



India Successfully Tests Agni-5 MIRV Missile

New Delhi, May 9 | TPN Bureau India successfully carried out a trial of the Agni-5 missile equipped with Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. The test demonstrated the missile's capability to strike multiple targets spread across a wide region using a single launch system. According to defense officials, the trial was conducted to further validate the MIRV capability integrated into the Agni-5 missile, which has already been inducted into India's strategic defense framework. During the mission, the missile carried multiple payloads that were directed toward separate targets in the

Indian Ocean region. The successful test had initially sparked speculation about a possible Agni-6 launch, but officials clarified that the mission was related exclusively to the Agni-5 system. The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) had earlier conducted the first successful flight test of the Agni-5 with MIRV technology in March 2024. The Defense Ministry stated that the missile's flight path and payload deployment were monitored through a network of ground-based and ship-based tracking systems. These systems observed the entire trajectory from launch to the impact of all payloads, confirming that every mission objective was

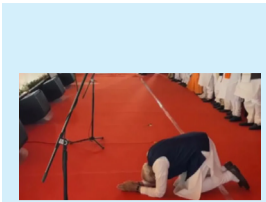
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Indian H-1B Applications See Slight Rise in US

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau Despite tighter immigration regulations, increased fees, and stricter scrutiny introduced during the Trump administration, the number of H-1B visa applications filed by Indian nationals in the United States has recorded a marginal increase in 2025 compared to the previous year. According to figures released by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), a total of 2,83,772 H-1B applications from Indians were processed in 2025, slightly higher than the 2,83,397 applications recorded in 2024. The H-1B visa program enables American companies to recruit skilled foreign professionals in sectors such as information technology, engineering, finance, healthcare, and related specialized fields.

Data from USCIS showed that Indian nationals accounted for nearly 69.9 percent of all H-1B applicants this year, continuing to dominate the program. A majority of these professionals are employed in the technology sector, with 62 percent of visa holders working in computer and IT-related roles. Immigration experts noted that although several restrictive measures were introduced in recent years — including higher visa fees, more extensive document verification, and stricter wage compliance requirements — demand for skilled Indian professionals remains strong among US employers. Immigration analysts stated that American firms continue to rely heavily on Indian talent due to shortages in specialized technical fields. They explained that companies are still actively recruiting from India to meet workforce requirements in critical sectors. They further observed that the number of unique employers sponsoring H-1B candidates for the 2026 financial year remains comparable to the previous cycle, indicating sustained interest from US companies in hiring Indian professionals despite policy hurdles.



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BJP Eyes Telangana Expansion

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

After making significant political gains in eastern India, the Bharatiya Janata Party is now intensifying its focus on Telangana as part of its broader "Mission South" strategy. Political circles in the State are abuzz with speculation that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming public meeting in Hyderabad could mark the beginning of a fresh political expansion drive aimed at attracting influential leaders from rival parties.

Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to visit Hyderabad on Sunday, arriving at Begumpet Airport around 2 PM and remaining in the city until evening. His tour will include both official government programmes and party-related events. BJP leaders are reportedly treating the visit as a crucial opportunity to strengthen the party's organisational network and energe its cadre ahead of future elections.

The BJP is particularly concentrating on the Greater Hyderabad region, which is considered politically significant ahead of the next Assembly



visit of Malla Reddy's daughter-in-law, Preethi Reddy, to the BJP state office.

Political observers believe the BJP may attempt to use Modi's public meeting as a platform to welcome influential figures into the party. Reports suggest that discussions are ongoing with leaders who are dissatisfied within both the BRS and Congress camps. Though no official confirmation has emerged, BJP leaders have responded cautiously, further increasing public curiosity.

Sources indicate that the BJP leadership is preparing a phased outreach campaign aimed at attracting strong local leaders, especially those with influence in urban constituencies. The party's objective appears to be creating a stronger political presence in Telangana by capitalising on internal dissatisfaction within rival parties. With Prime Minister Modi's visit drawing closer, political attention is firmly fixed on Hyderabad. Whether the event will trigger major political realignments or remain a show of strength for the BJP is expected to become clear in the coming days.

elections. Party strategists reportedly see the upcoming civic body elections in Hyderabad as a decisive "semi-final" before the larger electoral battle in Telangana. Efforts are underway to build the BJP's influence across the GHMC, Malkajgiri, and Cyberabad regions. Amid these developments, rumours surrounding the possible entry of several prominent leaders from the BRS and Congress into the BJP have intensified. Speculation grew stronger after former minister Malla Reddy and members of his family met Prime Minister Modi in Delhi. Adding fuel to the discussion was the recent

Vijay Set to Form Government

Chennai, May 9 | TPN Bureau

The prolonged political uncertainty in Tamil Nadu appears to have finally reached a conclusion, with actor-turned-politician Vijay successfully gathering enough support to form the government. After days of intense political developments and negotiations, Vijay has reportedly secured the backing required to claim a majority in the Assembly.

Sources indicate that almost all major and smaller political parties, except the DMK and AIADMK, have extended their



support to Vijay. The supporting parties are said to have formally submitted letters expressing unconditional backing in accordance with constitutional procedures. With these developments, Vijay's strength in the Assembly

is believed to have touched the crucial figure of 120 seats, placing him in a comfortable position to stake claim to power. On Saturday evening, Vijay reportedly met the Governor and submitted the letters of support received from allied parties and independent legislators.

After examining the documents and verifying the claimed majority, the Governor is understood to have invited Vijay to form the government and assume office as the next Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Preparations are now under-

way for the swearing-in ceremony, which is expected to take place at 10 AM tomorrow. Party leaders and supporters are celebrating the political breakthrough, viewing it as a historic moment in the state's politics.

Political observers believe that, unless any unexpected development arises at the last minute, the formation of the new government is almost certain. The focus has now shifted to the composition of the new Cabinet and the policies Vijay's administration is likely to prioritize in the coming days.

Revanth Reddy Unveils Vision for Future-Ready

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy reiterated the Telangana government's commitment to transforming Hyderabad into a modern, sustainable, and future-ready city by addressing growing urban challenges through planned infrastructure development and long-term policy initiatives.

