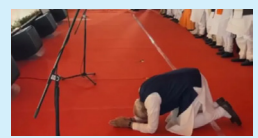


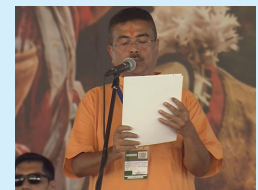


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Vijay to Be Sworn in as Tamil Nadu CM Amid Political Uncertainty; Rahul Gandhi Among Key Attendees

Chennai, May 9|TPN Bureau

In a landmark political development that has gripped Tamil Nadu's political landscape, Joseph Vijay, President of the Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK), is set to be sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, today at 10 a.m. at the Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai. The ceremony is expected to be attended by senior political leaders, including Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, marking a significant moment of alliance politics in the state.

The swearing-in comes after days of intense political negotiations, shifting alliances, and uncertainty over government formation following the Assembly election results declared on May 4. The Governor of Tamil Nadu, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, formally invited Vijay to stake claim to form the government after he demonstrated sufficient legislative support.

Formation of Government and Majority Support

TVK emerged as the single largest party in the 234-member Assembly with 108 seats. However, initial claims fell short of the required majority mark of 118. The situation changed on Saturday when the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), with two MLAs, and the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), also with two MLAs, formally extended written support to TVK.



With this development, TVK's support base rose to 112 seats, which, combined with the earlier pledged backing from Congress (5 seats), CPI, and CPM (2 seats each), comfortably crossed the majority threshold, enabling Vijay to formally stake claim.

Following verification of support, the Governor issued an official invitation for government formation, though he also advised that the new government should prove its majority on the floor of the House before May 13.

High-Drama Political Developments

Saturday witnessed high political drama, with multiple rounds of meetings between TVK leaders and Raj Bhavan officials. At one point, confusion arose after indications that the Governor might travel to Kerala, prompting TVK leaders and supporting party representatives to redirect their

Congress.

The development has also triggered widespread discussion across political circles about a possible new coalition framework in Tamil Nadu, bringing together regional and national parties under a shared governance arrangement.

Security and Legislative Preparations

In anticipation of political uncertainty earlier in the week, several parties had moved their MLAs to secure locations in Puducherry and Hyderabad to prevent poaching attempts. However, with clarity emerging on the government formation, legislators have now returned to their constituencies. All MLAs are expected to be present in the Assembly when the floor test is conducted before May 13, as directed by the Governor.

Swearing-in Ceremony Expectations

The oath-taking ceremony at Nehru Indoor Stadium is expected to draw large crowds of TVK supporters, with celebrations already reported across several districts following the announcement. Security arrangements have been tightened, and preparations are underway for a high-profile event that could mark a major turning point in Tamil Nadu politics. With Vijay transitioning from cinema icon to Chief Minister, the development is being widely seen as one of the most significant political shifts in the state's recent history.

BC hostels top State welfare hostel survey with 78.2% parent satisfaction

Amaravati, May9|TPN Bureau

BC welfare hostels in Andhra Pradesh have emerged as the best-performing welfare hostels in the State, securing a 78.20% satisfaction rating in the government's Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) survey conducted among parents of students.

The survey assessed hostel management, food quality, sanitation, health safety and academic support, with parents reportedly expressing higher satisfaction levels with BC hostels compared to other welfare institutions.

BC Welfare Minister S. Savitha said there are 1,110 BC boys' and girls' hostels functioning across the State. She alleged that the previous government had neglected the hostels, resulting in unpaid diet bills and deteriorating infrastructure.

According to the Minister, the coalition government cleared pending diet arrears amounting to 110 crore soon after assuming office and has since been releasing diet and cosmetic charges regularly. She said nearly 100 crore had been spent during the past 23 months on repairs and infrastructure development in BC hostels. Ms. Savitha said SR Sankaran Resource Centres had been established in 104 fhostels at a cost of 2 crore to provide students access to digital learning resources.

To improve health and hygiene standards, the government has undertaken construction of toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission, in-



stalled RO water purification plants, mosquito screens and power inverters, and supplied cooking utensils and other essential materials, she said.

The Minister stated that nutritious meals prepared with fine rice were being served to students and that steps were underway to recruit 1,291 sanitation workers for hostel maintenance.

She further said a Facial Recognition System (FRS) had been introduced for students and staff in BC hostels for the first time, resulting in savings of more than 6 crore annually by preventing misuse of supplies. The HPTS app was also introduced for real-time monitoring of hostel cleanliness, implementation of menus and drinking water facilities.

Ms. Savitha attributed the improvements to continuous monitoring by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the government's focus on BC students' welfare. She added that BC hostel students recorded an 85.99% pass percentage in the recent SSC examinations

Chief of Defence Staff Raja Subramani Enrolled as AU Research Scholar

Visakhapatnam, May9|TPN Bureau

Andhra University has expressed pride after learning that Lieutenant General Raja Subramani, recently appointed as India's next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), is pursuing part-time Ph.D. research at the institution.

According to university officials, Lt. Gen. Subramani is enrolled in the Department of Commerce and Business Management under the guidance of Prof. Jaladi Ravi. He is undertaking research under the university's Trans Disciplinary Research Hub. Another senior defence official, N.R. Pandey, is also pursuing similar research at the university.

Faculty members stated that both scholars had approached Andhra University in 2023 for admission into part-time doctoral programmes. Their interaction with the university was described as simple and formal, and coordination for their admission was facilitated through liaison channels.

Prof. Jaladi Ravi said the university came to know only recently that Lt. Gen. Subramani has now been appointed as the Chief of Defence Staff of India, while N.R. Pandey is serving as Military Adviser to



the CDS. He added that both scholars had maintained a low-profile presence during their academic engagement at the university.

Andhra University has conveyed its congratulations to Lt. Gen. Subramani on his elevation to the country's top military post and extended best wishes for his new responsibilities. The university also appreciated the contributions of N.R. Pandey in service to the nation.

Officials said the development has brought recognition to the university's research programmes and highlighted its engagement with senior professionals from diverse fields, including the armed forces.

Govt. Plans Incentives for Third and Fourth Child

Amaravati, May 9|TPN Bureau

The Coalition government is examining a proposal to provide financial incentives and nutritional support to families having a third and fourth child, as part of measures aimed at addressing the state's declining fertility rate.

The proposal, discussed during the Collectors' Conference held in Amaravati on May 7 and 8, is currently under public consultation and awareness outreach, which will continue for three months before being placed before the Council of Ministers for final approval.

As per the draft plan, a one-time incentive of 30,000 is proposed for mothers giving birth to a third child, while 40,000 is proposed for the fourth child. The amount would be directly credited to the mother's bank



account at the time of childbirth, along with an NTR Baby Kit. The proposal also includes monthly nutritional support in the form of millets, with three kg per month for the third

child and six kg per month for the fourth child.

Officials stated that monthly gram sabhas will be conducted during May, June, and July 2026 to collect public feedback

on the scheme. Based on the feedback, the final proposal will be submitted to the Cabinet, and if approved, implementation is expected to begin from August 15, 2026.

The scheme also proposes integration of children born as third or fourth offspring into Anganwadi centres and coverage under existing welfare programmes, including "Thalli Ki Vandanam."

According to officials from the Family Welfare Department, the initiative is being considered in response to a steady decline in fertility rates. The state's fertility rate is estimated at around 1.5 children per woman and is projected to decline further in the coming decades. Officials have also noted changes in family structure, including a growing proportion of single-child

families.

Data cited by the department indicates that nearly half of couples in the state currently opt for a single child, while a significant number are facing issues related to infertility. The government is also examining measures to expand access to assisted reproductive technologies, including IVF services through public-private partnerships. In parallel, the government is planning awareness campaigns on reproductive health, along with steps to address teenage pregnancies and regulate certain medical practices in private healthcare facilities. Officials clarified that the proposal is still at the discussion stage and will be finalised only after stakeholder consultations and government approval.

Suvendu Adhikari Sworn in as West Bengal Chief Minister; Marks Historic Political Shift

Kolkata, May 9|TPN Bureau

A new government has taken office in West Bengal as Suvendu Adhikari was sworn in as the 9th Chief Minister of the state on Saturday. The oath of office was administered by Governor R.N. Ravi at a grand ceremony held at Brigade Grounds in Kolkata.

With this, Suvendu Adhikari becomes the first Chief Minister from a district outside Kolkata since 1971, marking a significant shift in the state's political leadership. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has formed government in West Bengal for the first time since Independence, following its decisive victory in the 2026 Assembly elections.

Along with the Chief Minister, several BJP legislators, including Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Ashok Kirtania, Nisith Pramanik, and Khudiram Tudu, were sworn in as cabinet ministers.

The ceremony witnessed the presence of top national lead-



ers, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and several other Union Ministers. Chief Ministers from various BJP-ruled states and senior NDA leaders also attended the event. Prior to the swearing-in, Suvendu Adhikari arrived at the venue alongside Prime Minister Narendra Modi and greeted party supporters gathered at Brigade Grounds. Cultural performances marked the beginning of the programme, showcasing traditional music and dance.

During the ceremony, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid floral tributes to a portrait of Rabindranath Tagore. A notable moment of the event was Modi honouring veteran BJP leader Makhanlal Sarkar, aged 98, by draping a shawl around him and seeking his blessings on stage. Sarkar, a senior nationalist figure, was also felicitated during the programme.

In his remarks shared earlier on social media platform X, Suvendu Adhikari described the occasion as the beginning of a "Sonar Bangla" era, stating that the new government would focus on development, governance reforms, and stability. The BJP secured 207 seats in the 294-member West Bengal Assembly, while the Trinamool Congress was reduced to 80 seats, ending its 15-year rule in the state. Adhikari, who contested from Nandigram and Bhabanipur, defeated incumbent Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in Bhabanipur by over 15,000 votes, a result that proved decisive in the state's political transition.

Bharat Bhushan Appointed APSFTDC Chairman; Revival of Nandi Awards Likely

Amaravati, May9|TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government has appointed noted film producer and distributor P. Bharat Bhushan as the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh State Film, Television and Theatre Development Corporation (APSFT&TDC), marking a renewed push to strengthen the state's film, television, and theatre sectors.

Bharat Bhushan, who earlier served as the President of the Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce until December 2025, is widely regarded in industry circles for his strong network within the Telugu film fraternity. His appointment is being seen as a strategic move by the government to improve coordination between the film industry and the state administration.

Welcoming the decision, members of the film industry expressed confidence that his experience would help address key issues faced by producers and distributors, while also im-



proving engagement with government departments. Industry representatives said the appointment could help streamline policies related to film production and shooting permissions in the state.

Sources in the industry also indicated that the government is actively considering the revival of the prestigious Nandi Awards, which honour

Bureaucratic Reshuffle: IAS Officers Transferred

Amaravati, May9|TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh government has effected a fresh administrative reshuffle, transferring several IAS officers and reallocating key departmental responsibilities as part of its ongoing restructuring exercise.

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excellence in Telugu cinema. The awards have not been conducted for over a decade, and their possible return has generated strong interest within Tollywood.

According to industry observers, the recent success of the Gaddar Cine Awards in Telangana has prompted discussions within the Andhra Pradesh government to reintroduce the Nandi Awards in a revamped format. Bharat Bhushan's appointment is being viewed as a key step in this direction.

Film producers have welcomed the development, stating that it would strengthen

ties between the government and the film industry. They also urged the state to consider additional incentives, including subsidies for quality films and support for production activities within Andhra Pradesh. They further noted that film shooting locations in Andhra Pradesh remain cost-effective compared to neighbouring states, which could be further leveraged to attract more productions if supported by favourable policies.

With the new leadership at APSFTDC, the film fraternity is optimistic about renewed government engagement and the possible revival of long-pending industry initiatives.

Centre approves boiled rice procurement from Andhra Pradesh: Nadendla

Vijayawada, May 9|TPN Bureau

Nadendla Manohar on Saturday announced that the Centre has, for the first time, granted approval for the procurement of boiled rice from Andhra Pradesh, providing major relief to thousands of farmers across the state. The Civil Supplies Minister made the remarks after inspecting Rabi paddy procurement operations at Ramavarappadu and Gollapudi in NTR district. He said the government plans to procure nearly two lakh metric tonnes of boiled rice during the current Rabi season. Manohar stated that the initiative forms part of the state government's ambitious target of procuring 70 lakh metric tonnes of paddy this season following higher-than-expected crop yields. "The Civil Supplies Department is implementing a special action plan to ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience while selling their produce," he said. During his visit to the Visala Cooperative Credit Society office in Ramavarappadu and the Rhythu Seva Kendra at Gollapudi, the minister personally inspected moisture testing procedures and interacted with farmers to understand field-level issues. Farmers informed the minister that payments for procured paddy were being credited to their bank accounts within 30 minutes to 17 hours after sale. Officials



stated that nearly 94 per cent of payments were being cleared within 24 hours and that 4,410 crore had already been deposited into farmers' accounts during the ongoing procurement season. The minister identified issues such as excessive moisture content in paddy and damaged gunny bags and directed officials to ensure timely supply of trucks and gunny bags. He also instructed staff to use Bluetooth-enabled moisture testing devices to improve transparency and accuracy. Manohar said a special monitoring team from the headquarters was continuously reviewing procurement operations across districts to

ensure immediate resolution of grievances. Highlighting the scale of procurement, he said NTR district had procured 80,000 metric tonnes of paddy so far this season, compared to 30,000 metric tonnes during the same period last year — an increase of more than 130 per cent. He added that 17.46 lakh metric tonnes of paddy had already been procured statewide and efforts were underway to further accelerate the process. The minister also said the government would take a decision by Monday on farmers' requests to allow millers from other districts to participate in procurement operations.



TTD to release August Arjitha Seva tickets from May 18

Tirumala, May 9|TPN Bureau

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has announced the schedule for the online release of Srivari Arjitha Seva tickets and darshan quotas for August, beginning from May 18.

According to TTD officials, tickets for Suprabhatam, Thomala, Archana and Ashtadala Padapadmaradhana sevas will be released online at 10 am on May 18. Devotees can register for the electronic dip system till 10 am on May 20, while selected devotees must complete payments between May 20 and May 22.

Officials said tickets for Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, Arjitha Brahmotsavam and Sa-

hasra Deepalankara Seva would be released at 10 am on May 21. Virtual Seva and associated darshan quotas will be released at 3 pm the same day.

The Angapradakshinam quota will be released at 10 am on May 23, followed by Sri Vani Trust Break Darshan tickets at 11 am and special darshan quotas for senior citizens, chronically ill persons and differently-abled devotees at 3 pm.

TTD said the Special Entry Darshan quota for August would be released at 10 am on May 25, while accommodation booking quotas would be made available at 3 pm. Devotees were advised to make bookings only through TTD Official Website.

Pastor Booked Under POCSO Act for Alleged Assault on Minor

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light after the minor developed significant health complications. Upon being taken to the Government General Hospital (GGH) in Eluru for treatment, the victim disclosed the ordeal to medical professionals. The hospital authorities immediately alerted the family and the police. Medical officials

confirmed that the girl is currently in stable condition and continues to receive necessary care at GGH Eluru. Following a formal complaint by the victim's mother, the police have invoked the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. A manhunt is underway to locate the accused, who fled the village shortly after the matter was reported.

Bureaucratic Reshuffle: IAS Officers Transferred

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In another change, Chief Secretary G. Sai Prasad has been relieved of his additional responsibility as Special Chief Secretary of the Water Resources Department. The government has also assigned Kanthilal Dande, Principal Secretary of the Environment

and Forests Department, the full additional charge of the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department. Officials stated that the orders come into effect immediately and are part of routine administrative adjustments aimed at improving departmental efficiency and governance coordination.

Kondapalli Srinivas announces SME IPO awareness seminar in Vijayawada

Amaravati, May 9|TPN Bureau

Kondapalli Srinivas on Saturday announced that the AP MSME Development Corporation and the National Stock Exchange (NSE) will jointly organise a special awareness seminar on SME Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) at Novotel Hotel in Vijayawada on May 13.

The minister said the programme aims to create awareness among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the state regarding opportunities available in investment and capital markets. IT Minister Nara Lokesh and Narasaraopet MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu will participate as chief guests. Speaking about the initiative, Srinivas said the NSE had brought a "new revolution" for MSMEs through its dedicated platform, 'NSE Emerge', which enables small and medium enterprises to raise equity capital through

the stock market instead of depending entirely on bank loans.

