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Modi Confident of BJP Victory in Telangana at Mega Rally

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that political change in Telangana is inevitable and expressed confidence that the BJP would form the government in the state in the coming years.

Beginning his speech in Telugu, the Prime Minister greeted the gathering warmly and praised the enthusiasm of BJP workers and supporters.

Referring to his recent visit to West Bengal, Modi said the BJP's victory there represented a major political transformation.



The Prime Minister alleged that people across the country are moving away from dynastic politics and corruption-based governance and are placing their trust in the BJP's model of development and stability.

Highlighting the BJP's growing strength nationwide, Modi said the party, once considered weak in several regions of the country, has now gained widespread public support.

Modi also spoke about the need to reduce dependence on imported fuel by encouraging the use of metro rail systems and electric transportation.

Modi expressed confidence that Telangana would soon witness a major political transformation similar to what had occurred in other parts of the country.



Amit Shah Pushes for Stronger Flood and Heatwave Response System

New Delhi, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday emphasized the need for stronger disaster preparedness measures across the country, calling for the establishment of dedicated flood crisis management teams in every state.

Chairing a high-level review meeting on preparedness for floods and heatwaves, Shah stressed that disaster management agencies should work towards achieving "zero-casualty disaster management."

The Home Minister noted that guidelines issued by the NDMA have significantly improved public awareness and encouraged a "whole of government" approach toward disaster management.

the NDMA conduct a detailed study to assess the extent to which states are complying with Union Home Ministry directives and NDMA guidelines related to floods, forest fires, and heatwaves.

Referring to the growing impact of climate change, Shah called for the preparation of a comprehensive master plan to address changing weather patterns through both government participation and public involvement.

The Home Minister further stated that authorities should improve monsoon preparedness by studying casualties during previous rainy seasons, evaluating forecast accuracy, and assessing crop damage caused by extreme weather conditions.

The meeting was attended by Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil, the Union Home Secretary, senior officials from various ministries, and members of the NDMA.

Modi Launches Major Development Projects

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Hyderabad on Sunday and inaugurated as well as laid foundation stones for multiple development projects worth nearly 9,500 crore across Telangana.

of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Union Ministers, and several public representatives.

During the ceremony, the Chief Minister felicitated the Prime Minister and presented him with a silver Nandi idol, while Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy offered an idol of Lord Rama.

The projects unveiled by the Prime Minister focus on strengthening infrastructure, transportation, healthcare, and industrial growth in the state.

augurated the Kazipet-Vijayawada railway line tripling project completed at a cost of 1,243 crore.

Among the other key projects are the 1,700 crore PM MITRA Mega Textile Park in Warangal, a Rail-over-Rail bypass line worth 300 crore, the expansion of the Zaheerabad industrial region, National Highway projects linked to the

Hyderabad-Panaji Economic Corridor, and a cancer super-specialty hospital in Hi-Tech City. Addressing the gathering, Modi said states play a crucial role in national progress and assured full support from the Centre for Telangana's development through improved infrastructure, industries, transport networks, and healthcare facilities.

Vijay Leads New Political Era in Tamil Nadu

Chennai, May 10 | TPN Bureau

In a grand ceremony held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai, C. Joseph Vijay took oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on Sunday, ushering in a major political transformation in the state.

Governor R. N. Ravi administered the oath of office and secrecy to Vijay and his Cabinet amid loud cheers from supporters and party workers gathered at the packed venue.

Later, the new Chief Minister visited the Secretariat and conducted a review meeting with senior officials regarding law and order in the state.



mil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

Having won from both Tiruchi East and Perambur constituencies, Vijay resigned from one seat following his elevation as Chief Minister.

Several prominent personalities attended the swearing-in ceremony, including Rahul Gandhi, film personalities, industrialists, and leaders of parties supporting the TVK alliance.

were also present.

Dressed in a dark suit and white shirt, Vijay broke away from the traditional attire commonly associated with Tamil Nadu politics.

Meanwhile, controversy erupted after "Vande Mataram" was played twice during the ceremony instead of following the customary protocol of beginning with "Tamil Thai Vazhthu" and ending with the National Anthem.

Udhayanidhi Stalin Chosen as Leader of Opposition

Chennai, May 10 | TPN Bureau

The DMK legislative party on Sunday elected Udhayanidhi Stalin as its leader in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, officially making him the Leader of the Opposition in the state.

The meeting of newly elected DMK MLAs was held at the party headquarters, Anna Arivalayam, on Sunday evening ahead of the swearing-in ceremony of legislators scheduled for Monday.

Senior leader K. N. Nehru was appointed as the deputy leader of the legislative party, while E. V. Velu was chosen as

the party whip in the Assembly.

With the DMK emerging as the principal opposition party following the recent Assembly elections, the leader of its legislative wing automatically assumes the constitutional role of Leader of the Opposition.

The development marks a significant political responsibility for Udhayanidhi Stalin, who is expected to lead the party's strategy and voice its position on major issues inside the Assembly.



Vijay Takes Oath as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

New Delhi/Chennai, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Actor-turned-politician C. Joseph Vijay was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on Sunday, marking a historic political shift in the state.

The swearing-in ceremony, held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai, witnessed the presence of several political leaders, film personalities, and dignitaries.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also extended his wishes to Vijay and the

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK). He stated that the new administration reflected the enduring principles of social justice, self-respect, rational thinking, and empowerment that have long shaped Tamil Nadu's political culture.



Modi Inaugurates Advanced Cancer Care Hospital

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the newly established Sindhu Hospital in Hyderabad, marking a significant addition to India's healthcare infrastructure. The institution is a non-profit, cancer-focused multi-specialty quaternary care hospital equipped with advanced medical technology and modern treatment facilities.

During his visit, the Prime Minister interacted with Dr. Bandi Parthasaradhi Reddy, Rajya Sabha member and founder-chairman of Sindhu Hospitals and the Hetero Group, along with his family members. Senior doctors and medical experts briefed Modi about the hospital's cutting-edge healthcare systems and specialized cancer treatment services.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister appreciated the efforts made to strengthen healthcare services in Hy-

derabad and nearby regions. He lauded the hospital management for emphasizing innovation and the integration of advanced medical technologies. Modi later shared on social media that the initiative would contribute significantly to improving healthcare accessibility and quality treatment facilities.

Spread across nearly 2.1 million square feet, the 18-floor hospital houses 1,500 beds, over 150 consultation chambers, and 29 modern operation theatres. The institution offers a wide range of services, including chemotherapy, radiation oncology, cancer surgeries, bone marrow transplantation, critical care, and treatment across more than 33 super-specialty departments.

The hospital is also supported by sophisticated diagnostic facilities, advanced laboratories, and a modern blood centre aimed at providing comprehensive medical care under one roof.

Bandi Sanjay Rejects Allegations at BJP Rally

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar strongly defended himself amid the controversy surrounding a POCSO case registered against his son, asserting that he would not be intimidated by what he described as politically motivated allegations. He made the remarks while addressing party workers ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting at the Secunderabad Parade Grounds in Hyderabad.

Speaking as one of the key leaders before the Prime Minister's address, Bandi Sanjay said he would never engage in any activity that could tarnish the image of the BJP. Without directly discussing the details of the case involving his son, he alleged that certain political parties and individuals were attempting to malign both him and the BJP through fabricated accusations.

The Union Minister stated that he would continue to fight against what he termed false propaganda and insisted that he had done nothing wrong. He also remarked that he was not someone who would "hide in fear," indirectly responding to criticism from political opponents.

Bandi Sanjay further said



that unlike some leaders who entered politics through family influence, he had built his political career through hard work and struggle. He accused his rivals of raising allegations because they were unable to challenge him politically.

The remarks came during a large BJP public gathering attended by party leaders, workers, and supporters ahead of the Prime Minister's speech. The controversy surrounding the case has triggered political reactions in Telangana, with opposition parties demanding action and clarification from the BJP leadership.

Modi Calls for Austerity Amid Global Crisis

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged citizens to adopt a more disciplined and self-reliant lifestyle in response to the economic pressures created by the ongoing conflict in West Asia and disruptions in global supply chains. Addressing a massive BJP public gathering in Hyderabad, Modi appealed to people to reduce unnecessary spending, conserve foreign exchange, and prioritize the nation's economic interests.

Highlighting the impact of international conflicts on India's import bill, particularly crude oil, gas, fertilizers, and gold, the Prime Minister said the country must collectively work to reduce dependence on foreign goods and imports. He stressed that the government had been striving for several years to minimize the effects of global crises, beginning with the Covid-19 pandemic and continuing through the Ukraine war and the present West Asia conflict.

Modi pointed out that although fertilizers cost nearly 3,000 per bag globally, the Centre was supplying them to Indian farmers at heavily subsidized prices. He also encouraged farmers to gradually reduce the use of chemical fertilizers, which he said were harming soil fertility, and to adopt sustainable practices such as natural farming and solar-powered irrigation pumps.

Calling for a nationwide movement to conserve foreign



exchange reserves, the Prime Minister urged citizens to avoid purchasing gold for one year unless absolutely necessary. He recalled that during earlier national crises, people had donated gold to support the country, and said today's patriotism lies in responsible spending and economic discipline.