Speaking at the Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on Housing and Urban Affairs held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, the Chief Minister explained the government's strategy for managing rapid urbanization and modernization in Hyderabad. The meeting was attended by Committee Chairman Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, committee members, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, and senior officials from the State and Central governments. Revanth Reddy said Hyderabad's expanding population and urban growth require major improvements in transportation and civic infrastructure. He stated that the government is working toward making Hyderabad a traffic-free and signal-free city through a three-level traffic management system consisting of underpasses, surface roads, and elevated corridors. He added that widening roads alone would not solve traffic congestion and stressed the importance of a strong multimodal transportation



network. To address parking shortages, the government is establishing multi-level parking facilities in various parts of the city. The Chief Minister also highlighted Telangana's broader development strategy, which divides the state into three economic zones — CURE, PURE, and RARE.

Under this model, the area within the Outer Ring Road, called the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE), will focus on the service sector. The region between the Outer Ring Road and Regional Ring Road, known as the Peri-Urban Region Economy (PURE), will be developed as a manufacturing hub. Areas beyond the Regional Ring Road, classified as the Rural Agriculture Region Economy (RARE), will focus on agriculture and allied sectors. The Chief Minister said these initiatives are part of the

ambitious "Telangana Rising 2047" vision plan aimed at turning Telangana into a multi-trillion-dollar economy in the coming decades.

Revanth Reddy also emphasized environmental protection and pollution control measures. He said the Musi River rejuvenation project would not only restore the river but also connect it with Hyderabad's cultural identity. The government is promoting electric mobility by introducing EV buses into the RTC fleet and planning to convert existing auto-rickshaws in the core urban region into electric vehicles free of cost.

Committee members praised the Musi River rejuvenation initiative, calling it a pioneering urban development project. They also appreciated the government's focus on women's empowerment and long-term urban planning.



High Alert Over Terror Threat

Delhi, May 9 | TPN Bureau

New Delhi has been placed under heightened security following intelligence warnings about a possible terror threat in the national capital. Acting on the alerts, the Delhi Police and multiple security agencies have intensified surveillance and strengthened security arrangements across several sensitive and high-footfall areas of the city.

According to official sources, additional protection has been deployed around the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) headquarters located on Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, along with other important government establishments nearby. Armed security personnel have been stationed at key locations, while barricading, vehicle inspections, and identity checks have been increased as part of precautionary measures. Intelligence agencies reportedly warned of possible attempts to target crowded public areas and prominent offices in central Delhi through methods such as suicide attacks, vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices (IEDs), shootings, and coordinated

strikes. In response, authorities have launched extensive anti-sabotage operations at government offices, political party headquarters, markets, transportation hubs, and other crowded places. Bomb disposal squads, sniffer dog teams, quick reaction forces, and personnel from the Delhi Fire Service have been directed to remain on standby. Police teams across districts have also been instructed to closely monitor suspicious activities, unattended objects, and vehicles parked in vulnerable zones. Security has additionally been tightened in localities considered sensitive from a law-and-order perspective. Random vehicle checks, frisking operations, and verification drives are being conducted in several parts of the city. Senior police officials are continuously reviewing the security situation and coordinating with intelligence agencies and central paramilitary forces to ensure rapid response in case of any emergency. Authorities have appealed to the public to remain vigilant and immediately report any suspicious activity to the police.



Owaisi Defends AIMIM Leaders in Conversion Case

Mumbai, May 9 | TPN Bureau

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi strongly defended party corporator Mateen Patel and Nida Khan amid allegations linked to an alleged religious conversion case associated with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). Owaisi questioned the ongoing public narrative around the case and argued that accusations alone should not be treated as proof of guilt.

"media trial" before any judicial verdict.

Owaisi further pointed out that Tata Consultancy Services had clarified that Nida Khan was not employed in the HR department, contrary to some reports circulating publicly. He alleged that political forces were attempting to sensationalize the issue and influence public opinion even before the legal process was completed.

Nida Khan, who had reportedly remained untraceable for over 40 days after the case surfaced, was allegedly assisted by corporator Mateen Patel during that period, according to police officials. Responding to the allegations, Owaisi stated that the presence of a burqa or Islamic religious books in a Muslim household should not be viewed as evidence of wrongdoing. He emphasized that both Khan and Patel would defend themselves legally in court and criticized what he described as a

Meanwhile, Maharashtra minister Sanjay Shirsat alleged that AIMIM leaders, including Intiaz Jaleel, had pressured party workers to shelter Khan while she was evading arrest. Khan was eventually detained in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in connection with multiple allegations, including religious conversion attempts, harassment, and molestation complaints. Authorities continue to investigate the matter, while political exchanges over the case have intensified.

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successfully achieved. The Agni-5 missile and its advanced systems were developed by various DRDO laboratories with support from Indian industry partners. The test was witnessed by senior DRDO scientists and personnel from the Indian Army.

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO, the armed forces, and industry partners on the successful mission, stating that the achievement significantly strengthens India's defense preparedness and strategic capabilities.



Telangana Pushes New Singareni Coal Projects

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has initiated measures to establish nine new coal mining projects under the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to secure the company's future operations, protect employment, and ensure uninterrupted coal supply for the state's energy sector.

The move comes as several existing Singareni mines are expected to exhaust production by 2027-28, potentially reducing annual coal output by nearly 12.5 million tonnes. To address this challenge, SCCL has already submitted proposals to the Union Ministries of Coal, Forest, and Environment while accelerating the process of obtaining environmental and forest clearances. The proposed projects include both underground and open-cast mines, which are expected to maintain current coal production levels for the next two decades. Officials believe these projects will play a key role in sustaining employment opportunities for thousands of workers and supporting Telangana's industrial and power requirements.

Among the major upcoming projects is the VK Coal Mine in Kothagudem, which reportedly contains reserves of around 190 million tonnes and is nearing operational readiness after securing most approvals. Other proposed projects include the JK Open-Cast Mine in Ilbandu, the Ramagundam OC-1 expansion, Golapalli, MVK, Manuguru OC Extension, RKP OC-2, and the PK Coal Mine at Kondapur. Together, these mines are estimated to hold more than 400 million tonnes of coal reserves.

Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has reportedly played an active role in pursuing approvals from the Centre and has visited Delhi multiple times to speed up the process. SCCL Chairman and Managing Director Dr. B. Prakash Jyothi recently chaired a high-level review meeting to finalize timelines for launching three mines this year and two more next year.

Officials have been instructed to complete pending clearances, accelerate infrastructure works, and ensure uninterrupted coal supply for Telangana's future energy needs.



