organisation and expanding its reach across the district through continuous public engagement and structured planning.



Thummala Hits Back at Bandi Sanjay Over Crop Procurement Issue

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Minister Thummala has responded strongly to the open letter written by Union Minister Bandi Sanjay to the Telangana State Government, addressing key concerns related to crop procurement.

In his counter remarks, Minister Thummala stated that the Union Minister appears to be making baseless allegations and attempting to discredit the state government. He accused Bandi Sanjay of deliberately targeting the state with politically motivated criticism. Thummala questioned how the Centre,

which has allegedly not extended adequate support in crop procurement operations, can criticise a state government that is actively purchasing agricultural produce from farmers. He emphasized that the state is taking consistent efforts to ensure procurement and protect farmers' interests. The Minister further said that instead of pointing fingers, the Centre should focus on extending necessary cooperation and support for procurement operations in Telangana. He reiterated that the state government remains committed to safeguarding farmers and ensuring fair procurement of crops.



Kavitha's Strong Remarks at Press Meet

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

At a "Meet the Press" interaction held in Hyderabad, TRS chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha made bold statements, promising accountability in governance. She asserted that if her party fails to ensure free education and healthcare, people have the right to question her strongly. Referring to her manifesto, she said all commitments were made after careful assessment and are achievable with proper intent. Kavitha clarified that her recent criticism of KCR was purely political, directed at his role as a party leader, and not personal. She emphasized her vision of building a welfare-driven Telangana that prioritizes the needs of all sections of society. According to her, governance

should reflect empathy and responsibility, similar to a caring approach. She also alleged that the current administration has failed to address key public concerns, particularly in sectors like education and healthcare, which she said are becoming increasingly expensive for common people. Kavitha expressed confidence that her party could bring about meaningful change and even claimed that the present government could be unseated within a defined timeframe. Addressing questions on her party's name, she said the final decision was strategic and well thought out. She concluded by urging the public to focus on policies and performance rather than political criticism, reaffirming her commitment to Telangana's development.

Police Solve Night Theft Case, Minor Apprehended

Quthbullapur, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Police from Jagadgirigutta have successfully solved a theft case reported within their limits, where a scrap warehouse in Roda Mestri Nagar was targeted during the night of April 30. The incident came to light when the owner returned the next morning and found the locks broken and cash missing from an internal drawer.

Following a complaint, police registered a case and launched an investigation. Acting on reliable information, they detained a minor boy for questioning. During the search, officers recovered Rs 8,000 in cash, a Dio scooter, and an iPhone from his possession.

During interrogation, the accused admitted to committing

multiple thefts at night. He reportedly targeted locked scrap shops and under-construction houses, breaking locks to steal valuable items such as cash and copper wiring, which he later sold. Police also con- firmed that the minor had earlier been involved in several bike theft and house burglary cases across Hyderabad and Cyberabad limits.

Jagadgirigutta Detective Inspector Narendra Reddy stated that the boy was taken into custody on May 2 and subsequently produced before the Juvenile Justice Board for further legal proceedings.

Police have intensified surveillance in the area to prevent similar thefts and urged shop owners to strengthen security measures, especially during night hours.



Amaravadi Lakshminarayana Takes Charge as Telangana Arya Vysya Maha Sabha President

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Amaravadi Lakshminarayana was sworn in as the President of the Telangana Arya Vysya Maha Sabha at a private function attended by several prominent leaders and community representatives.

The ceremony saw the presence of Minister Vivek Venkatswamy, Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy, MLAs Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy and Malreddy Ranga Reddy, Road Development Corporation Chairman Malreddy Ram Reddy, former AP Minister T.G. Venkatesh, and BJP spokesperson Chikoti Praveen, among others.

Speaking at the event, Minister Vivek Venkatswamy assured full support from the Congress government to the Arya Vysya community and said efforts would be made to secure necessary funds for the Arya Vysya Corporation. Gutha Sukhender Reddy called for unity among Vysyas and urged

all associations to come together on a single platform for collective strength.

MLA Rajesh Reddy appreciated the community's consistent involvement in social service activities. MLA Ranga Reddy praised the new president and expressed confidence in the Maha Sabha's future growth under his leadership, noting his role in the formation of the Arya Vysya Corporation.

BJP spokesperson Chikoti Praveen stressed the importance of unity and advised against internal divisions, stating that community development depends on collective effort. In his address, Amaravadi Lakshminarayana pledged to work for the welfare and upliftment of Arya Vysyas across Telangana. He said he would focus on uniting all associations and extending structured support to economically weaker members through planned initiatives and dedicated funding.



Police Lead Anti-Drug Awareness Rally

Quthbullapur, May 2 | TPN Bureau

A large-scale awareness rally against narcotic substances was organized in Bhagat Singha Nagar under the limits of Jeedimetla Police Station. The initiative aimed to educate the public, especially youth, about the harmful effects of drug consumption and promote a drug-free society. Around 350 youngsters participated in the rally, raising slogans against narcotics and actively supporting the campaign. Police personnel joined residents in a foot march through the locality, including nearby construction sites and residential areas, directly interacting with youth and spreading awareness. The presence of police among the public helped strengthen trust and en-

couraged open communication. Officers also listened to local concerns while reinforcing the importance of staying away from drugs. The rally continued for nearly two hours and received positive response from the community. Jeedimetla Inspector Gaddam Mallesh stated that such awareness programmes would be conducted regularly to strengthen public outreach and preventive policing. He emphasized that community participation plays a key role in curbing drug-related issues. Police personnel, along with local residents and youth groups, actively took part in the programme, making it a successful initiative towards building awareness and promoting a healthier society free from substance abuse.

Praja Palana Programme Drives Awareness on Welfare Schemes

Quthbullapur, May 2 | TPN Bureau

As part of the Telangana Government's 99-day "Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika" initiative, a constituency-level awareness meeting was organized at K.V.R. Function Hall in Kompally, Quthbullapur. The programme aimed to educate the public about various welfare schemes implemented for their benefit.

The event was inaugurated by lighting a ceremonial lamp by the chief guests, including Congress Party in-charge for Quthbullapur Kolan Hanumanth Reddy, Zonal Commissioner, former MLA Kuna Srisailam Goud, and officials from multiple departments. The meeting was presided over by CEO Kanthamma.

Speaking on the occasion, Hanumanth Reddy highlighted that the Congress government is focused on inclusive development and improving the living standards of the poor, farmers, women, youth, and minority communities. He said the welfare schemes are bringing visible changes in people's lives by promoting self-reliance and



employment opportunities.

He specifically mentioned initiatives such as free scooters for minority youth and free sewing machines for women, which are helping them become economically independent. He informed that nearly 400 minority women in Quthbullapur have already benefited from sewing machine distribution, enabling self-employment at the grassroots level.

Officials reiterated that the

main objective of "Praja Palana" is to directly understand public issues and ensure timely solutions. Leaders affirmed that all eligible beneficiaries will be covered under government schemes.

The programme was attended by several officials and Congress party leaders, including Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar, Kompally DC Lavanya, MRO Sudhakar, MEO Gemini, and Medchal DCC Vice President Kona Srinivas Goud.

Residents Raise Infrastructure Concerns, MLA Assures Action

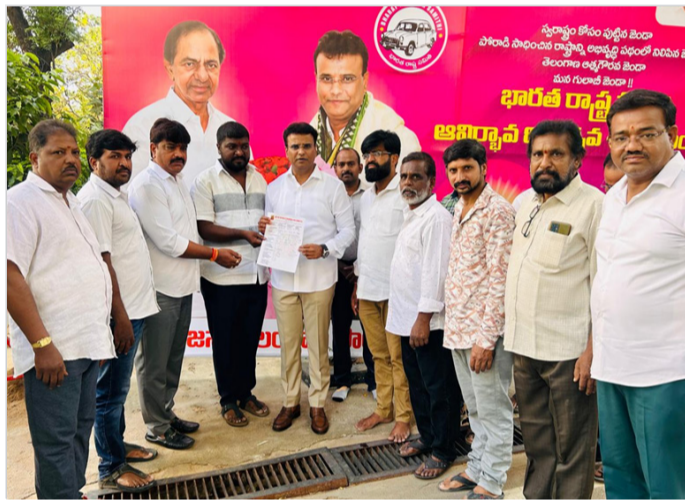
Quthbullapur, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Residents of Jai Sriram Nagar in Division 292 of Saibaba Nagar have once again highlighted long-pending civic issues, including incomplete road works and inadequate drainage facilities. Locals expressed that they have been facing serious difficulties due to the lack of proper infrastructure in the area.

With the monsoon season approaching, concerns have grown over the possibility of worsening drainage problems. In this context, a delegation of local leaders, led by senior BRS leader Varala Vinod Kumar, met MLA KP Vivekananda and submitted a detailed memorandum seeking urgent action.

The representatives urged the MLA to address the issues without further delay, stressing that timely completion of road and nala works is essential to prevent flooding and inconvenience to residents during rains.

Responding to the represen-



tation, the MLA reportedly held discussions with concerned officials and directed them to take necessary steps to resolve the civic problems at the earliest. He assured that appropriate measures would be initiated to improve the infrastructure in the locality.

However, residents noted that similar assurances had been given earlier, while execution of works remained de-

layed, leading to skepticism about the pace of implementation this time as well.

Several residents and community members, including Raj Kumar Mudiraj, Venu Mudiraj, Anil Kumar, Shivaji, Bangaraya, Madhusudan Reddy, Krishna Mudiraj, Ramakrishna, Ashok, Surender Reddy, and Sanjay, were present during the submission of the memorandum.

Illegal Parking on ORR Raises Safety Concerns

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Unauthorized parking of heavy vehicles along the Outer Ring Road Hyderabad continues to endanger motorists traveling on the high-speed corridor. Despite a tragic accident on Friday that claimed six lives after a vehicle collided with a stationary truck, similar violations were observed again on Sunday, with several trucks parked along the stretch.

Commuters noted that the situation worsens at night, as many heavy vehicles are left not just on the shoulders but even within active lanes designated for fast-moving traffic.

The issue appears particularly severe near entry and exit points connecting to national highways at Shamshabad, Patancheru, and Kotwalguda.

Frequent users of the ORR pointed out that patrolling, which was once strict in the early years of the expressway, has significantly declined over time. Some attributed this to reduced oversight following privatization. Drivers unfamiliar with the route said spotting a stationary vehicle while traveling at speeds exceeding 100 km/h is extremely difficult.

Motorists have also raised concerns about inconsistent street lighting along certain

stretches. Sudden transitions between well-lit and poorly lit sections make driving more hazardous. During adverse weather conditions such as rain or fog, visibility drops further, increasing the likelihood of serious accidents.

Commuters emphasized that vehicles should not halt on the expressway unless absolutely necessary. In case of emergencies, drivers must use warning signals like hazard lights or reflective cones to alert others. Road users are urging authorities to step up enforcement, restore regular patrolling, and improve lighting to ensure safer travel on the ORR.

India Successfully Tests Indigenous Emergency Alert System

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

In Hyderabad, India conducted a large-scale trial of its indigenous cell broadcast emergency alert system on Saturday, reaching millions of mobile users within seconds. The exercise, led by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), demonstrated efficient, real-time message delivery without causing network congestion.

The alert, marked "Extremely Severe Alert," was displayed

in English and regional languages, informing users that it was a test of India's instant disaster communication system. The service covered major cities, including Delhi-NCR, while excluding sensitive border and election-bound regions. Users across telecom networks reported receiving loud alert tones, vibrations, and voice messages simultaneously. Residents responded calmly, as prior awareness about the test helped avoid panic. A local shop owner noted that although the sudden alert tone was startling, the accompanying regional language

message reassured users.

The system has been developed by C-DOT and is integrated with the SACHET disaster management platform using the Common Alerting Protocol. Unlike traditional SMS, the cell broadcast system can instantly send geo-targeted alerts to all mobile devices in a specific area, even during network congestion. Experts say this technology will play a vital role in emergencies such as earthquakes, cyclones, and industrial hazards, enabling authorities to issue warnings within seconds and potentially save countless lives.



Dr. Venkata Mani Karan Takes Charge as DC

Quthbullapur, May 2 | TPN Bureau

As part of routine administrative transfers, Dr. S. Venkata Mani Karan assumed charge as the Deputy Commissioner of Dundigal Circle on Wednesday. Earlier, he served as the OSD & PRO to the CMC Commissioner.

After taking charge, he stated that he would utilize his ad-

ministrative experience to ensure better public services and efficient governance. He also emphasized that priority would be given to speeding up development works within the circle and addressing public grievances promptly.

Officials and staff members congratulated him on his new assignment and extended their best wishes for his tenure.



Fire Breaks Out at Jai Bhavani Industries, No Casualties Reported

Quthbullapur, May 2 | TPN Bureau

A major fire incident occurred on Saturday at Jai Bhavani Industries near Dundigal Crossroads under Dundigal Police Station limits, causing panic in the surrounding locality. The fire reportedly started suddenly from a container stored within the industrial premises, leading to thick black smoke spreading rapidly and reducing visibility in the area. On receiving information, firefighters from Jeedimetla Fire Station reached the spot promptly and managed to bring the flames under control after swift action. Authorities confirmed that no human casualties were reported, bringing relief to workers and nearby residents.

However, the fire caused significant material damage, de-

stroying machinery, raw materials, and equipment stored inside the container. Officials have begun an assessment to determine the exact extent of the property loss.