Modi also advised people to reduce foreign travel and instead explore domestic tourist destinations. Referring to the increasing trend of destination weddings abroad, he appealed to families to celebrate important occasions within India to support the local economy.

The Prime Minister further encouraged citizens to cut fuel consumption by using public transport, metro rail services, carpooling, and electric vehicles wherever possible. He suggested reviving practices such as work-from-home and online meetings, which became common during the pandemic, as a

way to save fuel and resources.

Emphasizing the "Vocal for Local" campaign, Modi urged people to support Indian-made products instead of imported goods. He remarked that several everyday items used in homes are foreign-made and called upon citizens to consciously shift toward domestic alternatives.

He also appealed to labour unions and workers to remain vigilant against activities that could disrupt industries and weaken India's journey toward self-reliance. Stressing that patriotism is not limited to sacrifices during war, Modi said fulfilling one's responsibilities toward the country during challenging times is equally important.

The Prime Minister concluded by expressing confidence that collective public participation would help India successfully overcome global economic challenges.

Revanth Reddy Seeks Centre's Support for Growth at HICC Event

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, while addressing the gathering at the HICC during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Hyderabad, emphasized that development and national progress should remain above political considerations. Welcoming the Prime Minister, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, and other dignitaries, the Chief Minister described the event as a celebration of development rather than a political gathering.

Revanth Reddy stated that Telangana fully supports the Centre's vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047" and said the state government has aligned its own "Telangana Rising 2047" initiative with the national development agenda. He expressed confidence that Telangana could achieve a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and eventually grow into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047 with the Centre's cooperation.

Drawing a comparison with Gujarat's development during Modi's tenure as Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy said Telangana also aspires to achieve rapid growth with the support of the Union Government. He appealed to the Prime Minister



to extend the same level of encouragement and assistance that former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had once extended to Gujarat.

The Chief Minister stressed the importance of strengthening India's major metropolitan cities, including Hyderabad, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, and Bengaluru, stating that these urban centers would play a crucial role in economic expansion and employment generation. He proposed the creation of a dedicated single-window task force within the Prime Minister's Office to ensure speedy approvals for projects related to these cities.

Revanth Reddy also urged the Prime Minister to expedite

approvals for key Telangana projects, including the Musi River rejuvenation initiative, Hyderabad Metro Rail expansion, radial roads, and the proposed 12-lane Hyderabad-Machilipatnam highway.

He thanked the Prime Minister for inaugurating development projects in Telangana and reiterated that the state stands firmly with the Centre on matters related to national development and progress.

Concluding his speech, the Chief Minister expressed hope that Telangana's pending proposals would soon receive approvals from the Union Government and ended with the slogans "Jai Telangana" and "Jai Bharat."



PM Modi Launches Major Infrastructure Projects

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several key infrastructure and industrial projects in Telangana from the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), with a focus on improving transport connectivity, industrial expansion, and economic development.

Under the roads and infrastructure sector, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the four-lane expansion works on the Hyderabad-Panaji Economic Corridor (NH-167) between Gudeballur and Mahabubnagar. The project, estimated at 3,180 crore, is expected to improve connectivity and support regional trade and transportation.

Modi also launched development works for the Zaheerabad Industrial Area, a project worth 2,360 crore aimed at boosting industrial growth and attracting investments to Telangana.

In the railway sector, the Prime Minister inaugurated

completed sections of the Kazipet-Vijayawada multi-tracking railway project, developed at a cost of around 1,250 crore. He also dedicated to the nation a modern bypass railway line built in Kazipet for 300 crore, which is expected to ease rail traffic and improve operational efficiency.

Among the major industrial initiatives, Modi inaugurated the PM MITRA Mega Textile Park in Warangal, developed at an estimated cost of 1,700 crore within the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park premises. The project is designed to promote textile manufacturing and generate employment opportunities.

He also inaugurated the Indian Oil Corporation's Greenfield POL terminal at Malkapur near Hyderabad, built at a cost of 610 crore. The facility is expected to strengthen fuel storage and supply infrastructure in the region.

Officials stated that these projects will significantly contribute to Telangana's industrial, transport, and economic progress.



Modi's Hyderabad Visit Triggers Political Buzz

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's brief but politically significant visit to Hyderabad on Sunday sparked intense discussion across Telangana's political circles. His meetings with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, along with his restrained remarks on the BRS, fueled speculation about possible political strategies ahead of upcoming elections.

One of the most talked-about moments of the visit was Modi's interaction with Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, including his "mere se jodo" remark, which political observers interpreted in different ways. Analysts believe the Prime Minister's statements and movements were carefully planned to send broader political signals.

Political leaders across party lines closely watched Modi's visit to Chandrababu Naidu's residence, where he spent nearly an hour. He also met Pawan Kalyan, officially described as a courtesy visit following the Jana Sena leader's recent surgery. BJP leaders reportedly believe that maintain-

ing cordial relations with Naidu and Pawan Kalyan could help strengthen the party's prospects in Greater Hyderabad and surrounding regions, particularly in future GHMC elections.

Observers also noted that Modi avoided directly criticizing the BRS during his speech at the Secunderabad Parade Grounds rally. This silence has triggered speculation about possible future political issues in Telangana. Meanwhile, TDP leaders welcomed Modi's praise for Cyberabad's development and employment growth, viewing it as indirect recognition of Chandrababu Naidu's role in transforming Hyderabad into a major IT hub.

During the event, Revanth Reddy attempted to strike a balanced tone by supporting the Prime Minister's "Viksit Bharat" vision while also recalling the support extended by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Gujarat during Modi's tenure as Chief Minister there. Political observers believe the Telangana Chief Minister is trying to maintain cooperative relations with the Centre while also safeguarding his political positioning within the Congress party.

Grand Preparations Underway for Hindu Ekta Yatra

Karimnagar, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Extensive arrangements are being made for the annual Hindu Ekta Yatra scheduled to be held on May 12 in Karimnagar on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti. Organized under the leadership of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, the yatra is expected to witness massive participation from across Telangana.

Saffron party cadres and volunteers have intensified campaign activities ahead of the event by visiting homes, applying traditional tilaks to residents, and distributing invitation pamphlets. Activists are also painting slogans and mes-



sages on walls across various colonies and divisions to encourage people to participate in large numbers. Publicity for the event is additionally being carried out through social media platforms.

The Hindu Ekta Yatra, which

began 16 years ago with only a small group of supporters, has gradually grown into a large-scale annual religious and cultural event. Organizers say the yatra aims to unite Hindus beyond political and caste lines. Participation has reportedly

increased every year, with this year's turnout expected to surpass previous records.

The rally will commence at 4 PM from Vaishya Bhavan in Karimnagar and proceed through major areas including Rajiv Chowk, Tower Circle, Gunj, Kaman, One Town, Venkateswara Temple, Martyrs' Memorial, and Jayashankar Circle before concluding at the starting point.

Special arrangements are being made to help participants cope with the summer heat. Volunteers, traders, and local supporters are organizing drinking water, buttermilk, refreshments, and transportation facilities for attendees arriving from different parts of the Karimnagar parliamenta-

ry constituency.

Organizers have also planned several cultural attractions for the nearly six-hour procession. Statues of Lord Hanuman and Lord Rama are being brought from different states, while artists from Delhi and Kerala will participate with traditional performances, costumes, and drum displays. Decorative ceremonial flags are also being arranged from Sircilla.

Leaders from caste associations, professional groups, religious organizations, labor unions, and supporters from different political backgrounds are expected to join the event, which organizers describe as a platform promoting Hindu unity and cultural identity.



Revanth Reddy Congratulates Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to Joseph C. Vijay on assuming office as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

In his message, Revanth Reddy expressed confidence that Vijay would lead the state with dedication, vision, and a strong commitment to public welfare. He stated that the new Chief Minister's leadership would play a key role in fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the people of Tamil Nadu while contributing to the overall

growth and progress of the state.

The Telangana Chief Minister also wished Vijay a successful and memorable tenure in office. He hoped that the new administration would focus on effective governance, development-oriented policies, and people-centric initiatives aimed at improving the welfare of citizens. Revanth Reddy further remarked that Vijay's commitment to serving the public and addressing the needs of the people would help him earn lasting respect and affection from the citizens of Tamil Nadu.



TPCC Chief Writes Open Letter to PM on Telangana Development

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud has written an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking the Centre's cooperation on several major development projects in Telangana.

In the letter, Mahesh Kumar Goud highlighted key issues including the expansion of the Hyderabad Metro Rail, rejuvenation of the Musi River, Regional Ring Road, Regional Ring Rail, Greenfield Expressways, radial roads, semiconductor projects, and pending assurances under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act.

He urged the Centre to immediately approve Hyderabad Metro Phase-2, estimated at 38,595 crore, and extend financial support for the Musi River restoration project. The TPCC chief also sought faster clearances for the Regional Ring

Road and a proposed Regional Ring Rail project to improve connectivity and industrial growth across Telangana.

The letter further requested support for semiconductor and electronics manufacturing projects around Fab City, along with assistance for the Thummadihetti irrigation project through coordination with Maharashtra.

Mahesh Kumar Goud also demanded the completion of pending promises made during Telangana's formation, including railway projects, educational institutions, and the expansion of the Kazipet rail manufacturing unit into a full-fledged coach factory.