He said the platform would help MSMEs secure interest-free equity funding from retail and institutional investors, thereby improving their debt-to-equity ratio and enhancing future credit ratings. The minister noted that listing on the stock exchange would also provide MSMEs with national and international recognition, improved governance standards and stronger brand value. He said the platform would be especially beneficial for technology-driven startups, waste-to-wealth ventures and industries operating in MSME parks.

Srinivas further pointed out that companies listed under the SME platform are required to submit financial reports once every six months, unlike the quarterly reporting system applicable to companies listed on the main board.

Perni Nani opposes PPP model for medical colleges

Vijayawada, May 9|TPN Bureau

Perni Nani on Saturday demanded that the state government immediately withdraw its Public-Private Partnership (PPP) policy for medical colleges and complete the construction of the 10 government medical colleges and attached hospitals currently under development.

Addressing a seminar organised by the Committee for the Protection of Government Medical Colleges at MB Bhavan in Vijayawada, Perni Nani said government medical colleges were the only avenue through which poor students could fulfil their dream of becoming doctors. He alleged that the coalition government was attempting to distance itself from responsibility in the field of medical education by encouraging privatisation.

The former minister stated that the previous YSR Congress government had established medical colleges in remote regions to strengthen public healthcare and expand opportunities for underprivileged students. Criticising the current administration, he said students with lower marks



were securing free medical seats in Telangana while students in Andhra Pradesh were being deprived of opportunities.

Nani urged Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to abandon what he described as attempts to "sell public assets" and warned that the Committee for the Protection of Government Medical Colleges would continue its agitation till the 2029 elections if the projects were not completed.

CPM state secretary V. Srinivasa Rao said weakening public healthcare would push poor

and middle-class families into financial distress. Committee convener Dr. Ala Venkateswarlu expressed concern over the rejection of medical seats allotted by the National Medical Commission and alleged that students in the state had suffered losses during counselling over the past two years.

Representatives of Jana Chaitanya Vedika, Janaviginana Vedika, CPI and other civil society organisations also participated in the seminar and opposed privatisation of medical education and healthcare services.

Godavari Pushkarams to be held with greater spiritual grandeur: Anam

Eluru, May 9|TPN Bureau

Anam Ramanarayana Reddy on Saturday said the state government would organise the 2027 Godavari Pushkarams on a grand scale with enhanced spiritual splendour and extensive facilities for devotees.

Addressing the media at Dwaraka Tirumala after inaugurating temple development works worth 29 crore, the minister said the Pushkarams would be held from June 26 to July 7, 2027, and were expected to attract more than 12 crore devotees. He said arrangements including bathing ghats, Pinda Tarpanam facilities and temple development works in the Godavari basin regions were being planned in advance. Ramanarayana Reddy announced that 43 temples in the

Godavari basin would be developed at a cost of 54.71 crore. He also said the coalition government was committed to restoring the past glory of 27,000 temples across the state and had already undertaken development works in 691 temples at a cost of 812.67 crore.

The minister stated that 74.74 crore would be allocated annually to priests in 6,200 temples undergoing renovation for Dhupa, Deepa and Naviedyam rituals. He further announced plans to construct 5,000 Bhajana Mandirams in hamlets and residential colonies without temples through the Srivani Trust. He said proposals for 1,059 Bhajana Mandirams had already been received and 181.10 crore sanctioned for the initiative.

Jana Sena Eyes Stronger Foothold in Rayalaseema Ahead of Local Polls

Tirupati, May 9|TPN Bureau

Former Minister Balineni Srinivas Reddy said Jana Sena's primary objective is to strengthen the party across Rayalaseema and emerge as a dominant force in the upcoming local body elections.

Addressing a meeting of Jana Sena district in-charges, POCs and key leaders from Chittoor and Kadapa districts at a private hotel in Tirupati on Saturday, Balineni said the party leadership was focused on identifying strong wards and divisions ahead of the civic polls. He directed local leaders to submit complete reports on delimitation and politically favourable divisions by May 13.

He said the party high command would announce the seats Jana Sena would contest immediately after the reservation notification for local body elections is issued. Balineni added that discussions on seat-sharing within the NDA alliance would be held among



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and BJP state leaders. MLA Arani Srinivasulu called upon party cadres to repeat the "100 per cent strike rate" achieved by Jana Sena in the Assembly elections during the local body polls as well. He urged leaders to identify winnable wards and recommend suitable candidates.

The meeting reviewed Jana Sena's strength in municipal corporations, municipalities and urban local bodies in the undivided Chittoor and Kadapa districts. Several senior leaders, women wing representatives and Jana Sainiks attended the programme.

Humanity Triumphs as Organ Donation Saves Multiple Lives

Ongele, May 9|TPN Bureau

In a remarkable act of humanity and compassion, the family of a brain-dead road accident victim donated his organs at KIMS Hospitals in Ongole, helping save the lives of several critically ill patients. The incident marked the first successful organ donation procedure carried out at KIMS Hospitals, Ongole, in Prakasam district. Kommuuri Lakshmai (50), a resident of Mukthinuthalapadu village near Ongole, suffered severe injuries in a road accident and was admitted to KIMS Hospitals for emergency treatment. Despite intensive medical efforts, doctors later declared him brain-dead after thorough clinical evaluation. Following counseling by the hospital's medical team on the importance of organ donation, Lakshmai's wife Kom-

muuri Nagadevi and other family members agreed to donate his organs. The hospital immediately coordinated with the state organ donation authority 'Jeevan Daan' and completed the necessary procedures. Doctors successfully retrieved and transplanted Lakshmai's kidneys, liver and other organs to patients awaiting transplants, giving several individuals a renewed chance at life. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. K. Ajay Krishna, Deputy Medical Director of KIMS Hospitals, described organ donation as one of the noblest humanitarian services and appealed to the public to create greater awareness about the cause. Emergency physician Dr. Bala Murali Krishna stated that organ donation after brain death has the potential to save multiple lives.

CJ Lisa Gill Inaugurates Ten-Court Building Complex in Rajamahendravaram

Rajamahendravaram, May 9|TPN Bureau

High Court Chief Justice Lisa Gill inaugurated the newly constructed Ten-Court Building Complex in Rajamahendravaram of East Godavari district on Saturday and underscored the importance of strengthening judicial infrastructure, digitalisation and mediation in ensuring speedy and effective justice delivery.

Speaking after inaugurating the court complex, the Chief Justice said basic legal infrastructure reflects the judiciary's sensitivity towards the needs and emotions of the people. She called upon all stakeholders in the judicial system to discharge their duties efficiently so that justice reaches every section of society without delay.

Lisa Gill appreciated the rich cultural, literary and legal legacy of Rajamahendravaram

and noted that the region has produced several eminent judges, advocates, writers and freedom fighters who contributed significantly to society and the legal profession. She expressed hope that the newly inaugurated court complex would emerge as a symbol of truth, justice and righteousness. Highlighting the growing importance of technology in the judicial system, the Chief Justice said digitalisation has become indispensable in modern-day administration of justice. Referring to the Covid-19 pandemic period, she pointed out that Indian courts continued functioning and remained accessible to litigants through technological support and virtual hearings. At the same time, she cautioned against overdependence on Artificial Intelligence and observed that technology should never weaken independent human thinking. She remarked that tools such

as ChatGPT cannot replace human reasoning and judicial wisdom.

The Chief Justice also stressed the importance of mediation and urged the legal fraternity to make wider use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in civil and other disputes, rather than limiting them only to family matters or accident claims. She appealed to police officials to extend full cooperation in producing witnesses promptly to help courts complete trials expeditiously.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Battu Devanand highlighted the need for close coordination between the Bar and Bench for effective justice delivery. High Court judges Justice R. Raghunandan Rao, Justice B.V.L.N. Chakravarthy, Justice Sumathi Jagadam and Justice Nyapathi Vijay, along with advocates and senior officials, attended the inaugural ceremony.



Collectors' Conferences Turn Into Self-PR Exercise, Alleges YSRCP Leader Ambati Rambabu

Tadepalli, May 9|TPN Bureau

YSR Congress Party leader and former minister Ambati Rambabu has strongly criticised the Andhra Pradesh coalition government, alleging that the Collectors' Conferences being conducted under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu have become platforms for self-promotion rather than governance-oriented decision-making.

Speaking to the media at the YSRCP central office in Tadepalli, Ambati questioned the purpose of conducting seven Collectors' Conferences within two years, stating that despite repeated meetings and detailed presentations, no significant administrative reforms or policy outcomes have been implemented on the ground.

He alleged that the government is attempting to divert attention from growing public dissatisfaction by organising publicity-driven events. According to him, the administration is facing strong anti-incumbency within a short span of two years and is relying heavily on announcements rather than execution.

Ambati stated that several promises made during earlier conferences, including governance reforms, incentives for officials, reduction in fertiliser usage, establishment of new institutions, and revival of major infrastructure projects, have not been translated into action. He said Collectors' Conferences under the current regime have become routine exercises without measurable outcomes.

Comparing the present administration with the previous YSRCP government, he said that during YS Jagan Mohan

Reddy's tenure, such conferences resulted in concrete policy implementation in sectors like education, healthcare, welfare delivery, and public administration. He added that the earlier government ensured accountability by actively monitoring the implementation of its manifesto.

He further alleged that the current coalition government has failed to fulfil key electoral promises, including welfare schemes under the "Super Six" agenda, financial assistance programmes, and employment-related commitments. He also claimed that housing distribution, fee reimbursement, and welfare support systems have been neglected, leaving large sections of the population affected.

Ambati criticised the weakening of village secretariat systems and alleged that grievance redressal mechanisms have become ineffective. He also raised concerns over agricultural distress, claiming that farmers are not receiving remunerative prices for crops such as paddy, maize, and tobacco.

On infrastructure projects, he questioned the progress of the Polavaram project, stating that despite available central funding, execution has been slow. He also alleged neglect of irrigation projects in Rayalaseema and accused the government of failing to provide a clear vision for agricultural and irrigation development.

He concluded that the current administration is focused more on foreign visits and media publicity than on governance, while failing to build on or improve existing welfare systems established by the previous government.



Road Accidents Reported Across A.P.; Multiple Injuries in Separate Incidents

Amaravati, May 9|TPN Bureau

A series of road accidents reported from different parts of Andhra Pradesh over recent days have left several passengers injured and caused temporary traffic disruptions, raising concerns over highway safety.

In Polavaram district, an RTC express bus carrying around 40 passengers from Bhadrachalam to Kakinada overturned near the Pata Gandhinagar turn in Rampachodavaram mandal after reportedly losing control. All passengers sustained injuries and were shifted to nearby hospitals for treatment. On the Vijayawada-Bengaluru National Highway in Prakasam district's Singarayakonda mandal, a private bus developed engine smoke late Friday night. The driver immediately stopped the vehicle, preventing a possible fire accident. Police evacuated all 46 passengers safely. The group was stranded for several hours before being shifted in another vehicle arranged by police after a dispute with the travel operator.

In the Nallamala forest region near Giddalur mandal in Markapuram district, a lorry carrying liquor collided with a car and overturned, causing major traffic disruption. Authorities restricted heavy vehicle movement and cleared the road. No major casualties were reported.

Near Nandyal, a private bus traveling from Hyderabad to Arunachalam veered off the road into agricultural fields. Six of the 36 passengers were injured and shifted to hospital. Police have registered a case and begun investigation.

In another incident on the Vijayawada-Machilipatnam National Highway near Peda Giralra in Uyyuru mandal, a car overturned after losing control, leaving one person seriously injured.

Authorities are investigating all cases and have urged commuters to exercise caution on highways and ghat roads, where accidents continue to occur frequently.

Tense Scenes at Jana Sena Review Meeting in Tirupati; Balineni Srinivasa Reddy Makes Key Remarks

Tirupati, May 9|TPN Bureau

A review meeting of the Jana Sena Party on local body elections held in Tirupati on Saturday witnessed tense moments, with party cadre expressing dissatisfaction over district-level leadership.

The meeting, attended by leaders and workers from the combined Chittoor and Kadapa districts, turned heated after several participants demanded the removal of Chittoor district Jana Sena president Pasupuleti Hariprasad. Party members raised concerns over lack of coordination and alleged neglect of grassroots workers, leading to sharp exchanges during the session.

Amid the charged atmosphere, senior leader Balineni Srinivasa Reddy addressed the gathering and made remarks on his political journey and recent shift from the YSR Congress Party to Jana Sena. He spoke about his long electoral career in Ongole, stating that he had contested multiple elections and credited both victories and defeats to various political factors, including the influence of Jana Sena in certain constituencies.

Balineni also referred to his



experience in the YSR Congress Party, alleging internal differences after raising concerns with party leadership. He stated that he had faced political setbacks following his differences with senior leadership.

Explaining his decision to join Jana Sena, he said he was drawn to the party's approach of encouraging open discussion and accountability. He added that he had informed party leadership that he was not seeking any organisational post and intended to work for strengthening the party at the ground level.

Praising Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan, Balineni described him as a leader with a positive approach, though operating within political constraints. He said he would continue to support the party despite criticism from opponents.

He also stated that Jana Sena would focus on strengthening its presence in local body elections in areas where it has organisational strength and expressed confidence that the party is working towards expanding its base across the state

YSRCP Slams Naidu Government Over Delay in Cyclone Relief and Farmer Compensation

Tadepalli, May 9|TPN Bureau

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has strongly criticised the Andhra Pradesh coalition government led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu over alleged delays in releasing cyclone relief and compensation to farmers affected by crop losses.

YSRCP State spokesperson and former MLA Kaile Anil Kumar, addressing the media at the party central office in Tadepalli, demanded that a cheating case under Section 420 be registered against the government for failing to deliver compensation even six months after Cyclone Montra.

He alleged that the coalition government had abandoned farmers after coming to power and pushed the agriculture sector into crisis. He claimed that despite seven Collectors' Conferences held in the last two years, issues such as Minimum Support Price (MSP), crop damage, and farmer welfare had not been seriously discussed.

Kaile Anil Kumar said the government initially reported crop damage across 15 lakh acres in 24 districts with estimated losses of 869 crore, but later revised the figures to 4.27 lakh acres and 390 crore. He al-



leged that this reduction reflected an attempt to downplay the extent of damage. He further stated that nearly 3.23 lakh farmers were still awaiting compensation and that more than 1,100 crore in relief and crop loss dues remained unpaid.

He criticised the government for failing to implement key agricultural support measures, including free crop insurance, input subsidies, and investment support, alleging that tenant farmers were being ignored. He also accused Agriculture Minister Atchannaidu of neglecting farmer issues due to frequent foreign visits, while cultivators of crops such as chickpea, maize, tobacco,

and black gram were struggling with low prices.

Comparing with the previous administration, he said that during the YSRCP regime, crop loss compensation was directly credited to farmers' accounts within the same agricultural season. He stated that between 2019 and 2024, the government had provided 3,261.60 crore as input subsidy to over 34 lakh farmers and 7,802.05 crore as crop insurance benefits to more than 54 lakh farmers. Kaile Anil Kumar asserted that the present coalition government had dismantled the RBK system and weakened farmer support structures, leaving agriculture in a state of distress across the state.

Speculation Over Alleged Contacts Between Some NDA MLAs and YSRCP

Amaravati, May 9|TPN Bureau

Political speculation has intensified in Andhra Pradesh over reports that some MLAs belonging to the ruling coalition are in contact with the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). The issue has gained traction after YSRCP leaders themselves indicated that "some MLAs are in touch," triggering a wider debate in political circles. YSRCP leaders have suggested that they are engaging with certain dissatisfied legislators from the ruling alliance. However, no public confirmation or identification of any MLA has been made by either side, and no legislator has officially come forward on the matter.

The development has led to questions within political circles about whether this reflects internal discontent within the ruling alliance or is part of political positioning ahead of future electoral contests. Observers note that while such claims are being discussed, there is no concrete evidence of any legislative shift or formal change in support.