Damodar Rajanarasimha Promises Stronger Anganwadi System

Medak, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha toured the Andole constituency and reiterated the state government's commitment to strengthening education, healthcare, women's empowerment, and welfare programmes under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

During his visit, the Minister distributed smartphones to 220 Anganwadi teachers from Alladurg, Regode, Tekmal, and Shankampet (A) mandals in Medak district. Local MP Suresh Shetkar also participated in the programme. Addressing the gathering, Rajanarasimha stated that the government considers the protection and strengthening of Anganwadi centres a top priority. He announced that permanent buildings would be constructed for Anganwadi centres across the state and vacant posts would be filled to

improve services. The Minister highlighted the role of Anganwadi centres in supporting pregnant women, lactating mothers, infants, and children by providing nutritious meals, healthcare, vaccinations, and pre-school education. He said children between seven months and three years are receiving take-home nutrition support, while those aged three to six years are benefiting from free health check-ups, immunization, and early education services. He praised the efforts of ANMs, Anganwadi teachers, supervisors, and ASHA workers for their contribution to rural welfare and public health. The programme was attended by District Library Corporation Chairperson Suhasini Reddy, AMC Chairman Koppula Lakshmi Sesha Reddy, RDO Ramadevi, District Welfare Officer Hema Bhargavi, ICDS officials, and several local public representatives.

Kazipet Rail Bypass to Ease Congestion

Warangal, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to dedicate several major railway infrastructure projects in Telangana, including a key bypass line designed to reduce traffic congestion at the busy Kazipet Junction. The railway works, undertaken as part of the Kazipet-Vijayawada multi-tracking project, are valued at nearly 1,250 crore.

A significant component of the project is the Rail Under Rail (RuR) bypass line, developed at a cost of around 300 crore. The new 21.47-kilometre bypass stretch includes Telangana's first underground railway tunnel of this kind, connecting Komatipalli and Waddepally villages. Railway officials stated that the project is expected to considerably improve train movement and operational efficiency in the region.

Kazipet Junction serves as an important railway interchange linking South Central Railway with northeastern routes. At present, congestion at the Hasanparthi Road "Y" junction often results in delays, as passenger trains are forced to halt near Waddepally



to allow goods trains to pass.

Officials explained that the newly constructed bypass line, which features a 340-metre underground tunnel equipped with modern lighting systems, will allow uninterrupted movement of trains in multiple directions. The project is expected to minimize detention time and reduce traffic pressure on the existing railway tracks.

According to railway authorities, the tunnel and bypass system are nearing completion and are likely to become fully operational within the next three to four months. Once commissioned, trains travel

from Komatipalli will pass through the underground route and emerge directly at Waddepally, avoiding the heavily congested main junction area.

The railway project is also expected to strengthen connectivity between major cities such as New Delhi, Chennai, Secunderabad, and Howrah. Officials believe the improved infrastructure will help enhance passenger convenience, support freight movement, and boost the overall efficiency of railway operations in Telangana and surrounding regions.

PM MITRA Textile Park to Boost Warangal Economy

Warangal, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to virtually inaugurate the PM MITRA Kakatiya Mega Textile Park from Hyderabad on May 10, marking a major milestone for Telangana's textile sector. The mega project, located in Geesukonda mandal of Warangal district, has been developed across 1,327 acres under the Centre's PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) scheme. The textile park has been planned with an estimated infrastructure investment of nearly 1,700 crore and aims to strengthen India's textile manufacturing ecosystem. Officials stated that the project follows the Centre's '5F' vision — "Farm to Fibre, Fibre to Factory, Factory to Fashion, and Fashion to Foreign" — to create an integrated textile value chain under one roof.

Authorities explained that the park is designed to reduce transportation and logistics costs while enhancing the global competitiveness of Indian textile exports. By bringing spinning, weaving, processing, garment manufacturing, and export-related activities to a single location, the project is expected to improve operation-



al efficiency for industries.

The park has been equipped with modern infrastructure facilities, including internal road connectivity, a 232/132/33 KV power substation, and a 12 million litres per day water supply system. A Common Effluent Treatment Plant with Zero Liquid Discharge technology has also been established to ensure environmentally sustainable waste management practices. Originally launched in 2017, the project was later included as a brownfield venture under the PM MITRA scheme and received central assistance of 200 crore. Officials said the park has already attracted pri-

private investments worth more than 3,800 crore. Major companies such as Ganesha Ecosphere and Youngone Corporation have commenced operations at the site, while more investments are expected from firms including Kiteex Garments. Around 2,000 workers are currently employed in the park, and the government estimates that the project will eventually generate direct employment opportunities for nearly 24,400 people in the region. The initiative is expected to play a crucial role in transforming Warangal into a major textile and apparel manufacturing hub in the country.



PM Modi's Hyderabad Tour Schedule

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Hyderabad on Sunday, May 10, to participate in official development programmes and a public meeting.

According to the itinerary, the Prime Minister will depart from HAL Airport in Bengaluru at 1:10 PM aboard an Indian Air Force BBJ aircraft and arrive at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad at 2:20 PM.

From the airport, he will travel to the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), where he will attend a programme from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM for the inauguration, foundation stone laying, and dedication of various development projects to the nation.

Following the event, Modi will proceed to Sindhu Hospital in HITEC City. Between 3:45 PM and 4:15 PM, he will participate in a ceremony to dedicate the hospital to the nation.

The Prime Minister is expected to return to Begumpet Airport by 4:45 PM, after which reserve time has been allocated until 6:15 PM.

Later in the evening, Modi will travel to the Secunderabad Parade Grounds, where he will attend a public meeting and informal interaction programme from 6:30 PM to 7:10 PM.

After concluding the event, the Prime Minister will return to Begumpet Airport and depart for Jamnagar, Gujarat, at 7:20 PM. His arrival in Jamnagar is scheduled for 9:20 PM.



Revanth to Seek Metro Expansion Approvals from Modi

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is expected to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the latter's visit to Hyderabad on Sunday and seek speedy approvals for several key infrastructure and development projects, with a major focus on the expansion of the Hyderabad Metro Rail network.

According to official sources, the Chief Minister will submit a detailed representation requesting Central support for Metro Rail Phases II and III, financial assistance for the Musi River development project, and approvals related to the Regional Ring Road (RRR), including the southern stretch and execution of the northern corridor.

The Telangana government has proposed a large-scale Metro Rail expansion in partnership with the Centre. Revanth Reddy is expected to explain that a detailed project report (DPR) covering seven Metro corridors under Phase-II has already been prepared and submitted to the Union government. He is likely to stress the urgent need for Metro expansion in view of Hyderabad's rapid urban growth and increasing transportation demands.