Criticizing certain BJP leaders over remarks on Telangana, he asserted that the Centre must demonstrate genuine commitment to the state's development through concrete action and approvals.

BRS Leaders Demand Action in POCSO Case

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

At a press conference held at Telangana Bhavan, former Assembly Deputy Speaker Padma Devender Reddy and former TGSPC member Sumithranand strongly criticized both the Central and State governments over the alleged POCSO case involving the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar.

Padma Devender Reddy alleged that despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting Hyderabad on Mother's Day, no action had been taken against Bandi Sanjay. She demanded his removal from the Union Cabinet and accused both the BJP and Congress governments of attempting to suppress the case.

The BRS leaders questioned the delay in police action and alleged discrimination in the handling of the complaint filed by the minor girl. They claimed the victim and her family were subjected to harassment while authorities failed to act swiftly against the accused. Former TGSPC member Sumithranand accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of failing to maintain law and order despite holding the Home portfolio. He demanded the immediate arrest of Bandi Sanjay's son and strict legal action in the case. The leaders also alleged that the BJP and Congress were working together to shield the accused, while asserting that the BRS would continue its fight until justice is delivered to the victim.

BJP Sees Political Shift : Ramchander Rao

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao stated that the massive turnout at the public meeting held at the Secunderabad Parade Grounds reflects the growing support for the Bharatiya Janata Party in Telangana and signals a major political shift in the state.

Addressing party workers and supporters during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting, Ramchander Rao said the enthusiasm displayed by the people showed the strong bond between Modi and the citizens of Telangana. He remarked that the crowd gathered outside the venue was even larger than the number of attendees inside, which he described as evidence of the Prime Minister's popularity in the state.

He thanked the people of Telangana for giving Modi a grand welcome during his first visit to the state after assuming office for a third term as Prime Minister. According to him, the overwhelming response at Secunderabad demonstrated that the BJP is emerging as a strong political force and could form the next government in Telangana.

Ramchander Rao also high-



lighted what he described as Modi's emotional connection with Telangana, noting that the Prime Minister's birthday falls on September 17, the day Hyderabad State merged with the Indian Union after the end of Nizam rule. He said the date holds historic significance for Telangana and strengthens Modi's association with the region. The BJP leader expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for dedicating development projects worth nearly 9,700 crore to Telangana. He stated that these projects would contribute significantly to infrastructure, industrial growth,

and employment generation in the state.

Criticizing divisive politics, Ramchander Rao said the BJP is committed to protecting national unity and fighting forces that attempt to divide the country. He credited Modi's leadership for the government's efforts toward eliminating Naxalism and Left-Wing Extremism across India.

He also accused the Congress party of encouraging dynastic politics and called upon BJP workers to take the party's message of development and governance to every household in Telangana.

BJP Will End Dynasty Politics : Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Addressing the massive BJP public meeting at the Secunderabad Parade Grounds, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy strongly criticized both the previous BRS government and the current Congress administration in Telangana. He alleged that the state had remained under "family rule" for years, first under the leadership of KCR and now under the influence of the Congress high command led by the Gandhi family.

Kishan Reddy stated that the people of Telangana must take responsibility for freeing the state from dynastic and corrupt politics. He accused the Congress government of failing to implement its much-publicized "Six Guarantees" and claimed that the administration was more focused on pleasing party leadership in Delhi than fulfilling promises made to the people.

Highlighting the Centre's contribution to Telangana, the Union Minister said the Central Government had sanctioned major funds and infrastructure projects for the state. According to him, the Centre is contributing nearly 80 percent of the funding for the "Sanna Bijiya" scheme. He also stated that projects worth 1.85 lakh crore had been approved



for National Highway development in Telangana.

Kishan Reddy further pointed out that Telangana received five Vande Bharat trains and six Amrit Bharat Express trains, while 42 railway stations are being modernized under ongoing railway development programs. He added that three Bullet Train-related projects have also been allotted to the state.

Questioning the Congress leadership, he asked whether these development initiatives were brought by Rahul Gandhi or the previous BRS leadership. He maintained that the BJP government at the Centre was solely responsible for these projects and accused op-

position parties of spreading misinformation about the Centre's role in Telangana's progress.

The Union Minister said the BJP has earned public trust by fulfilling promises and delivering development-oriented governance. He noted that the party has secured power at the Centre for three consecutive terms and currently governs 21 states across the country.

Expressing confidence in the BJP's future in Telangana, Kishan Reddy said the party's success in winning eight Lok Sabha seats in the last parliamentary elections was a clear indication that the BJP is steadily emerging as a strong alternative in the state.

BRSV Protests at DGP Office Over POCSO Case

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Student leaders affiliated with the BRSV staged a protest near the DGP's office, accusing the Telangana government of failing to act against the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar in an alleged POCSO case involving a minor girl. Police later detained the protestors and shifted them to the Saifabad and Chikkadpally police stations.

Speaking during the protest, Gellu Srinivas Yadav alleged that instead of taking action against the accused, police were harassing the victim's family members. He demanded immediate legal action against those responsible and called for protection for the victim and her family.

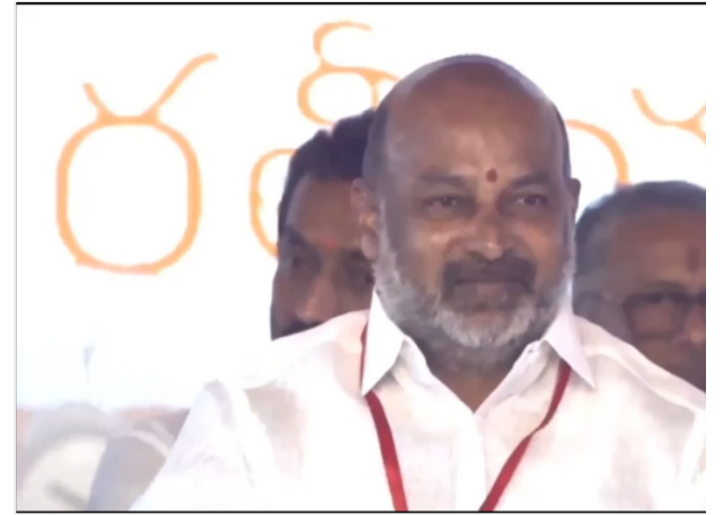
The BRSV leader also demanded the dismissal of Bandi Sanjay from the Union Cabinet



and accused the state government of attempting to shield the accused. Questioning whether different standards of justice were being applied to politically influential families and ordinary citizens, he urged Prime Minister Narendra

Modi to remove the Union Minister from office.

The student organization warned that it would intensify protests across the state if immediate action is not taken and justice is not ensured for the victim.



Bandi Sanjay Targets Congress, BRS at BJP Rally

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar launched a sharp attack on the Congress and BRS parties while addressing the massive BJP public meeting held at the Secunderabad Parade Grounds. Delivering an aggressive speech before party workers and supporters, he declared that Telangana would be the BJP's next major political target after the party's success in West Bengal.

Bandi Sanjay said the slogans of "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Telangana" should echo across the state with such intensity that it unsettles Congress leaders. According to him, the chant of "Jai Shri Ram" had become a symbol of political change and resistance against corruption and authoritarian rule. He claimed that the BJP's rise in Bengal was driven by the determination and unity of party workers, adding that the same momentum is now building in Telangana.

The Union Minister alleged that while Prime Minister Narendra Modi was bringing massive development funds to Telangana from Delhi, the Congress government in the state was diverting public money for political interests. He ac-

cusced Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of failing to protect Telangana's financial interests and claimed the state was being pushed into economic difficulties under Congress rule.

Highlighting the BJP's ideological roots, Bandi Sanjay stated that party workers were inspired by the teachings of the RSS and were prepared to fight against corruption and dynastic politics. He asserted that BJP leaders would neither engage in wrongdoing nor tolerate corruption by others.

The BJP leader also responded strongly to criticism from rival parties, saying intimidation tactics and political conspiracies would not weaken the BJP cadre. He remarked that the sacrifices made by BJP workers in Telangana would not go in vain and vowed to continue the fight against what he described as corrupt and family-driven political forces.

Calling upon party activists to intensify their efforts at the grassroots level, Bandi Sanjay expressed confidence that the BJP would emerge victorious in Telangana under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and senior party leadership. He urged supporters to remain united and work toward establishing a BJP government in the state.

Harish Rao Slams Government Over Paddy Procurement Delays

Medak, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao strongly criticized the Telangana government over delays in paddy procurement during his visit to the grain procurement center at Karnalipalli in Chegunta mandal of Medak district. He was accompanied by Dubbaka MLA Kotla Prabhakar Reddy and former MLA Padma Devender Reddy.

During the inspection, Harish Rao interacted with farmers who had been waiting for several days to sell their produce. He also examined paddy stocks damaged by recent rains and accused the government of negligence toward farmers' problems.

Harish Rao alleged that the state government had completely failed in handling paddy procurement and said farmers across Telangana were facing severe hardship. He pointed out that although the Karnalipalli procurement center had been functioning for nearly 25 days, only two trucks had arrived for transportation of paddy.

He questioned whether Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy or ministers had conducted any serious review meetings on procurement is-



issues. The BRS leader also accused the Civil Supplies Corporation of corruption and claimed delayed payments were affecting farmers who sold maize, Bengal gram, sunflower, and other crops.