Within the ruling alliance,



leaders maintain that occasional dissatisfaction among MLAs is a routine political occurrence and does not indicate any threat to government stability. Senior Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders have stated that while grievances may exist at the constituency level, all elected representatives continue to remain within the alliance framework. TDP State President Palla Srinivasa Rao said that individual dissatisfaction should not be interpreted as political defection or opposition to the government. Similar sentiments have been expressed by other alliance partners, who say internal coordination mechanisms are being used to address grievances. Meanwhile, discussions are also reported within Jana Sena and

BJP ranks regarding internal concerns raised by some leaders in different regions. However, party sources have indicated that there is no indication of any immediate resignations or political realignments. Political analysts suggest that the YSRCP's statements may also be aimed at highlighting anti-incumbency sentiment and projecting internal differences within the ruling coalition. However, they note that there has been no visible impact on the stability of the government so far.

At present, the situation remains at the level of political speculation, with no official confirmation of any MLA shifting allegiance or distancing themselves from the ruling alliance.



YSRCP Alleges Suppression of Dissent Under Coalition Government

Tadepalli, May 9|TPN Bureau

The YSR Congress Party has strongly criticised the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh, accusing it of suppressing dissent and using police machinery to target political opponents and critics.

Addressing the media at the party central office in Tadepalli on Saturday, YSRCP General Secretary Ponnavaolu Sudhakar Reddy alleged that democratic norms in the state are being undermined, with growing attempts to silence voices of opposition through coercive administrative action.

He claimed that individuals raising questions on issues such as alleged irregularities in temple administration in Sri Kalahasti, expenditure on the Amaravati capital project, and government spending are facing legal cases and other forms of action. He further alleged that in some instances, authorities have written to social media platforms seeking removal of posts or blocking of accounts belonging to those criticising the government.

According to him, such actions amount to infringement of the constitutional right to freedom of expression. He urged the media to highlight

these developments, stating that social media platforms are being closely monitored and dissenting voices are being systematically targeted.

Ponnavaolu Sudhakar Reddy alleged that the government is promoting self-publicity while simultaneously marginalising criticism and controlling media narratives. He said the police system is being used as an instrument to implement what he described as an "anti-dissent policy."

He warned that suppression of dissent and control over media would lead to an authoritarian style of governance, adding that such an approach would not be sustainable in a democratic setup. He said history has shown that governments adopting such practices eventually face public backlash.

He further claimed that people in the state are living under a climate of fear, and said the issue extends beyond party lines and concerns all citizens. He also referred to statements made by YSRCP president and former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on social media platform X, where similar concerns were raised regarding freedom of expression and governance practices.



AP Government Says State Moving from "Destruction to Development"

Amaravati, May 9|TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Minister Gummidu Sandhyarani said that the state under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is moving away from what she described as a period of "destructive governance" to a development-oriented administration.

Speaking to the media on Saturday, the minister said the coalition government's 23-month rule has restored public confidence and ended what she called a climate of fear. She alleged that during the previous YSRCP regime, citizens were hesitant to voice grievances, while the present government is more accessible and responsive.

Sandhyarani said the image of Visakhapatnam has transformed significantly, stating that earlier it was associated with illegal activities, whereas now it is attracting global companies such as Google and TCS. She also noted that in tribal regions like Araku and Paderu, coffee cultivation is expanding, replacing what she termed earlier illicit crop cultivation.

She highlighted the allocation of a separate railway zone for North Andhra as a major

achievement of the coalition government. She said the government's focus is on ensuring that youth are equipped with jobs, skills, and opportunities rather than engaging in violence or unrest.

Referring to Amaravati, she described the voluntary land contribution by farmers for the capital development as a historic moment in the state's progress. She also stated that investments worth thousands of crores have been secured for the revival of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant with Central Government support.

The minister said a special committee has been formed to curb illegal cultivation and distribution activities, and strict enforcement measures are underway. Sandhyarani also criticised the opposition YSRCP leadership, making remarks on its internal functioning and urging youth not to be misled by political rhetoric. She referred to past incidents as cautionary examples and said young people should focus on education and development. She added that welfare schemes under the "Super 6" programme are benefiting tribal communities and contributing to inclusive development across the state.



Akashvani to host cultural events as part of 90th anniversary fete

Vijayawada, May 9|TPN Bureau

Akashvani Vijayawada on Saturday announced a series of programmes to mark the 90th anniversary of Akashvani, highlighting its longstanding contribution to broadcasting, culture and public communication. Addressing a press conference, regional channel manager M. Someswara Rao said Akashvani Vijayawada had, over the past nine decades, served every section of society through programmes related to education, agriculture, literature, music and culture. He noted that eminent personalities

including M. Balamuralikrishna, K. Viswanath, Gollapudi Maruthi Rao and Kongara Jagayya began their journeys through the station. Head of Programmes G. Divya said special events would be conducted throughout the year, including cultural performances, student competitions and a walkathon in Vijayawada. She announced that the Swara Sandhya cultural programme would be held at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram on May 10. Head of News T. Henry Raj said Akashvani continued to uphold credibility and authenticity despite rapid changes in media platforms.

NTR police conduct special training on women, child safety and human trafficking

Vijayawada, May 9|TPN Bureau

NTR District Police Commissionerate on Saturday organised a special one-day capacity building and training programme for police officers aimed at strengthening the safety of women and children and improving investigations into human trafficking and bonded labour cases.

The programme was held at the Police Commissioner's Office under the supervision of Police Commissioner S. V. Rajasekhara Babu in coordination with representatives of International Justice Mission (IJM). Inspector General of A.P. Police Women and Child Safety Wing B. Raja Kumari attended as the chief guest.

The training programme was conducted for officers of Shakti Teams, Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTU) and investigating officers. Sessions focused on the causes and routes of human trafficking and bonded labour, along with

standard operating procedures to be followed during investigations.

Special Public Prosecutor Geddam Rajeswara Rao explained provisions of the POC SO Act and highlighted the importance of preserving technical evidence, maintaining chain of custody and ensuring proper documentation to secure convictions.

Addressing the gathering, IG Raja Kumari said many human trafficking cases originate from missing persons complaints and urged police personnel to treat every such case with seriousness and urgency.

Police Commissioner Rajasekhara Babu said the training would help officers effectively utilise technology, gather accurate evidence and conduct faster investigations to ensure offenders do not escape punishment. The commissioner later felicitated the chief guest, IJM representatives and Special Public Prosecutor Rajeswara Rao with mementos.



Gratitude Pours in for Govt's Nod to Pattabhi Memorial Building

Machilipatnam, May 9|TPN Bureau

Senior Telugu Desam Party leader Gorrepati Gopichand has expressed gratitude to the coalition government for issuing G.O. Ms. No. 265 and allotting 1.50 acres of land in the heart of Machilipatnam city for the construction of a memorial building dedicated to freedom fighter and Andhra Bank founder Dr. Bogaraju Pattabhi Sitaramayya.

Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Gopichand said the previous YCP government had allegedly created several hurdles in establishing the

memorial building despite repeated demands and even High Court directions. He said the Pattabhi Memorial Building Construction Committee had fought legal and public battles over the past five years to secure the land.

The government has now allotted land at R.S. No. 371-A1, B1 on a nominal lease amount of Rs. 1 lakh. Gopichand said the memorial would also be developed into a Skill Development Centre with support from Minister Kollu Ravindra and MP Vallabhaneni Balashowry to benefit economically weaker sections.

Lokesh promises master plan for Indrakeeladri shrine

Vijayawada, May 9|TPN Bureau

Nara Lokesh on Saturday visited the famous Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri and assured that a comprehensive master plan would soon be prepared to improve facilities and ensure hassle-free darshan for devotees.

The state IT minister was accorded a traditional welcome by Endowments Commissioner Ramachandra Mohan, executive officer Seena Naik, governing council chairman Borra Radhakrishna and temple officials. Lokesh offered Sumanthala Dravyas to Goddess Kanaka Durga and had darshan in the sanctum sanctorum, following which temple priests rendered Vedic blessings. He was presented with the portrait of the presiding deity and sacred prasadam.

During the visit, Borra Rad-



hakrishna explained the ongoing development initiatives, including the newly constructed Annadanam building and prasadam preparation centres. Lokesh said the government would soon hold discussions on the temple's future development and formulate a master plan aimed at providing devo-

tees with a smoother and more comfortable darshan experience. He directed temple authorities to ensure that devotees do not face inconvenience while visiting the shrine and also interacted with devotees to inquire about the facilities and arrangements at the temple.

Krishna police rank first in state for curbing crimes against women

Machilipatnam, May 9|TPN Bureau

The Krishna District Police has secured the top rank in Andhra Pradesh for controlling crimes against women and preventing bodily offences, while also achieving fourth place statewide in overall crime control performance.

The recognition was announced during the seventh high-level review meeting conducted by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu with district superintendents of police across the state.

The Chief Minister reportedly congratulated the Krishna district police department and the district SP for their performance in crime reduction, maintenance of law and order and public safety.

According to police officials, the achievement was made possible through proactive crime prevention measures, continuous surveillance, an efficient



beat policing system, special drives for women's safety and the effective use of technology.

Officials said initiatives such as Shakti Team monitoring, awareness programmes and rapid response mechanisms helped create a safer environment for women in the

district. Coordinated efforts by police personnel also contributed to reducing assaults and other bodily offences.

The district SP said the department would continue working towards building a safer and crime-free society with public cooperation and trust.

Hebah Patel inaugurates 'Varenya One Gram Gold' showroom

Vijayawada, May 9|TPN Bureau

Hebah Patel along with Kimidi Kala Venkata Rao on Friday inaugurated the 'Varenya One Gram Gold' jewellery showroom at Swarnalok Complex opposite Apsara Theatre in Governorpet, Vijayawada.

The actress formally opened the showroom and viewed the wide range of jewellery collections displayed at the outlet. Speaking on the occasion, Hebah Patel observed that one-gram gold jewellery was becoming increasingly popular among consumers in view of soaring gold prices. She extended her best wishes to the organisers for the success and growth of the business.



Showroom proprietor Pininti Sampath Kumar said the venture was launched with the aim of providing stylish and quality jewellery at affordable prices for all sections of society. He stated that the showroom offers more than 60 varieties of

collections, including Jadau Kundan, Moissanite, Temple Jewellery and CZ designs.

The organisers said the jewellery collections are priced between 100 and 15,000 to cater to a broad range of customers.

Brahmotsavams Commence at Suvarchala Sametha Anjaneya Swamy Temple

Machilipatnam, May 9|TPN Bureau

The annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Suvarchala Sametha Anjaneya Swamy Temple at Parasapeta in Machilipatnam commenced on Friday with traditional religious rituals and ceremonies. Temple chairman Alapati Ramesh formally presented the invitation card for the festivities to senior advocate Lankishetty Balaji.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramesh said the nine-day Brahmotsavams would continue till May 17 under the supervision of chief priest Muttevi Venkata Satyanarayanacharyulu and temple priests Agni-hotram Badrinath and Agni-hotram Prasanna Kumar.

He said the inaugural rituals included Vishwakshana Puja,

Punyahavachanam, Ankura-

ed. The festivities will also fea-



pana, Vastu Homam and Dh-wajapata Pratistha. A special highlight of the celebrations will be Hanuman Jayanti on May 12, during which Visheshha Abhishekam, Nitya Homam and the grand Tiru Kalyana Mahotsavam will be conduct-

ture Hanuman Yajna, Sri Chakra Snanam, Navagraha Yajna, Laksha Tamalarachana and Anna Samaradhana. Temple Executive Officer Tikketi Venkata Rammohan Rao appealed to devotees to participate in large numbers.



Hindu Aikya Vedika urges police to prevent illegal cow slaughter during Bakrid

Machilipatnam, May 9|TPN Bureau

Members of the Hindu Aikya Vedika on Saturday submitted a memorandum to Krishna district police officials on Saturday seeking strict measures to prevent illegal cow slaughter ahead of the forthcoming Bakrid festival.

The delegation urged the police to establish effective surveillance mechanisms across the district to ensure that no unlawful cow slaughter takes place during the festival period. They also appealed to the

authorities to take stringent action against illegal transportation of cattle.

Speaking to the media later, representatives of the organisation said the police should remain vigilant and take preventive steps to maintain law and order while respecting the sentiments of all communities. They stressed the need for continuous monitoring in sensitive areas and called for coordinated action by enforcement agencies to curb violations related to cattle transportation and slaughter.



Anitha calls for expansion of natural farming in A.P.

Vijayawada, May 9|TPN Bureau

Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha on Saturday stressed the need to expand natural farming practices across Andhra Pradesh and said such initiatives would benefit both farmers and consumers while contributing to the state's overall progress.

The minister visited a mobile vehicle launched at SLV Green Villas in Vijayawada for the sale of produce cultivated through natural farming methods.

Addressing the gathering, Anitha said natural farming was crucial for achieving food self-sufficiency and promoting healthy food habits. She observed that several countries were achieving significant yields even through terrace gardening despite limited re-

sources and said Andhra Pradesh should make better use of its abundant natural resources to promote sustainable agriculture.

She also referred to proposals to make natural farming products available to urban consumers through "Night Food Courts" in cities like Vijayawada. According to the minister, such initiatives would boost confidence among farmers while ensuring access to healthy food for the public.

Anitha urged people to adopt natural cultivation methods and said the government was taking several steps to encourage eco-friendly agricultural practices in the state.

District Project Manager for Natural Farming V. Nagapramila Rani, farmers, officials and consumers participated in the programme.



Spoorthi Foundation extends financial aid to needy family

Machilipatnam, May 9|TPN Bureau

Spoorthi Foundation on Friday extended financial assistance of 7,116 to Munjuluru Prasad, a resident of Rajakulavari Veedhi in Balaramunipeta, who has been facing severe financial hardship due to health issues and old age.

According to foundation members, Prasad has been unable to work after undergoing amputation of his leg below the knee in the past. With advancing age further limiting his ability to earn a livelihood, the family was reportedly struggling to meet daily expenses.

After learning about the family's condition through rel-

atives, members of the Spoorthi Foundation stepped forward to provide immediate support. During the assistance programme, Eede Nagarjuna contributed 5,000, Vasudeva Hanumantha Rao donated 1,116 and T. Manikyalarao contributed 1,000, taking the total financial assistance to 7,116.

Family members of Munjuluru Prasad expressed gratitude to the donors and the foundation representatives for supporting them during difficult circumstances.

Local residents appreciated the Spoorthi Foundation for its continued involvement in social service activities and for extending timely assistance to needy families in the town.



YCP leader seeks urgent measures to save Anantapur farmers

Anantapur, May 9|TPN Bureau

Anantha Venkatarami Reddy on Saturday alleged that farmers in Anantapur district were facing severe distress under the coalition government due to falling groundwater levels, crop failures and lack of support measures.

Addressing a media conference at the YSR Congress Party district office, the YCP Anantapur district president said horticulture crops across several mandals were drying up as groundwater levels had reached alarming lows. He accused public representatives of remaining indifferent despite the worsening situation

and demanded immediate protective irrigation to save orchards and standing crops.

Reddy alleged that farmers were not receiving remunerative prices for maize, mango, banana and sweet lime crops, while input subsidies and free crop insurance had been discontinued. He claimed that procurement at the minimum support price was not taking place and criticised the government for failing to provide timely seeds and fertilisers ahead of the Kharif season.

He also demanded transparency in urea distribution and urged the government to immediately support distressed farmers in the district.



AP teachers return after completing Singapore education training programme

Gannavaram, May 9|TPN Bureau

A delegation of 37 government schoolteachers from the State returned to Gannavaram International Airport on Saturday after successfully completing a five-day specialised training programme in Singapore aimed at adopting international standards in school education. The programme, conducted from May 4 to May 8 at Singapore's National Institute of Education (NIE), focused on the theme "Designing Learning, Inspiring Thinking." The participants included recipients of the 2025 State Best Teacher Awards, comprising 10 headmasters, 18 school assistants, four principals and five physical education directors. During the tour, the teachers received training in digital pedagogy, critical thinking, innovative teaching methodologies and school management systems. They also visited reputed educational institutions, including Yishun Secondary School, to study Singapore's educational practices and classroom models.

The initiative was undertaken by the Andhra Pradesh government as part of its efforts to transform government schools into globally competitive institutions under the "Future Ready" vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Education Minister Nara Lokesh. Officials said the trained teachers would now act as mentors and help implement modern teaching practices across government schools in the state. The government is also preparing to send another batch of 29 teachers to Finland in the second phase of the programme.