The Chief Minister may also highlight that the state govern-

ment recently took over Metro Phase-I from L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Limited to ensure better coordination and integration of future Metro projects. On April 30, the Telangana government acquired complete ownership of the company for 1,461.47 crore and also assumed responsibility for refinancing debts worth 13,538.53 crore.

Officials believe this takeover has removed major hurdles that had delayed Central approvals for the next expansion phases. Under Phase-II Part-A, the government has proposed five corridors covering 76.4 km at an estimated cost of 24,269 crore. These include routes from Nagole to Shamshabad Airport, Raidurg to Kokapet Neopolis, MGBS to Chandrayangutta, Miyapur to Patancheru, and LB Nagar to Hayathnagar.

Phase-II Part-B includes an additional 86.1 km across three proposed corridors connecting Shamshabad Airport to Future City, JBS to Medchal, and JBS to Shamirpet, with an estimated project cost of 19,579 crore.

Revanth Reddy is also expected to request approval for the proposed RGIA Airport-Future City Metro corridor under Phase-III, stating that timely clearances would significantly improve Hyderabad's public transport system and support the city's long-term urban mobility needs.



R.S. Praveen Kumar Alleges Collapse of Law and Order

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau
BRS General Secretary Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the Telangana government and police administration, alleging that law and order in the state has deteriorated significantly over the past few weeks.

case involving the son of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay. He claimed that police had delayed action despite complaints filed by a minor girl and her family. He further alleged that pressure was being exerted on the victim's family to withdraw the case and accused political leaders of interfering in the investigation.

Karimnagar Bandh Sends Strong Political Message

Karimnagar, May 9 | TPN Bureau
Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy stated that the Karimnagar Bandh called in protest against the recent attacks on BRS leaders and the worsening law and order situation in the city received overwhelming support from the public.

stones and weapons, damaging the car and endangering his safety. He also condemned the attack on the camp office of former minister and Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar, calling it an attack on democratic values.

Kavitha Writes to PM Modi on Telangana Issues

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau
Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Telangana on May 10, Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) chief Kavitha has written an open letter urging the Centre to take immediate decisions on several issues concerning the state's interests.

vide 90 percent funding support for its speedy completion. Kavitha also emphasized the need for a dedicated BC column in the 2027 Census to ensure accurate population data and better implementation of welfare schemes for backward communities.

BJP Launches Metro Outreach Ahead of Modi Rally

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao carried out a unique public outreach campaign on Saturday by traveling in the Hyderabad Metro and interacting directly with commuters, especially IT employees and daily passengers.



Modi's visit and claimed that people across different sections of society continue to express admiration and confidence in the Prime Minister's leadership. According to Rao, the excitement surrounding the rally reflects public support for the vision of 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Viksit Telangana.'

the BJP leader appealed to citizens to participate in large numbers and make the public meeting a success. The outreach campaign comes at a time when the BJP is intensifying its political activities in Telangana, with the party aiming to expand its organizational strength and increase its presence in the state ahead of future elections.

Modi Visit Focused on Telangana Development: K. Laxman

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

BJP Rajya Sabha member Dr. K. Laxman said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Telangana reflects the Centre's commitment to the state's development and has created renewed enthusiasm among party workers and supporters.



politics, corruption, and appeasement-based politics while lacking a clear development agenda for the state. The BJP leader also targeted Congress leaders over remarks related to Hindu traditions and religious issues.

ideology focuses on development, trust, and cultural heritage under the principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.' He expressed confidence that the BJP would emerge as a strong political alternative in Telangana by 2029.

Harish Rao Criticizes Congress Over Irrigation Projects

Siddipet, May 9 | TPN Bureau

BRS senior leader and former minister Harish Rao strongly criticized the Congress government over its handling of irrigation projects, particularly Medigadda and Thammidihatti. Addressing the media in Siddipet, he accused the government of neglecting crucial repair works at the Kaleshwaram project while focusing more on publicity than practical solutions.



tions in the statements made by various ministers regarding how water would be transported from Thammidihatti. He claimed these conflicting remarks exposed a lack of understanding about irrigation projects within the Congress leadership.

confrontation. He recalled that during the BRS government, former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao personally held discussions with Maharashtra leaders to secure approvals for irrigation projects.



Revanth Reddy Invited to PM Modi's Development Programs

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

The Central Government has formally invited Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to participate in the inauguration and foundation stone-laying ceremonies of several major development projects to be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his Hyderabad visit on Sunday.

the foundation stone laying for the four-lane Gudeballur-Mahabubnagar road, which is part of the Hyderabad-Panaji Economic Corridor, and the commencement of railway multi-tracking works between Kazipet and Vijayawada.

Among the key projects are the programmes will be conducted from the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), where the Prime Minister is scheduled to virtually inaugurate the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park in Warangal and launch important infrastructure projects in the state.



V. Hanumantha Rao Demands Justice for BCs

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Government Advisor V. Hanumantha Rao demanded that a separate category for Backward Classes (BCs) be included in the national Census, stating that the growing BC population deserves proper recognition and justice.

emphasized that BC communities require better employment opportunities and fair political representation. He also criticized BJP MPs belonging to BC communities, saying they should actively work toward securing justice for their own communities.



Telangana High Court Issues Contempt Notice to HYDRAA Commissioner

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana High Court has summoned HYDRAA Commissioner A. V. Ranganath over alleged non-compliance and disregard of court orders, expressing strong displeasure at what it termed repeated contemptuous conduct.

Justice N.V. Shrivani Kumar of the High Court directed issuance of Form-1 notice to the official and ordered him to appear before the court. The matter has been posted for hearing on June 9.

The case pertains to a contempt petition filed by Jitendra and others, who alleged that HYDRAA deliberately violated earlier court directions regarding a disputed land parcel in Suraram, Quthbullapur mandal. The issue involves approximately 500 square yards of land in Survey No. 105, Plot Nos. 103 and 104.

The petitioners stated that HYDRAA had installed a board claiming the land as park prop-

erty belonging to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and declaring it protected land under its authority. This action, they argued, was taken despite a status quo order issued by the court in an ongoing title dispute between the government and private claimants.

Earlier, on April 13, the High Court had directed HYDRAA to remove the board within 48 hours after hearing allegations of high-handedness and unlawful action, including demolition activities on the site. However, the petitioners contended that the agency failed to comply with the order.