According to Harish Rao, even ruling Congress party leaders and local representatives were protesting outside Collectorates over procurement delays, reflecting the seriousness of the situation. He warned that if the government failed to arrange trucks, weighing facilities, and immediate procurement, BRS leaders and legislators would intensify protests in support of farmers.

BRS Women Protest Over POCSO Case

Quthbullapur, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Political tension escalated after a POCSO case was registered against the son of Union Minister of State Bandi Sanjay Kumar. Demanding justice for the minor girl, BRS women leaders from Quthbullapur staged a protest outside the Pet Basheerabad Police Station on Saturday.

During the demonstration, the protestors described the incident as deeply disturbing and urged the government to provide full support and pro-

tection to the victim, who belongs to the Quthbullapur area. The leaders criticized the police for not taking strong action even three days after the case was filed.

They questioned the delay in the investigation, alleging that authorities act quickly in ordinary cases but hesitate when politically influential families are involved. The women leaders asserted that their agitation would continue until justice is served and equal treatment under the law is ensured for all citizens.



Joy Foundation Offers Relief Amid Summer Heat

Bureau
To provide relief from the scorching summer temperatures, the Joy Foundation organized a buttermilk distribution program for commuters at Nacharam X-Roads in Uppal constituency on Friday. The initiative was led by the foundation's founder, Shyam, along with members of the organization.

ter milk help people stay hydrated and reduce the effects of extreme heat during the summer season. As part of the service activity, volunteers distributed chilled buttermilk to a large number of motorists and passersby at the busy junction. The event witnessed active participation from the foundation's Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and several other members, who joined hands to support the humanitarian initiative and assist the public during the harsh weather conditions.



BJP Workers Attend Modi Meeting in Huge Numbers

Quthbullapur, May 10 | TPN Bureau
BJP leaders and party workers from the Dundigal Division participated in large numbers in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting held at the Secunderabad Parade Grounds on Saturday. The participants began their journey from Dundigal under the leadership of District General Secretary Vigneshwara Chary. Party cadres organized a spirited rally before heading to the meeting venue, carrying BJP flags and raising slogans in support of the party and the Prime Minister. Speaking on the occasion,

BJP leaders said party workers should actively take the Central Government's welfare and development programs to the people and strengthen the party at the grassroots level. They described the large turnout as a reflection of growing public support for the BJP in Telangana. Several local BJP leaders, Yuva Morcha activists, women members, and supporters joined the rally and attended the public meeting. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from cadres across the Dundigal area, creating a festive atmosphere ahead of the Prime Minister's address.



Highway Robbery Case Solved, Four Arrested

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau
In a swift operation, Shamshabad police arrested four individuals involved in a highway robbery that took place on Sunday near Gasmiya Guda under Shamshabad Circle limits. According to police, a family traveling from Charlapally Railway Station to Kothur in an auto-rickshaw was intercepted by a group of miscreants during their journey. The attackers allegedly assaulted the family and robbed them of 1,800 in cash, two silver chains, a ring, and two mobile phones. The accused also forced the victims to transfer 5,000 through a digital payment app before fleeing the spot. The offenders reportedly threatened the victims, warning them not to report the incident. However, the victims lat-

er approached Shamshabad police and filed a complaint. Based on the case, police registered an FIR and launched an investigation. Using technical evidence, including the digital payment details, investigators traced the location of the accused. This led to the identification and arrest of the suspects within a short period. Police recovered the stolen cash and silver ornaments from the accused during the operation. The arrested individuals were identified as Abdul Yasin, auto driver Mohammed Moosin, Abdul Moosin, and Atif Khan. After completing preliminary procedures, the accused were produced before the court and sent to judicial custody. Police officials stated that further investigation is underway to determine their involvement in similar crimes.

Intermediate Admissions to Continue Normally

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau
Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to proceed with Intermediate admissions as usual for the current academic year, putting an end to uncertainty among students and parents. The decision was taken after reviewing the proposal to merge Intermediate education with the School Education system. The Chief Minister observed that limited time and several technical challenges could delay the proposed integration process. To ensure that students do not face inconvenience, he instructed authorities to im-

mediately begin the admission process. The Telangana Education Commission had earlier suggested replacing the existing Intermediate system with Classes 11 and 12 on the CBSE model, stating that such a reform could help reduce student dropouts. At present, Intermediate education in Telangana functions separately from the school system, unlike in many other states. Officials believe this separation has contributed to students discontinuing studies after Class 10, especially those from government schools. Recent reports regarding a possible halt to Intermediate admissions

had created concern among parents and students. Following this, the Chief Minister held discussions with senior officials, including MP Vem Narender Reddy and education department authorities. After reviewing the matter, the government decided to postpone the merger process temporarily and conduct detailed consultations with stakeholders before making a final decision. Revanth Reddy also stated that the issue would be discussed in the Legislative Assembly before any policy changes are implemented.



Bhatti Vikramarka Honors Winners at Telangana Kesari Wrestling Event

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau
Deputy Chief Minister Malu Bhatti Vikramarka attended the valedictory ceremony of the "Telangana Kesari 2026" wrestling competitions held at LB Stadium in Hyderabad as the chief guest.

and public representatives also participated in the program as guests of honor. Among those present were Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, Minister Hazaruddin, MLA Naveen Yadav, former MP Anjan Kumar Yadav, and Rajya Sabha member Anjan Kumar Yadav.

During the event, the Deputy Chief Minister presented prizes and awards to the winners of the wrestling tournament and congratulated them for their outstanding performances. He appreciated the efforts of the organizers in encouraging sports and promoting traditional wrestling competitions in the state. Several prominent leaders

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from wrestlers, sports enthusiasts, and supporters. Organizers stated that the competition was aimed at encouraging young athletes and providing a platform for talented wrestlers from across Telangana to showcase their skills.



CMRF Aid Distributed to Patients

Quthbullapur, May 10 | TPN Bureau
BRS LP Whip and Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekanand said the party remains committed to protecting the health and welfare of people in the constituency. As part of this effort, leaders of the 132nd Jeedimetla Division distributed Letters of Credit (LOCs) sanctioned under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) to patients requiring advanced medical treatment. The distribution program was organized at the BRS party office in Chintal, where beneficiaries received financial assistance documents to support their

healthcare needs. The initiative aims to ease the burden on families struggling with expensive medical expenses. Speaking at the event, senior BRS leader Veerareddy Narendra Reddy stated that the party has a responsibility to stand with the people during difficult times and support them in moments of crisis. He added that assistance provided through the CMRF has become a major source of relief for poor and middle-class families facing serious health issues. Several party representatives, local leaders, workers, and beneficiaries attended the program.

Shyam Steel Expands Retail Presence in Telangana

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau
Shyam Steel officially launched its retail operations in Telangana during a grand event held at Hotel Daspalla in Hyderabad. The company's retail business in the state will be managed by Raghav Futuristic Pvt. Ltd., headed by proprietor Deepak Vyas. Senior officials from Shyam Steel, including Jai Shankar Kumar and Punit Pallav, attended the launch ceremony. The event drew participation from over 80 leading dealers across Telangana, along with nearly 20 noted architects and engineers, highlighting the growing interest in the company's expansion plans. During the event, company representatives outlined Shyam Steel's strategy to strengthen its presence in South India through an improved distribution network, quality products, and custom-



er-focused retail services. They also shared details about the company's proposed investment of more than Rs. 10,000 crore for its Chandrapur facility in Maharashtra, reflecting its long-term industrial growth plans. Discussions also focused

on infrastructure trends, dealer partnerships, and future opportunities in Telangana. With this expansion, Shyam Steel aims to establish a strong retail network and build lasting relationships with stakeholders in the construction sector.

Plumber Dies by Suicide

Quthbullapur, May 10 | TPN Bureau
A tragic incident occurred in the Kompally-Kummarabasti area under the limits of the Pet Basheerabad Police Station, where a plumber allegedly died by suicide after consuming alcohol. According to police, the deceased was identified as Mohammed Madar (32), a resident of Kummarabasti near a local mosque. He worked as a plumber and had been married to Sabera Begum for the past nine years. The couple had three children, including two sons and a daughter. Family members stated that Madar had been struggling with alcohol addiction and frequently quarreled with his



wife while intoxicated. They also revealed that he had previously attempted suicide on two occasions by injuring himself after consuming alcohol. On Friday evening, Madar reportedly argued with his wife over Rs. 200 before leaving the house to drink. Later, around 8:30 pm, he called his wife and told her that he was

dying. Alarmed by the call, she informed relatives and neighbors, who rushed to the house and broke open the door. They found him hanging inside the residence. Based on a complaint lodged by Sabera Begum, police registered a case and initiated an investigation into the incident.