Public Grievance Redressal Programme Across Kurnool District

Kurnool, May 9|TPN Bureau

Nurul Qamar has announced that the Public Grievance Redressal System programme will be conducted from 9.30 a.m. on Monday across the district to receive petitions and resolve public grievances.

In a statement issued on Saturday, the In-charge Collector said the programme would be organized at the Sunayana Auditorium in the Kurnool Collectorate, besides all Mandal Revenue Offices, Revenue Divisional Offices and Municipal Offices in the district. He urged citizens to make effective use of the initiative to bring their

problems directly to the notice of officials.

Nurul Qamar stated that the grievance redressal mechanism has been strengthened to ensure speedy disposal of petitions submitted by the public. He added that applicants can track the status of their petitions through the government call centre by dialing 1100. Citizens may obtain information regarding whether their petitions have been resolved or at what stage the applications are pending. He further informed that grievances can also be registered online through the official Mee Kosam portal.

Month-long LPG delay sparks outrage in Kandukur

Kandukur, May 9|TPN Bureau

Residents of Kandukur town and nearby villages are facing severe hardships due to an acute delay in the delivery of LPG cylinders, with several consumers alleging that bookings made nearly a month ago are still pending.

Consumers of Bharat Gas have expressed anger over the prolonged delay, stating that families dependent on cooking gas for daily needs are being forced into distress. Many alleged that repeated visits to the gas agency office have yielded no solution, with staff members routinely asking them to "wait for another two days."

Residents said the same response is being given even after multiple follow-up visits, leading to frequent arguments between consumers and agency personnel at the office premises.



The crisis has reportedly affected families with children and elderly members the most. Some residents said they have been compelled to return to traditional firewood stoves due to the unavailability of LPG cylinders.

Adding to public frustration,

officials have allegedly failed to provide any clear explanation for the disruption in supply. Consumers are now demanding immediate intervention by the authorities to clear the backlog and restore regular gas cylinder deliveries in the region.

'Aao Urdu Seekhe' programme highlights importance of Urdu language

Kondapalli, May 9|TPN Bureau

A programme titled "Aao Urdu Seekhe" organised under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh State Urdu Academy received an enthusiastic response from students and religious scholars at Kondapalli on Saturday.

Farooq Shibli attended the event as the chief guest and spoke on the literary richness and cultural significance of the Urdu language. Addressing participants, he said the state government was taking steps to promote Urdu and ensure its inclusion, along with Telugu and English, on government signboards and logos across offices in the state.

He stated that special initiatives were being undertaken for the development and preservation of Urdu language and literature. Urdu books were distributed to Madrasa students who participated in the programme.



Students from Paritala, Kethanakonda and Ibrahimpatnam attended the event along with their religious teachers and actively took part in the sessions. Participants said such programmes would

help preserve and promote Urdu among younger generations.

District minority leader Afzar, AMC director Uma Maheswara Rao, co-option member Mahboob, religious teacher Razvi and several Madrasa administrators were present.

Chakrasnanam marks grand finale of Nagalapuram Brahmotsavams

Nagalapuram, May 9|TPN Bureau

The annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Vedanarayana Swamy Temple concluded on a grand note on Saturday with the celestial Chakrasnanam ceremony conducted amid devotional fervour.

A large number of devotees gathered at the temple premises and participated in the final day rituals, with chants of "Govinda" reverberating across the temple town.

The day's events commenced with a palanquin procession held in the morning, followed by Snapana Thirumanjanam for the processional idols of Sri Vedanarayana Swamy, Sridevi, Bhudevi and Sri Sudarshana Chakrathalwar. Temple priests performed the ritual bath using milk, curd, honey, coconut water, turmeric and sandalwood paste in accordance with temple traditions.



The highlight of the celebrations, the Chakrasnanam ritual, was later conducted in the temple Pushkarini as per Agama scriptures. Devotees took part in the sacred dip along with the Sudarshana Chakra, seeking divine blessings.

The Brahmotsavams are

scheduled to formally conclude with the Dhvajavarohanam ceremony to be held in the evening.

Temple superintendent Srinivasulu Reddy, inspector Chungal Rayulu and other officials supervised the arrangements for the event.



PVN Madhav inaugurates Bhagavat Ramanujacharya statue in Bapatla

Bapatla, May 9|TPN Bureau

P. V. N. Madhav on Saturday inaugurated a statue of Sri Bhagavat Ramanujacharya in Bapatla town amid devotional fervour and participated in special religious programmes organised on the occasion.

Madhav unveiled the statue in the presence of priests, devotees and local leaders and later offered prayers. Religious rituals and Vedic chants marked the ceremony, while devotees gathered in large numbers to witness the event. Speaking on the occasion,

Madhav said the teachings and philosophy of Ramanujacharya continue to inspire society towards devotion, equality and righteousness. He noted that the saint played a key role in spreading Sanatana Dharma and promoting social harmony.

He also called upon people, particularly the younger generation, to follow the ideals and spiritual path shown by Ramanujacharya. Bhajans, spiritual discourses and cultural programmes were organised as part of the celebrations.



Anam inaugurates 29-crore facilities at Dwaraka Tirumala temple

Eluru, May 9|TPN Bureau

Anam Ramanarayana Reddy on Saturday inaugurated several newly developed facilities at the famed Dwaraka Tirumala Temple, including a queue complex, Anivitti Mandapam and a five-storeyed Rajagopuram at the Shiva temple atop the hill. The facilities were constructed at an estimated cost of 29 crore as part of the temple's infrastructure development initiatives aimed at improving amenities for devotees.

The minister arrived at the temple in the morning and offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara Swamy. He was accorded a traditional Purna Kumbham welcome by Gopalapuram MLA Maddipati

tiVenkataraju, hereditary trustee board chairman Raja Suraneni Venkata Sudhakara Rao, temple executive officer VendraTrinadha Rao and temple priests.

Special rituals were performed for the minister inside the sanctum sanctorum, while Vedic scholars rendered blessings at the Vedashirvachana Mandapam. Temple authorities later presented him with sacred prasadam and a portrait of the deity. Joint Collector Dr. M.J. Abhishek Gowda, former MLA Ghanta Murali Ramakrishna, DSP Sravan Kumar, members of the devasthanam trust board, Endowments department officials and public representatives participated in the programme.



BC Janardhan Reddy praises Proddatur MLA for pursuing development works

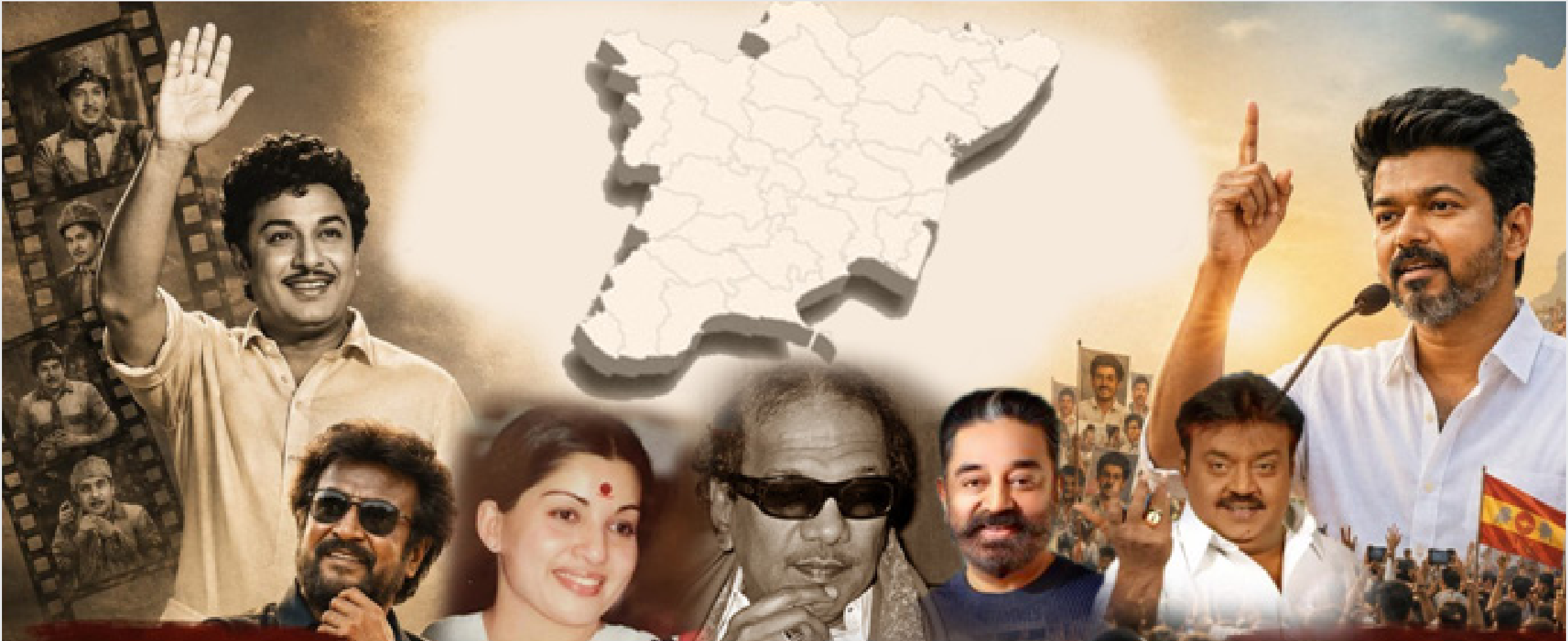
Kadapa, May 9|TPN Bureau

B. C. Janardhan Reddy on Saturday described Proddatur MLA Nandyala Varadarajulu Reddy as a "tireless worker" who was striving continuously for the development of the constituency by regularly meeting senior government leaders and officials. Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony for various road development works in Proddatur, the minister said development projects worth nearly 200 crore had been sanctioned for the constituency under the Alliance government. He challenged YSR Congress Party leaders to hold a debate on the developmental initiatives being implemented in the region. Janardhan Reddy

said the foundation was laid for the six-lane expansion of a 1.9-km stretch of the Proddatur-Chagalamarri road at a cost of 5.34 crore. He added that works were also launched for the widening of a 1.20-km stretch of the Maipadu-Nellore-Bellary-Bombay road at an estimated cost of 5 crore. The minister further stated that approvals had been issued for the construction of an 80-foot-wide road connecting Proddatur to Arkatavemula in Rajupalem mandal at a cost of 4.70 crore following the MLA's request. Kadapa district TDP president Chadipiralla Bhupesh Reddy, former MLC Bachala Pullayya and other leaders participated in the programme.

Reel Heroes Are Real Heroes

From M. G. Ramachandran to Vijay, the enduring link between stardom and political leadership



Tamil Nadu Cinema doesn't end with applause. It often begins a political journey. For over half a century, Tamil Nadu has occupied a singular position in the global cultural landscape, where cinema is not merely entertainment but a decisive pathway to political power. Unlike Hollywood or Bollywood, where stardom largely influences lifestyle and consumer trends, Tamil Nadu has institutionalised a unique model: the seamless transition of film stars into mass leaders and administrators. Here, the silver screen does not end with applause; it often begins a political journey. The roots of this phenomenon lie in the towering legacy

of M. G. Ramachandran (MGR). In the 1950s and 60s, MGR carefully curated his on-screen image as a champion of the poor, a defender of women, and a moral crusader. His films were not just stories; they were emotional contracts with the masses. When MGR entered politics, the electorate did not perceive him as a novice politician, they saw a saviour stepping out of the screen. This deep emotional identification translated into unprecedented political success, allowing him to serve three consecutive terms as Chief Minister. In many ways, he blurred the line between reel and real, creating a template that continues to shape Tamil

Nadu politics. The post-MGR era witnessed the emergence of two contrasting yet complementary icons: Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan. Rajinikanth, the "Superstar," perfected the archetype of the mass hero. His stylised gestures, punch dialogues, and larger-than-life persona resonated deeply with the working class. Even without fully committing to electoral politics, his cultural influence has been so pervasive that political equations in the state often factor in his voice and symbolism. In contrast, Kamal Haasan carved a niche through intellectual depth, technical brilliance, and cinematic experimentation. His political foray

through his party marked a shift towards issue-based discourse. Yet, as he himself observed, popularity does not always convert into votes, highlighting the evolving complexity of the cinema-politics equation. What truly distinguishes Tamil Nadu's model is its robust grassroots machinery, the Rasigam Mandrams (fan clubs). These are not mere celebratory groups; they function as highly organised social networks. Engaged in activities such as blood donation drives, disaster relief, and welfare programmes, these fan clubs build trust and visibility within the community. Over the decades, they have

evolved into a ready-made political infrastructure. When a star decides to enter politics, they inherit a disciplined, booth-level organisational network, something most conventional parties struggle to build. **Stardom 2.0: The Vijay Moment** The latest chapter in this enduring narrative is being written by Vijay, popularly known as Thalapathy. His political outfit, Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK), has demonstrated how the traditional MGR blueprint can be adapted to a digital-era electorate. By leveraging both his massive fan base and modern communication strategies, Vijay has redefined the scale

and speed at which cinematic influence can translate into political capital. Tamil Nadu's cinema-politics nexus is not an anomaly; it is a deeply embedded cultural system. Cinema here serves as a vehicle of linguistic pride, regional identity, and social messaging. Stars are not distant celebrities; they are perceived as embodiments of collective aspirations. In Tamil Nadu, stardom is not fleeting; it is institutional. It is cultivated, sustained, and ultimately transformed into governance. The journey from screen to state is neither accidental nor opportunistic; it is a carefully constructed continuum.

As the state continues to evolve, one thing remains certain: in Tamil Nadu, the final scene of a blockbuster is often just the opening act of a political legacy.



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Push-Ins, Refugees and Rumours

Tensions Rise Along the Indo-Bangla Frontier

MEA spokesperson
Randhir Jaiswal

The issue of alleged "push-ins" along the India-Bangladesh border has once again stirred diplomatic unease, but the current phase is more layered than before. It is no longer just about illegal migration; it now intersects with electoral politics, refugee flows, and an increasingly toxic information ecosystem. Following the recent electoral victories of the Bharatiya Janata Party in West Bengal and Assam, New Delhi has sharpened its focus on what it calls a "core issue": the identification and repatriation of illegal Bangladeshi nationals. This political signal has triggered concern in Bangladesh, which has reportedly heightened vigilance along its border, fearing a possible increase in such push-back actions. Relating to this, Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman stated, "We strongly protested. Bangladesh will accept only individuals whose nationality has been verified. If any push-in incidents occur, we will take necessary measures." At the centre of the diplomatic exchange is a clear divergence in positions. Responding to remarks by Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman, India's External Affairs Ministry has firmly reiterated its stance. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "These



comments must be seen in the context of the core issue of repatriation of illegal Bangladeshis from India... This requires cooperation from Bangladesh." He further pointed out that more than 2,800 nationality verification requests are still pending with Bangladesh, some for years, delaying deportation processes. This backlog underscores the bureaucratic

and diplomatic bottlenecks that often complicate what appears, on the surface, to be a straightforward issue. However, the situation is not limited to Bangladeshi migrants alone. A significant and sensitive dimension involves Rohingya refugees, many of whom have entered India after fleeing persecution in Myanmar. Their legal status remains contested, and past reports

have alleged instances where individuals, including Rohingyas and even some Indian nationals, were mistakenly identified and pushed across borders. This raises serious humanitarian and legal concerns, especially in the absence of watertight identification mechanisms. Bangladesh, for its part, has maintained that any return of individuals must follow for-

mal, verifiable channels. Officials in Dhaka have emphasised that they will accept only those proven to be Bangladeshi citizens, reflecting concerns about wrongful deportations and sovereignty. Amid these tensions, misinformation has emerged as a powerful destabiliser. Social media platforms are flooded with viral videos claiming that Bangladeshi migrants are



"fleeing back" in large numbers. Yet, fact-checking reveals that many such clips are outdated, unrelated, or deliberately miscaptioned. These misleading visuals create a false sense of crisis, inflame public sentiment, and risk turning a complex administrative issue into a communal or diplomatic flashpoint. The danger lies in the convergence of three forces: political messaging, humanitarian complexity, and digital misinformation. Border states like West Bengal and Assam already face demographic pressures and political sensitivities, making them particularly vulnerable to narratives that

amplify fear or suspicion. Ultimately, the "push-in" debate is not just about borders; it is about process, perception, and partnership. Without faster verification mechanisms, clearer communication, and stricter control over misinformation, even routine administrative actions can spiral into diplomatic strain. For India and Bangladesh, two neighbours bound by geography, history, and shared interests, the challenge is to ensure that migration management remains humane, lawful, and above all, grounded in truth rather than viral distortion. **True Point News Desk**

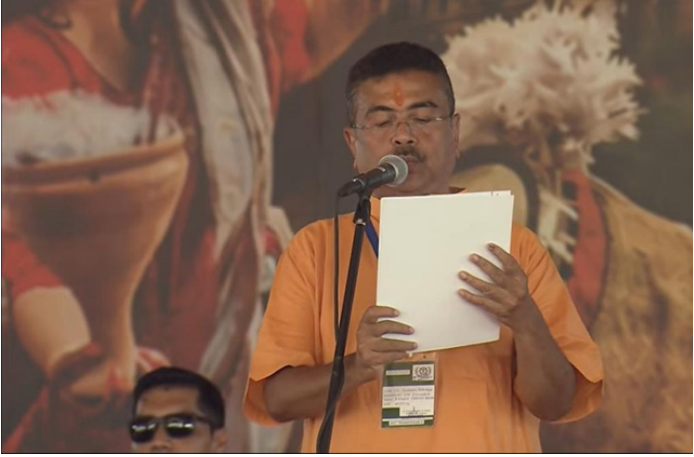
Suvendu Adhikari Takes Oath As West Bengal's First BJP Chief tMinister

In a historic political moment for West Bengal, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Suvendu Adhikari was sworn in as the state's first Chief Minister from the BJP. The oath-taking ceremony marked a major shift in Bengal politics, ending decades of dominance by regional and Left parties in the state.