Preliminary investigations suggest that a short circuit may have triggered the blaze. Dundigal police visited the site, registered a case, and launched a detailed inquiry into the incident.

Meanwhile, local residents have raised concerns over repeated fire incidents in the area, alleging that several small industries and garages are operating without proper fire safety measures. They pointed out that despite repeated warnings from authorities, many units continue to function without essential safety equipment, increasing the risk of such accidents.

Doctors' Bodies Oppose NMC Advisory on Student Restrictions

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

In Hyderabad, medical associations have raised strong objections to a recent advisory issued by the National Medical Commission (NMC), which directed medical colleges to confine students to hostels during the NEET-UG 2026 period. The directive also led several government medical colleges in the city to declare Sunday as a working day for undergraduate students and faculty.

According to sources, the move comes amid concerns over proxy attendance following recent MBBS examinations. However, organizations such as the Healthcare Reform Doctors Association (HRDA) and the Federation of All India Medical Association have criticized the advisory, calling it unreasonable and dis-

respectful to the medical community.

In separate representations to the NMC, both bodies argued that restricting students' movement creates an atmosphere of suspicion and unfairly associates them with malpractice. They emphasized that medical students are disciplined and committed, and such blanket measures undermine their dignity and professionalism.

The associations further stated that ensuring fair conduct of examinations is the responsibility of the authorities, not the students. They have demanded that the advisory be withdrawn immediately and called for an official apology, asserting that such actions set an unhealthy precedent and erode trust within the academic environment.



Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Attends Arya Vysya Mahasabha Oath Ceremony

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau The swearing-in ceremony of Amaravadi Lakshminarayana as the President of the Telangana State Arya Vysya Mahasabha was held in a grand manner on Saturday at G.S.R. Convention Hall, Hastinapuram, Sagar Road, at around 10:30 AM.

shawl and conveyed his best wishes for a successful tenure. The ceremony witnessed a dignified atmosphere with participation from community leaders and dignitaries. After assuming office, also honoured the MP on the occasion and expressed his gratitude for his presence and support.

Man Dies After Fall While Escaping Monkey Attack

Warangal, May 2 | TPN Bureau A tragic incident was reported in Warangal, where a 50-year-old businessman lost his life after sustaining a severe head injury while trying to escape from a monkey attack. The deceased, Kosanagotlu Hari Krishna, was a resident of Jawahar Colony in Bhupalpally town.

the animals reportedly became aggressive and began pursuing him. In an effort to flee, he slipped and fell, suffering a critical head injury. He was initially rushed to the Government Hospital in Bhupalpally and later shifted to the MGM Hospital Warangal as his condition deteriorated. Despite medical efforts, he succumbed to his injuries late on Friday.



SIR Exercise: Help Desks and Verification Drive Conducted

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau As part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, officials have taken steps to strengthen voter verification and accessibility. Acting on the directions of Commissioner and District Election Officer R.V. Karnan, help desks are being set up at key stakeholder access points to assist citizens with electoral services.

the Goshamahala MLA. During the visit, officials carried out verification and mapping of voter details, comparing the Special Summary Revision (SSR) 2025 data with the SIR 2002 electoral records. The initiative aims to ensure accuracy in voter lists by identifying discrepancies and updating records systematically.

Employee Unions Thank

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau Leaders of various employee unions expressed appreciation to Revanth Reddy for addressing several long-pending issues faced by government staff. They highlighted that the decision to recognize 13,100 personnel working under the Vaidya Vidhana Parishad as government employees reflects the ad-

ministration's commitment to employee welfare. While acknowledging these steps, union representatives urged the Chief Minister to take further action on unresolved matters. They specifically requested early decisions regarding the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), issuance of health cards, and other pending demands raised by employees.

KTR Pays Homage to ORR Accident Victims, Extends Support to Families

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) visited Osmania General Hospital mortuary in Hyderabad to pay his respects to the victims of the tragic Outer Ring Road (ORR) accident that claimed six lives from Sircilla, leaving the region in deep grief.



He offered floral tributes to the deceased and expressed shock over the unfortunate incident that led to the sudden death of all six individuals from the same area. The accident has cast a pall of sorrow over Sircilla and surrounding regions.

After completion of post-mortem formalities, the bodies were handed over to the families and transported to their native village in Sircilla for final rites in ambulances. KTR remained present at the hospital until the arrangements for

transportation were completed. The incident has triggered widespread condolences from political leaders and the public. Hospital premises and Sircilla constituency remained engulfed in a mournful atmosphere following the tragic accident.

New Court Hall Inaugurated in Medchal for Faster Justice Delivery

Medchal, May 2 | TPN Bureau

The newly built District and Sessions Courts Hall in the Medchal District Court premises was inaugurated on Saturday in a grand ceremony attended by High Court judges, district officials, advocates, and court staff. The facility was formally inaugurated by High Court Judge Justice K. Lakshman, along with Justice B. Vijayen Reddy, Justice Nandikonda Narsing Rao, and District Collector Manu Choudhary.



Following the inauguration, the judges inspected the modern infrastructure, including court halls and judges' chambers, and appreciated the upgraded facilities. They noted that the new amenities are expected to improve efficiency and transparency in the judi-

cial process. Officials stated that the court hall has been constructed to provide better infrastructure for litigants and lawyers and to handle the growing number of cases. It is expected to significantly speed up case disposal and improve judicial functioning in the dis-

trict. Members of the Bar Association, judicial officers, police personnel, and court staff attended the programme in large numbers and welcomed the initiative, expressing confidence that it would strengthen the overall justice delivery system in Medchal district.

Six Killed in ORR Crash; FCI Officer Among Victims

Hyderabad, May 2 | TPN Bureau

A devastating road accident near Hyderabad claimed six lives, including an employee of the Food Corporation of India, after a car collided with a lorry on the Outer Ring Road Hyderabad at Thondupally in Shamshabad on Friday evening.

an Assistant Grade-I officer. Colleagues remembered her as a warm individual who had recently spoken about planning a second child and considering maternity leave in the near future. Her sudden demise has left coworkers deeply shaken. The accident also took the lives of Bolli Shiva Kumar (37), their daughter Rishitha (7), Kodak Srinivas (40), and two minors, Krishna Chandra (13) and Madhav (10). Srinivas's wife, Swetha, sustained serious injuries and remained un-

conscious while undergoing treatment at a private hospital. Postmortem examinations were conducted at Osmania General Hospital. Doctors confirmed that all victims died due to multiple injuries sustained in the crash. The tragedy has left the families in deep grief. Shiva Kumar's mother was inconsolable, mourning the loss of multiple family members while praying for the recovery of her injured daughter.

Review Meeting Under Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika

Siddipet, May 2 | TPN Bureau

A review meeting for Husnabad constituency was conducted at Lakshmi Gardens, Husnabad, as part of the 99-day "Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika" action plan aimed at strengthening governance and development activities at the grassroots level. Telangana Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar attended the programme as the chief guest and reviewed the implementation of various government initiatives in the constituency. The meeting saw participation from District Collector Haimavati, Municipal Chairperson Dandi Lakshmi, Vice Chairperson Chittari Padma, councilors, Market Committee Chairpersons, and officials from several government departments. Discussions were held on the progress of ongoing welfare schemes, infrastructure development, and



coordination between departments to ensure effective delivery of services to the public. Officials briefed the minister on field-level implementation, while local representatives highlighted key issues and development needs in the region.

The programme focused on improving governance efficiency and ensuring that welfare benefits reach eligible beneficiaries without delay, in line with the objectives of the Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika initiative.

Kondagattu Temple Gears Up for Hanuman Jayanti Celebrations

Karimnagar, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Authorities at the Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple Kondagattu are making elaborate arrangements for the upcoming Hanuman Jayanti celebrations, scheduled from May 10 to May 12. Temple Executive Officer S. Anjana Reddy met Endowments Minister Konda Surekha at her camp office in Warangal and formally invited her to attend the festivities. The minister responded positively after being briefed on the preparations.

ing Tryahnika and Trikundatmakama homas, Snapana Thirumanjanam, abhishekams, and Oonjal Seva. A concluding ceremony will also be held to honor devotees who observed Hanuman deeksha.

Earlier, Choppadandi MLA Medipally Satyam, along with temple officials, unveiled the festival poster. The EO stated that the three-day event will feature special rituals includ-

Cultural programs have been planned to engage pilgrims visiting the temple. During the event, Medipally Satyam appreciated the efforts of Endowments Commissioner M. Hanumantha Rao for approving an increase in daily wages of sanitation workers. He also requested the sanction of additional staff to maintain cleanliness at the temple premises.

Temple priests, officials, and local leaders attended the poster release ceremony.



BJP Holds Massive Cadre Meeting Ahead of Modi Rally

Quthbullapur, May 2 | TPN Bureau

A large-scale meeting of BJP cadres was organized by the Medchal Urban District unit at Kompally to ensure the success of the upcoming public rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Senior leaders including Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao, party national organizing secretary Chandrashekhara Tiwari, and MP Eatala Rajender attended the gathering.

He also highlighted that preparations were being made for the participation of over one lakh people and urged party workers to ensure the event's grand success. He stated that the rally would act as an inspiration for strengthening the party's base in the state.

Speaking on the occasion, Eatala Rajender said the BJP had earlier secured a strong mandate in the Malkajgiri parliamentary segment and expressed confidence that the party's influence was steadily growing across the country. He remarked that the party's ultimate aim is to come to power in Telangana and that Modi's rally would further strengthen

District BJP President S. Mallareddy presided over the meeting, which was attended by several leaders including S. Mahinder, former MLAs N.V.S.S. Prabhakar and Bethi Subhash Reddy, former MLC K. Janardhan Reddy, and Mahila Morcha State President Shilpa Reddy.

A large number of state, district, and mandal-level leaders, along with former corporators and party workers, participated, making the event a significant show of strength for the party.

Tribal Youth Honors ITDA Officer at Everest Base Camp

Nalgonda, May 2 | TPN Bureau

A young tribal adventurer from Badraddi Kothagudem district earned recognition after displaying a portrait of Bhadrachalam ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul during his trek to the Mount Everest Base Camp.

plishments of scaling Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Elbrus, two of the world's highest peaks.

B. Moti Kumar, hailing from Vanga Muthyala Banjar in Penuballi mandal, successfully completed the challenging expedition, reaching an altitude of 5,364 meters. This achievement adds to his earlier accom-

Sharing his experience, Moti Kumar expressed admiration for the officer's dedication to tribal welfare. As a mark of respect, he carried a banner featuring the officer's image and showcased it at the Everest Base Camp.

His gesture highlights both his adventurous spirit and his appreciation for efforts aimed at uplifting tribal communities

Sri Ram Venkatesh Joins BJP Inspired by Party Ideology

OU, May 2 | TPN Bureau

Social activist Sri Ram Venkatesh from Tarnaka joined the Bharatiya Janata Party, citing inspiration from its ideology and the development initiatives of the Central government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the BJP's governance has contributed to progress across multiple sectors in the country.

from Tarnaka to the BJP State Headquarters in Nampally, where he formally entered the party. He was joined in the presence of Union Minister Kishan Reddy, MP Laxman, and Telangana BJP President Ram Chander Rao.

On Saturday, he led a rally with hundreds of supporters

Venkatesh stated that he would begin his journey as a grassroots worker and expressed readiness to take up any responsibility assigned by the party leadership in the future.

World in Transition, Rethinking Global Order in an Age of Uncertainty

The international system that emerged after the Cold War is undergoing a profound transformation. For decades, the world operated under a broadly liberal order shaped largely by Western powers, particularly the United States. This system fostered economic growth, expanded global trade, and helped lift millions out of poverty. Yet, despite its achievements, it was never without contradictions. It struggled to reconcile universal ideals with diverse political realities and failed to adapt quickly to shifting global power dynamics. Today, that order is visibly fraying, and the pressing question is no longer whether it will survive, but what will replace it.

One of the central forces driving this change is the redistribution of global power. The rise of China, alongside the growing influence of other emerging economies, has altered the balance that once favoured the West. Meanwhile, traditional powers face internal challenges, from political polarization to economic inequality, which weaken their ability to lead globally. The result is a more multipolar world—one where no single nation can dictate the rules, and where competing visions of governance and international cooperation coexist uneasily.

Recent geopolitical conflicts have accelerated this transition. Wars and regional tensions, particularly in strategically sensitive areas, have exposed the limitations of existing global institutions. These institutions, designed in a different era, are increasingly seen as inadequate for managing modern crises. They often struggle to enforce norms, mediate conflicts, or maintain stability in a world where power is more dispersed and alliances are more fluid.

At the heart of the current



upheaval lies a deeper tension between principles and power. The post-Cold War order was built on ideals such as democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. However, these principles were not always applied consistently. Selective enforcement and geopolitical interests often undermined the credibility of the system. As a result, many countries, especially in the Global South, have grown sceptical of a rules-based order that appears uneven in practice.

This skepticism has contributed to the emergence of alternative models of governance and cooperation. Countries are increasingly asserting their own paths, emphasizing sovereignty and

cultural specificity over universal norms. Regional groupings and new alliances are gaining prominence, reflecting a shift away from a single, unified global framework toward a more fragmented but pluralistic system.

Economic factors also play a critical role in shaping the new world order. Globalization, once seen as an unstoppable force, is now being reassessed. Supply chain disruptions, trade conflicts, and the strategic use of economic tools have highlighted vulnerabilities in the interconnected global economy. Nations are seeking greater self-reliance while still recognizing the benefits of international trade. This balancing

act is reshaping economic relationships and redefining globalization itself.