GHMC Collects 4 Tonnes of E-Waste in Special Drive

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau
As part of its PP-PP initiative, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) conducted a large-scale e-waste collection campaign across multiple circles in the city to encourage safe disposal and scientific recycling of electronic waste. The drive aimed to create awareness among citizens about environmental protection and the importance of sustainable waste management practices. During the campaign, GHMC officials collected nearly 4 metric tonnes of electronic waste, reflecting growing public awareness and participation in responsible disposal methods for outdated electronic devices. Among all circles, the Charminar zone recorded the highest quantity of e-waste collected during the initiative. Officials attributed the success of the campaign to the active support of residents, welfare associations, educational institu-



tions, and volunteers who participated enthusiastically. GHMC authorities appreciated the cooperation extended by the public and emphasized that improper disposal of electronic waste can have serious environmental and health impacts. They reiterated the corporation's commitment to promoting eco-friendly practices and strengthening waste man-

agement systems across Hyderabad. Officials also appealed to citizens to continue participating in such initiatives and to responsibly dispose of unused electronic items through authorized channels. The civic body stated that sustained public involvement is essential to building a cleaner, greener, and environmentally sustainable Hyderabad.

Excise Officials Bust Premium Liquor Adulteration Racket

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau
Officials of the Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department busted a liquor adulteration racket in Hyderabad on Sunday and arrested two persons for allegedly mixing low-quality liquor into expensive premium brands and selling them illegally. Acting on specific information, the Secunderabad Excise DTF team led by Inspector Savitri Soujanya conducted inspections near the Hyderabad Metro Rail station at Rasoolpura. During the operation, officials intercepted two individuals identified as Chikun Swain and Sonu Mahanti. Six bottles of premium Chivas Regal liquor were recovered from their possession. Upon examination, excise officials found that the bottles had been tampered with and refilled using cheaper liquor. During interrogation, the accused reportedly confessed to

running the adulteration operation. Following the inquiry, the excise team raided a liquor mixing unit located in Madhapur. During the search, officials seized 41 full bottles containing adulterated liquor along with 63 empty premium-brand bottles allegedly used in the operation. Authorities stated that even high-end liquor bottles valued at nearly 25,000 each had been refilled with inferior-quality alcohol and sold for profit. According to officials, three individuals from Odisha — Chikun Swain, Sonu Mahanti, and Prapul Kumar Nayak — were involved in the illegal business. While Swain and Mahanti were arrested, Nayak is currently absconding. The Excise Department has registered a case and launched further investigations to determine the scale of the racket and trace possible supply networks.

Farmers Warned Against Fake Seed Racket

Adilabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Police and agriculture department officials have urged farmers to remain cautious against the growing circulation of counterfeit seeds in several parts of the erstwhile Adilabad district. With the monsoon season approaching and seed purchases increasing, fraudsters are reportedly exploiting the situation by selling fake seeds under the names of popular brands.

Authorities said illegal seed sales are being reported from areas including Bhainsa, Boath, Ichoda, and Uttoor. Unscrupulous traders allegedly collect low-quality cotton seeds from ginning mills or other unscientific sources, treat them with chemicals, and package them in attractive covers to resemble reputed brands. Farmers are then misled with promises of low prices, higher

yields, and quick crop growth.

Officials advised farmers to carefully verify seed packets before purchasing and ensure that the bags carry proper labels, batch numbers, and other company details. They also stressed that traders must issue receipts for every sale.

Recently, police in Ichoda mandal reportedly caught a person selling fake cotton seeds and registered a case against him. Authorities warned that counterfeit seeds often fail to provide healthy crop growth or resistance against pests, causing heavy losses to farmers. Reports indicate that fake seeds are being smuggled into Telangana from neighboring states, despite increased surveillance at border checkpoints. Farmers have appealed to authorities to intensify action against the illegal trade and protect them from financial losses.

Grand Hanuman Jayanti Festivities Begin

Karimnagar, May 10 | TPN Bureau

The three-day Pedda Hanuman Jayanti celebrations began on Sunday with great religious fervor at the Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple in Malliala mandal of Jagtial district. Thousands of devotees gathered at the temple to witness the inauguration of the annual spiritual event.

The celebrations commenced with the arrival of the sacred "Sesha Vastrams" from the Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamy Temple. The ceremonial offerings were brought by

Bhadrachalam temple Executive Officer K. Damodar Rao along with Choppadandi MLA Medipally Satyam. They were welcomed by local temple Executive Officer S. Anjana Reddy and Sthanacharya Kapindar Swamy amid the chanting of Vedic hymns. A colorful procession was later taken out from the Kondagattu Y-junction to the temple premises. Traditional cultural performances, including Oggu Dolu dances and Kolatam, added to the festive atmosphere and drew enthusiastic participation from devotees.

As part of the rituals, the

ceremonial idols were shifted from the main sanctum to the specially arranged Yagasala, marking the formal beginning of the religious ceremonies. Temple priests conducted several Vedic rituals, including Swasti Vachanam, Rakshabandhanam, and Agni Pratistha. Special Abhishekams and Sahasranamarchana were also performed for the presiding deity. The temple premises echoed with devotional chants of "Jai Sri Ram" and "Jai Hanuman" as devotees offered prayers seeking blessings and prosperity during the auspicious festival.



Mega Job Fair Held in Bhuvanagiri

Bhuvanagiri, May 10 | TPN Bureau

A large-scale Job Mela organized by the Kumbham Foundation in association with IBM SkillsBuild was conducted in Bhuvanagiri with the aim of creating employment opportunities for unemployed youth. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from job seekers across the constituency.

The program was chaired by Kumbham Foundation Chairperson Kumbham Keerthi Reddy, while Bhuvanagiri MP Chalamala Kiran Kumar Reddy attended as the chief guest and inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp. State Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah and Bhuvanagiri MLA

Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy were also present. Speaking at the gathering, the MP praised the organizers for creating a platform that combines skill development with employment opportunities. He stated that partnerships with reputed organizations like IBM help local youth gain access to jobs in leading companies and improve their career prospects. Hundreds of candidates attended the fair and participated in preliminary interviews conducted by various companies. Appointment letters were handed over to selected candidates during the event in the presence of public representatives, company delegates, and foundation members.

Temple Theft Near Police Station Raises Security Concerns

Medipally, May 10 | TPN Bureau

A theft incident at a temple located adjacent to the Medipally Police Station has sparked criticism over alleged lapses in night patrol duties by local police. According to reports, unidentified miscreants broke into the Sri Madvirat Pothuluri Veerabrahmendra Swamy Temple during the night hours and forcibly broke open the donation box (hundi). The offender(s) reportedly escaped with the cash stored inside. What has shocked residents is that the temple is situated just next to the police station, yet the crime went unnoticed while it was taking place. Locals have expressed anger and questioned the effectiveness of police patrolling in

the area, asking how such an incident could occur so close to a law enforcement facility.

Concerns have also been raised about the absence or delay of patrol units during the time of the theft. Residents are demanding accountability and stricter night surveillance in the locality.

The temple committee has officially lodged a complaint with the Medipally police, requesting immediate action and investigation into the incident.

Police officials have taken up the case and are examining CCTV footage from the temple premises, which has captured visuals of the theft. Investigations are currently underway to identify and apprehend the accused.

Peddapalli, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Tension gripped Peddapalli district after the brutal murder of a Dalit youth, with police suspecting that a love affair may have led to the crime.

The victim, identified as Jula Vamshi from Singireddypalli village in Ramagiri mandal, was found dead in a decomposed state on Sunday in a forest area near Gadidalagandi in Manthani mandal. He had been missing since April 30, prompting his family to lodge a complaint at the Godavarikhani Two Town Police

Station a few days later. Police subsequently registered a missing case and began an investigation.

During the probe, officials examined Vamshi's call data records and found that he had been in contact with a woman from Hyderabad. Both the woman and her husband were taken for questioning, during which key information reportedly emerged.

Preliminary investigation suggests that Vamshi had earlier been in a relationship with the same woman from his village. Later, she reportedly married another man, leading to a

fallout between them. Police sources said the woman recently visited the village during local festivities, after which communication between her and Vamshi resumed.

Investigators allege that the husband, upon learning about this, may have used his wife to lure Vamshi to Hyderabad, where he was allegedly killed. The body was later dumped in a forest area.

With the case unfolding, police have registered a case and launched a detailed investigation. The incident has created widespread tension and grief in the village.

Temple Gears Up for Hanuman Jayanti Rush

Vemulawada, May 10 | TPN Bureau

In preparation for the upcoming Hanuman Jayanti celebrations, Vemulawada temple Executive Officer Ramadevi instructed officials and staff to ensure all necessary arrangements are in place for the convenience of devotees. She reviewed the preparations during a meeting held on Sunday at the conference hall in Bhimeshwara Sadan.

Speaking during the review, the EO stated that a heavy influx of devotees is expected on

May 12 for the grand Hanuman Jayanti festivities. She directed temple authorities to maintain proper sanitation in queue lines and provide adequate facilities to help devotees cope with the summer heat. Special focus was also placed on improving cleanliness across the temple premises and parking areas.

Ramadevi emphasized the need to strengthen online services to make darshan and other facilities more accessible to pilgrims. She also recalled the long-standing tradition of dev-

otees visiting the Vemulawada temple before proceeding to Kondagattu for Hanuman Jayanti celebrations.

The EO advised temple staff to interact politely with devotees, promptly address their concerns, and ensure smooth arrangements throughout the festival period. Senior officials including the DEO, EE, AEOs, superintendents, priests, and other temple employees attended the meeting and reviewed the action plan for the celebrations.



Congress Leaders Placed Under House Arrest

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting in Hyderabad, police imposed restrictions on several Congress leaders and reportedly placed them under house arrest.