The ceremony was held in Kolkata in the presence of several senior BJP leaders, party workers, and supporters who celebrated what the party described as a landmark victory in eastern India. Massive crowds gathered outside the venue as supporters waved BJP flags and chanted slogans welcoming the new government.

Suve for political change and dissatisfaction over several local issues.

Security arrangements across Kolkata and other sensitive regions were strengthened during the oath-taking ceremony to prevent clashes between rival political supporters. Authorities maintained heavy police deployment at major locations throughout the day.



Business groups and investors are now closely watching the new administration's policy direction, particularly regarding industrial investment, infrastructure projects, and employment generation. BJP leaders have repeatedly promised to attract more industries and improve the business environment in the state.

Supporters of the BJP celebrated the swearing-in as a "new chapter" for West Bengal politics, while opposition leaders said they would continue to play the role of a strong democratic opposition.

With Suvendu Adhikari now officially taking charge as Chief Minister, West Bengal enters a new political phase that could significantly influence national politics as well.

PM Modi Greets Public With Folded Hands At Suvendu Adhikari's Swearing-In Ceremony

Prime Minister Narendra Modi drew massive attention during the swearing-in ceremony of Suvendu Adhikari as West Bengal's first BJP Chief Minister when he bowed before the public with folded hands in a gesture of gratitude and respect. The moment quickly went viral on social media, with supporters praising the Prime Minister's humility and connection with the crowd.

The ceremony, held in Kolkata, witnessed the presence of several senior BJP leaders, party workers, and thousands of supporters celebrating the party's historic victory in West Bengal. As Prime Minister Modi arrived at the venue, loud cheers and slogans erupted from the audience welcoming him and other top leaders.

During the event, Modi was seen acknowledging the cheering crowd by folding his hands and bowing toward the public. The gesture received a strong response from supporters, many of whom recorded videos that rapidly spread across social media platforms.

Political observers noted that the swearing-in ceremony was not only a significant political event for West Bengal but also an important symbolic moment for the BJP, which has long aimed to expand its influence in eastern India. The party's victory and formation of government in the state marked a major milestone in Bengal politics.

Suvendu Adhikari took oath as Chief Minister amid high security and grand celebrations. In his speech, he promised development-focused governance, improved law and order, and efforts to attract investment and employment opportunities to the state.



Prime Minister Modi congratulated the new Chief Minister and expressed confidence that the government would work toward the progress and prosperity of West Bengal. He also emphasized the importance of development, good governance, and public welfare. The BJP leadership described the moment as historic, highlighting the party's growth in a state traditionally dominated by regional political forces. Senior party leaders called the victory a reflection of changing political dynamics and growing public support for the BJP in Bengal.

Meanwhile, opposition parties criticized the BJP and accused it of using aggressive political strategies to gain ground in the state. However, BJP supporters celebrated the ceremony enthusiastically, describing it as the beginning of a "new era" in West Bengal politics. Security arrangements remained tight throughout the event, with police and security personnel deployed across key areas in Kolkata to ensure smooth proceedings and prevent any disturbances.

The visuals of Prime Minister Modi greeting the public with folded hands became one of the most discussed moments of the ceremony, adding a strong emotional and symbolic element to the political event. Analysts believe the images could further strengthen the BJP's messaging ahead of future political battles in the region.

PM Modi Touches Feet Of 97-Year-Old Makhanlal Sarkar During Bengal Visit



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's gesture of touching the feet of 97-year-old Makhanlal Sarkar during his visit to West Bengal has drawn widespread attention and praise across social media and political circles. The emotional moment took place during a public event in Kolkata and quickly became one of the most talked-about highlights of the Prime Minister's Bengal visit.

Makhanlal Sarkar is a veteran social worker and long-time supporter associated with nationalist and cultural organisations in West Bengal. Known for his decades of grassroots work and community involvement, Sarkar is respected by many in the region for his contributions to social and public causes.

During the interaction, Prime Minister Modi approached the elderly man, folded his hands respectfully, and touched his feet as a mark of respect for his age and contributions. The gesture visibly moved people present at the event, while supporters praised the Prime Minister for showing humility and respect toward senior citizens.

Visuals of the interaction spread rapidly online, with many social media users describing the moment as emotional and symbolic. Several BJP leaders and party supporters shared the video, calling it an example of Indian cultural values and traditions that emphasize respect for elders.

Political analysts noted that such personal gestures often help strengthen emotional connections between political leaders and the public. Modi has frequently been seen displaying similar acts of respect toward senior figures, spiritual leaders, and elderly citizens during public appearances.

The Prime Minister was in West Bengal to attend major political and public events following the BJP's historic rise in the state. His visit included meetings with party leaders, public gatherings, and participation in the swearing-in ceremony of the new state government. Supporters at the venue responded enthusiastically to the interaction between Modi and Makhanlal Sarkar, with loud applause and slogans filling the atmosphere. The elderly social worker also appeared emotional during the meeting and reportedly blessed the Prime Minister.

The moment added a human and emotional dimension to an otherwise politically charged visit. Observers said such visuals often resonate strongly with audiences, especially in a culturally rooted state like West Bengal where respect for elders carries deep social significance.

Opposition leaders, however, accused the BJP of turning symbolic gestures into political messaging. BJP leaders rejected the criticism and said the interaction reflected genuine respect and Indian cultural traditions.

The video continues to attract strong reactions online, with many users praising the Prime Minister's conduct and highlighting the emotional value of the interaction.

Vijay's Political Push Gains Momentum As VCK Extends Support In Tamil Nadu

Actor-turned-politician Vijay has received a major political boost in Tamil Nadu after the Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) reportedly extended unconditional support to his political efforts, easing concerns over numbers and alliance calculations ahead of government formation discussions.

According to political sources, the support from VCK significantly strengthens Vijay's position in the evolving political landscape of Tamil Nadu, where coalition arithmetic often plays a decisive role. The development has sparked intense speculation about possible new political alignments in the state.

Vijay, who formally entered politics with his party Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), has rapidly emerged as a major talking point in Tamil Nadu politics. His entry created excitement among younger voters and fans, while also raising questions about whether he could challenge the dominance of traditional Dravidian parties.

The reported backing from VCK is being viewed as strategically important because the party has influence among key voter groups and has historically played a meaningful role in alliance politics within the state. Political analysts believe the support could help Vijay improve his political reach and credibility.



Sources suggest discussions between leaders of both parties focused on social justice, youth welfare, education, and governance reforms. While no formal coalition announcement has yet been made publicly, the support has intensified political activity across Tamil Nadu. The development comes at a time when major political parties are closely monitoring Vijay's growing popularity and organisational efforts. His public meetings and political messaging have attracted significant attention, particularly among first-time voters and urban youth.

Political experts say Tamil Nadu's political environment is undergoing gradual changes as newer forces attempt to create space in a state traditionally dominated by the DMK and AIADMK. Vijay's emergence has added a fresh layer of uncertainty and excitement to the state's political future.

Supporters of Vijay celebrated the reported support from VCK on social media, calling it a major breakthrough for the actor-politician. Many party workers described it as the beginning of a broader political movement aimed at bringing change to Tamil Nadu politics.

Meanwhile, rival parties downplayed the significance of the development and argued that electoral success in Tamil Nadu requires strong grassroots organisation and long-term political experience. Some opposition leaders also questioned whether celebrity popularity alone could translate into sustained political influence.

Despite the criticism, Vijay's political journey continues to generate massive public interest. Analysts believe upcoming political decisions, alliance strategies, and organisational expansion efforts will play a crucial role in determining how influential his party becomes in the coming years.

The latest developments have once again highlighted the increasing unpredictability of Tamil Nadu politics, where new alliances and emerging political personalities are beginning to reshape traditional equations.

PM Modi To Unveil 9,400 Crore Development Push In Karnataka And Telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Karnataka and Telangana on May 10, where he will participate in major public programmes and launch a series of development projects worth around 9,400 crore. The visit will include inaugurations, foundation stone layings, and dedications aimed at boosting infrastructure, industry, healthcare, and connectivity. In Bengaluru, the Prime Minister will take part in the 45th anniversary celebrations of The Art of Living, founded by Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. The event will also mark the spiritual leader's 70th birthday celebrations. During the programme, PM Modi will inaugurate the newly constructed Dhyana Mandir at the Art of Living International Centre. The meditation hall is designed as a dedicated space for inner well-being and holistic wellness. He will also launch nationwide service initiatives by the organisation focusing on mental health, rural development, environment. He will also lay the foundation stone for the Zaheerabad Industrial Area in Sangareddy district, developed under the Hyderabad-Nagpur Industrial Corridor. The project is planned as a major industrial hub with modern infrastructure and is expected to attract large-scale investments while generating employment opportunities across sectors such as automobiles, food processing, machinery, and electronics. The Prime Minister will inaugurate the PM MITRA Park in Warangal, also known as the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park. It is India's first operational PM MITRA park and is part of the government's initiative to strengthen the entire textile value chain from production to exports. The park has been developed with modern infrastructure including internal road networks, dedicated power supply, water systems, and an advanced effluent treatment system designed for sustainable industrial operations. Several railway projects worth over 1,500 crore will also be dedicated to the nation. These include multi-tracking works in the Kazipet-Vijayawada section, aimed at reducing congestion, improving train operations, and increasing freight movement efficiency. A rail bypass project at Kazipet will further streamline train traffic in the region. In the energy sector, PM Modi will dedicate the Indian Oil Malkapur Terminal in Hyderabad, designed to expand fuel storage and distribution capacity to meet growing regional demand.

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Iran’s ‘Mosquito Fleet’, The Small Naval Force Challenging Global Powers



Iran’s so-called “mosquito fleet” has emerged as one of the biggest threats in the Strait of Hormuz, despite the country’s conventional naval losses in recent conflicts. The term refers to a large fleet of small, fast, heavily armed boats operated mainly by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). These vessels are central to Iran’s strategy of asymmetric warfare against stronger military powers like the United States.

Unlike traditional navies that rely on large warships and aircraft carriers, Iran’s mosquito fleet focuses on speed, surprise, and swarm tactics. The boats are small, agile, and difficult to detect, allowing them to launch rapid hit-and-run attacks against commercial ships and military vessels in the narrow waters of the Strait of Hormuz.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world’s most strategically important waterways, as nearly one-fifth of global oil shipments pass through it. Any disruption in the region can immediately affect global energy prices, shipping costs, and financial markets. Iran’s ability to threaten traffic in the strait gives it significant geopolitical leverage.

Military experts say

the mosquito fleet represents a classic example of asymmetric warfare, where a weaker power uses low-cost but highly disruptive tactics against a technologically superior opponent. Instead of trying to defeat large American warships directly, Iran aims to create enough risk and uncertainty to make naval operations difficult and expensive.

The boats are often equipped with machine guns, rockets, naval mines, anti-ship missiles, and even drones. Some are capable of extremely high speeds, making them difficult targets during combat situations. Iran has also reportedly built hidden underground naval bases and coastal tunnels from where these boats can quickly deploy during emergencies.

Even after recent military setbacks and reported damage to some naval assets, analysts believe a significant portion of the mosquito fleet remains operational. Their low cost, mobility, and ability to operate in groups make them easier to replace and harder to eliminate completely.

Experts warn that coordinated swarm attacks involving dozens of fast boats could overwhelm commercial

shipping lanes, especially in the narrow sections of the Strait of Hormuz. Commercial vessels usually lack advanced defensive systems, increasing their vulnerability during sudden attacks or military escalation.

The continued presence of Iran’s mosquito fleet has raised global concerns about possible oil supply disruptions, rising shipping insurance costs, and instability in international trade routes. Energy markets remain highly sensitive to any military activity near the strait because even temporary disruptions can impact fuel prices worldwide.

Security analysts also point out that modern naval warfare is increasingly shifting toward unconventional tactics, where smaller and cheaper systems can create major strategic challenges for larger powers. Iran’s mosquito fleet is often viewed as one of the most prominent examples of this approach.

As tensions in the Middle East continue, the fleet remains a powerful symbol of how unconventional military strategies can challenge even some of the world’s strongest naval forces.

Mount Dukono Eruption Kills Hikers In Indonesia, Massive Rescue Operation Underway



A powerful eruption of Mount Dukono in Indonesia has killed at least three hikers and triggered a major rescue operation on Halmahera Island. Authorities confirmed that 17 other hikers were rescued after the volcano suddenly erupted, sending massive ash clouds high into the sky.

The eruption occurred while a group of hikers was climbing the volcano despite official restrictions around the area. Mount Dukono, one of Indonesia’s most active volcanoes, has been under a high alert level for months due to increasing volcanic activity. Authorities had already imposed a ban on climbing near the crater and established a restricted zone extending several kilometers from the summit.

Rescue teams faced extremely dangerous conditions as thick volcanic ash, toxic gases, and repeated eruptions complicated operations. More than 100 rescue personnel, including military officers, police teams, and disaster management officials, were deployed to search for missing hikers and evacuate survivors.

According to reports, the victims included both foreign nationals and local hikers. Several survivors suffered burns and injuries while attempting to escape the eruption. Rescue officials said some hikers were found near the crater area, while others managed to descend the mountain after hearing loud explosions and seeing ash clouds spreading rapidly across the slopes.

Authorities temporarily halted search operations multiple times because of continuing volcanic activity and fears of further eruptions. Drone surveillance and thermal imaging equipment were also used to locate missing hikers trapped in difficult terrain near the volcano.

Mount Dukono is located in Indonesia’s North Maluku province and has been erupting intermittently for decades. Indonesia sits on the Pacific “Ring of Fire,” a region known for intense seismic and volcanic activity, making the country one of the most disaster-prone areas in the world.

Officials are now investigating how the hikers managed to enter the restricted zone despite clear warnings and climbing bans. Reports suggest some tourists and trekking groups ignored safety advisories issued by Indonesian disaster authorities.

The eruption has once again highlighted the dangers of volcano tourism in Indonesia, where adventurous hikers often attempt climbs despite active volcanic threats. Similar volcanic disasters in recent years have resulted in multiple casualties across the country.

Residents living near Mount

Dukono have also been advised to remain alert as volcanic ash continues to spread across nearby villages. Authorities warned that ashfall could disrupt air travel, reduce visibility, and create health risks for local communities.

Disaster management agencies are continuing to monitor volcanic activity closely, fearing additional eruptions in the coming days. Rescue teams remain on standby as officials assess the full extent of the disaster and search for any remaining missing persons.