Following continued non-compliance, the petitioners approached the High Court again, seeking contempt action. The court, after reviewing the submissions, took serious note of the alleged violation and initiated proceedings against the HYDRAA Commissioner.

PP-PP Program Conducts E-Waste Collection Drive

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

The Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika (PP-PP) programme entered its 9th week and 65th day with a special focus on environmental protection through an e-waste collection drive conducted across all circle offices. As part of the initiative, citizens were encouraged to deposit unused and discarded electronic items such as mobile phones, chargers, batteries, cables, and computer accessories at designated collection points. The drive aimed to promote scientific disposal and recycling of electronic waste in an environmentally responsible manner.

Officials explained to residents the harmful effects of improper e-waste disposal, highlighting risks to both the environment and public health. They also educated participants on the importance of waste segregation and eco-friendly disposal practices.

The programme witnessed active participation from the public, reflecting growing awareness about sustainable waste management. Authorities noted that such initiatives play a key role in building a cleaner and greener environment and stressed the need for continued community involvement in responsible e-waste handling.

Telugu Woman Dies in Pool Tragedy

Hyderabad/Florida, May 10 | TPN Bureau

A tragic incident in the United States has claimed the life of a Telugu woman who reportedly drowned in a swimming pool in Florida, leaving her family and relatives devastated. The deceased was identified as Veena, a resident of Virginia in the US. According to family sources, she had travelled to Florida two days ago to attend a family function. During her visit, she is believed to have accidentally drowned in a swimming pool. The sudden incident has caused deep shock among her family members and

friends. Veena's parents, Devender Reddy and Sunitha, are residents of Lingoji Guda under the LB Nagar constituency in Hyderabad.

Relatives said the family was informed about the incident shortly after it occurred, plunging them into grief. Friends and well-wishers from both India and the United States have expressed condolences over her untimely death.

Further details regarding the circumstances surrounding the incident are awaited, while local authorities in Florida are understood to be investigating the case.

Veerender Babu Yadav Honors Sanitation Workers Ahead of Modi's Hyderabad Visit

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Hyderabad, senior BJP leader Veerender Babu Yadav organized a special felicitation programme for sanitation workers in the Santosh Nagar area, highlighting their role in maintaining public hygiene and civic services.

Speaking on the occasion, he praised Prime Minister Modi, describing him as one of the most popular and globally respected leaders. He noted that Modi has always shown special respect and recognition for sanitation workers, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, when their tireless service and dedication were widely acknowledged by the Prime Minister.

Following what he described as Modi's example of respecting frontline workers, Veerender Babu Yadav invited sanitation workers working in and around Santosh Nagar to his residence. As a gesture of appreciation, he presented them



with new clothing and personally felicitated them for their services to society.

He said that sanitation workers play a crucial role in keeping cities clean and maintaining public health, yet often remain underappreciated. The programme aimed to recognize their contribution and express gratitude for their continuous efforts.

On this occasion, he also extended an invitation to all sani-

tation workers and labour union representatives across Telangana to attend Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting scheduled to be held on May 10 at the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad. The event is expected to witness participation from various sections of society as part of the Prime Minister's first visit to Hyderabad after assuming office for his third term.

Telangana Extends Timings at Busy Registration Offices

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has decided to extend working hours at 15 busy Sub-Registrar offices across the state following a sharp rise in property registrations after the recent revision of land values. Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the decision was taken to ensure that citizens do not face inconvenience during the registration process.

The Minister announced that from May 12, these offices will function from 9:30 AM

to 6:30 PM. The extended-hour facilities will be available at Sub-Registrar offices in Champapet, Saroornagar, Vanasthalipuram, Gandipet, Maheshwaram, Farooqnagar, Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy Rural, LB Nagar, Serilingampally, Sangareddy, Ghatkesar, Naigonda, Patancheru, and Quthbullapur.

Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy stated that the government is prepared to further extend office timings if the registration rush continues. He instructed officials to increase appointment booking slots and make additional arrangements to streamline services for the public.

The Minister also directed authorities to identify other registration offices witnessing heavy demand and introduce similar measures wherever necessary. Coordination with Tahsildar offices handling agricultural land registrations was also emphasized to avoid delays.

Inspector General of Registrations Rajiv Gandhi Hanumanth was instructed to ensure that the registration process remains transparent, efficient, and citizen-friendly. The government aims to provide faster services while managing the increased demand smoothly across the state.

HYDRAA Rescues Woman from Musi River

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Personnel of HYDRAA successfully rescued a 49-year-old woman who accidentally fell into the Musi River near Golnaka. The incident came to light after a distress call was received at the HYDRAA control room at 10:51 am on Saturday.

Responding swiftly, rescue teams reached the location by around 11:07 am and carried out the operation with the

help of the Disaster Response Force (DRF). The woman, identified as Indira, a resident of Golnaka, had fallen into the river late on Friday night and remained stranded through the night in a helpless condition.

According to officials, she was unable to return to the riverbank due to difficult terrain and obstruction from surrounding vegetation, including trees, which prevented her from climbing to safety. Locals attempted to rescue

her but were unsuccessful, following which HYDRAA authorities were alerted.

Rescuers used a large ladder and carefully descended into the river to bring her to safety. The operation was completed successfully without further injury to the woman.

Indira, who lives in Golnaka with her two children, told officials that she had accidentally slipped into the river. She was later shifted to a safe location after the rescue operation.

Parliamentary Panel Praises Musi Rejuvenation Plan

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Senior officials briefed the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Affairs about key development initiatives in Hyderabad, including drinking water supply, urban infrastructure, and the Musi River rejuvenation project. The details were presented through a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation during the committee meeting.

The Chairperson and members of the Parliamentary Committee highly appreciated the Musi River rejuvenation initiative, describing it as a groundbreaking project. The committee observed that such

Officials urged the committee members to support Hyderabad's development efforts and help secure greater cooperation from the Central Government for ongoing and future projects in the city.

The Chairperson and members of the Parliamentary Committee highly appreciated the Musi River rejuvenation initiative, describing it as a groundbreaking project. The committee observed that such

a large-scale river restoration programme is unique and the first of its kind in the country.

The panel also congratulated Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for taking up the ambitious project and acknowledged the state government's focus on urban development. Committee members further praised the Chief Minister for implementing measures aimed at women's welfare and empowerment across Telangana.