Khairatabad District Congress Committee President Motha Rohit Mudiraj was confined to his residence in Vidyanagar as part of the preventive measures taken by the

police. Security personnel were also deployed in various areas of the Amberpet constituency to stop Congress party leaders from leaving their homes. The action created political tension, with party members alleging that the restrictions were imposed to prevent leaders from participating in protest activities during the Prime Minister's visit. Police maintained tight security arrangements across the city in view of the high-profile public event.

Two YouTubers Killed in ORR Crash

Hyderabad, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Two young YouTube content creators from Nellore lost their lives in a tragic road accident on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) near Exit-12 during the early hours of Sunday. According to Adibatla Inspector Ravi Kumar, the mishap occurred around 3:20 am while the duo was travelling from Nellore to Hyderabad.

Police suspect that over-speeding and driver fatigue may have contributed to the accident. The car, reportedly moving at a high speed towards Shamshabad, crashed into the rear side of a container truck near the 111.5-kilometre stretch between Bongulur and Tukuguda. The deceased were

identified as Katti Bharat Kanth (31), an actor, and Guda Sai Trilok (31), both residents of Nellore. The two were known for creating content on YouTube and were reportedly active in digital entertainment circles.

Passersby who noticed the severely damaged vehicle immediately alerted emergency services. ORR patrol personnel rushed to the spot and informed the Adibatla police. The victims were found dead at the scene. The bodies were shifted to Gandhi Hospital for postmortem examination and later handed over to their respective family members. Police have registered a case and further investigation into the accident is underway.

Cyber Police Crack Down on Online Investment Frauds

Malkajgiri, May 10 | TPN Bureau

The Malkajgiri Cyber Crime Police have intensified their action against online fraudsters and successfully detected two cyber fraud cases this week, leading to the arrest of two accused persons. Officials said the operation targeted cybercriminals running fake investment scams through fraudulent trading applications, WhatsApp groups, and deceptive online platforms with links across multiple states.

As part of the investigation,

the police managed to recover and refund 4.31 lakh to victims through court procedures. Swift investigation and coordinated efforts also helped authorities trace and arrest the accused involved in interstate cybercrime networks.

Police stated that special drives against cyber offenders will continue in the coming days to curb the growing menace of online financial frauds. They warned the public to remain cautious about fake investment schemes promising high or guaranteed returns within a short period.

Officials advised people not to trust unknown mobile applications, suspicious links, or online trading groups circulated through social media platforms. Citizens were urged to verify the authenticity of investment platforms before transferring money or sharing personal details online.

The cyber crime police also appealed to victims of online fraud to immediately report incidents through the national cybercrime helpline number 1930 to enable faster action and possible recovery of lost funds.

Clashes Erupt in Kadapa Over Circle Naming Row, Tensions Persist

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Kadapa: Tension erupted in Kadapa on Saturday following clashes between two religious groups over a dispute linked to the naming of a prominent junction, triggering a volatile law-and-order situation that kept the city on edge throughout the day.

The unrest was reported from Almas Pet, where members of two factions gathered in large numbers and raised slogans against each other, leading to a confrontation that soon escalated into violence. The dispute is believed to have originated from banners put up ahead of a religious event, which referred to the junction as Hanuman Circle, while another group objected, insisting that the officially designated name was Tipu Sultan Circle.

The situation worsened when provocative actions, including defacing of banners and counter-mobilisation by rival groups, intensified the standoff. Both factions staged protests at nearby locations, with one assembling at a temple in Almas Pet and the other gathering at Tipu Sultan Circle, raising slogans and refusing to disperse.

Police forces rushed to the spot and

made efforts to mediate between the groups. However, as tensions escalated, the confrontation turned violent, with incidents of stone-pelting reported from both sides. Several police personnel, including a Circle Inspector, sustained injuries while attempting to control the situation.

In a bid to disperse the crowds and restore order, the police resorted to a lathi-charge. Multiple individuals from both factions were injured, and several protesters were taken into custody. Senior officers, including those at the DSP level, supervised the operations as additional forces, including Armed Reserve personnel, were deployed across sensitive areas.

The situation took a more controversial turn when allegations surfaced that a DSP-level police officer slapped a district-level leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party during the protest. The incident reportedly aggravated tensions further, drawing sharp reactions from political quarters.

State BJP president P. V. N. Madhav strongly condemned the alleged behaviour of the police, calling it unacceptable in a democratic setup. He demand-



ed immediate action against the officer involved and questioned the use of force against individuals who were staging what he described as a peaceful protest. He also warned that the issue would be escalated to higher authorities.

Meanwhile, district authorities sought to downplay the broader implications of the incident, stating that the unrest was triggered by a few miscreants and should not be seen as a reflection of communal disharmony in Kadapa. Officials emphasised that the city has a long-standing reputation for communal harmony and described the incident as isolated.

To prevent further escalation, pro-

hibitory orders under Section 144 have been imposed in sensitive areas, and heavy police deployment continues across the city. Surveillance on social media has also been intensified to curb the spread of misinformation and inflammatory content.

District Collector Sridhar Cherukuri stated that strict measures are being enforced to restore peace, while SP Shelke Vishwanath said, "We are maintaining close surveillance and will act firmly against those spreading unrest to ensure law and order remains undisturbed in Kadapa."

Despite these measures, Kadapa remains tense, with normalcy yet to be fully restored. Residents and business owners continue to exercise caution amid fears of further flare-ups. Observers note that controlling the situation has become increasingly challenging for the police, who are dealing with pressure from multiple fronts.

Authorities have assured that strict action will be taken against those responsible for the violence, even as appeals for peace and restraint continue from various quarters.

Police Near Breakthrough in Jewellery Robbery

Karimnagar, May 10 | TPN Bureau

Karimnagar police are reportedly close to cracking the robbery case that took place at the PMJ jewellery showroom on May 3. Investigation teams tracking the accused across several states have already recovered part of the stolen property from West Bengal, according to sources.

Police suspect the robbery was carried out by an interstate gang with members from West Bengal, Bihar, and Rajasthan. Investigators believe the group may have been formed during prison terms and later engaged in robberies across different regions of the country to avoid detection by local authorities.

Officials found that six gang members had been staying in the area for nearly a month before the robbery. Posing as mechanics, they allegedly stayed at a lodging facility in Pedda-

palli on multiple occasions. During this period, they reportedly conducted reconnaissance using public transport and stored a white motorcycle at a paid parking location while frequently traveling through Jagtial, Siddipet, and Karimnagar.

Police said the suspects narrowly escaped a road accident near Vedira in Ramadugu mandal on the day of the robbery. After committing the crime, the gang allegedly destroyed their mobile phones to prevent GPS tracking. The damaged phones have since been recovered and sent for forensic examination.

A motorcycle believed to have been used in the crime was recovered from Dharmapuri Ghat, while another vehicle remains missing. Police teams continue searches in Bihar and Rajasthan, and officials expect a major breakthrough soon.



Artistic and progressive cinema never evolved in Telugu

Cinema is a social mirror. It must reflect society, and its lived realities. It must question the layered inequalities, oppression, and injustices embedded within social life. Yet Telugu cinema, trapped in the whirlpool of commerce and largely controlled by dominant classes, has gradually abandoned many of its original artistic and social aspirations.

In truth, cinema is not merely a technological device or the moving image it produces. It is an idea, an opinion, an artistic revelation. There was once a hope that cinema, shaped by such conviction, would awaken social consciousness among people. In the early years of Telugu cinema, films carried at least traces of artistic integrity and social sensitivity. But over time, cinema increasingly transformed into an enterprise of investment, entertainment, and spectacle. This is not the condition of Telugu cinema alone; most Indian-language film industries have travelled a similar path. From its inception till today, progressive cinema in Telugu has remained a quiet and often invisible journey.

A close reading of Telugu film history reveals that, amidst the overwhelming dominance of commercial cinema, progressive, parallel, and artistic filmmaking never truly found sustained momentum. Whatever little emerged often faded away before it could mature into a movement. Yet this does not mean such efforts were absent. Across different phases, films reflecting social realities, class contradictions, and political tensions continued to appear. Though they never evolved into a large-scale cinematic movement, they remain courageous attempts that illuminated Telugu social life like a mirror.

Alongside mainstream commercial cinema, another stream emerged across India the parallel cinema. By the 1990s, this alternative cinematic language had developed across many Indian languages. While artistic and socially conscious filmmaking evolved into a vibrant

movement in several regions, in Telugu it survived only in fragments. Historically, the pioneer of Telugu cinema was Raghupathi Venkaiah Naidu, a towering lighthouse in the history of Telugu film. The small flame he lit eventually grew into what we now call Tollywood. The giant studios, celebrated actors, and international recognitions that Telugu cinema boasts today all grew from the seeds he sowed in those early years.

From Madras to Hyderabad, Telugu cinema evolved across decades, from silent films to talkies, from primitive techniques to advanced technology. What began as an art form eventually transformed into a massive industry, so influential that the Indian film world today often looks toward Hyderabad. Yet this transformation did not happen overnight, nor was it the work of one individual. It took more than a century of collective evolution. The pace of technological growth, especially over the last twenty-five years, has been extraordinary. Like a boulder rolling downhill gathering greater speed as it descends, Telugu cinema too accelerated rapidly in recent decades. That technological growth is indeed admirable. But the tragedy is that it largely remained technological alone.