US Awaits Iran’s Reply To Peace Proposal Amid Fresh Hormuz Clashes

Tensions in the Middle East remain extremely high as the United States waits for Iran’s response to a proposed peace framework aimed at reducing conflict in and around the Strait of Hormuz. Despite ongoing diplomatic efforts, fresh clashes between Iranian and US naval forces have raised fears of a wider regional escalation.

US President Donald Trump said Washington expects Tehran’s reply soon regarding a proposal designed to ease hostilities and restore stability in the strategic Gulf region. American officials have expressed hope that Iran will provide a serious response that could help restart negotiations and prevent further military confrontation.

Iran, however, has indicated that it is still reviewing the proposal and has criticized Washington’s approach. Iranian leaders accused the US of continuing military pressure while simultaneously pushing for diplomacy. Tehran has also rejected some international proposals, describing them as politically motivated and insufficient to resolve the crisis.

Meanwhile, the Strait of

Hormuz remains at the center of the confrontation. Reports suggest sporadic clashes have taken place between Iranian and American naval forces in the waterway, which handles a major portion of the world’s oil shipments. Increased military activity in the region has raised concerns about global energy supplies, shipping safety, and oil prices.

The situation became even more serious after reports emerged of attacks on vessels near the Gulf region. Iranian officials claimed that US strikes targeted Iranian-linked ships near the Strait of Hormuz, while Washington accused Iran of threatening maritime security and disrupting shipping routes.

In one tragic incident, an Indian sailor reportedly lost his life after a vessel carrying Indian crew members caught fire near the Strait of Hormuz. Several other crew members were rescued, while authorities continue investigating the exact cause of the incident.

The ongoing conflict has also intensified geopolitical tensions beyond the Gulf region. Military activity has reportedly increased in neighboring

areas, while several countries are attempting to mediate between Washington and Tehran in hopes of preventing a wider war.

Russia has also entered the diplomatic debate, reportedly urging global powers to avoid actions that could further escalate tensions. International leaders continue to call for restraint as fears grow over the possibility of direct military confrontation in the region.

Global financial markets are closely monitoring the developments as concerns increase over potential disruptions to oil supply routes. Analysts warn that prolonged instability in the Strait of Hormuz could push energy prices sharply higher and create broader economic uncertainty across international markets.

Security experts believe the coming days will be crucial in determining whether the crisis moves toward diplomacy or deeper conflict. Investors, governments, and energy markets around the world are now waiting for Iran’s official response and the next steps from the United States.

The latest UK local election results have dealt a significant political setback to Prime Minister Keir Starmer and the Labour Party, with Reform UK emerging as one of the biggest gainers in the polls. The results have sparked intense debate over voter dissatisfaction, immigration concerns, and the shifting political landscape in Britain.

Labour, which had hoped to strengthen its position after returning to power nationally, suffered unexpected losses in several councils across England. Political analysts said the results reflected growing frustration among voters over economic pressures, public services, and concerns about the pace of change under Starmer’s leadership.

The biggest surprise came from Reform UK, led by Nigel Farage, which made strong gains in multiple regions. The party managed to attract support from both traditional Conservative voters and working-class voters who were once considered part of Labour’s core support base.

Reform UK’s rise has once again highlighted the influence of immigration and national identity debates in British politics. The party campaigned heavily on border security, reducing migration, and



of public sentiment before future parliamentary contests. While Labour remains the governing party nationally, the results suggest that maintaining long-term voter confidence could become increasingly challenging.

Keir Starmer is now facing pressure from within his party to reconnect more effectively with working-class communities and address issues such as inflation, healthcare pressures, housing costs, and migration.

Critics argue that Labour’s policies have

appeared too cautious and have failed to energize parts of its traditional voter base.

Meanwhile, Reform UK celebrated the results as proof that British politics is entering a new phase where smaller parties can significantly influence national debates. Nigel Farage described the gains as a sign that voters are looking for alternatives outside the traditional Labour-Conservative political system.

The elections also revealed regional differences in voter behaviour, with Reform UK performing particularly strongly in areas that previously backed Brexit and expressed concerns over immigration and economic inequality.

Political experts believe the results could reshape strategies for all major parties ahead of future national elections.

Labour may now attempt to sharpen its messaging on economic growth and public services, while Conservatives face increasing pressure to prevent further voter migration toward Reform UK. The outcome has added fresh uncertainty to British politics, with growing signs that voter loyalties are becoming more fragmented than ever before.

Trump Administration Releases Declassified UFO Files, Apollo Mission Images Spark Debate

The US government has released a large collection of previously classified UFO-related documents, photographs, and videos following orders from President Donald Trump. The release includes more than 160 files connected to unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAPs), commonly referred to as UFOs, and has reignited global curiosity about extraterrestrial life and government secrecy.

The newly declassified material includes military reports, astronaut transcripts, eyewitness accounts, and footage gathered over several decades. Among the most discussed files are photographs and transcripts connected to

NASA’s Apollo missions, especially Apollo 12 and Apollo 17.

One Apollo 17 transcript describes astronauts witnessing unusual bright particles or glowing fragments drifting through space during the mission in 1972. Another released image reportedly shows mysterious dots arranged in a triangular pattern above the lunar surface, leading to widespread speculation online.

The files were published through a newly launched US government platform designed to improve transparency around UFO investigations and unidentified aerial sightings. Officials said additional files will continue

to be released over the coming weeks as more records are declassified.

President Trump described the move as an effort to provide “maximum transparency” and encouraged the public to review the files and draw their own conclusions. The White House said the release reflects growing public demand for answers regarding unexplained aerial sightings and possible extraterrestrial phenomena.

Despite the excitement surrounding the disclosures, US officials stressed that the documents do not contain definitive proof of alien life or extraterrestrial technology. Scientists and analysts reviewing the files said many

of the images could potentially be explained by optical effects, debris, satellites, camera artifacts, or natural space phenomena.

The release has generated mixed reactions. UFO researchers and transparency advocates welcomed the publication of long-secret records, arguing that governments should openly share unexplained observations with the public. However, skeptics criticized the release, saying several files offered little concrete evidence and may simply fuel conspiracy theories.

Astronomers and former defense officials also cautioned against jumping to conclusions. Experts noted

that while some sightings remain unexplained, there is still no scientifically verified evidence linking the phenomena to extraterrestrial civilizations.

Public interest in UFOs has grown significantly in recent years after multiple military pilots, intelligence officials, and astronauts discussed encounters involving unidentified objects moving in unusual ways. Advances in military surveillance technology have also increased the number of reported sightings across different parts of the world.

The latest document release is expected to intensify debates over whether governments possess additional undisclosed



information about unidentified aerial phenomena. Social media platforms were flooded with discussions shortly after the files became public, with many users closely examining images and transcripts for hidden clues.

Officials confirmed that more UFO files, videos, and mission records are expected to be released in the future, ensuring that public fascination with unexplained aerial phenomena is likely to continue growing.

Markets Extend Gains Despite Middle East Tensions, Rupee Recovers From Record Low

Indian stock markets managed to extend weekly gains despite rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and continued volatility in global markets. Investors remained cautious throughout the week as concerns over crude oil prices, foreign fund outflows, and currency weakness kept market sentiment under pressure.

The Indian rupee, which had slipped to a fresh all-time low against the US dollar earlier in the week, staged a strong recovery by the end of trading sessions. The currency eventually settled higher, snapping a three-week losing streak and offering some relief to investors and import-heavy sectors.

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty witnessed volatile movements during the week. While geopolitical uncertain-

ty initially triggered sharp selling pressure, hopes of easing tensions and falling crude oil prices later supported market recovery. Analysts said investor sentiment remains closely tied to developments in the Middle East, especially movements in oil prices and global risk appetite.

Despite the uncertainty, broader markets continued to outperform benchmark indices. Midcap and smallcap stocks saw strong buying interest, with several broader market indices touching fresh record highs during the week. Sectors such as auto, healthcare, defence, and realty attracted significant investor attention.

Market experts noted that domestic institutional investors continued to provide strong support through

steady buying, helping offset foreign institutional investor selling. Foreign investors remained cautious due to concerns over rising oil prices, global geopolitical instability, and pressure on emerging market currencies.

Crude oil prices remained one of the biggest factors influencing market direction. Rising tensions in the Middle East pushed global crude prices higher earlier in the week, creating fears of inflation, increased import bills, and pressure on India's economy. However, later signs of possible diplomatic progress helped oil prices cool, improving market sentiment and supporting the rupee's recovery.

Analysts believe Indian markets are currently moving in a highly sensitive environment where global head-

lines can trigger sudden swings in investor confidence. Even minor geopolitical developments are having an immediate impact on currency markets, commodity prices, and equity trading.

Still, strong domestic earnings, resilient retail participation, and steady institutional buying have helped prevent deeper market corrections. Many investors continue to remain optimistic about India's long-term growth story despite short-term volatility caused by global events.

Experts also pointed out that benchmark indices continue to face resistance at higher levels, while market dips are attracting fresh buying interest. This indicates that investors are willing to use corrections as opportunities to accumulate



quality stocks. Going forward, traders are expected to closely monitor crude oil prices, global central bank decisions, inflation data, and developments in the Middle East. These factors are likely to play a major role in determining the near-term direction of both Indian markets and the rupee.

Oil Prices Surge After Renewed US-Iran Conflict, Later Ease Amid Ceasefire Hopes

Global oil prices witnessed sharp volatility after renewed fighting between the United States and Iran triggered fears of supply disruptions in the Middle East. Brent crude initially jumped significantly following reports of fresh military exchanges near the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical oil shipping routes. However, prices later pared gains as markets reacted to signs that diplomatic efforts and ceasefire discussions could still continue.

The sudden spike in crude prices rattled global financial markets, with investors worried that escalating tensions could disrupt energy supplies and increase inflationary pressures worldwide. US crude futures also climbed sharply during early trading before stabilizing later in the session.

Analysts said the market reaction was driven largely by fears surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, through which a significant portion of global oil exports passes every day. Any military instability in the region raises concerns about shipping disruptions, insurance costs, and supply shortages, all of which directly impact crude prices.

Despite the initial rally, oil prices failed to hold on to peak levels after reports suggested that both sides may still be interested in avoiding a full-scale



escalation. Traders also reacted positively to indications that diplomatic communication channels remain active and that ceasefire efforts have not completely collapsed.

Both Brent and West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude have experienced heavy volatility in recent sessions. Earlier optimism about possible diplomatic progress had pushed oil prices lower, but renewed conflict quickly reversed market sentiment and increased uncertainty.

The volatility in crude markets has had a direct impact on global equities, currencies, and commodity markets. Asian and European stock markets traded cautiously as investors closely monitored geopolitical developments and oil price movements throughout the trading session.

For India and other oil-importing countries, rising crude prices remain a major concern because they can increase inflation, weaken currencies, and widen trade deficits. Higher fuel prices also affect trans-

portation costs, manufacturing expenses, and household budgets, creating pressure across the broader economy.

Market experts believe oil prices are likely to remain highly sensitive to developments in the Middle East over the coming days. Any sign of further escalation could push prices sharply higher again, while progress toward diplomatic negotiations may help stabilize markets.

Investors are also closely watching shipping activity near the Strait of Hormuz, as even temporary disruptions could significantly affect global energy supply chains. Since a large share of the world's crude oil passes through the region, even minor instability can create immediate panic in international markets.

With tensions still unresolved, analysts expect continued volatility across oil, currency, and stock markets in the near term as global investors react to every geopolitical development.

Gold Prices Rise, Head For Weekly Gain Amid US-Iran Peace Hopes

Gold prices strengthened in global markets and moved toward a weekly gain as investors reacted to growing optimism surrounding a possible easing of tensions between the United States and Iran. Softer crude oil prices and a weaker US dollar also supported the rally in precious metals during the week.

Spot gold prices climbed steadily, while US gold futures also closed higher as traders increased bets that easing geopolitical tensions could reduce inflation concerns and eventually lead to interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve. Analysts said lower interest rate expectations generally support gold because the metal does not offer fixed yields like bonds or deposits.

Market sentiment improved after reports suggested that diplomatic efforts between the US and Iran were still active despite renewed military tensions in the Gulf region. Investors believe any progress toward a ceasefire or peace agreement could stabilize global energy markets and reduce fears of prolonged inflation.

A weaker US dollar also played a major role in boosting gold prices. Since gold is priced globally in dollars, a softer American currency makes the metal cheaper and more attractive for international buyers, increasing overall demand.

Commodity analysts noted that gold has recently behaved more like a "risk asset" rather than a traditional safe-haven investment. Instead of rising purely because of geopolitical



fear, prices are now also reacting to expectations of lower inflation, easing oil prices, and possible central bank policy changes.

Silver and platinum prices also posted gains during the week, benefiting from improved investor sentiment and strong industrial demand. Palladium, however, remained relatively weak compared to other precious metals.

Experts believe gold will continue to remain highly sensitive to developments in the Middle East, movements in the US dollar, and upcoming economic data from the United States. Investors are especially watching inflation numbers, employment data, and signals from the Federal Reserve regarding future interest rates.

In India, domestic gold prices also stayed elevated due to strong international trends and currency fluctuations. However, jewellery demand in several markets remained slightly subdued as high prices continued to discourage some retail buyers.

Financial experts say geo-

S&P 500 And Nasdaq Hit Record Highs On AI Boom And Strong Earnings Optimism

Wall Street's benchmark indices, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq, climbed to fresh record highs as investor enthusiasm surrounding artificial intelligence and strong corporate earnings continued to drive market momentum. Technology stocks once again led the rally, with major AI-linked companies attracting heavy buying interest.

The Nasdaq, which is heavily weighted toward technology firms, posted strong gains during trading, while the S&P 500 also touched new lifetime highs. Investors remained optimistic about the growth potential of artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and semiconductor industries, which continue to dominate market sentiment.

Chipmakers and major technology companies were among the biggest contributors to the rally. Investors believe the AI boom is still in its early stages, and companies involved in AI infrastructure, data centers, and advanced computing could continue to see strong earnings growth over the coming years.

Market sentiment was also boosted by encouraging quarterly earnings reports from several large corporations. Better-than-expected financial re-

sults reassured investors that corporate America remains resilient despite global economic uncertainty, inflation concerns, and geopolitical tensions. Analysts said the latest rally reflects growing confidence that the US economy may achieve a "soft landing," where inflation gradually cools without triggering a major recession. Expectations that the Federal Reserve could eventually lower interest rates also helped support equities.

Technology giants continued to dominate investor attention, with AI-related investments becoming a major theme across global financial markets. Companies connected to AI software, semiconductor manufacturing, and digital infrastructure have witnessed strong stock market performances in recent months.

The rally also spread beyond technology stocks, with gains seen in sectors such as communication services, consumer discretionary, and industrials. However, tech remained the primary driver behind the record-setting performance of the broader market.

Investors largely brushed aside concerns related to geopolitical tensions and global economic risks, focusing instead on earnings growth and

future AI-driven expansion opportunities. Market experts noted that optimism surrounding artificial intelligence has become one of the strongest forces supporting US equities this year.

At the same time, some analysts warned that valuations in certain technology stocks have become extremely high due to aggressive investor enthusiasm. They cautioned that any disappointment in earnings, economic data, or AI growth expectations could trigger short-term market corrections.

Despite these concerns, overall investor confidence remains strong, supported by healthy corporate profits, steady consumer spending, and resilient economic indicators in the United States. Many traders continue to view market dips as buying opportunities.

Global investors are now closely watching upcoming economic reports, Federal Reserve commentary, and additional earnings announcements for clues about the future direction of markets. For now, the combination of AI excitement and strong earnings momentum continues to keep Wall Street near historic highs.

Dollar Weakens As Investors Hope For Resolution In US-Iran Conflict

The US dollar weakened against major global currencies as investors grew increasingly optimistic about a possible resolution to the ongoing tensions between the United States and Iran. Improved market sentiment reduced demand for the dollar, which is traditionally viewed as a safe-haven asset during periods of geopolitical uncertainty.

The dollar index, which measures the strength of the US currency against a basket of leading currencies, slipped during trading and touched its lowest levels in several weeks. Analysts said hopes of diplomatic progress between Washington and Tehran encouraged investors to move toward riskier assets such as equities and emerging market currencies.