Technology is another powerful driver of change. Advances in digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence, and communication have transformed how countries interact and compete. Control over technology and data has become a key aspect of geopolitical power. At the same time, these innovations offer opportunities for collaboration and development, particularly for emerging economies seeking to leapfrog traditional stages of growth.

Amid these shifts, the role of multilateral institutions is being questioned. Organizations that once served as pillars of global governance

now face challenges to their relevance and effectiveness. Reform is widely acknowledged as necessary, but achieving consensus on how to adapt these institutions is difficult in a divided world. Without meaningful reform, there is a risk that these bodies will become increasingly side-lined, further weakening global cooperation.

In this evolving landscape, the Global South is emerging as a significant force. With its growing population, economic potential, and political influence, it is reshaping the contours of international relations. Countries in this group are no longer content to be passive participants; they seek a greater voice in decision-making and a more

equitable distribution of power. This shift is not just about representation but about redefining the priorities and values that underpin the global system.

India, in particular, is uniquely positioned in this context. As a large democracy with a rapidly growing economy and a tradition of strategic autonomy, it has the potential to act as a bridge between different worlds. It can engage with both established powers and emerging ones, advocating for a more inclusive and balanced global order. However, this role requires careful navigation of complex geopolitical realities and a clear vision of national and global interests.

The transition to a new

world order is unlikely to be smooth or predictable. Periods of change often bring instability; as old structures weaken before new ones are fully formed. Conflicts, economic disruptions, and political tensions are likely to persist in the short term. Yet, such periods also offer opportunities to rethink and rebuild.

A key challenge will be to create a system that is both effective and legitimate. This means not only addressing global problems, such as climate change, pandemics, and economic inequality, but doing so in a way that reflects the diversity of the international community. Inclusivity, fairness, and adaptability will be essential principles for any new order to succeed. Ultimately, the future of the global system will depend on the choices made by nations and leaders today. Cooperation, despite its difficulties, remains crucial. No country can tackle the world's most pressing challenges alone. At the same time, respect for diversity and sovereignty must be balanced with the need for shared rules and norms.

The world stands at a crossroads. The old order, with all its achievements and flaws, is fading. What comes next is still uncertain, but it will be shaped by the interplay of power, ideas, and collective action. The task ahead is not merely to replace one system with another, but to build a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable framework for global coexistence.

In this moment of transition, imagination and leadership are essential. The new world order will not emerge automatically; it must be consciously constructed. Whether it becomes a source of renewed cooperation or deeper division will depend on how nations respond to the challenges and opportunities before them.

Empire of Arms, How Militarisation Shapes America's Economy and Society

The United States is often celebrated as the world's leading economic powerhouse—driven by innovation, entrepreneurship, and financial dominance. Yet beneath this narrative lies a less-discussed reality: the deep entanglement of its economy with militarisation. The opinion piece "Empire of Arms" argues that the U.S. economic system is not merely influenced by defence spending but structurally intertwined with it. This connection, the article suggests, sustains both its global military engagements and patterns of violence within its own society.

At the core of this argument is the idea of a "military-industrial complex"—a system where government, private industry, and political interests converge around defence production. The United States maintains one of the largest military budgets in the world and operates hundreds of military bases globally. This expansive network is not just about security; it is also an economic engine. Defence contracts fuel industries, create jobs, and drive technological innovation, embedding war-related production into the broader economy.

This system creates a feedback loop. Military spending stimulates economic activity, which in turn strengthens industries that benefit from continued or expanded defence budgets. Over time, this dynamic can normalise a state of "permanent preparedness" or even perpetual conflict. Wars and military engagements are not isolated events but part of an ongoing structure that sustains economic interests.

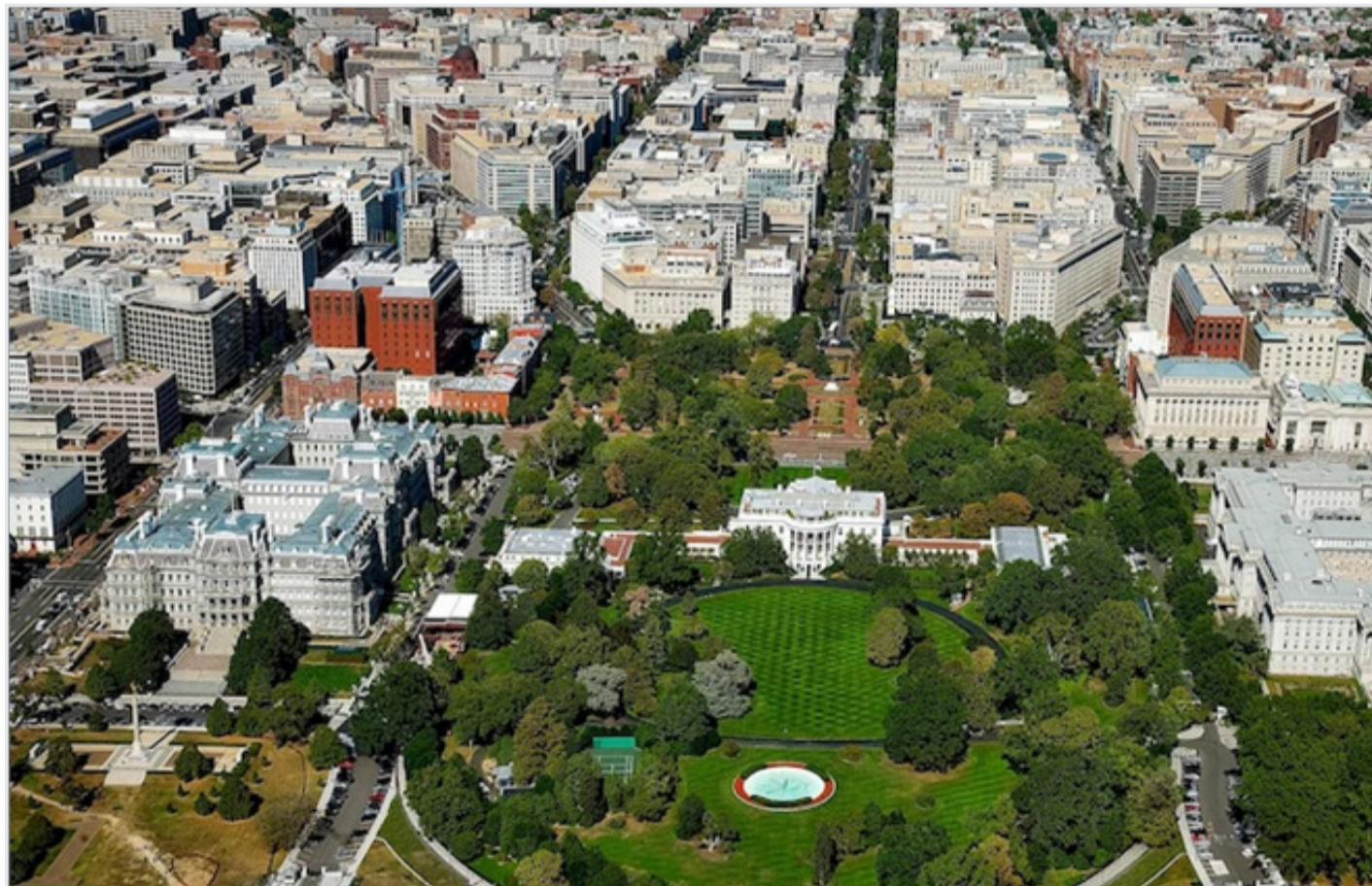
The article highlights how this external projection of power is mirrored internally.

The same cultural and institutional factors that support militarisation abroad can influence domestic life. The United States has a long-standing relationship with firearms, both as tools of self-defence and as symbols of individual freedom. However, the widespread availability of weapons and the normalisation of violence contribute to a complex social environment where incidents of gun violence are far more frequent than in most other developed countries.

Cultural factors also play a role in reinforcing this dynamic. American society is often characterised by strong individualism, which promotes personal freedom and innovation. However, this emphasis on individual autonomy can also lead to social fragmentation. When collective bonds weaken, issues such as isolation and mental health challenges can become more pronounced. While these factors do not directly cause violence, they interact with structural conditions—such as easy access to firearms—to produce extreme outcomes.

The influence of media and popular culture further complicates the picture. Hollywood and other entertainment industries have global reach, often depicting violence in ways that can shape perceptions over time. Although there is no clear causal link between media and violent behaviour, repeated exposure to violent imagery may contribute to desensitisation, making violence appear more normal or acceptable.

On the global stage, the United States' military presence reinforces its geopolitical dominance. By maintaining alliances, bases, and defence partnerships around the world,



it exerts significant influence over international affairs. Arms exports also play a crucial role, positioning the U.S. as a central actor in global conflict dynamics. This external militarisation is not separate from its domestic economy—it is a direct extension of it.

Historically, the relationship between war and economic growth is not unique to the United States. Economists have long debated the concept of a "war economy," where military spending stimulates production, employment, and technological advancement. In some cases, wars have even helped nations recover from

economic downturns. However, this model comes with significant ethical and social costs, including the diversion of resources from essential public services and the perpetuation of conflict. The article suggests that the U.S. has, in many ways, institutionalised this model. Military expenditure is not just a response to threats but a stabilising force within the economy. This phenomenon is sometimes referred to as "military Keynesianism," where government spending on defence is used to sustain economic growth and manage business cycles. While effective in the short term, this

approach can create long-term dependencies that are difficult to break.

Domestically, the consequences of this system are visible in patterns of violence and social tension. The proliferation of firearms, combined with cultural and structural factors, contributes to a level of internal violence that contrasts sharply with the country's image as a developed, stable democracy. The article argues that this is not merely a coincidence but part of a broader ecosystem where violence—both external and internal—is normalised. Another important dimension is the

role of institutions. Policies, lobbying, and political incentives often reinforce the importance of defence spending. Lawmakers may support military budgets not only for national security reasons but also for economic benefits in their constituencies. Defence contracts can bring jobs and investment, making them politically attractive even when broader strategic justifications are debated. This interconnected system raises important questions about sustainability. Can an economy so deeply tied to militarisation transition toward a more peaceful model? What would happen to indus-

tries, jobs, and technological development if defence spending were significantly reduced? These are complex questions with no easy answers.

The article does not suggest that the United States is uniquely prone to violence or militarisation, but rather that its scale and global influence make these dynamics more visible and impactful. It also acknowledges that many of the same structures that support militarisation—such as technological innovation and industrial capacity—have contributed to the country's economic success. Ultimately, "Empire of Arms" presents a critical perspective on the relationship between economics, power, and violence. It argues that to understand the United States' role in the world, one must look beyond surface narratives of prosperity and examine the deeper systems that sustain it. The challenge, then, is not just to critique these systems but to imagine alternatives. Reducing dependence on militarisation would require significant structural changes, including investment in other sectors, reform of political incentives, and a shift in cultural attitudes. It would also involve rethinking the balance between security and economic priorities. In conclusion, the article portrays the United States as an "empire of arms"—a nation whose economic and social structures are closely linked to the production and use of military power. This system sustains its global influence but also shapes its internal realities, creating a complex interplay between prosperity and violence. Understanding this relationship is essential for anyone seeking to grasp the broader dynamics of the modern world.

Amit Shah Calls Ladakh "Living Land of Dharma" as Buddha Relics Return After 75 Years

Union Home Minister Amit Shah described Ladakh as a "living land of dharma" while marking the historic return of sacred relics of Lord Buddha to the Union Territory after a gap of 75 years.

Speaking during the inauguration of the Sacred Relics Exposition in Leh on the occasion of Buddha Purnima, Shah termed the moment a "historic reunion," highlighting the deep spiritual and cultural significance of the relics for the region.

The relics, brought from the National Museum in Delhi, are being displayed in Ladakh for the first time, allowing devotees and visitors from across India and abroad to offer their respects. The exposition, which began on May 1, will continue for nearly two weeks, with thousands of people expected to attend.

Addressing the gathering,



Shah emphasized that Ladakh has preserved and nurtured Buddhist teachings for centuries. He noted that the region has historically played a key role in safeguarding and spreading the message of Buddha, especially during times when Buddhism faced

challenges.

Highlighting the relevance of Buddha's teachings in today's world, Shah said the principles of peace, compassion, and the middle path are more important now than ever. He stressed that in times of global conflict and unrest, these values

offer a path toward harmony and coexistence.

The Home Minister also pointed out that Ladakh has been instrumental in the spread of Buddhism beyond India, particularly to regions such as China and other parts of Asia. He described the land

as not just a geographical entity but a living embodiment of Buddhist culture and compassion.

The return of the relics has significantly enhanced the importance of Buddha Purnima celebrations in the region. Shah remarked that their presence brings a sense of spiritual energy and connection, with many devotees viewing it as a rare and sacred opportunity.

The exposition includes public viewing of the relics, along with cultural events, meditation sessions, and traditional ceremonies, reinforcing Ladakh's position as a global center of Buddhist heritage.

The event is being seen as both a cultural milestone and a message of peace from India to the world, underlining the country's long-standing civilizational values rooted in harmony and spiritual wisdom.



Punjab Assembly Erupts Over 'Alcohol' Row, AAP Hits Back at Congress with Land Case Charge

A political storm unfolded in the Punjab Assembly after allegations by the opposition that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann attended proceedings in an intoxicated state, triggering sharp exchanges between the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress.