Whenever any art exists merely for entertainment, profit, or diversion, its deeper purpose slowly disappears. Cinema, being an immensely powerful audio-visual medium, possesses a unique ability to shape public consciousness and imagination. Yet the artistic and progressive spirit visible during the formative years of Telugu cinema gradually receded into the background. Commerce became the dominant force. In the early decades, filmmakers like B. N. Reddy attempted to blend artistic sensitivity with progressive social concerns. Films addressing issues such as dowry and social inequality emerged with sincerity. Later works like Peddamanushulu continued that social engagement. But once hero-centric spectacle began

dominating Telugu cinema, the overall direction changed dramatically.

Meanwhile, in the broader history of Indian cinema, "parallel cinema" emerged as a meaningful alternative to mainstream filmmaking. It sought to portray social realities and the struggles of ordinary people with honesty and artistic seriousness. More than merely a filmmaking style, it became a cultural and artistic movement resisting formulaic narratives and entrenched cinematic systems.

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The first breath of Indian parallel cinema arrived in the 1950s with Satyajit Ray's Pather Panchali. Without melodrama or performative excess, the film portrayed rural poverty, human vulnerability, and everyday life with extraordinary realism. Along with Ray filmmakers like Ritwik Ghatak and Mrinal Sen, eventually drawing global attention to Indian art cinema. Though influenced by Italian Neo-realism and the French New Wave, these films remained deeply rooted in Indian social realities.

Parallel cinema gained real momentum during the 1970s. Directors like Shyam Benegal and Govind Nihalani foregrounded themes of agrarian exploitation, class inequality, political oppression, and gender discrimination. Regional filmmakers such as Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Girish Kasaravalli, and John Abraham created powerful alternative cinematic traditions in their respective languages.

In Bengali, Malayalam, and Kannada cinema especially, parallel cinema evolved into a formidable artistic force. Indian parallel cinema was, in many ways, a silent revolution a movement that awakened audiences from comforting illusions. Amid the noise of commerce and entertainment, it insisted on truth. It planted seeds of humanism within audiences. Times may change and social problems may mutate, but the truth revealed through parallel cinema remains eternally necessary. These films portrayed rural life, migration, ecological belonging, state violence,

and human suffering with immense sensitivity.

After the 1990s, however, globalization, satellite television, corporate financing, and changing audience tastes weakened the parallel cinema movement. Yet filmmakers like Anurag Kashyap, Nandita Das, and Dibakar Banerjee continued exploring violence, alienation, and psychological unrest within urban India through fresh cinematic languages.

Despite these developments across India, Telugu cinema largely remained distant from the spirit and imagination of parallel cinema. There were meaningful attempts, but no sustained movement emerged.

Even so, during the first three decades of Telugu cinema, certain films attempted to create social awareness. Works like Mala Pilla (1938) and Rythu Bidda (1939) engaged with caste discrimination and agrarian realities. Though shaped within commercial structures, such films tried to address social truths. Later, important efforts emerged through films like Bhoomi Kosam, Oorum-madi Brathukulu, and Mrinal Sen's Oka Oorie Katha.

Goutam Ghose's Maa Bhoomi marked a major turning point in Telugu cinema. Films such as Vimukti Kosam, Balu Mahendra's Nireekshana, B. Narsing Rao's Rangula Kala and Daasi, Kutumbarao's Bhadram Koduko, Patanagaramlo Pasivadu, and C.Umaheshwar Rao's Ankuram carried progressive artistic impulses into Telugu cinema.

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Yet the focus today is primarily on the progressive cinematic trends that emerged during the last twenty-five years.

From 2000 to 2025, Telugu cinema underwent an important historical phase. Though truly great progressive art-house films remained relatively few, alternative cinematic voices did emerge alongside mainstream cinema. Filmmakers like Sekhar Kammula, Chandra Sekhar Yeleti, Krish Jagarlamudi, Tharun Bhascker, and Nag

Ashwin attempted to create a different cinematic sensibility. Independent films like Balagam and Cinema Bandi brought rooted, local stories to the screen. Today, Telugu cinema appears divided into two parallel streams mass commercial cinema and independent cinema.

Among independent filmmakers, names like Shankar Mohan, Deva Katta, Nandini Reddy, and others represent important efforts toward alternative storytelling. Dollar Dreams itself can be viewed as an early new-wave attempt.

Sekhar Kammula's Anand, Godavari, and Happy Days introduced a more naturalistic storytelling style free from excessive melodrama. Chandra Sekhar Yeleti's Aithe, Anukokunda Oka Roju, Ganyam, and Vedam brought progressive themes closer to mainstream audiences while retaining artistic depth.

In another phase, Deva Katta's Prasthanam emerged as one of Telugu cinema's rare political films. Krishna Vamsi experimented with socially conscious storytelling beneath colourful cinematic surfaces. Nag Ashwin's Yevade Subramanyam explored existential questions and resistance to corporate emptiness. Tharun Bhascker's Pelli Choopulu used realism and humour to hint at changing social dynamics. C/o Kancharapalem, directed by Venkatesh Maha, became a milestone in Telugu independent cinema by portraying ordinary people and love that transcends age, caste, and religion. Mallesham, based on the life of Asu machine inventor Chintakindi Mallesham, was another deeply rooted cinematic achievement. Brochevarevarura brought a fresh urban sensibility through humour and realism.

Recent independent and socio-political films continue this trajectory. Even as a remake, Uma Maheswara Ugra Roopasya captured the emotional landscape of the Godavari region with authenticity. Narappa portrayed class conflict and caste violence. Cinema Bandi transformed vil-

lage life itself into a playful meditation on cinema.

A closer examination reveals that many alternative Telugu films after 2000 revolve around caste and class discrimination, rural life, local cultures, urban alienation, middle-class anxieties, women's perspectives, humanism, and biographical realism. Their storytelling often relies on emotionally honest narratives rooted in everyday life. Most follow linear narration with clear beginnings, middles, and endings. They frequently use real locations, natural lighting, and regional atmospheres, the lush warmth of the Godavari districts or the earthy textures of Telangana villages. More than visual experimentation, these films prioritise characters and conversations.

Politically, contemporary Telugu independent cinema tends to focus on relationships, village cultures, family bonds, middle-class pressures, and subtle social critique. Rarely do these films embrace radical political confrontation. Yet they authentically represent regional dialects, local traditions, festivals, and everyday life across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Formal experimentation remains limited; filmmakers often choose relatively safe narrative structures. Surrealism, fragmented temporality, silence, and avant-garde aesthetics are still uncommon. Nevertheless, these films possess emotional warmth and human intimacy.

Even today, films that confront the deepest structural realities of Telugu society with uncompromising courage remain exceedingly rare. One recent exception is Raju Weds Rambai, a bold film inspired by real incidents from villages along the Warangal-Khammam border in Telangana. It stands as a courageous reminder of cinema's responsibility toward social justice.

Ultimately, though progressive cinema in Telugu never evolved into a powerful movement, it has continued as an undercurrent throughout his-

tory. Every honest film that portrays rural realities, labouring lives, love, loss, dignity, and regional identity strengthens the parallel cinematic tradition in Telugu.

Yet Telugu cinema still lacks films that fearlessly confront the brutal truths of caste hierarchy, widening social fractures, and the resistance of Dalit, Bahujan, and Adivasi communities. Tamil cinema, in contrast, has witnessed a powerful new wave through filmmakers like Pa. Ranjith and Vetrimaaran. Films such as Madras, Kabbali, Kaala, Sarpatta Parambarai, Asuran, Pariyerum Perumal, Karnan, and Jai Bhim created an entirely new cinematic language rooted in caste realities and social resistance. Telugu cinema is yet to fully arrive at such a moment.

Even so, contemporary Telugu independent cinema is increasingly bringing real stories, pain, emotions, and lived experiences from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh onto the screen. When that current deepens and matures into a larger artistic consciousness, it will become the new breath of progressive Telugu cinema.



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Trinamool Faces Internal Turmoil As Leaders Turn Against Mamata Banerjee After Poll Defeat

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) is witnessing growing internal unrest following its massive defeat in the West Bengal Assembly elections, with several party leaders and spokespersons openly criticising the leadership of Mamata Banerjee and the party's election strategy. The developments have triggered what many observers are calling one of the biggest internal crises in the party's history.

The BJP secured a historic victory in West Bengal, winning enough seats to form its first-ever government in the state and ending the long dominance of the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress. The shock defeat has led to frustration within sections of the TMC leadership and cadre base.

Reports suggest that several party spokespersons publicly questioned the party's campaign management, leadership decisions, and handling of voter dissatisfaction after the election results. In response, the Trinamool Congress suspended three spokespersons — Riju Dutta,

Kohinoor Majumdar, and Karthik Ghosh — for six years over alleged anti-party remarks and violation of party discipline.

One of the most discussed incidents involved TMC spokesperson Riju Dutta, who reportedly released a public video apologising to party workers and supporters after the election defeat. The video gained significant attention online and intensified speculation about growing cracks within the party leadership.

The election loss has also placed Mamata Banerjee under increasing political pressure. Apart from losing power in the state, she was defeated in her stronghold constituency of Bhabanipur by BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari, a former Trinamool leader who later joined the BJP.