Market sentiment improved after reports indicated that back-channel negotiations and ceasefire discussions between the two countries were still active despite recent military tensions. Traders interpreted the developments as a sign that both sides may be attempting to avoid a full-scale escalation in the region.

The weakening dollar also supported gains in several global currencies. The euro and British pound strength-



ened against the greenback, while commodity-linked currencies such as the Australian dollar also posted gains amid improving investor confidence.

The Japanese yen emerged as another major focus in currency markets. The yen strengthened sharply against the dollar, triggering speculation that Japanese authorities may have intervened in currency markets to support their domestic currency. Japanese officials have repeatedly warned against excessive volatility in foreign exchange trading.

Analysts noted that falling crude oil prices also contributed to the dollar's weakness. Since the US has become a significant energy producer, lower oil prices can sometimes reduce support for the American currency, especially when geopolitical fears begin to ease.

Investors are now closely watching upcoming US economic data, including inflation numbers, employment reports, and signals from the Federal Reserve regarding future interest rate decisions. Strong economic data could help limit further downside in the dollar, while softer indicators may increase expectations of future rate cuts.

Financial experts believe currency markets are currently being driven by a combination of geopolitical developments and central bank expectations. Even small updates related to the US-Iran situation are causing rapid shifts in investor sentiment across global markets.

The weakening dollar also provided support to commodities such as gold and silver, which generally become more attractive when the US currency declines. Emerging market currencies and equities additionally benefited from the improved risk appetite among global investors.

Despite the recent decline, analysts caution that the dollar could quickly regain strength if tensions in the Middle East escalate again. For now, however, hopes of diplomacy and conflict resolution appear to be encouraging investors to move away from traditional safe-haven assets and back toward higher-risk investments.

Corporate Cafeterias Under Fire, Are Office Meals Fueling Diabetes And Fatty Liver?

A growing health concern is emerging around corporate cafeterias, with experts warning that everyday office meals may be silently contributing to rising cases of diabetes, obesity, and fatty liver disease among working professionals. Long hours at desks, stress, irregular sleep, and unhealthy eating habits are creating what many doctors describe as a “metabolic crisis” in urban workplaces.

Health experts say the issue is not limited to sugar alone. Many cafeteria meals are loaded with excess oil, refined carbohydrates, deep-fried snacks, sugary beverages, and ultra-processed foods. These foods are calorie-dense but nutritionally poor, increasing the risk of insulin resistance and fat accumulation in the liver.

Entrepreneurs and well-ness advocates are now raising alarms over the culture of unlimited buffet-style office food. Free snacks, sugary coffee drinks, fried evening treats, and oversized portions encourage constant eating throughout the day. Combined with sedentary office routines, this pattern can gradually damage metabolism without obvious warning signs.

Lifestyle experts point out that fatty liver disease develops due to “chronic overload” caused by stress, low physical activity, poor sleep, excessive calorie intake, and unhealthy cooking methods. They emphasize that the liver responds to the overall burden placed on the body rather than a single food item.

Doctors also warn that ultra-processed foods commonly found in cafeterias — such as chips, instant noodles, sugary cereals, processed meats, and sweetened beverages — can rapidly spike blood sugar and trigger inflammation. Sugary drinks and deep-fried foods are considered among the biggest contributors to liver damage and metabolic disorders.

The problem is especially serious in India, where fatty liver disease is becoming increasingly common among young professionals. Alarmingly, even individuals who appear slim can carry dangerous fat around internal organs due to poor lifestyle habits, lack of exercise, and unhealthy eating patterns.

Experts recommend that companies rethink cafeteria menus by introducing healthier alternatives such as high-protein meals, fibre-rich foods, fresh fruits, and low-oil cooking methods. Encouraging walking breaks, better work-life balance, and awareness about portion control can also help employees maintain long-term health.

Many nutritionists believe corporate wellness programs should go beyond gym memberships and annual health check-ups. Real change, they argue, begins with healthier food environments inside workplaces. Providing balanced meals, reducing processed food options, and promoting mindful eating habits could significantly lower the risk of lifestyle diseases among employees. As workplace culture continues to evolve, health professionals say employers must recognize that what workers eat every day directly affects productivity, energy levels, and long-term well-being.



Indian Woman Says US Quietly Became Her “Second Home” After A Year Abroad

An Indian woman living in the United States has shared an emotional reflection on how moving abroad changed her understanding of home, identity, and belonging. Her heartfelt story, posted on Instagram, has resonated with many people who have experienced life away from their families and familiar surroundings.

Shivani Sukale, who moved to the US about a year ago, spoke about her first visit back to India after settling abroad. She described the mixed emotions she felt while boarding her flight home in December. On one hand, she was excited to reunite with her family, revisit familiar places, and enjoy the comfort of home. On the other hand, she unexpectedly felt emotional about leaving behind the new life she had built in America. In her video, Shivani explained that somewhere between changing homes, adapting to different states, making new friends, travelling, and learning to live independently, the US had quietly become her “second home.” She admitted that she never expected to develop such a strong emotional attachment to another country within just one year.



The experience, she said, changed her in many ways. Living abroad pushed her out of her comfort zone and helped her grow personally and emotionally. She learned how to manage life on her own, deal with loneliness, and adapt to unfamiliar surroundings. Over time, the routines, friendships, and experiences she created in the US became an important part of her identity.

Her honest confession struck a chord with social media users, especially Indians living overseas. Many people related to the feeling of being emotionally connected to two places at once. Several users commented that returning home after spending time abroad often brings unexpected emotions, including guilt, confusion, and nostalgia.

Others shared that moving abroad changes a person’s perspective on life, relationships, and independence. While they continue to miss their families and culture, they also begin to appreciate the opportunities, experiences, and personal growth that come with living in another country. The video has sparked conversations online about the emotional realities of migration, particularly among young professionals and students who move overseas for work or education. Many viewers praised Shivani for expressing feelings that are often difficult to explain. Her story highlights a growing reality for many Indians living abroad — home is no longer just one place. Instead, it can become a feeling shared between the country they came from and the one where they slowly build a new life.

Mother’s Day 2026, Date, History And Significance

Mother’s Day is one of the most widely celebrated occasions across the world, dedicated to honouring mothers and recognizing their unconditional love, sacrifice, and contribution to families and society. In 2026, Mother’s Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 10.

The occasion is observed annually on the second Sunday of May in many countries, including India, the United States, Canada, Australia, and several European nations. The day serves as an opportunity for people to express gratitude and appreciation toward mothers and maternal figures through gifts, heartfelt messages, family gatherings, and acts of kindness.

The origins of Mother’s Day can be traced back to ancient civilizations, where festivals were held to honour mother goddesses. However, the modern version of the celebration began in the United States during the early 20th century. Anna Jarvis, an American social activist, is credited with establishing Mother’s Day as an official holiday. She campaigned to create a day dedicated to mothers after the death of her own mother, Ann



Reeves Jarvis, who had worked to improve public health and support mothers during difficult times. Anna Jarvis organized the first official Mother’s Day celebration in 1908. Her efforts eventually gained national recognition, and in 1914, then-US President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday of May as Mother’s Day. Over time, the celebration spread to different parts of the world and evolved into a global tradition. Although customs vary across cultures, the core message remains the same — celebrating the love, care, and emotional strength of

mothers. Mother’s Day holds deep emotional significance because it acknowledges the countless sacrifices mothers make for their children and families. From nurturing and guiding children to offering emotional support during life’s challenges, mothers often play a central role in shaping lives and communities. In today’s fast-paced world, the occasion also serves as a reminder to spend meaningful time with parents and appreciate their efforts. Many people celebrate by cooking meals, writing personal notes, organizing family out-

ings, or simply spending quality time together. Schools, organizations, and social groups also participate by arranging special programs, performances, and campaigns dedicated to motherhood. Social media platforms witness an outpouring of emotional tributes, photographs, and stories celebrating mothers and maternal bonds.

While gifts and celebrations are common, many believe the true essence of Mother’s Day lies in expressing love, respect, and gratitude — not just on one day, but throughout the year.

Indian Woman Shocked By High US Travel Costs, Says Spending In Dollars Feels Stressful

An Indian woman’s honest account of travelling in the United States has sparked a widespread conversation online about how expensive international travel can feel for people earning in Indian rupees. Her video, shared on Instagram, resonated with many middle-class Indians who admitted they constantly convert foreign expenses into rupees while travelling abroad.

Content creator Aakriti Pandey described her recent US trip as financially overwhelming, saying everyday expenses felt shockingly expensive once converted into Indian currency. According to her, the experience became stressful because even basic spending on transportation, food, and coffee seemed disproportionately high. In the viral video, Aakriti explained that after travelling to countries like Malaysia and Thailand, where currency conversion felt manageable, the US was a completely different experience. She pointed out that the strong dollar-to-rupee exchange rate made every purchase feel heavy on the wallet. She said constantly calculating costs in rupees left her questioning whether travelling abroad was financially practical for Indians earning local salaries. One of the biggest shocks for her was transportation. She revealed that after landing in the US late at night,



she had to pay around \$67 for an Uber ride from the airport to her accommodation. When converted to Indian currency, the amount felt extremely high to her, especially for a single cab ride. Food prices also surprised her. Aakriti shared that she and her companions decided to have dosa for breakfast in the Bay Area, only to discover that three dosas cost nearly Rs 5,000 after conversion. Even coffee prices appeared unreasonable to her when compared with what similar money could buy in India.

She also addressed a common piece of travel advice often given online — “Don’t convert dollars into rupees while travelling.” Aakriti questioned how someone earning in rupees could realistically avoid mentally converting expenses while spending in a much stronger currency.

Her video quickly gained attention on social media, with many users agreeing that travelling in countries like the US can create financial anxiety for Indian tourists. Several people shared similar experiences of being shocked by the cost of taxis, meals, hotel stays, and everyday essentials abroad.

Others pointed out that international travel feels significantly easier for those whose expenses are sponsored by companies or who earn in foreign currencies. For average Indian travellers, however, the exchange rate often changes the entire travel experience.

The discussion has highlighted the growing challenge faced by many Indians who dream of travelling internationally but struggle with rising global costs and weakening currency value. While overseas travel remains exciting and aspirational, many travellers say the financial reality can sometimes feel emotionally exhausting.

AI FaceTime Scam Clones Teen Girl’s Voice And Image, Mother Issues Warning

A woman in the United States has warned parents about a disturbing new form of AI-powered scam after fraudsters allegedly cloned her daughter’s voice and image during a fake FaceTime call. The incident has sparked fresh concerns about how artificial intelligence can be misused to create highly convincing digital impersonations. According to the mother, she received what appeared to be a FaceTime video call from her teenage daughter. The caller looked and sounded exactly like her child, making the situation feel completely real. During the call, the fake voice claimed there was an emergency and urgently asked for help.

At first, the mother believed the call was genuine because the voice, facial appearance, and mannerisms closely matched her daughter. However, she soon noticed unusual behaviour and inconsistencies in the conversation, which made her suspicious. After contacting her daughter directly through another method, she realized the FaceTime call had been artificially generated using AI technology. The woman later shared her experience online to warn other parents about the growing threat of AI-driven scams. She explained that modern artificial intelligence tools are now capable of cloning a person’s voice and



facial features using only a few publicly available photos, videos, or audio clips collected from social media platforms. Cybersecurity experts say such scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated as AI tools improve. Fraudsters can now generate realistic voices, video calls, and even emotional expressions that make fake conversations appear authentic. In many cases, scammers use panic and urgency to pressure victims into transferring money or sharing sensitive information before they have time to verify the situation.

Experts advise families to es-

tablish safety measures to protect themselves from these scams. One common recommendation is creating a private “safe word” that only close family members know. This can help verify whether a call or message is genuine during emergencies. People are also encouraged to limit the amount of personal content they share publicly online, especially videos containing clear voice recordings. Privacy settings on social media accounts should be reviewed regularly to reduce the risk of personal data being misused. Cybersecurity professionals further recom-

mend verifying suspicious calls through multiple communication channels before taking action. Calling the person directly, messaging another family member, or checking their location can help confirm whether an emergency is real. The incident has once again highlighted the darker side of rapidly advancing AI technology. While artificial intelligence offers many benefits, experts warn that stronger awareness, digital caution, and cybersecurity education are becoming essential in an era where fake voices and faces can appear frighteningly real.

“What Have You Done?” HemangBadani’s Old Stephen Fleming Remark Comes Back to Haunt Him

Delhi Capitals coach Hemang Badani is facing heavy criticism in IPL 2026 after his team's poor performances, and an old remark he made about Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming has now returned to haunt him.

Delhi Capitals are currently struggling in seventh place on the points table, and their crushing collapse against Royal Challengers Bengaluru made matters worse. DC were bowled out for just 75 runs, one of their worst batting performances this season, which triggered strong reactions from fans and former cricketers alike.

The controversy started be-

cause of Badani's earlier comments on Stephen Fleming's role at Chennai Super Kings. In the past, Badani had reportedly questioned how much credit Fleming deserved for CSK's long-term success and suggested that MS Dhoni's leadership was the bigger reason behind the franchise's dominance.

At that time, the comments created debate because Fleming is widely respected as one of the most successful coaches in IPL history. Under his guidance, CSK won multiple IPL titles and built one of the strongest team cultures in the league. Many cricket experts believed Badani's remarks were unfair and

unnecessary.

Now, with Delhi Capitals underperforming badly under Badani's coaching, former India cricketer Krishnamachari Srikkanth has openly criticized him. Reacting strongly after DC's humiliating defeat, Srikkanth questioned Badani's credibility and reminded him of those earlier comments.

Srikkanth reportedly said, "What have you done?" and asked why Badani had targeted someone like Stephen Fleming without first proving himself as a coach. He also advised Badani to be more careful with his public statements in the future, especially when speaking about

highly accomplished figures in cricket.

The criticism became even sharper because Chennai Super Kings, despite facing their own struggles this season, still continue to trust Fleming's leadership and experience. Fleming himself had recently said that criticism is fair when a team is not performing well, showing a calm and balanced response to pressure.

For Delhi Capitals, the bigger issue remains performance on the field. The team has looked inconsistent, with batting collapses and missed opportunities hurting their playoff chances. As head coach, Badani is natu-

rally under the spotlight, and old statements are now being judged against present results.

In cricket, words often return louder when results do not support them. That is exactly what HemangBadani is experiencing now. His earlier criticism of Stephen Fleming, once seen as bold analysis, is now being used against him as Delhi Capitals continue to struggle.

For Badani, the only real answer will be results. If Delhi can recover and make a strong comeback, the criticism may fade. But until then, his past comments on Fleming will remain a talking point throughout the season.



Sanju Samson Enters India T20 Captaincy Race Alongside ShreyasIyer

The race to become India's next T20 captain is reportedly becoming more competitive, with Sanju Samson now emerging as a strong contender alongside ShreyasIyer. The development comes amid growing speculation over the future of Suryakumar Yadav as India's T20 leader despite recent tournament successes.

According to reports, the Indian team management and selectors are considering long-term leadership options as they prepare for the next phase of white-ball cricket. While ShreyasIyer was initially seen as the frontrunner for the role, Sanju Samson's recent performances and growing influence in T20 cricket have reportedly strengthened his claim.

Samson's rise in the captaincy discussion is largely linked to his impressive performances in recent T20 tournaments and his consistent presence in India's limited-overs setup. The wicketkeeper-batter has earned praise for his attacking batting style, calm temperament, and leadership experience in franchise cricket.

Selectors are believed to be

particularly impressed with Samson's ability to handle pressure in high-stakes matches. His performances in recent ICC tournaments and domestic competitions have enhanced his reputation as a dependable match-winner. Many observers also believe his composed personality makes him a natural leadership candidate.

At the same time, ShreyasIyer remains one of the strongest candidates for the position due to his proven captaincy credentials and consistent batting performances. He has previously led IPL franchises successfully and is widely respected for his tactical awareness and calm decision-making under pressure.

The possible leadership change is believed to be part of a broader transition plan within Indian cricket. With the team management looking ahead to future ICC events and preparing a long-term roadmap for T20 cricket, selectors are reportedly focused on identifying a stable and consistent captain for the format.