The controversy began when Congress leaders demanded that the Chief Minister undergo an "alcohol test," claiming his conduct during the session raised serious concerns. Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa questioned the purpose of continuing proceedings if the state's top leader was allegedly under the influence.

The allegations led to heated scenes inside the Assembly, with both sides engaging in a war of words and the situation briefly descending into chaos.

Responding to the charges, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann dismissed the claims outright, saying the opposition was raising such issues because it lacked real public concerns. He ridiculed the demand for an alcohol test and accused rivals of creating unnecessary drama.

Backing the Chief Minister, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema strongly countered the opposition, alleging that the controversy was being used to divert attention from a land encroachment case linked to Congress MLA

Sukhpal Singh Khaira. The AAP leadership framed the row as a politically motivated attempt to shift focus away from issues concerning the opposition.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) also joined the attack, calling the allegations "disgraceful" and raising questions over governance. Opposition leaders argued that such conduct, if true, would undermine the dignity of the Assembly and the office of the Chief Minister.

The incident comes amid already heightened political tensions in Punjab, with recent developments such as defections and confidence votes adding to the charged atmosphere. The Assembly session witnessed disruptions and intense confrontations, reflecting the deepening rift between the ruling party and the opposition.

Despite the uproar, the AAP government has maintained that it enjoys a stable majority and has accused opposition parties of attempting to destabilise the administration through allegations and political theatrics.

The row has since sparked wider debate, with calls for accountability on one side and counter-allegations on the other, turning the Assembly proceedings into a battleground of political narratives rather than policy discussions.

MCF Raebareli Rolls Out First Vande Bharat Trainset

In a significant milestone for Indian Railways, the Modern Coach Factory (MCF) in Raebareli has rolled out its first-ever Vande Bharat trainset, marking a new chapter in the country's ambitious rail modernisation journey.



The rollout, which took place on May 2, 2026, introduces a 16-car Vande Bharat Chair Car rake equipped with a state-of-the-art Siemens propulsion system. This development places MCF among the select manufacturing units producing India's flagship semi-high-speed trains, alongside existing facilities.

The Vande Bharat initiative, which began in 2018 with just two trainsets, is now approaching a landmark achievement of 100 trainsets, reflecting rapid progress in indigenous train manufacturing and technological advancement.

Before entering passenger service, the newly rolled-out train will undergo a series of rigorous oscillation trials. These tests are designed to evaluate ride quality, safety standards, and dynamic performance under various conditions, ensuring that the train meets all operational benchmarks. Maintaining the core principles of speed, efficiency, and passenger comfort, the MCF-built Vande Bharat train incorporates several advanced engineering upgrades. These enhancements are aimed at improving reliability, operational safety, and overall travel experience.

The train features modern passenger amenities such as ergonomically designed seating, smooth and jerk-free travel, fully sealed gangways, and automatic plug doors that help reduce noise levels inside coaches. Safety has been given high priority, with

the integration of the indigenous 'Kavach' Automatic Train Protection system, advanced fire detection mechanisms with aerosol-based suppression, and flood protection systems for critical equipment.

In terms of construction quality, the train uses vacuum infusion technology, ensuring a superior finish and enhanced durability of interiors. Accessibility has also been a key focus, with the train being fully Divyangjan-friendly. It includes dedicated ramps, designated spaces, and specialized facilities to ensure a comfortable journey for passengers with disabilities. Officials highlighted that the introduction of Vande Bharat manufacturing at MCF Raebareli not only boosts production capacity but also strengthens India's push toward self-reliance in railway technology.

The new trainset is expected to contribute significantly to expanding the Vande Bharat network across the country, offering faster, safer, and more comfortable travel options for passengers. With this rollout, Indian Railways continues to reinforce its commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and world-class standards, positioning Vande Bharat as a symbol of India's next-generation rail infrastructure.

Three DRG Personnel Killed in IED Blast During Anti-Naxal Operation

At least three personnel of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) were killed in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast during an anti-Naxal operation in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Saturday.

The incident occurred while security forces were engaged in a demining and search operation near the Kanker-Narayanpur border. According to officials, the explosion was triggered by an IED planted earlier by Maoists, which went off as personnel attempted to locate and defuse explosives in the area.

Police sources said that four personnel were initially injured in the blast, of whom three succumbed to their injuries. One injured jawan is currently

undergoing treatment.

The DRG team had been deployed following intelligence inputs about the presence of explosives hidden by Maoists in the forested region. The blast reportedly occurred during efforts to neutralise these devices, highlighting the persistent threat posed by leftover explosive traps in insurgency-affected zones.

The incident marks a serious setback for security forces, especially as it comes shortly after the state had been declared largely free of active Maoist insurgency. Officials noted that Maoists often plant IEDs in advance to target security personnel during patrols and demining operations.

Following the blast, addi-

tional security forces were rushed to the site, and a large-scale search operation has been launched in the surrounding area to track down any remaining threats. Authorities have also heightened alert levels across the region.

Senior officials have expressed condolences over the loss of personnel and reiterated their commitment to continuing operations against Maoist remnants in the region.

The attack underscores the ongoing risks faced by security forces in central India, where hidden explosives continue to pose a major challenge despite significant progress in anti-Naxal operations.



Nirav Modi, Vijay Mallya Among 21 Declared Fugitive Economic Offenders; ED Seizes 2,178 Crore Assets

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has declared 21 individuals, including high-profile businessmen Nirav Modi and Vijay Mallya, as fugitive economic offenders (FEOs), with authorities seizing assets worth 2,178 crore over the past seven years.

According to the ED's annual report, the list of declared offenders also includes UK-based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari and Hajra Iqbal Memon, among others. These individuals are accused of major financial crimes involving 100 crore or more and are believed to have fled India to evade legal proceedings.

Under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, an individual can be declared an FEO if a court has issued an arrest warrant in connection with serious financial offences and the accused refuses to return to India to face prosecution. Once declared, their properties can be confiscated by the government.

The ED report also noted that proceedings against several other high-profile individuals—such as diamond trader Mehul Choksi, Islamic preacher Zakir Naik, and Mahadev app promoters Sourabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal—are currently pending in courts.

Officials revealed that since the implementation of the FEO law, action has been initiated

against 54 individuals, out of which 21 have so far been officially declared fugitives. Notably, nine of these declarations were made during the financial year 2025-26, indicating an acceleration in enforcement efforts.

The crackdown is part of the government's broader push to tackle large-scale financial fraud and recover public money siphoned off through economic offences. High-profile cases like those involving Nirav Modi—linked to the Punjab National Bank scam—and Vijay Mallya—associated with bank loan defaults—have become emblematic of India's fight against financial fugitives. While asset seizures have crossed 2,178 crore, experts note that the total amount involved in such fraud cases runs into tens of thousands of crores, highlighting the ongoing challenge of recovering funds and securing the return of absconding accused. The ED continues to pursue legal and international avenues, including extradition proceedings, to bring fugitives back to India and strengthen accountability in financial crimes. The development underscores the government's intensified efforts to curb economic offences and ensure that individuals accused of major financial frauds are held accountable, even if they have fled the country.

Prasoon Joshi Appointed Chairman of PrasarBharati

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has appointed renowned lyricist, writer, and communications expert Shri Prasoon Joshi as the Chairman of PrasarBharati, India's public service broadcaster.

Widely regarded as one of India's most influential creative voices, Prasoon Joshi brings with him decades of experience across literature, advertising, cinema, and public communication. Known for his evocative writing and culturally rooted storytelling, Joshi has played a key role in shaping contemporary narratives in both media and advertising, connecting with audiences across diverse segments.

Welcoming the appointment, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw expressed confidence in Joshi's leadership. Congratulating him, the minister described Joshi as a "rare creative spirit" whose work reflects India's cultural depth and ethos. He added that under Joshi's stewardship, PrasarBharati is expected to



gain "renewed energy, deeper purpose, and a fresh creative voice."

Prior to this role, Prasoon

tenure, he was credited with maintaining a balanced approach between creative freedom and regulatory responsibilities, while actively engaging with stakeholders in the film industry.

Joshi has also held prominent positions in the corporate world, including CEO of McCann World Group India and Chairman of McCann World Group Asia Pacific. In addition, he has been serving as a trustee of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts since 2016, further highlighting his involvement in cultural and artistic initiatives.

His appointment comes at a crucial time for PrasarBharati, as the organisation navigates rapid technological changes and evolving audience preferences. With the increasing shift toward digital media and on-demand content, the role of public broadcasting is expanding beyond traditional platforms.

PrasarBharati, established under the PrasarBharati Act of 1990 and operational since 1997, functions as India's au-

tonomous public service broadcaster. It operates through two major arms—All India Radio (AIR), one of the largest radio networks globally, and Doordarshan (DD), the country's national television broadcaster offering a wide range of programming.

In recent years, the organisation has also ventured into digital expansion with initiatives like the Waves OTT platform, aimed at strengthening free-to-air digital content delivery.

As Chairman, Prasoon Joshi is expected to bring a blend of creative insight and strategic vision to the organisation, helping it adapt to the changing media landscape while continuing its mandate of delivering credible information, promoting cultural heritage, and fostering national integration.

His appointment signals a renewed focus on innovation and storytelling within public broadcasting, as PrasarBharati looks to remain relevant in an increasingly competitive and digital-first media environment.

Trump Declares End to Iran Conflict, but Strait of Hormuz Crisis Keeps Tensions Alive

The United States' standoff with Iran has entered a complicated phase, with President Donald Trump declaring that hostilities have been "terminated," even as key flashpoints—particularly the Strait of Hormuz—continue to keep tensions simmering.

In a formal communication to the US Congress, Trump stated that the conflict with Iran had effectively ended following a ceasefire reached in early April. The announcement came just ahead of a crucial War Powers Act deadline, which requires presidential approval from lawmakers for extended military engagements. However, despite the declaration, the situation on the ground remains

far from settled. At the center of the crisis is the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most strategically important waterways, through which a significant portion of global oil supplies passes. The conflict escalated earlier this year after US and Israeli strikes on Iranian targets, prompting Tehran to disrupt maritime traffic in the region. In response, the US imposed a naval blockade on Iran, aiming to secure shipping lanes and curb Iranian oil exports. While large-scale military operations have subsided, the blockade remains in place, making it a key unresolved issue. Analysts say this ongoing restriction highlights the gap between Wash-

ington's claim of ending hostilities and the continuing pressure tactics being used against Iran. Efforts to de-escalate tensions have so far yielded limited results. Iran recently proposed reopening the Strait of Hormuz as a confidence-building measure ahead of potential nuclear talks. However, the Trump administration rejected the offer, insisting on stronger assurances regarding Iran's nuclear program before any negotiations could proceed. This has stalled diplomatic progress, with both sides maintaining firm positions. The situation has also triggered political debate within the United States. Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has

argued that the ceasefire effectively pauses the timeline under the War Powers Act, delaying the need for congressional authorization. However, several lawmakers have challenged this interpretation, contending that continued military presence and enforcement actions mean the conflict cannot be considered fully concluded. Beyond the US, the crisis has also affected relations with key allies. Some NATO nations have shown reluctance to participate in operations related to securing the Strait of Hormuz, drawing criticism from Washington. The broader geopolitical uncertainty has had ripple effects across global markets, particularly in en-

ergy, where fears of supply disruptions have kept oil prices volatile. Despite the absence of active large-scale combat, experts caution that the risk of escalation remains significant. The continued blockade, unresolved nuclear tensions, and strategic importance of the region mean that even a minor incident could trigger renewed confrontation. In effect, while the US administration has declared an end to the war, the underlying issues driving the conflict remain unresolved. The current situation reflects a fragile pause rather than a definitive conclusion, with diplomacy, military strategy, and global energy security all closely intertwined.



Iran Tightens Grip on Strait of Hormuz as US Continues Naval Blockade

Tensions between Iran and the United States have escalated once again, with Tehran announcing new maritime rules in the Strait of Hormuz while Washington continues to enforce a strict naval blockade in the region.

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has declared that it will impose tighter control over shipping along its coastline, including the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz. The move is aimed at asserting greater authority over one of the world's most important energy corridors, through which a significant portion of global oil trade passes.

As part of these new measures, commercial vessels transiting the Strait are reportedly being redirected through Iranian-controlled waters and asked to comply with new regulations. In some cases, ships are said to be required to pay substantial fees for safe passage, a move that has raised serious concerns among global shipping operators and governments. The United States, however, has strongly opposed Iran's actions and maintains that such restrictions are illegal under international maritime law. In response, Washington has continued its naval blockade targeting Iranian ports and vessels linked to its oil exports. US authorities have made it clear that the blockade will remain in place until free and unrestricted navigation through the Strait is



restored.

President Donald Trump has taken a firm stance on the issue, directing US naval forces to closely monitor maritime activity in the region. The US has also warned of strict action against any attempts to disrupt shipping lanes, signaling its intent to ensure stability in the waterway.

The standoff comes despite a recent ceasefire between the two countries, highlighting the fragile nature of the current situation. Diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis have so far failed, with both sides holding firm on their demands. Iran has sought relief from the blockade and greater recognition of its control over nearby waters, while the US insists on guarantees regarding Iran's nuclear program before easing pressure.

The Strait of Hormuz re-

mains at the center of the conflict due to its global significance. Any disruption in this narrow passage can have far-reaching consequences for energy markets, and recent developments have already contributed to volatility in oil prices worldwide.