Demand for Workers' Representation in Legislature

Hyderabad, April 9 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Auto Union President Vemula Marayya has urged political parties in the state to consider providing workers with opportunities to serve as Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs). He stated that such representation would help ensure that the voices and concerns of the working class are effectively raised in the legislative forum. Speaking at a programme held at the Nacharam Auto Stand in Hyderabad under the Telanga-

na Auto Union, Marayya also highlighted a recent political development in Tamil Nadu. The event included a ceremonial milk offering (Palabhishekam) in honour of Joseph Vijay, leader of the TVK party, who has reportedly created political attention in that state. Marayya appreciated Vijay for giving an MLA ticket to an auto driver in Tamil Nadu and supporting his successful election. He said this move demonstrated strong support for ordinary workers entering politics and setting an example for inclusive

representation. He further called upon Telangana political parties to follow a similar model by creating dedicated MLC seats for workers, similar to existing quotas for teachers and graduates. According to him, this would empower labourers and ensure their issues are addressed at the policy level.

Several union members, including Thirumal Ramanjaneyulu, Nagaraju Goud, Upender Reddy, Ahmed Bhai, Prakash, Parasuram, and Venkatesh, participated in the programme.



Ponguleti Sets 3-Month Deadline for Resolving Public Issues

Tirumalayapalem, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has announced that all applications received during Praja Darbar sessions will be resolved within three months under a structured action plan focused on speedy grievance redressal.

The Minister participated in the Praja Darbar held at Tirumalayapalem Mandal Praja Parishad office along with District Collector Divakara T.S. and Additional Collector P. Srinivas Reddy. He said the Paleru constituency has been divided into clusters, with three clusters per mandal, to better identify and address public issues at the grassroots level.

So far, around 14,700 applications have been received, mainly related to Indiramma housing, land disputes, pensions, and free electricity schemes. Ponguleti stated that issues that can be resolved immediately are being handled on the spot, while the remaining cases will be cleared within the fixed three-month timeline.

The Minister also announced that the second phase of Indiramma housing sanctions will begin by the end of May. He said 4.5 lakh houses have already been sanctioned in the first year and emphasized that funds are being directly credited to beneficiaries' accounts based on construction progress.

Referring to land administration reforms, he said the Bhu Bharathi initiative is being implemented to correct issues created by the earlier Dharami system, ensuring justice in land records and addressing problems in Sada Bainama cases.

On agriculture, Ponguleti assured farmers that all produce would be purchased at Minimum Support Price, along with a 500 bonus for fine rice varieties. He also confirmed full procurement of maize and paddy, and highlighted the government's farm loan waiver up to 2 lakh. He added that critics should recognize the government's farmer-friendly policies instead of making allegations.



Shivaji Maharaj Coronation Day Celebrations

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Coronation Day was celebrated with grandeur in Suraram Colony, Quthbullapur, under the leadership of the Chhatrapati Sena, led by U. Sai and Rahul. The event was organized to honor the legacy of the Maratha warrior king.

As part of the celebrations, participants offered floral tributes to a portrait of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation

from local residents and youth. Speaking as the chief guest, Varala Vinod Kumar highlighted that Shivaji Maharaj remains a powerful symbol of courage, patriotism, and leadership. He urged the youth to follow Shivaji's ideals and actively contribute to the welfare of society. Several community members, including Raj Kumar Mudiraj, Venu Mudiraj, Anil Kumar, Rajesh, Bobby, Raju Yadav, Karate Seenu, Badri, and Edu Kondalu, took part in the event and contributed to its success.



Night Enforcement Team Intensifies Anti-Dumping Drive

Quthbullapur, May 9 | TPN Bureau

To strengthen sanitation and maintain cleanliness in the Dundigal Circle limits, CMC officials have formed a dedicated Night Enforcement Team that is actively monitoring illegal waste dumping during late hours. The initiative aims to curb the growing issue of garbage being thrown in open spaces, roadside areas, and vacant plots. Officials said the team is conducting regular night inspections and identifying individuals who are violating waste disposal rules. During recent checks, several offenders were caught dumping garbage illegally and were penalized on the spot. In some cases, violators were also taken

into custody and handed over to the Dundigal Police Station for further action.

Authorities have issued a strict warning to residents, stating that household waste must only be handed over to authorized 'Swachh' auto vehicles assigned for garbage collection. Any attempt to dump waste in public places will result in fines and legal action.

Officials emphasized that maintaining cleanliness is a shared responsibility and urged citizens to cooperate with the sanitation system. They appealed to the public to actively support the initiative and help build a cleaner, healthier Dundigal by following proper waste disposal practices.

Government Doctor Dies in Road Accident

Kalwakurthy, May 9 | TPN Bureau

A government doctor lost his life in a tragic road accident after the car he was travelling in collided with a private school bus near Kalwakurthy New Town on Saturday morning. The incident occurred near CBM College under Kalwakurthy mandal limits on the Rajchur-Kodada National Highway.

The deceased, identified as Dr. Vijay Kumar (43), sustained critical injuries in the collision. He was immediately shifted to a private hospital in Kalwakurthy for emergency treatment, but he succumbed to his injuries while undergoing care. Later, his body was moved to the Kalwakurthy Government Hospital for post-mortem examination.

Police stated that Dr. Vijay Kumar had gone to the Vande

Mataram Foundation premises near the town for his morning walk and was returning home when the accident took place. Preliminary reports suggest that the collision occurred suddenly, though the exact cause is under investigation.

Dr. Vijay Kumar originally hailed from Makthal in Narayanpet district and had been serving at the Kalwakurthy Government Hospital for the past three years. He was known for his dedicated service to patients in the region.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Yashwanth Rani, who is also a medical professional, and their two children. The news of his untimely death has shocked the medical community, with several doctors and colleagues expressing deep condolences and mourning his loss.

Auto Driver Injured After Suicide Attempt Leads to Crash

Sangareddy, May 9 | TPN Bureau

A serious road accident took place on National Highway 161 near Choutakur in Sangareddy district after an auto-rickshaw driver allegedly consumed rat poison and lost control of his vehicle while driving.

According to local sources, the man had reportedly been facing ongoing family disputes and was mentally distressed. In an apparent suicide attempt, he consumed poison before continuing to drive the auto-rickshaw. As the vehicle reached the outskirts of Choutakur, the driver's health reportedly deteriorated, causing him to lose control. The auto veered off the road, rammied into heaps of paddy laid out for drying beside the highway, and overturned.