Suryakumar Yadav's recent dip in batting form is said to be

one of the reasons discussions around captaincy have intensified. Although he has enjoyed success as captain and guided India to important tournament victories, Indian cricket has traditionally placed heavy importance on individual consistency alongside leadership success.

Fans remain divided over who should lead the side next. While some support ShreyasIyer for his experience, maturity, and stability, others believe Sanju Samson's fearless batting style and recent form make him the ideal choice for modern T20 cricket.

Many cricket experts feel India's next T20 captain must not only perform consistently with the bat but also build a strong, fearless team culture capable of adapting to the rapidly changing demands of international T20 cricket.

For now, no official decision has been announced, but the competition between ShreyasIyer and Sanju Samson is expected to shape the future direction of India's T20 team in the coming years.



Krunal Pandya Breaks Silence On Viral ‘Lafda’ With Nicholas Pooran

Royal Challengers Bengaluru all-rounder Krunal Pandya has finally addressed the viral on-field incident involving Lucknow Super Giants batter Nicholas Pooran during an IPL 2026 clash. The moment sparked widespread discussion on social media, with many fans believing there was serious tension between the two players. The controversy began during the high-intensity match between RCB and LSG in Lucknow. Krunal surprised Pooran with a sharp short-pitched delivery, following which the two players exchanged a few heated words on the field. The interaction quickly grabbed attention as television cameras captured the animated exchange.

Later, another video from the post-match scenes went viral online, showing Pooran briefly grabbing Krunal by the collar while talking to him. The clip fueled speculation among fans, with many assuming the disagreement had escalated into a



major fallout between the former teammates.

However, Krunal soon dismissed all rumours of bad blood between them. Taking to Instagram, he shared a friendly picture with Pooran and clarified that there was no conflict. In a light-hearted caption, Krunal wrote, "No lafda, only love," while congratulating Pooran on completing 100 IPL matches. He also jokingly asked, "How was the bounce?" —referring to the delivery that sparked the exchange during the game. Pooran also responded warmly to the post, making

it clear that there was no serious issue between the two cricketers. His reaction helped calm speculation and reassured fans that the moment was more competitive and playful than hostile. The incident highlighted the intense emotions often seen during IPL matches, where pressure and competitiveness can sometimes lead to fiery exchanges on the field. Such moments are common in professional cricket, especially during closely contested games where emotions run high. Krunal and Pooran have previously played

together for Lucknow Super Giants and are known to share a strong friendship off the field. Their camaraderie became evident in the way the situation ended, with both players laughing off the controversy after the match. Fans on social media reacted positively to Krunal's clarification, with many appreciating the sportsmanship shown by both players. Some users also pointed out that the IPL's competitive nature often creates dramatic moments that are later misunderstood online. The match itself turned out to be a thrilling contest, with Lucknow Super Giants securing an important victory in a rain-affected encounter. The win kept LSG's playoff hopes alive and added even more intensity to an already dramatic evening. In the end, what appeared to be a heated "lafda" turned out to be nothing more than competitive spirit between two cricketers who share mutual respect and friendship.

YashasviJaiswal, ShafaliVerma Receive NADA Notices Over Missed Dope Tests

Indian cricketers Yashasvi Jaiswal and ShafaliVerma have reportedly received notices from the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) after missing scheduled dope tests, raising concerns within Indian cricket circles. The issue relates to "whereabouts failures," which occur when athletes included in a testing pool are unavailable for mandatory anti-doping checks. Both players are part of NADA's Registered Testing Pool (RTP), a category that requires athletes to regularly provide detailed information about their location and a fixed daily time slot during which they can be tested without prior notice. According to reports, ShafaliVerma allegedly missed a scheduled test late last year, while YashasviJaiswal was reportedly unavailable for another test around the same period. NADA later sought explanations from both players, but the agency reportedly did not receive satis-



factory responses. As a result, NADA has officially recorded the incidents as the players' first "whereabouts failures." Notices have now been issued to both cricketers, and they have reportedly been given a limited period to submit detailed explanations before any further action is considered. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the International Cricket Council (ICC) have also reportedly been informed about the development. Sources suggest the BCCI is expected to speak with the players and review the circumstances surrounding the missed tests.

Under global anti-doping



regulations, missing a single test does not automatically amount to a doping violation. However, three whereabouts failures within a 12-month period can lead to serious disciplinary action, including possible suspensions from competitive cricket. The reports have generated significant attention because both players are considered important figures in Indian cricket. YashasviJaiswal has emerged as one of India's brightest batting talents across formats, while ShafaliVerma remains one of the most explosive players in women's cricket. Anti-doping authorities worldwide have tightened monitoring

systems in recent years, especially as international sports bodies continue to strengthen transparency and compliance standards. Cricket authorities are also placing greater emphasis on strict adherence to anti-doping protocols as the sport expands globally. Sports experts point out that whereabouts violations are often linked to communication gaps, travel schedules, or administrative errors rather than the use of banned substances. Still, athletes in the testing pool are expected to maintain accurate records and remain available for surprise testing at all times. At present, neither player has been accused of consuming prohibited substances. The matter currently relates only to missed tests and procedural compliance under anti-doping regulations. Further developments are expected once the players submit their responses to the notices issued by NADA.

Suryakumar Yadav’s Captaincy Under Scanner Despite Trophy Triumphs

Winning trophies is usually considered the ultimate achievement for a cricket captain, but for Suryakumar Yadav, success on the field may not be enough to secure his long-term future as India's T20I skipper. Despite leading India to victories in major ICC and continental tournaments, the star batter is reportedly facing growing pressure over his place as captain. The discussions around India's T20 leadership highlight the intense expectations in modern Indian cricket, where captains are judged not only by trophies but also by their individual performances. While Suryakumar's tactical leadership and calm decision-making earned praise during India's successful campaigns, concerns have emerged over his recent batting form.

His IPL season with Mumbai In-

dians has added to the scrutiny. The explosive batter struggled for consistency and failed to produce the kind of impactful innings fans have come to expect from him. Critics believe the pressure of captaincy and constant expectations may be affecting his natural attacking game. Although Suryakumar played a few important innings during India's recent T20 campaigns, analysts argue that his overall numbers have not been dominant enough for a player considered one of the world's most dangerous T20 batters. In Indian cricket, where competition for places is extremely intense, prolonged dips in form often trigger debates about leadership and team balance. Meanwhile, players like ShreyasIyer and Sanju Samson are increasingly being discussed as possible

future leaders for India's T20 side. Selectors are believed to be focusing on long-term planning while evaluating leadership options based on consistency, temperament, and performance under pressure. ShreyasIyer is seen as a strong contender because of his captaincy experience and reliable batting performances across formats. Sanju Samson's growing maturity and improved consistency in franchise cricket have also strengthened his reputation as a potential leadership option. Despite the speculation, Suryakumar's captaincy record remains impressive. He has guided India successfully in high-pressure matches and earned praise for maintaining a positive dressing-room atmosphere. Many fans and former cricketers still believe his fearless approach, aggres-

sive mindset, and ability to inspire players make him one of India's strongest T20 leaders. Supporters also argue that leadership should not be judged solely on individual batting numbers. They believe Suryakumar has shown the ability to handle pressure and make bold tactical decisions during crucial moments. However, Indian cricket has always been a highly competitive, results-driven environment where personal form often carries as much importance as captaincy success. As India prepares for future international tournaments and builds toward the next generation of T20 cricket, Suryakumar Yadav's performances with the bat may ultimately determine whether he continues to lead the national side





mation, Spirit is shaping up to be one of the most awaited action entertainers in Indian cinema.

Vijay Deverakonda's Intense Look Grabs Attention in 'Rowdy Janardhan' New Poster

The makers of Rowdy Janardhan have unveiled a striking new poster featuring Vijay Deverakonda, and it has quickly gone viral across social media platforms. Released as a special treat for the actor's fans, the poster presents Vijay in a fierce and emotionally intense avatar that has generated huge excitement among movie lovers.

The poster showcases Vijay Deverakonda drenched in rain, holding a gun with a rugged and commanding expression. One of the most talked-about aspects of the image is the dramatic visual composition, where a woman's foot — believed to belong to Keerthy Suresh's character — rests on his chest, hinting at a complex emotional relationship in the film.

Fans immediately began discussing the unusual and stylish design of the poster, praising the makers for presenting Vijay in a fresh and raw mass-action look. Many social media users described the poster as one of the actor's most powerful recent appearances, especially because it blends aggression with emotional vulnerability.

The tagline and visual tone of the poster suggest that Rowdy Janardhan may combine intense action with a strong love story. Industry observers believe the film is aiming to showcase Vijay Deverakonda in a more grounded and emotionally layered role compared to his recent projects.

The movie stars Keerthy Suresh as the female lead, marking the first time the two actors are paired together in full-fledged lead roles. Their combination has already become a major attraction for au-



diences. Reports suggest the chemistry between the pair will be one of the key highlights of the film.

Directed by Ravi Kiran Kola and backed by prominent production houses, Rowdy Janardhan is reportedly being made as a rural action entertainer with pan-Indian appeal. The film is expected to feature high emotional drama, mass-action sequences, and stylish presentation designed to appeal to a wide audience.

The poster release has significantly increased buzz around the project, with fans eagerly waiting for teasers, songs, and further promotional content. Vijay Deverakonda's

fan base especially celebrated the poster online, calling it a perfect visual comeback for the actor.

Many fans also pointed out that the intense styling and rugged atmosphere of the poster reflect a more mature and powerful version of Vijay Deverakonda on screen. The actor's look, body language, and expression have all contributed to the growing anticipation surrounding the film.

With its powerful visual design, strong star cast, and increasing hype, Rowdy Janardhan is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu films in Vijay Deverakonda's career.

Sujeeth Begins Work On 'OG 2', Plans Bigger Sequel With New Characters

Director Sujeeth has reportedly started script work for the sequel to OG, the highly anticipated gangster action film starring Power Star PawanKalyan. Even before the release of the first installment, discussions around OG 2 have already generated excitement among fans and the Telugu film industry.

According to reports, Sujeeth is planning to expand the OG universe with a larger narrative and several new characters in the sequel. The filmmaker is said to be working on a more ambitious storyline that will take the franchise beyond the events of the first film.

The original OG has already created massive buzz due to PawanKalyan's intense gangster avatar, stylish visuals, and Sujeeth's action-packed presentation. Ever since the teaser and promotional content were released, fans have been eagerly waiting to see the actor return in a powerful mass role.

Reports suggest that Sujeeth had initially conceived OG as a larger cinematic universe and is now actively developing the



second part alongside the post-production work of the first film. The sequel is expected to introduce fresh characters that could significantly expand the story and add new conflicts.

Industry insiders believe the success and anticipation surrounding OG have encouraged the makers to think long-term about the franchise. The addition of new characters may also open opportunities for spin-offs and interconnected storylines in future films.

While the makers have not officially revealed plot details, speculation suggests that OG 2 could explore the backstories of key characters and deepen the gangster world established in the first movie. Fans are also expecting bigger action sequences, emotional drama, and more intense confrontations in the sequel.

PawanKalyan's screen presence remains one of the biggest attractions of the project. His combination with Sujeeth

has already become one of the most talked-about collaborations in Telugu cinema. The film's stylish action tone and dark gangster setting have reminded many fans of classic underworld dramas with a modern cinematic approach.

The music, composed by Thaman S, has also added to the film's hype. Promotional tracks and background score snippets have received strong reactions online, further increasing expectations for the movie. Meanwhile, fans continue to wait for updates regarding the release schedule of OG, which has faced delays due to PawanKalyan's political commitments and busy schedule. Despite the delays, anticipation around the film has remained extremely high.

With Sujeeth now reportedly focusing on OG 2, it appears the makers are confident about turning the project into a full-fledged franchise. If the first film meets expectations, the sequel could become one of the biggest action entertainers in Telugu cinema in the coming years.

Yash Begins Shooting Ravana's Grand Swayamvar Sequence In 'Ramayana'

Kannada superstar Yash has reportedly started filming one of the most iconic sequences from Ramayana, where Ravana attempts to lift Lord Shiva's mighty bow during Sita's swayamvar. The much-anticipated sequence is being shot on a massive Mithila set constructed in Mumbai for director Nitesh Tiwari's ambitious mythological epic.

According to reports, the scene marks a major turning point in the narrative and showcases Ravana's power, pride, and eventual failure to lift the divine Shiv Dhanush. The sequence is considered one of the most dramatic moments in the Ramayana and is expected to be mounted on a grand cinematic scale.

The elaborate set reportedly includes huge palace structures, royal courtyards, decorative balconies, and hundreds of junior artistes to recreate the grandeur of Mithila kingdom. The makers are said to be using extensive visual effects and large-scale production design to give the film an international visual appeal.



Yash, who plays Ravana in the film, has already been filming several intense portions for the project over the past few months. Reports suggest the actor has been deeply involved in shaping the character and is portraying Ravana with a layered and powerful approach rather than as a conventional villain.

The film stars Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama and Sai Pallavi as Sita, making it one of the most talked-about casting combinations in recent Indian cinema. Fans are especially excited to witness the confrontation between Ranbir Kapoor's Rama and Yash's Ravana on the big screen.

Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana is being planned as a two-part cinematic franchise with large-scale international production standards. The project is jointly backed by major production houses and supported by extensive VFX work from global studios.

The makers have reportedly been filming several important sequences simultaneously, including war episodes, emotion-

al monologues, and mythology-heavy action scenes. Yash's portions as Ravana are believed to be among the most visually ambitious segments of the film.

The buzz surrounding Ramayana continues to grow with every update, as audiences expect the film to redefine mythological storytelling in Indian cinema. With its massive scale, star cast, and technical ambition, the project is already being viewed as one of the biggest Indian films ever mounted.

Fans on social media have also expressed excitement over Yash's transformation for the role. Many believe his commanding screen presence and intense acting style make him an ideal choice to portray Ravana, one of the most complex characters in Indian mythology.

With shooting progressing steadily, expectations surrounding Ramayana are becoming even bigger, and the film is shaping up to be a landmark project in Indian cinematic history.

Prabhas' Shocking Lean Look In 'Spirit' Becomes Major Talking Point

Prabhas is reportedly set to surprise fans with a completely transformed appearance in Spirit, director Sandeep Reddy Vanga's much-awaited action thriller. According to the latest buzz from the film's production circles, the actor will be seen in a much leaner and sharper look unlike his recent larger-than-life mass avatars.

The transformation has already created huge excitement among fans, especially after reports suggested that Sandeep Reddy Vanga wants Prabhas to appear more intense, rugged, and realistic for the role. The film is expected to present the actor in a raw and aggressive character, believed to be a powerful police officer battling crime on an international scale.

Fans have been discussing Prabhas' physical makeover ever since early reports about Spirit began circulating online. Many believe the lean look could help the actor return to the energetic screen presence that audiences loved in films like Mirchi and Billa. The new appearance is also expected to perfectly match the gritty and realistic tone associated with Sandeep Reddy Vanga's filmmaking style.



Industry insiders say the director is paying special attention to Prabhas' styling, body language, and overall screen presentation to make the character stand out from his previous films. Reports also suggest that the movie will feature intense action episodes and emotionally charged sequences requiring a more athletic and grounded appearance.

Spirit marks the first collaboration between Prabhas and Sandeep Reddy Vanga, making it one of the most anticipated projects in Indian cinema. The combination itself has generated enormous hype because both are known for delivering larger-than-life cinematic experiences filled with action, emotion, and strong character drama.

The film reportedly features a powerful storyline centered around crime, violence, and emotional conflict. Fans expect Sandeep Reddy Vanga to showcase Prabhas in a completely different light compared to his recent fantasy and action spectacles.

Meanwhile, Prabhas is simultaneously balancing several major projects, including Kalki 2898 AD Part 2, Salaar 2, and other big-budget films. Despite his packed schedule, reports indicate that Spirit remains one of his most ambitious and physically demanding movies to date.

Social media has been flooded with discussions about the actor's makeover, with many fans expressing excitement over seeing Prabhas in a more stylish and intense avatar. Some fans believe the transformation could become one of the biggest highlights of the film. The makers are reportedly planning Spirit on a grand scale with high production values, large action sequences, and a pan-Indian release strategy. Expectations surrounding the project continue to rise as audiences eagerly wait for official glimpses and promotional material.