Experts warn that the overlapping measures by both nations, Iran tightening its control and the US enforcing a blockade, have created a highly sensitive environment. Even a minor incident could escalate into a larger confrontation, given the heavy military presence in the area. For now, the situation reflects a tense deadlock, with neither side willing to back down. As global attention remains fixed on the Strait of Hormuz, the crisis continues to pose risks not only to regional stability but also to the broader global economy.

Trump Defends Oil Tanker Seizure, Calls US Naval Actions "Like Piracy" Amid Iran Blockade Claims

US President Donald Trump has defended the seizure of an oil tanker by American forces, describing the operation as "very profitable" and controversially likening US naval actions to piracy, amid escalating tensions with Iran.

Speaking about recent maritime operations, Trump claimed that US forces intercepted and took control of vessels carrying oil as part of what he described as a blockade targeting Iran. He detailed an incident in which a large tanker transporting over two million barrels of oil was forced to turn back after US naval ships warned the crew that weapons were trained on them.

In another encounter, Trump said a vessel that allegedly ignored US warnings was fired upon, with American forces targeting its engine room from a distance before boarding and seizing the ship along with its cargo.

"We took over the ship. We took over the cargo, took over the oil. It's a very profitable business... we are like pirates," Trump said, in remarks that have drawn sharp attention internationally.

The comments come against the backdrop of rising tensions between Washington and Tehran, particularly around the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global shipping route for oil. The US has increased its military presence in the region,



with naval operations aimed at restricting Iranian oil exports and asserting control over maritime traffic.

Trump's characterisation of these actions as a "blockade" and his comparison to piracy have raised serious legal and geopolitical concerns. Under international law, blockades and the seizure of vessels are sensitive issues that can be interpreted as acts of war if not backed by clear legal justification.

There has been no immedi-

ate response from Iran regarding Trump's claims, and independent verification of the specific incidents described remains unclear.

Analysts say the remarks signal a potential escalation in the already fragile situation between the two countries. The US strategy appears focused on economic pressure by disrupting Iran's oil trade, while Iran has previously taken steps to assert its own control over shipping routes in the region.

The developments have also

heightened concerns in global energy markets, as any disruption in the Strait of Hormuz—through which a significant share of the world's oil passes—can trigger volatility in crude prices and supply chains.

As tensions persist, Trump's blunt defence of tanker seizures underscores the increasingly aggressive posture of the US in the ongoing standoff, raising questions about the risk of further escalation and its broader global impact.

French Nun Arrested After Jerusalem Attack Video Sparks Outrage Amid Rising Sectarian Tensions

A French nun has been arrested in Jerusalem after a video showing her allegedly involved in an attack on local residents went viral, intensifying concerns over rising sectarian tensions in the region.

The incident reportedly took place near Mount Zion, a religiously sensitive area in Jerusalem that has often been a flashpoint for conflict. In the widely circulated video, the nun is seen confronting and allegedly assaulting individuals, triggering strong reactions both locally and internationally.

Authorities acted swiftly following the video's spread on social media, taking the nun into custody for questioning. Officials have not yet released full details of the charges, but the case is being treated seriously given the sensitive nature of the location and the potential for escalation.

The episode comes amid a broader increase in sectarian friction in Jerusalem, particularly in areas where religious communities intersect. Mount Zion holds significance for multiple faiths, and even minor incidents can quickly inflame tensions.

Local reports indicate that confrontations between different groups have been rising in recent weeks, with activists and residents expressing con-



cern over growing hostility. Data cited in reports suggests an uptick in incidents involving harassment and violence in and around religious sites.

The viral video has further heightened tensions, with many calling for accountability and restraint to prevent the situation from worsening. Religious leaders and community representatives have urged calm, emphasizing the need to respect shared spaces and avoid actions that could provoke further conflict.

French authorities are also understood to be monitoring the situation closely, given the involvement of one of their na-

tionals. Diplomatic channels may be engaged depending on the outcome of the investigation.

Analysts warn that such incidents, when amplified on social media, can quickly deepen divisions and contribute to a cycle of retaliation. In a region already marked by historical and political sensitivities, maintaining order and preventing escalation remains a significant challenge.

As investigations continue, the focus remains on ensuring accountability while also preventing the incident from triggering wider unrest in the already volatile city.

WHO Approves First Malaria Treatment for Infants, Expands Access with New Diagnostic Tools

In a major breakthrough in the fight against malaria, the World Health Organization (WHO) has prequalified the first-ever malaria treatment specifically designed for infants, alongside new diagnostic tests aimed at improving early detection of the disease.

The newly approved treatment is tailored for babies weighing less than 5 kilograms—a group that has long been underserved due to the lack of suitable medicines. Until now, treating malaria in very young infants has been challenging, as most available drugs were developed for older children and adults, often requiring dose adjustments that carried risks. Health experts say this development fills a critical gap in malaria care. Infants are among the most vulnerable to severe complications from the disease, particularly in regions with high transmission rates such as sub-Saharan Africa. The availability of a treatment specifically formulated for this age group is expected to significantly improve survival rates.

In addition to the new medication, WHO has also approved innovative diagnostic tools designed to detect malaria more accurately and at earlier stages. These tests are expected to enhance screening efforts, especially in remote and resource-limited settings where timely diagnosis can be life-saving.

The organisation emphasised that early detection, combined with effective treatment, is key to reducing malaria-related deaths. With improved diagnostics, healthcare workers will be better equipped to identify infections quickly and begin treatment before the disease progresses. Malaria remains one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases, claiming hundreds of thousands of lives each year, most of them children under the age of five. Despite significant pro-



gress in recent decades, challenges such as drug resistance, climate factors, and gaps in healthcare access continue to hinder eradication efforts. WHO officials noted that the dual development, new infant treatment and enhanced diagnostics—marks an important step forward in global malaria control strategies. These tools are expected to support national health programs and international initiatives aimed at reducing the disease burden. Public health experts have

welcomed the move, calling it a "game-changer" for pediatric malaria care. They stress that wider distribution and affordability will be crucial to ensuring that the benefits reach the communities most in need.

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UAE's OPEC Exit Seen as Challenge to Saudi-Led Oil Order

The United Arab Emirates' reported exit from OPEC is being widely interpreted as a major shake-up in global oil diplomacy, with analysts viewing it as a direct challenge to Saudi Arabia's long-standing leadership over the oil-producing alliance.

According to industry observers, the move reflects growing differences within OPEC over production quotas and long-term energy strategy. While Saudi Arabia has traditionally pushed for coordinated output cuts to support higher oil prices, the UAE has increasingly advocated for greater production flexibility to capitalise on its expanding capacity and maximise market share.

The UAE has invested heavily in its upstream oil sector in recent years, significantly boosting its production potential. However, OPEC's quota system has limited how much it can produce, leading to frustration within Abu Dhabi. By stepping away from the group, the country is expected to gain greater autonomy in deciding output levels based on market conditions rather than collective agreements.

Analysts describe the development as more than just an organisational shift—it is being seen as a "rebellion" against Saudi Arabia's dominant role within OPEC. For decades, Riyadh has acted as the de facto leader of the cartel, guiding production policies and stabilising global oil prices through coordinated cuts and increases. The UAE's departure signals a potential weakening of that centralised control.

The move also highlights a broader divergence in economic priorities among Gulf nations. While oil remains a critical revenue source, countries like the UAE are aggressively pursuing diversification strategies, investing in industries such as tourism, logistics, finance, and renewable energy. This shift has influenced their approach to oil policy, with greater emphasis on volume and flexibility rather than price stability alone.

Market experts suggest that the UAE's decision could reshape global oil dynamics. With one of OPEC's key producers operating independently, the group's ability to regulate supply and influence prices may weaken. This could lead to increased volatility in crude oil markets, especially during periods of geopolitical uncertainty or demand fluctuations.

At the same time, some analysts believe the immediate impact may be limited, as the UAE and Saudi Arabia maintain strong economic and political ties despite differences in energy strategy. Cooperation in other regional and global matters is expected to continue, even if oil policy alignment becomes less predictable.

The development also comes at a time when global energy markets are undergoing significant transition. Demand uncertainty, the rise of renewable energy, and shifting trade patterns are already challenging traditional oil alliances. In this context, the UAE's move is seen as part of a broader realignment in global energy governance.

For Saudi Arabia, the exit represents a strategic challenge, as it could reduce its influence within OPEC and complicate efforts to maintain unified production discipline among remaining members.

In conclusion, the UAE's departure from OPEC marks a significant turning point in global oil politics. It underscores rising competition within the Gulf region and signals a shift from collective price management toward more individualised national strategies. As the global energy landscape evolves, the balance of power within oil-producing nations may be entering a new and more fragmented era.



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Kotak Mahindra Bank Q4 Profit Rises 13% to 4,027 Crore

Kotak Mahindra Bank reported a strong performance for the fourth quarter, with its net profit rising 13.4% year-on-year to 4,026.55 crore (rounded to 4,027 crore), exceeding market expectations. The growth was driven by steady loan expansion, improved asset quality, and controlled costs, according to the bank's latest earnings update.

The results comfortably beat analyst estimates, which had pegged profits lower for the quarter. The bank also announced a dividend of 0.65 per equity share, adding value for shareholders.

Kotak Mahindra Bank's core earnings remained stable during the March quarter. Net interest income (NII), which reflects the difference between interest earned on loans and interest paid on deposits, rose around 8% year-on-year.

Interest income increased modestly, while interest expenses rose at a slower pace, helping support profitability. Operating profit also grew about 7%, indicating consistent performance in core banking operations.

The bank continued to see healthy expansion in its loan book, supported mainly by retail and corporate lending. Deposits also showed double-digit growth, reflecting steady customer confidence and strong liquidity position.

This balanced growth in both loans and deposits helped maintain stability in the bank's financial structure, even amid changing interest rate conditions.



One of the key positives in the results was improved asset quality. Gross non-performing assets (GNPA) declined to around 1.2%, indicating better loan repayment behaviour and tighter credit control.

At the same time, provisions for bad loans fell significantly compared to the previous quarter, which further boosted net profit. Lower provisions typically indicate reduced stress in the loan portfolio.

While core income remained strong, other income saw a slight decline year-on-year. However, the overall impact was offset by better cost management and lower provisioning requirements.

Net interest margin (NIM), a key profitability indicator for banks, showed mild pressure compared to the previous year but remained within stable levels.

Overall, Kotak Mahindra

Bank's Q4 performance reflects steady growth rather than aggressive expansion. The results highlight three key trends: stable lending growth, improving asset quality, and controlled credit costs.

Analysts view the performance as resilient, especially in a period where banks are navigating interest rate shifts and evolving credit demand.

With consistent loan growth and improving balance sheet quality, Kotak Mahindra Bank is expected to remain stable in the coming quarters. However, future performance will depend on credit demand trends, interest rate movements, and broader economic conditions.

In summary, the Q4 results reinforce Kotak Mahindra Bank's position as a steady performer in India's private banking sector, delivering consistent growth and maintaining strong financial health.

Markets End Week Higher Amid Volatility, Rupee Recovers from Record Lows

Indian stock markets ended the week on a positive note despite witnessing significant volatility across sessions. Benchmark indices managed to close higher, supported by selective buying in key sectors and recovery from intraday lows, even as global uncertainties and currency fluctuations kept investors cautious. The Sensex and Nifty swung sharply during the week, reflecting mixed investor sentiment driven by global cues such as crude oil price movements, geopolitical tensions, and expectations around interest rate decisions by the US Federal Reserve. Despite these pressures, both indices showed resilience and ended the week in the green, suggesting underlying strength in domestic equities. A key highlight of the week was the movement in the Indian rupee, which recovered from recent record lows after coming under heavy pressure earlier due to rising crude oil prices and foreign fund outflows. The currency had been impacted by global risk factors and dollar strength, but later showed signs of stabilisation as market conditions improved. However, the rupee's earlier weakness had already influenced market sentiment, as a depreciating currency raises concerns over inflation and import costs, particularly for a country heavily dependent on oil imports. This led to heightened volatility in

equity markets, especially in sectors sensitive to global commodity prices. Throughout the week, market movements were largely driven by external factors rather than domestic triggers. Rising crude oil prices remained a major concern, affecting both currency and equity markets. At the same time, signals from global central banks, particularly the US Federal Reserve's monetary stance, added to investor uncertainty. Despite these challenges, domestic institutional buying provided support at lower levels, helping markets recover



from sharp declines during the week. This buying interest cushioned the downside and contributed to the overall weekly gains. Sector-wise, performance remained mixed. Defensive and select large-cap stocks saw accumulation during dips, while rate-sensitive and globally linked sectors experienced higher volatility. Broader markets also reflected a cautious but stable trend, with selective participation rather than a broad-based rally. The overall market trend indicates that while short-term volatility remains elevated due to global

macroeconomic pressures, Indian equities continue to demonstrate resilience. Investors appear to be balancing concerns around global risks with optimism about domestic economic stability and corporate earnings potential. In conclusion, the week reflected a classic tug-of-war between global headwinds and domestic support. While volatility dominated intraday trading sessions, markets ultimately ended on a stronger footing, and the rupee's partial recovery added a sense of stability after recent weakness.