The driver sustained severe injuries in the crash. Locals who witnessed the incident rushed to the spot, rescued him from the overturned vehicle, and alerted authorities.

During a search of his belongings, locals reportedly found a note mentioning the names of certain individuals whom he allegedly held responsible for his suicide attempt.

The injured man was immediately shifted to the Sangareddy Government General Hospital for treatment, where his condition was said to be critical. Pulkal police reached the accident site, registered a case, and launched an investigation into the incident, including the contents of the note and the circumstances that led to the suicide attempt.

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.

Dorna Venu Earns Praise for Public Service

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Dorna Venu, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, is receiving appreciation for his dedicated service and people-friendly approach in handling departmental responsibilities.

A retired RTC officer with extensive experience in the transport sector, Venu has been actively assisting the Minister in addressing key issues related to the RTC and Transport Department. His practical knowledge and administrative experience have reportedly contributed to smoother functioning within the department and quicker resolution of public grievances.

Officials and employees have particularly acknowledged his role during the recent RTC strike, where his guidance and coordination helped the department manage challenging situations effectively. His calm decision-making and problem-



solving abilities have earned respect from both staff and the public.

Apart from administrative duties, Dorna Venu is also known for being easily accessible to citizens visiting the Minister's office. People appreciate his willingness to listen patiently to complaints and requests without requiring political recommendations or influence. He is also recognized for responding promptly to

phone calls and addressing genuine concerns sincerely.

At a time when many citizens express frustration over delays and lack of access in government offices, Venu's simple and transparent working style has won admiration. His efforts are seen as supporting Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar's goal of improving governance and public service in the Transport Department.

Honeytrap Extortion Attempt Reported in Karimnagar

Karimnagar, May 9 | TPN Bureau

A sensational case involving an alleged honeytrap and extortion attempt targeting the son of Union Minister and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar has come to light, triggering a detailed police investigation.

According to reports, the victim lodged a complaint with Karimnagar police alleging that a woman, along with her daughter, had conspired to trap him in a fabricated case and extort a large sum of money. The

complainant stated that the accused demanded between 2 crore and 3 crore, threatening to escalate the issue if the payment was not made.

It is further alleged that the woman attempted to misuse legal provisions, including threatening to file a POCSO case by falsely portraying her daughter as a minor, in order to exert pressure and create a criminal case scenario. The victim claimed that continuous threats and harassment were used as part of the extortion strategy.

Police suspect that the plan

was carefully designed to create legal and social pressure on the family, possibly with financial and political motives. Officials noted that the approach appeared to mimic a staged or scripted operation aimed at coercion.

Karimnagar police have initiated a thorough investigation into the allegations. The woman's background is being verified to determine whether she has been involved in similar cases earlier. Authorities have assured strict action following the completion of the probe.

Two Held with Ganja Worth 52 Lakh

Nalgonda, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Kethepally police arrested two persons near the Kethepally toll plaza in Nalgonda district and seized 104.5 kilograms of ganja valued at around 52.5 lakh, officials said on Saturday. The arrested individuals were identified as Paramvir Singh alias Lambu (42), a lorry driver from Satwari in Jammu, and Shah Alam Parvesh alias Alam Ansari (37), a painter from Mumbai. Police stated that

three other suspects connected to the smuggling network are currently absconding. They were identified as Bikram Singh from Jammu, Farooq alias Raju Bhai from Mumbai, and Bhavu alias Kedar Pradhan from Odisha.

According to Superintendent of Police Sharath Chandra Pawar, officers intercepted a lorry travelling towards Hyderabad after receiving specific information about ganja transportation. During the inspection at the toll plaza, police

discovered the contraband hidden inside the vehicle.

The two accused allegedly attempted to escape but were apprehended by the police team. During questioning, they reportedly confessed that the ganja had been sourced from the Bishmapur forest region in Odisha's Ganjam district and was being transported to Mumbai. Police have formed special teams to trace and arrest the remaining accused involved in the interstate drug smuggling operation.

Father and Son Die While Saving Calf

Mulugu, May 9 | TPN Bureau

A tragic incident in Karlapalli village of Mulugu district claimed the lives of a father and son who attempted to rescue a calf that had fallen into a well near their farmland. The heartbreaking event has left the entire village in mourning.

According to villagers, the family was near their cattle shed when a calf accidentally

slipped into a nearby well. On noticing the animal struggling inside the deep well, the son immediately climbed down in an attempt to save it. However, due to the depth of the well and lack of oxygen, he reportedly became unconscious and drowned.

Seeing his son in danger, the father rushed to rescue him and jumped into the well without hesitation. Unfortunately, he too was unable to survive, and both drowned in the

water. The shocking incident created panic and sorrow in the village. Family members and local residents were devastated as the father and son, who were alive only moments earlier, were found lifeless inside the well.

Police reached the spot after receiving information, shifted the bodies for further procedures, and registered a case. An investigation into the incident is underway.

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 Changan Rayulu and other officials supervised the arrangements for the event.



Plaque Controversy Triggers Tension in Press Colony

Hyderabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Tension gripped Press Colony in the I.S. Sadan division of Yakutpura constituency after residents objected to the inauguration plaque installed at a senior citizens' building constructed with MP development funds.

The colony, home to many retired State and Central government employees, has a park and a dedicated building frequently used by senior citizens for recreation and gatherings. Recently, an additional floor was added to the building, and arrangements were made for its inauguration.

However, controversy arose after locals noticed that the commemorative plaque allegedly violated established protocol. Residents pointed out that such plaques are expected to carry the names of the local

MP, MLA, and Corporator. Instead, the plaque reportedly included the names of Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi, Chandrangutta MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi, MP Asaduddin Owaisi, and Yakutpura MLA Jaffer Hussain Meraj.

Residents and senior citizens also objected to the omission of I.S. Sadan Corporator Swetha Madhukar Reddy's name from the plaque. Further criticism emerged over the inscription "AMIM Primary Unit" on the building.

Senior BJP leader Virender Babu Yadav strongly condemned the move, questioning the inclusion of names unrelated to the local area on a structure built using Central Government funds. He warned that residents would continue to protest if such practices persisted.



Door-to-Door Survey to Bring Children Back to School

Adilabad, May 9 | TPN Bureau

In an effort to identify children who have discontinued their education and help them return to school, the Urban Residential School (URS), Adilabad, launched a special door-to-door awareness and survey programme in Dubarpet A, B, and C colonies of Ichoda Mandal. As part of the initiative, URS staff members Ganesh and Ravikanth Reddy visited households across the colonies and interacted directly with parents. During the survey, they collected information regarding children's educational status, school attendance, family conditions, and the reasons behind students dropping out of school.