Indian ETFs See Record 1.8 Lakh Crore Inflows in FY26

Indian Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) have recorded their highest-ever net inflows of more than 1.8 lakh crore in FY26, marking a historic milestone for the country's passive investment segment, according to data highlighted by Zerodha Fund House. This figure is more than double the previous record of 83,390 crore seen in FY22, underlining the rapid acceleration of ETF adoption among Indian investors. Over the past five years, annual ETF inflows had largely remained in the 46,000–83,000 crore range, making FY26 a significant breakout year.

A major highlight of FY26 has been the overwhelming interest in commodity-based ETFs. Gold and silver ETFs together accounted for about 55% of total inflows, attracting nearly 99,000 crore combined.

Gold ETFs alone saw record participation, supported by global uncertainty and strong price movements, while silver ETFs also witnessed sharp inflows driven by rising investor interest in precious metals as a diversification tool.

Equity ETFs also attracted healthy inflows, but commodities clearly emerged as the dominant theme for the year, reflecting a shift in how investors are allocating across asset classes.

Alongside inflows, ETF trading activity in India has also surged sharply. Average daily turnover in the ETF segment jumped from around 237 crore in FY21 to over 4,200 crore between April 2025 and February 2026, indicating significantly



higher market participation.

Experts believe this rise reflects growing awareness of ETFs as a low-cost, transparent, and flexible investment option compared to actively managed funds.

Market analysts say the FY26 trend signals a structural shift in investor behaviour. Earlier, Indian ETFs were largely equity-focused, but the latest data shows increasing use of ETFs for broader portfolio diversification, including commodities like gold and silver.

According to Zerodha Fund House, the strong inflows into commodity ETFs suggest that investors are increasingly using ETFs not just for equity exposure but also for building balanced, multi-asset portfolios.

Several factors are driving this surge in ETF inflows:

- Easy liquidity and real-time trading on exchanges
- Growing retail investor participation
- Preference for passive, index-linked investing
- Increased awareness of gold and silver ETFs as hedging tools

With ETF assets under management already expanding rapidly in recent years, FY26's record inflows reinforce the long-term shift toward passive investing in India. The trend also suggests that investors are becoming more strategic in portfolio construction, especially during periods of global market uncertainty.

In conclusion, the record ETF inflows of FY26 highlight not just a strong year for the segment, but a broader transformation in India's investment landscape—toward simplicity, diversification, and passive wealth creation.

India's Financial Markets Stay Resilient, but RBI Flags Next Big Challenge Ahead

India's financial markets have remained broadly stable despite global volatility, but Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra has cautioned that sustaining this resilience will require deeper reforms and stronger market infrastructure going forward.

In a recent address, the RBI Governor noted that Indian markets have demonstrated impressive strength in the face of global uncertainties such as geopolitical tensions, fluctuating crude oil prices, and shifting interest rate expectations in advanced economies. However, he stressed that the next phase of growth will depend on improving liquidity, expanding participation, and strengthening financial market systems.

According to the RBI, India's economy continues to be one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world, supported by strong macroeconomic fundamentals, stable inflation trends, and ongoing structural reforms. The banking sector has also shown improved balance sheets, while corporate bond markets are gradually becoming deeper and more diversified.

Despite this stability, the central bank believes that financial markets still face structural gaps. Governor Malhotra highlighted the need for broader participation across instruments such as government securities, foreign exchange markets, and derivatives. He also pointed out that liquidity in certain segments remains limited, which could restrict long-term growth and



efficiency. A key concern raised is the uneven development of market infrastructure. While equity markets have matured significantly, other segments like credit derivatives and long-term bond markets still require development. The RBI has been working on reforms such as improved clearing mechanisms, enhanced transparency in foreign exchange transactions, and easier access for foreign portfolio investors to strengthen market depth.

The Governor also emphasised the importance of ensuring fair and inclusive access to financial markets. Institutions like banks and primary dealers, he noted, play a critical role in market-making and li-

quidity support, but they also carry the responsibility of ensuring transparency and equal access for all participants.

Analysts interpret the RBI's remarks as a signal that while India's financial system is currently stable, it is still evolving. The resilience seen in recent years—driven by strong domestic demand, steady capital inflows, and regulatory stability—must now be supported by deeper structural reforms to sustain long-term growth.

At the same time, global factors continue to pose risks. Volatile commodity prices, shifting global interest rates, and uncertain capital flows could test the strength of Indian markets in the coming quarters.

The RBI's warning suggests that internal reforms are necessary to reduce vulnerability to external shocks. Market experts believe that India's financial system is entering a new phase—one focused less on crisis management and more on efficiency, depth, and global integration. Strengthening liquidity channels, improving derivatives markets, and encouraging broader participation are seen as key steps in this direction. In conclusion, while India's financial markets have so far held firm under pressure, the RBI's message is clear: maintaining this stability will require continuous reforms and a stronger, more inclusive financial ecosystem.

Turtle's Unexpected Slap Leaves Diver Stunned in Viral Underwater Moment

A lighthearted yet surprising underwater encounter has taken the internet by storm after a video showed a man being slapped by a turtle. The clip, which has quickly gone viral, captures a moment that is both amusing and a reminder that wildlife interactions don't always go as expected.

In the video, a diver appears to be closely following or approaching a sea turtle underwater. The man seems fascinated, almost fixated, on the animal, maintaining a close distance while filming or observing it. At first, the turtle swims calmly, seemingly unbothered by the human presence. However, within seconds,

the situation takes an unexpected turn.

As the diver continues to hover near it, the turtle suddenly swings one of its flippers backward, striking the man on the face. The quick motion looks very much like a deliberate "slap," leaving viewers both amused and surprised. The diver recoils slightly, clearly caught off guard by the reaction.

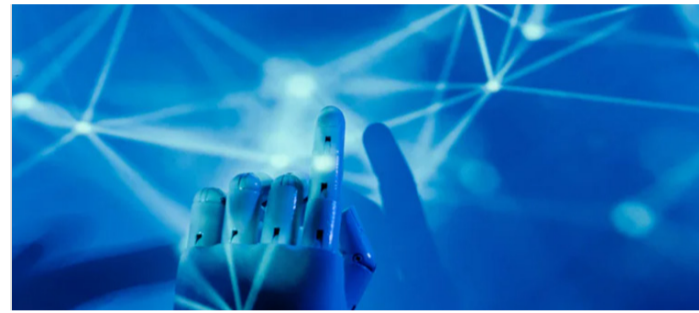
The video's caption and online reactions suggest that the man's persistent closeness may have triggered the turtle's response. While turtles are generally not aggressive creatures, they are still wild animals and can react defensively when they feel threatened, stressed, or harassed. In this case, the turtle's action appears to be a warning, a signal to maintain distance rather than an act of aggression.

Social media users have had a field day with the clip, flooding comment sections with humorous takes. Many joked that the turtle "had enough" of the diver's attention, while others praised the animal for setting boundaries. The moment has been widely shared, with viewers appreciating both its comedic timing and its underlying message.

Beyond the humour, the incident highlights an important point about interacting with wildlife. Marine experts often stress the need to observe animals from a respectful distance and avoid interfering with their natural behaviour. Getting too close can cause stress to the animal and lead to unpredictable reactions, as seen in the video.

Encounters like this serve as a reminder that even seemingly gentle creatures can respond defensively when their space is invaded. Respecting boundaries is crucial—not only for human safety but also for the well-being of wildlife.

In the end, while the turtle's slap has entertained millions, it also delivers a subtle lesson: admiration for nature should always come with respect.



AI Ex-Partners Trend in China Sparks Debate Over Love, Loss, and Privacy

A new and unusual trend emerging among young people in China is raising both curiosity and concern: using artificial intelligence to recreate former romantic partners after breakups. What may sound like science fiction is quickly becoming a reality, as individuals turn to technology to cope with heartbreak in a deeply personal way.

Instead of moving on through traditional emotional healing, some young users are choosing to digitally "revive" their ex-partners. By using AI tools, they create virtual versions of people they once loved—complete with personality traits, communication styles, and even emotional responses. These digital replicas are designed to simulate real conversations, making interactions feel surprisingly authentic. The process of building these AI-generated ex-partners is both technical and deeply intimate. Users upload chat histories, photos, and social media content into AI systems. This data allows the software to mimic the former partner's tone, catchphrases, and linguistic patterns. Over time, users can refine the virtual personality further by adding memories such as shared experiences, habits, and even past disagreements. The result is a highly personalised digital companion that behaves in ways closely resembling the real person. These AI "exes" can engage in conversations that feel familiar, often replicating the emotional dynamics of the original relationship. For some, this offers comfort—a way to hold on to what was lost and process feelings of loneliness. However, the trend has sparked significant debate, particularly around ethical and psychological concerns. One major issue is privacy. Since the creation of these digital replicas relies on personal data, often shared without the other person's consent—it raises serious questions about boundaries and digital rights. Critics argue

that recreating someone's personality without permission could be intrusive and potentially harmful. Another concern is emotional dependency. While the technology may initially help users cope with breakups, there is a risk that it could prevent them from moving on. By maintaining a simulated relationship, individuals might become attached to a version of the past, making it harder to accept reality and build new connections. The phenomenon also highlights the growing role of AI in human relationships. Originally, the underlying technology was not intended for this purpose. It evolved from an open-source project designed to preserve workplace knowledge and create reusable AI "skills" based on communication data. Over time, users adapted it for more personal and emotional uses, demonstrating how quickly technology can be repurposed in unexpected ways. This trend is part of a broader shift in how people interact with artificial intelligence. From AI companions to virtual influencers, technology is increasingly blurring the line between real and simulated relationships. While these innovations offer new possibilities, they also challenge traditional ideas about connection, identity, and consent. Ultimately, the rise of AI-generated ex-partners reflects both the power and complexity of modern technology. It shows how far AI has come in mimicking human behaviour—but also raises difficult questions about its limits. Can a digital replica truly replace a real relationship? And at what cost? As the trend continues to grow, it serves as a reminder that while technology can help ease emotional pain, it cannot fully replicate the depth and unpredictability of human connections. Balancing innovation with ethical responsibility will be key as society navigates this new frontier of digital intimacy.

Viral Instagram Post on Burnout Sparks Honest Conversation on Work-Life Balance

A recent Instagram post discussing career burnout has ignited a widespread and deeply relatable conversation online about work-life balance, mental health, and modern work culture. The post, shared by a user reflecting on their personal struggles with professional life, resonated with thousands, quickly going viral and prompting people to share their own experiences.

At the heart of the discussion is a growing sense of disillusionment with traditional career paths. The individual behind the viral post candidly spoke about feeling drained, unfulfilled, and overwhelmed despite following what is often considered a "successful" trajectory. This raw honesty struck a chord, especially among young professionals navigating demanding jobs and uncertain futures.

The post highlighted how burnout is not always about long hours alone—it can stem from a lack of purpose, constant pressure to perform, and the feeling of being stuck in a repetitive cycle. Many users echoed this sentiment, noting that even well-paying or prestigious roles can feel emotionally exhausting when they fail to provide satisfaction or balance.

Social media reactions poured in from people across industries. Some admitted they were experiencing similar

struggles but had never openly discussed them before. Others shared how they had quit jobs, switched careers, or taken breaks in search of better mental health. The conversation quickly evolved into a broader critique of hustle culture—the idea that constant productivity and overwork are necessary for success.

Interestingly, the debate also revealed differing perspectives. While many supported the idea of prioritising well-being, others argued that hard work and sacrifice are essential, especially in the early stages of a career. This divide reflects a larger generational shift, where younger workers are increasingly questioning traditional norms around work and success.

The issue of burnout is not new, but it has become more visible in recent years. Studies suggest that a significant percentage of professionals experience symptoms such as exhaustion, anxiety, and declining motivation due to workplace stress. Factors like long working hours, digital fatigue, and limited organisational support have only intensified the problem.

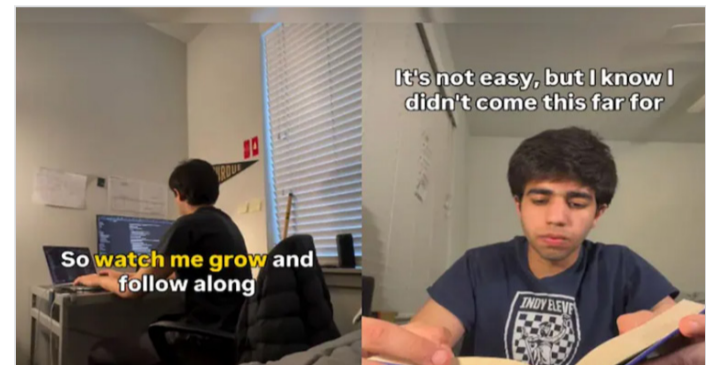
What makes this particular viral post significant is its authenticity? Unlike polished career advice often seen online, it offered an unfiltered glimpse into the emotional toll of modern work life. This honesty encouraged others to speak up, breaking the stigma around discussing burnout and mental health.

The discussion also touched on the role of employers and workplace culture. Many users argued that companies need to rethink expectations, promote healthier work environments, and recognise the importance of employee well-being. Without such changes, burnout may continue to rise, affecting both individuals and productivity.

At the same time, some voices in the debate emphasised personal responsibility, encouraging individuals to set boundaries, manage time effectively, and prioritise self-care. The conversation, therefore, was not one-sided but reflected the complexity of the issue.

Ultimately, the viral Instagram post served as more than just a moment of online attention, it became a catalyst for a meaningful dialogue about the realities of modern careers. It highlighted that behind the polished image of success, many individuals are quietly struggling to cope.

In a world where ambition and achievement are often glorified, this conversation is a reminder that success should not come at the cost of mental well-being. Finding a balance between professional goals and personal health is not just desirable, it is essential for long-term fulfilment.



Indian Student Reveals the Untold Reality of Living Alone Abroad

Studying abroad is often seen as a dream filled with opportunity, independence, and a better future. However, a recent viral video shared by an Indian student in the United States sheds light on a side of this journey that is rarely discussed, the emotional and practical challenges of living alone in a foreign country at a young age.

The student, identified as Kanav, is just 19 years old and currently pursuing his education in the U.S. Through a candid Instagram video, he shared his personal experiences, revealing that life abroad is far from the glamorous picture often portrayed on social media. While many people focus on the excitement of moving to a new country, Kanav highlighted the everyday struggles that come with it.

One of the biggest challenges he mentioned is managing daily life independently. Tasks that may seem simple, like cooking food, handling finances, using credit cards, and understanding taxes—become complicated when navigating them in a completely new environment. Without family support, students must quickly learn to take responsibility for everything, often through trial and error.

Beyond these practical issues, Kanav also spoke about the academic adjustment. The education system in the U.S. differs significantly from what many Indian students are used to. From teaching styles to classroom expectations, everything feels unfamiliar at first. This transition can be overwhelming, especially when combined with the pressure to perform well in a competitive environment.

However, the most striking part of his experience is the

emotional toll of living far from home. Kanav described how festivals and special occasions, which are usually celebrated with family and friends in India, feel completely different when experienced alone. Instead of being surrounded by loved ones, he finds himself watching celebrations through video calls, separated by thousands of miles.

This sense of isolation is something many international students face but often hesitate to talk about. The excitement of studying abroad can quickly give way to homesickness, loneliness, and cultural shock. Everyday interactions, from making friends to understanding social norms—require time and effort, making the initial months particularly challenging.

Despite these difficulties, Kanav emphasized that such experiences also contribute to personal growth. Living alone teaches resilience, independence, and problem-solving skills. He acknowledged that while some days are harder than expected, they ultimately help build mental strength and self-confidence.

His message is not one of discouragement but of realism. Studying abroad is not just about earning a degree; it is also about learning how to adapt, survive, and grow in unfamiliar circumstances. The journey may be tough, but it shapes individuals in ways that go beyond academics.

In the end, Kanav's story resonates with thousands of students who dream of studying overseas. It serves as a reminder that while the path may not be easy, it is often these very challenges that make the experience meaningful and transformative.



Bengaluru Man's Meme-Only Farewell Email Leaves Office in Splits

A hilarious workplace moment from Bengaluru has gone viral after a man chose an unconventional way to say goodbye, by sending a farewell email made entirely of memes. The incident, shared on social media by one of his colleagues, has struck a chord online, with many calling it one of the funniest and most creative office exits ever.

According to the viral post, the employee decided to skip the usual emotional or formal farewell message and instead stitched together a series of memes to express his departure. From the very beginning, the email set a humorous tone. One of the memes hinted at an incoming farewell message, while another joked about not being the kind of person to give long speeches. The entire email continued in this style, replacing words with relatable and witty images.

One meme humorously captured the

effort behind the email, suggesting the sender spent hours searching for the perfect goodbye memes. Another signalled his final sign-off in a playful manner, asking colleagues to remember him after he leaves. Despite the lack of traditional text, the message clearly conveyed his feelings, just in a much lighter and entertaining way.

The colleague who shared the story admitted she was initially confused and unsure if the email was real. However, once the team realised what had happened, the reaction quickly turned into laughter. The unconventional farewell broke the routine of typical corporate communication and created a memorable moment for everyone involved.

What made the situation even more entertaining was how the team responded. Instead of sticking to formal replies, many colleagues joined in on the fun by replying with memes of

their own. Some responses were playful and dramatic, while others joked about the boldness it took to send such an email in a professional setting. A few employees even added their own humorous twists, making the email thread a chain of jokes rather than a standard goodbye exchange.

The incident highlights how workplace culture is evolving, especially among younger professionals. Formal emails and structured communication are gradually making space for more relaxed, creative expressions, particularly in informal contexts like farewells. Humour, especially through memes, has become a universal language that can break barriers and bring people together.

Social media users were quick to react to the viral story. Many praised the employee for making his exit memorable and refreshing. Some commented

that farewell emails are often too long or overly emotional, and this approach was a welcome change. Others described it as "peak corporate humour," appreciating the balance between professionalism and personality.

At the same time, the story also sparked a broader conversation about individuality in the workplace. While not every office environment may welcome such creativity, moments like these show how small acts of humour can leave a lasting impression. They also reflect a shift toward more human and less rigid professional interactions.

In the end, this meme-filled farewell wasn't just funny, it turned a routine goodbye into a shared experience that colleagues are unlikely to forget. It proves that sometimes, breaking the rules in a light-hearted way can create the most memorable moments.



Chennai Cruise Past Mumbai with Ease

Chennai Super Kings delivered a commanding performance to defeat Mumbai Indians by eight wickets in an Indian Premier League 2026 clash at Chepauk, continuing their impressive run this season. Chasing a modest target of 160, Chennai made the task look effortless despite an early wobble. The side lost two quick wickets, with Sanju Samson departing for 11 and Urvil Patel managing just 24. At 62 for 2, the game appeared evenly poised, but what followed was complete domination by the hosts.

Captain Ruturaj Gaikwad led from the front with a composed unbeaten 67 off 48 balls, striking five boundaries and two sixes. He found a reliable partner in Karthik Sharma, who remained not out on 54 from 40 deliveries, including four fours and three sixes. The duo stitched together an unbroken 98-run partnership for the third wicket, guiding Chennai home with 11 balls to spare and ensuring there were no further hiccups.

Earlier, Mumbai strug-

gled to put up a challenging total after opting to bat first. They managed 159 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs, a score that proved insufficient on a good batting surface. Naman Dhir was the lone bright spot, scoring a fighting 57, while skipper Hardik Pandya endured a disappointing outing with a sluggish 18 off 23 balls, failing to provide the late acceleration his team needed. Chennai's bowlers played a crucial role in restricting Mumbai. Anshul Kamboj was the standout performer, picking up three wickets and breaking the backbone of the opposition's batting lineup. He was well supported by Noor Ahmad, who chipped in with two key wickets to maintain pressure throughout the innings. With this comprehensive win, Chennai Super Kings continue to build momentum and climb higher in the points table. Mumbai Indians, meanwhile, are left searching for answers as inconsistency once again costs them dearly in a high-stakes encounter.



Kyle Jamieson Opens Up on Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Duel, "Never Been So Afraid"

New Zealand pacer Kyle Jamieson has made a surprising admission about his on-field battle with 15-year-old Rajasthan Royals sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, saying he has "never been so afraid" while bowling to a batter.

The statement comes after an intense IPL 2026 encounter between Delhi Capitals and Rajasthan Royals, where Sooryavanshi once again grabbed attention with his fearless batting approach. The young opener, already known for his explosive stroke play, continued his rapid rise as one of the most talked-about talents in the tournament.

Jamieson, reflecting on the duel, acknowledged the pressure Sooryavanshi brings to bowlers despite his age. The experienced fast bowler admitted that the teenager's aggressive intent from the first ball makes it extremely challenging to execute plans on the field.

The match itself saw high intensity moments, with Sooryavanshi continuing his reputation for attacking bowling attacks without hesitation. His ability to take on international-quality pace bowlers has been one of the standout features of IPL 2026, earning him widespread attention from fans and experts alike.

Jamieson's comments have

quickly gone viral, sparking discussion among cricket followers about the extraordinary rise of the teenage batter. Many have pointed out that it is rare for a bowler of Jamieson's experience to openly admit feeling intimidated, especially by such a young opponent.

This is not the first time Sooryavanshi has made headlines this season. The 15-year-old has already delivered multiple impactful performances, showing remarkable maturity and confidence at the highest level of T20 cricket. His fearless approach has made him one of the breakout stars of the league.

However, the encounter also saw controversy, as Jamieson faced disciplinary action for an aggressive send-off during the same match, highlighting the intensity of the contest between the bowler and the young batter.

Cricket analysts believe this growing rivalry reflects a broader shift in the IPL, where young talents are increasingly challenging established international stars with bold and unconventional batting styles.

As IPL 2026 progresses, all eyes remain on Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, whose rapid rise continues to redefine expectations around age, pressure, and performance in elite cricket.



KL Rahul Grabs Orange Cap, Sends Strong Strike-Rate Message After T20 Snub

KL Rahul has not only surged to the top of the IPL 2026 run charts but also made a powerful statement about his evolving batting approach, seemingly addressing years of criticism over his T20 strike rate and his absence from India's shortest-format plans.

The Delhi Capitals star reclaimed the Orange Cap after a string of consistent performances, including a crucial 75-run knock that helped his team register a much-needed victory. His tally has now placed him among the leading run-scorers of the season, underlining his return to peak form.

However, what has caught more attention than his runs are his intent. Rahul has consciously shifted away from his earlier "anchor" role, adopting a far more aggressive approach suited to modern T20 cricket. This transformation comes after years of criticism over his relatively slower strike rates, which many believed contributed to his exclusion from India's T20 plans under chief selector Ajit Agarkar.

In recent matches, Rahul has showcased a higher strike rate and a willingness to attack from the outset, something he himself acknowledged as essential in today's format. His performances reflect a clear

message: he has adapted his game to meet the demands of contemporary T20 cricket.

While Rahul has not directly named Agarkar, his renewed approach is widely seen as a response to the selectors' expectations and his prolonged absence from India's T20 setup. By combining consistency with aggression, he appears determined to re-enter the national conversation.

Despite his individual success, Rahul has emphasized that team victories matter more than personal milestones. He noted that runs feel more meaningful when they contribute to wins, highlighting a shift in mindset alongside his tactical evolution.

Cricket experts believe Rahul's resurgence is one of the defining stories of IPL 2026. Once labelled as overly cautious, he is now being seen as a more complete T20 batter, capable of balancing stability with explosiveness.

As the tournament progresses, Rahul's form and intent could play a key role not just in Delhi Capitals' campaign, but also in shaping his future with the Indian team. His Orange Cap run is no longer just about scoring runs—it's about rewriting perceptions and proving a point.

Parthiv Patel Hits Back at Trolls, says "Sorry to Disappoint" Over Viral Post

Former India cricketer Parthiv Patel has responded sharply to social media criticism after a post of his drew backlash from fans, saying he has no regrets and sarcastically apologising for disappointing them. The controversy began after a post shared by Patel triggered negative reactions online, with several users taking aim at the former wicketkeeper-batter. While the exact context of the criticism varied, the tone of the responses quickly turned harsh, prompting Patel to address the issue publicly. Breaking his silence, Patel took to social media with a pointed response, stating, "Sorry to disappoint," in what many interpreted as a sarcastic remark directed at his critics. His reply signaled

that he was unfazed by the trolling and unwilling to bow to online pressure.

The former cricketer, known for his straightforward opinions, has often been active on social media, where he shares insights on cricket and current events. However, like many public figures, he has also faced criticism and trolling, reflecting the increasingly polarised nature of online discussions. Patel's response has since sparked mixed reactions. While some users supported him for standing his ground and not giving in to negativity, others continued to criticise his original post. The incident once again highlights the challenges faced by public personalities in navigating social media, where opinions can quickly escalate

into widespread debate. In recent years, several cricketers and sports personalities have spoken out about online abuse and the pressure of constant scrutiny. Patel's reaction adds to this growing conversation, underlining the need for healthier discourse on digital platforms. Despite the backlash, Patel's message was clear—he remains unapologetic and unaffected by the criticism. His response reflects a broader sentiment among public figures who are increasingly choosing to confront trolling rather than ignore it. As the debate continues online, the episode serves as a reminder of how quickly social media interactions can turn contentious, especially when it involves well-known personalities.



"We Went to India's Dressing Room", Pakistan Captain Salman Agha Revisits Handshake Controversy

Pakistan T20 captain Salman Ali Agha has reignited the debate around the India-Pakistan "handshake row," revealing fresh details about what transpired during the 2025 Asia Cup clash between the two arch-rivals.

Speaking about the controversial episode, Agha said that the Pakistan team had made an effort to maintain cricketing tradition by attempting to meet the Indian players after the match. However, their attempt did not lead to the customary handshake.

"We went to India's dressing room... but the door was closed," Agha revealed, describing how his team tried to greet their counterparts after the game but were unable to do so.

The incident dates back to the 2025 Asia Cup, where India adopted a no-handshake policy against Pakistan amid heightened political tensions following the Pahalgam terror attack.

According to Agha, he was not initially aware that the usual pre-match handshake would not take place. He said that the information was conveyed to him only shortly before the toss by match officials, leaving him surprised by the development.

Despite this, Agha maintained that his team still want-

ed to follow the traditional post-match courtesy and even went to the Indian dressing room, but were unable to complete the gesture.

The handshake controversy has continued to linger well beyond the Asia Cup, reflecting the strained relations between the two cricketing nations. The no-handshake stance has since carried into other tournaments, including the 2026 T20 World Cup, further highlighting how off-field tensions have influenced on-field conduct.

Agha also indicated that he is not in favour of such practices, suggesting that they send the wrong message, especially to younger players who look up to international cricketers as role models.