The team identified several children who were staying at home instead of continuing their studies and assured parents that efforts would be made to help re-enroll them in educational institutions. The staff

explained that the main aim of the programme is not only to locate out-of-school children but also to understand the social and financial challenges preventing them from continuing their education.

They informed families about various government welfare schemes and educational facilities available for children from economically weaker backgrounds. The URS staff stated that such surveys would continue regularly to ensure that every child receives proper education and support.

Residents of the colonies appreciated the initiative and praised the school staff for their commitment toward improving educational awareness in the area. Citizens were also urged to cooperate in helping school dropouts return to classrooms.

For further information, URS Adilabad officials requested the public to contact 8500023457 or 9705108585.

Child Dies After Double Snakebite

Bengaluru, May 9 | TPN Bureau

A tragic incident occurred in Mundichintha Thanda of Devruppula mandal in Jangaon district, where a four-year-old boy lost his life after being bitten by two poisonous snakes on the same night.

According to local sources, the child was sleeping outside along with his parents on Friday night when a cobra reportedly bit him first. Shortly afterward, he was allegedly bitten again by Russell's viper.

Hearing the boy's cries, his

father immediately rushed to his aid and shifted him to a private hospital in Hanamkonda for emergency treatment. Despite the efforts of doctors, the child succumbed early on Saturday.

Medical experts stated that the combined effect of venom from both snakebites severely reduced the chances of survival.

The incident has left residents of the tribal hamlet in deep sorrow, with the grieving family receiving condolences from villagers and relatives.

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 leg-

acy 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 Thalapaty. His political outfit, Tamilaga Vettri 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.

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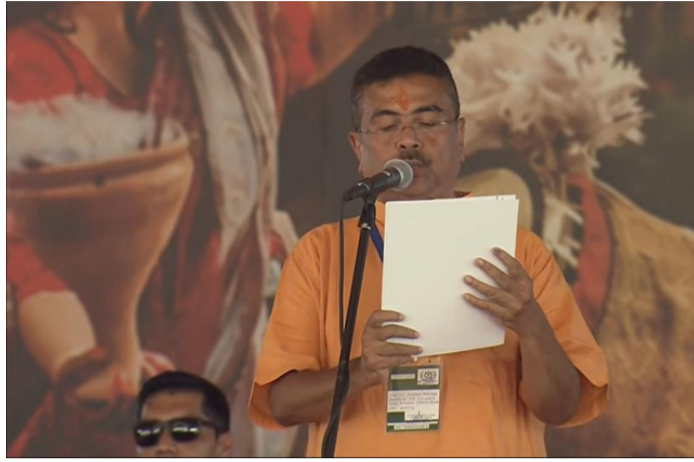
Suvendu Adhikari Takes Oath As West Bengal's First BJP Chief Minister

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 ceremony 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 in-

ner 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, de-

signed to expand fuel storage and distribution capacity to meet growing regional demand.

A major highlight of the visit will be the inauguration of Sindh Hospital in Hyderabad, a large multi-specialty cancer-focused healthcare facility. Equipped with advanced medical technology, the hospital will offer comprehensive treatment services including oncology care, surgeries, diagnostics, and critical care facilities.

The projects reflect the government's emphasis on infrastructure-led growth, industrial development, and improved public services. Officials said the initiatives are aimed at strengthening connectivity, attracting investment, and improving employment opportunities, contributing to the broader vision of balanced regional development and economic expansion.



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.

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.

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 contin-

ued 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 investigat-

ing 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.

UK Local Elections Deliver Major Blow To Keir Starmer's Labour Party

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



criticizing mainstream political parties for failing to address public concerns.

The Conservative Party also faced difficulties in several areas, continuing its recent struggles after losing national power. However, some analysts believe Reform UK's growing popularity may have hurt the Conservatives more than Labour by dividing the right-wing vote.

Political commentators noted that Labour's losses are particularly concerning because local elections are often seen as an early indicator

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.

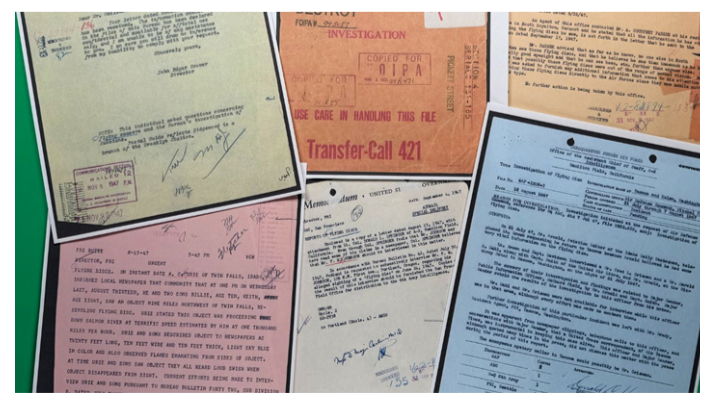
The release has generated mixed reactions. UFO researchers and transparency advocates welcomed the publication of long-secret records, arguing that governments should openly share unexplained observations with the public. However, skeptics criticized the release, saying several files offered little concrete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

political uncertainty and global economic instability are likely to keep gold prices volatile in the near term. Any major escalation in global tensions could once again increase safe-haven demand for the precious metal.

Despite short-term fluctuations, many analysts remain optimistic about gold's long-term outlook, citing continued central bank buying, economic uncertainty, and persistent geopolitical risks as supportive factors for precious metals in the coming months.

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 wellness 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?” Hemang Badani’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 Hemang Badani 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 Shreyas Iyer

The race to become India’s next T20 captain is reportedly becoming more competitive, with Sanju Samson now emerging as a strong contender alongside Shreyas Iyer. 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 Shreyas Iyer 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, Shreyas Iyer 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 Shreyas Iyer 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 Shreyas Iyer 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.

Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shafali Verma Receive NADA Notices Over Missed Dope Tests

Indian cricketers Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shafali Verma 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, Shafali Verma allegedly missed a scheduled test late last year, while Yashasvi Jaiswal 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. Yashasvi Jaiswal has emerged as one of India’s brightest batting talents across formats, while Shafali Verma 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 Shreyas Iyer 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. Shreyas Iyer 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.





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 artists 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 ex-

cited 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.

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.

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.