The episode underscores how the India-Pakistan rivalry often extends beyond cricket, shaped by broader political and diplomatic realities. While matches between the two teams remain among the most anticipated in world cricket, incidents like the handshake row reveal the complex backdrop against which these contests are played.

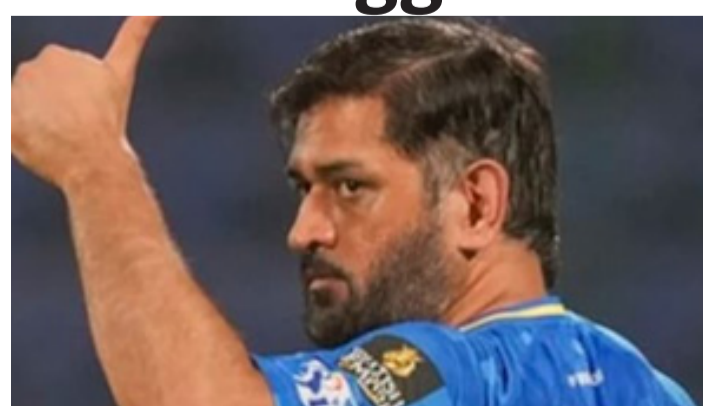
As discussions around the controversy resurface, Agha's comments have once again brought attention to the delicate balance between sportsmanship and national sentiment in one of cricket's most intense rivalries.

Suresh Raina's Big Statement on MS Dhoni's Return Triggers Viral Reaction

Former India cricketer Suresh Raina has set social media ablaze after making a striking comment about MS Dhoni's potential return, leaving fans and even studio anchors stunned during a recent discussion.

During a live interaction, Raina dropped a major hint regarding Dhoni, suggesting that there could still be more to come from the legendary former India captain. His remark, coupled with the phrase "ab aayeganamaza" (now the real fun will begin), instantly grabbed attention and sparked excitement among cricket fans.

The reaction in the studio was immediate, with anchors visibly surprised by Raina's



statement. The unexpected nature of his comment led to a moment of disbelief, quickly turning into excitement as the conversation shifted toward what Dhoni's possible return

could mean.

While Raina did not provide specific details or confirm any official comeback, his words were enough to ignite speculation. Fans began discussing

whether Dhoni might return in some capacity—either as a player, mentor, or in another influential role within cricket.

MS Dhoni, who continues to enjoy a massive fan following, has often been at the center of comeback discussions despite stepping away from international cricket. His presence in the IPL and continued association with Chennai Super Kings has kept him closely connected to the game. Raina, known to share a close bond with Dhoni both on and off the field, is often seen as someone with insight into the former captain's mindset. This is why his statement carried extra weight and quickly went viral across platforms. The clip has since been

widely shared, with fans expressing excitement, curiosity, and even skepticism about what lies ahead. Some believe Raina was hinting at a special role for Dhoni in upcoming cricketing events, while others see it as a lighthearted comment that has been blown out of proportion. Regardless of interpretation, the moment highlights the enduring popularity of MS Dhoni and the kind of buzz even a small hint about him can generate. As speculation continues, one thing remains clear: any possibility involving Dhoni is enough to capture the imagination of millions, proving that his legacy in Indian cricket remains as strong as ever.



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SingeetamSrinivasa Rao Returns at 94 with Musical Fantasy Sing Geetham, Releasing June 11

Legendary filmmaker SingeetamSrinivasa Rao is all set to mesmerize audiences once again with one of the most ambitious projects of his illustrious career. Having redefined Indian cinema over several decades with nearly sixty films across multiple languages, the iconic director proves that creativity knows no age. At 94, he returns to the director's chair, bringing with him the same innovation and vision that made classics like the silent film PushpakaVimana and the pathbreaking sci-fi Aditya 369. His collaborations with Kamal Haasan, including ApoorvaSagodharargal and Michael Madana Kama Rajan, remain benchmarks in Indian cinema. Now, he is back with Sing Geetham, touted as India's first musical fantasy film. Blending music with magical realism, the film promises a unique and immersive cinematic experience. Backed by prestigious banners Vyjayanthi Movies



and Swapna Cinema, and produced by filmmaker Nag Ashwin, the project brings together a legendary director and a renowned production house. Set in a mysterious village,

Sing Geetham revolves around the journey of a young man named Pratap. In search of opportunities, Pratap's life takes an unexpected turn when he finds himself entering a world

where not everything is as it seems. As he gets caught in a conflict between development and preservation, he is forced to question his choices, beliefs, and aspirations. With its

unique concept and fantasy-driven narrative, the film aims to offer a refreshing cinematic experience. It stands as another milestone in SingeetamSrinivasa Rao's remarkable creative journey. The film features a young and promising lead cast including Ayaan, AhalyaBamroo, and ShaliniKondepudi, who deliver impressive performances. Singeetam's signature style of blending fantasy with humor adds charm and depth to the storytelling. Technically, the film is equally strong. Cinematographer Ankur captures visually striking frames, while Devi Sri Prasad's music enhances the film's emotional and magical tone. Art director Aravind Mule creates a rich and immersive world that adds depth to the narrative. The production values reflect a grand scale. Having already generated buzz with its title teaser, Sing Geetham is set for a worldwide theatrical release on June 11.

LavanyaTripathi Thanks Ram Charan for Launching Sati Leelavathi Trailer at Grand Event

The trailer of Sati Leelavathi, starring LavanyaTripathiKonidela and Dev Mohan in lead roles, was officially launched by Mega Power Star Ram Charan at a special event held on Saturday. The film is presented by the renowned banner Anandi Arts and produced by Nagamohan under Durga Devi Pictures. It is directed by Tatineni Satya, known for films like Bheemili Kabaddi Jattu and SMS (Siva ManasuloS-ruthi). The movie is all set for a grand worldwide release on May 8.

Speaking at the trailer launch event, LavanyaTripathi expressed her gratitude and excitement. She said that all the hard work, love, and dedication the team invested in Sati Leelavathi will be visible on screen. She revealed that director Satya and writer Uday brought a compelling story to her, and the film has turned out wonderfully. Lavanya also mentioned that the entire team supported her immensely after she discovered she was pregnant during the shoot. Thanking Ram Charan, she said his support in launching the trailer has significantly increased the film's reach and visibility. She urged audiences to watch and support the film in theatres on May 8.

Dev Mohan shared his happiness about returning to Telugu cinema and said he thoroughly enjoyed the trailer along with



everyone else. He thanked Ram Charan for unveiling the trailer and stated that his role in the film is unique and different from his previous work. Expressing gratitude to the director and producer for the opportunity, he also appreciated working alongside LavanyaTripathi and hoped audiences would support the film upon release.

Director Tatineni Satya thanked Ram Charan for launching the trailer and expressed gratitude to everyone who supported the film during its making. He also acknowledged writer Uday and his direction team members for their contributions. He described Sati Leelavathi as a good film and requested audiences to watch it in theatres.

Producer Nagamohan stated that the film will release on May 8 and expressed confidence that audiences will enjoy it. He thanked the entire team, especially Lavanya and Dev Mohan, for their support in bringing the project to completion. He also extended thanks to Ram Charan for the trailer launch.

Actor JeevanBotimala shared that working with LavanyaTripathi brought him new opportunities like Vishwambhara and UstaadBhagat Singh, calling her his lucky charm. Binendra Menon mentioned that this is his second film with director Satya and that the shoot was a fun experience at unique locations.

Lyricist Abhinaya Srinivas said he wrote a song for the film and thanked the team for the opportunity. Comedian Tagubothu Ramesh recalled his association with director Satya since Bheemili Kabaddi Jattu and praised Lavanya for continuing to shoot even during her pregnancy. Saptagiri expressed confidence that the film will entertain audiences and emphasized the importance of word-of-mouth in bringing people to theatres.

Writer Uday concluded by saying that while writing Sati Leelavathi was enjoyable, watching the teaser and trailer was even more entertaining. He thanked everyone involved and hoped the film would become a big success.

Kiara Advani Reportedly Requests Cuts to Bold Scenes in 'Toxic', Sparking Online Debate

A fresh buzz from the sets of Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups has sparked widespread discussion in film circles, with reports suggesting that actress Kiara Advani has asked the makers to trim certain bold scenes from the final cut of the film.

According to industry chatter, Kiara had originally filmed a romantic sequence with lead actor Yash after being assured by director Geetu Mohandas that the scenes would remain within her comfort zone and be presented tastefully. However, after viewing the edited version, the actress is reportedly uncomfortable with how the sequence appears on screen and has requested changes.

Sources claim that she has asked the team either to shorten the sequence or remove portions of it entirely, leading to a creative discussion within the production team about how to balance artistic intent with the actor's comfort.

The development has triggered mixed reactions online and within industry circles. Some argue that actors have every right to reassess their comfort level after seeing the final edit, while others feel that such changes after filming could affect the narrative flow of the movie.

Reports also suggest that the sequence in question is part of a major emotional track in the film, making the decision more complex for the makers, who are now evaluating possible edits.

Toxic, directed by Geetu Mohandas and starring Yash alongside a star-studded ensemble including Kiara Advani, Nayanathara, Huma Qureshi, and others, has already been generating strong buzz for its bold themes and stylish presentation.

The film, described as a dark "fairy tale for grown-ups," is among the most anticipated pan-India releases and is currently in its post-production phase ahead of release.

While there has been no official confirmation from Kiara Advani or the makers, the discussion has once again highlighted the ongoing debate in cinema about creative freedom, consent, and on-screen representation.

As Toxic moves closer to release, all eyes remain on whether the reported changes will be incorporated into the final version—or whether the original vision will remain intact.



After Peddi, BuchiBabu Reportedly Plans Film with Mahesh Babu

Director BuchiBabu Sana, who is currently busy with the highly anticipated Ram Charan starrer Peddi, is already making headlines for his next big move in Telugu cinema. According to industry reports, the filmmaker is planning to collaborate with Superstar Mahesh Babu for his upcoming project once he completes his current commitments. Peddi, a sports-action drama starring Ram Charan and directed by BuchiBabu, is one of the most awaited films in Telugu cinema and is scheduled for release in 2026. The film has generated strong buzz due to its scale, cast, and music by A.R. Rahman. Now, even before the release of Peddi, reports suggest that BuchiBabu is preparing scripts for his next venture and is keen on working with top-tier actors. Among the names being discussed, Mahesh Babu appears to be a strong possibility for a future collaboration. Interestingly, this is not the first time BuchiBabu's name has been linked with Mahesh Babu. Earlier reports also indicated that after completing SS Rajamouli's SSMB29, Mahesh Babu could consider working with BuchiBabu Sana, depending on script development and availability.



tions, and commercial sensibilities have made him a sought-after filmmaker among leading stars. With Peddi, he is expected to further cement his position in the industry. However, it is also reported that the director is currently focusing entirely on completing Peddi before finalising his next project. Industry sources suggest that discussions with major production houses, including Vyjayanthi Movies and others, may shape his future collaborations. If a project with Mahesh Babu materialises, it would mark a major milestone for BuchiBabu, bringing together one of Telugu cinema's biggest stars and one of its fastest-rising directors. Fans are already speculating about the kind of subject the duo could explore, ranging from intense drama to large-scale commercial storytelling. For now, everything remains in the discussion stage, and no official announcement has been made. BuchiBabu's immediate priority continues to be Peddi, while anticipation builds around what could be his next big cinematic partnership.

As Telugu cinema continues to witness exciting collaborations, a potential BuchiBabu-Mahesh Babu film is already creating buzz—even before becoming reality.

"I Needed a Pause", TusharaVijayan Opens Up on Taking a Career Break

Tamil and Telugu actress TusharaVijayan has spoken candidly about stepping away from films for a period, revealing that her decision was driven by personal reflection and the need for balance rather than any external pressure.

In a recent interview, the actress addressed the speculation around her brief absence from the screen and clarified that the break was intentional. She explained that like many artists, she reached a point where she needed to pause, reassess her choices, and focus on herself before continuing her journey in cinema.

Tushara said that the entertainment industry often demands continuous engagement, with back-to-back projects leaving little room for rest or introspection. Over time, she felt the need to slow down and reconnect with her personal priorities. According to her, this period helped her regain clarity about the kind of work she wants to do moving forward.

The actress also highlighted that taking a break does not mean stepping away from passion. Instead, she



described it as a necessary phase that helped her return with a fresher perspective. She emphasized that creativity thrives when an artist is mentally and emotionally balanced, and sometimes distance from constant work becomes essential for growth. Tushara's journey in cinema has included diverse roles across languages, and she has been appreciated for her performances in both mainstream and content-driven films. Her decision to pause, she noted, was not influenced by lack of opportunities but by a conscious desire to avoid burnout and maintain long-term sustainability in her career.

She also acknowledged the support of the industry and audiences during her time away, expressing grati-

tude for the patience and encouragement she received. According to her, this support made it easier to take the break without feeling disconnected from her professional world.

Now, with renewed energy, TusharaVijayan is preparing to return with new projects that align more closely with her artistic vision. She hinted that she is being more selective about her roles, focusing on scripts that offer depth and meaningful storytelling rather than quantity of work.

Her openness about career pauses has resonated with many fans and aspiring actors, especially in an industry where constant visibility is often seen as essential. By speaking about her experience, she has contributed to a growing conversation about mental well-being, creative fatigue, and the importance of balance in demanding professions.

Tushara's reflections serve as a reminder that taking a step back is not a setback—it can often be a strategic and healthy choice that leads to stronger comebacks and more fulfilling work in the long run.