Following the defeat, Mamata Banerjee alleged that the elections were influenced by conspiracy and irregularities, while also refusing to immediately resign from the Chief Minister's post. The Election Commission later rejected claims of election



manipulation.

Meanwhile, senior TMC leaders have begun restructuring the opposition setup in the Assembly. Veteran leader Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay has been chosen as the Leader of the Opposition, while Firhad Hakim has been appointed chief whip.

Political analysts believe the scale of the defeat has exposed deeper issues within the Trinamool Congress, including anti-incumbency, organisational fatigue, internal factionalism, and changing voter preferences in Bengal. The BJP's aggressive campaign focusing on governance, identity politics, and anti-corruption

messaging appears to have significantly weakened the Trinamool's traditional support base.

Despite the crisis, Mamata Banerjee has urged opposition parties and anti-BJP forces to unite against the BJP at the national level. She recently called for a broader opposition platform to counter the BJP's growing political influence.

As tensions continue inside the Trinamool Congress, the party now faces the difficult challenge of rebuilding its organisation, controlling internal dissent, and redefining its political strategy after one of the biggest setbacks in its history.

Society More Powerful Than Government, Says PM Modi At Bengaluru Event



Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that society holds greater power than governments while addressing an event organised by the Art of Living foundation in Bengaluru. Speaking before a large gathering, the Prime Minister emphasized the importance of collective social responsibility, public participation, and cultural values in shaping the nation's future.

During his speech, PM Modi said governments can frame policies and implement programmes, but real transformation in society comes through the active involvement of people. He highlighted that lasting social change becomes possible only when citizens, communities, and social organisations work together with a shared sense of purpose.

The Prime Minister praised spiritual and social organisations for their contribution to nation-building, saying they play a major role in spreading awareness, promoting unity, and encouraging service-oriented activities. He noted that institutions working at the grassroots level often help address social challenges more effectively by directly connecting with people.

The event, attended by spiritual leaders, volunteers, and followers of the Art of Living movement, focused on themes related to wellness, culture, youth empowerment, and social harmony. PM Modi appreciated the organisation's efforts in areas such as education, rural development, environmental protection, and mental well-being.

During the address, the Prime Minister also spoke about India's cultural strength and traditions, saying the country's social fabric has always been built on community participation and mutual support. According to him, India's progress depends not only on economic growth but also on strong social values and collective responsibility.

PM Modi stressed the need for citizens to actively participate in national development initiatives rather than depending entirely on governments for solutions. He said public movements and people-driven efforts have historically played an important role in bringing meaningful change to society.

The speech also touched upon the role of youth in shaping the country's future. The Prime Minister encouraged

young people to contribute positively toward social causes, innovation, environmental protection, and nation-building activities. He stated that India's demographic strength can become a major advantage if guided in the right direction. The gathering witnessed enthusiastic participation from attendees, with many supporters praising the Prime Minister's focus on social responsibility and community-driven progress. Videos and excerpts from the speech quickly gained attention across social media platforms.

Political observers noted that PM Modi's remarks reflected his repeated emphasis on "Jan Bhagidari," or public participation, in governance and development programmes. Over the years, the Prime Minister has frequently highlighted the importance of people-led movements in achieving national goals.

The Bengaluru event once again showcased the growing intersection between spirituality, social initiatives, and public discourse in India, while reinforcing the message that societal strength and unity remain central to the country's development journey.

Supriya Sule Safe After Car Accident On Mumbai-Pune Expressway



NCP (Sharad Pawar faction) leader and Baramati MP Supriya Sule escaped unharmed after her car was hit by another vehicle on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway. The incident occurred while she was travelling from Pune to Mumbai, triggering concern among supporters and political leaders.

According to reports, another vehicle allegedly rammed into Sule's car from the side due to reckless driving. Soon after the incident, Supriya Sule shared details on social media, assuring everyone that she and the others travelling with her were safe. She described the experience as frightening and used the

incident to raise awareness about road safety and irresponsible driving.

The accident reportedly took place near the Madap tunnel area on the expressway in Raigad district. Although the collision caused panic for a few moments, no major injuries were reported. Sule's driver and personal assistant, who were also in the vehicle, escaped safely.

Following the incident, Supriya Sule stressed the importance of following traffic rules and avoiding speeding on highways. She reportedly said the accident was a reminder that negligence and rash driving can easily lead to dangerous situations. She also highlighted the importance of wearing seat belts, stating that safety precautions helped protect the passengers during the impact.

The Mumbai-Pune Expressway is one of India's busiest and most important highways, frequently witnessing heavy traffic movement and occasional accidents. In re-

cent months, the expressway has seen several incidents related to congestion, speeding, and vehicle mishaps, leading authorities to repeatedly urge commuters to follow safety guidelines.

Supporters and political leaders from different parties expressed relief after learning that Supriya Sule was safe. Messages wishing her well quickly appeared on social media platforms following news of the accident.

The incident once again brought attention to concerns surrounding road safety on major highways, especially during periods of heavy traffic and high-speed travel. Authorities have consistently advised motorists to maintain speed limits, stay alert, and drive responsibly to prevent accidents on expressways.

While the collision caused temporary concern, Supriya Sule's confirmation that everyone was safe helped reassure her supporters and well-wishers.

Himanta Biswa Sarma Elected Leader Of BJP Legislature Party In Assam



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has once again been elected as the leader of the BJP Legislature Party in the state, reaffirming his strong position within the Bharatiya Janata Party ahead of the next phase of governance and political planning in Assam.

The decision was taken during a meeting of BJP legislators and alliance members, where Sarma received unanimous support from party MLAs. Senior BJP leaders praised his leadership and highlighted the party's continued dominance in Assam under his administration.

Following the announcement, Himanta Biswa Sarma thanked party members for placing their trust in him and assured that the government would continue focusing on development, welfare programmes, infrastructure growth, and maintaining peace and stability in the state.

Sarma has emerged as one of the BJP's most influential leaders in the Northeast over

the past few years. Since becoming Chief Minister, he has played a key role in expanding the party's political reach across the region while also strengthening the BJP-led alliance in Assam.

Under his leadership, the Assam government has focused on projects related to road connectivity, healthcare, education, investment promotion, and law enforcement. The BJP has repeatedly credited Sarma's administrative style and political strategy for the party's strong electoral performance in the state.

The legislature party meeting also reflected the BJP's effort to project unity and organisational stability ahead of future elections. Party leaders emphasized that the renewed support for Sarma demonstrates confidence in his leadership and governance model.

Political observers believe Sarma's influence extends beyond Assam, as he has become an important face for the BJP in the Northeast and frequently plays a role in

election campaigns and alliance management across the region.

The Chief Minister has also remained active on national political issues and often participates in debates related to governance, security, and regional development. His direct communication style and strong political positioning have helped him maintain visibility both within the party and among supporters.

Supporters celebrated the announcement across Assam, with BJP workers expressing confidence that the government would continue accelerating development initiatives in the coming years. Social media platforms also witnessed congratulatory messages from party leaders and supporters.

With Himanta Biswa Sarma continuing as leader of the BJP Legislature Party, the party appears focused on maintaining political stability and strengthening its position further in Assam and the Northeast region.

Goan Chef On Cruise Ship Linked To Hantavirus Outbreak Says No One Has Symptoms

A Goan chef working aboard the cruise ship linked to the recent hantavirus outbreak has said that no one currently on board is showing symptoms, even as global health authorities continue closely monitoring the situation. The statement comes amid growing international concern after multiple passengers aboard the vessel reportedly fell ill during the voyage.

The outbreak is connected to the expedition cruise ship MV Hondius, which has been under international health surveillance after several suspected and confirmed hantavirus cases were reported among passengers. According to global health agencies, at least three deaths have been linked to the outbreak, while multiple passengers remain under medical observation in different countries.

The Goan chef, speaking from aboard the ship, reportedly assured that crew members and remaining passengers are stable and that no one is currently displaying symptoms associated with the virus. The comments were seen as an attempt to reduce panic and reassure families of crew members working on the vessel.

Health officials believe the outbreak may have originated during excursions in parts of South America, particularly Argentina, where exposure to rodents carrying the Andes strain of hantavirus may have oc-



curred. The Andes variant is considered rare because it is one of the few hantavirus strains known to spread between humans under limited conditions.

The ship has been travelling toward Tenerife in Spain's Canary Islands, where authorities are coordinating a carefully managed disembarkation process. Several countries, including the United States and European nations, have prepared quarantine and monitoring arrangements for passengers returning home from the cruise.

Despite the seriousness of the outbreak, the World Health Organization has re-

peatedly stated that the situation is "not another COVID-19" and that the overall public health risk remains low. Experts say hantavirus infections are generally linked to exposure to infected rodent droppings or saliva, and large-scale transmission between humans is extremely uncommon.

Indian health authorities have also been monitoring the developments closely. Reports indicated that two Indian nationals aboard the ship tested positive but remained asymptomatic and under observation. Health experts have stated that there is currently no immediate public health threat to

India.

The situation has nevertheless sparked concern globally because of the cruise ship environment, where close contact among passengers and crew can increase fears of disease spread. International health agencies are continuing contact tracing and medical surveillance for passengers who may have been exposed during the voyage.

As the ship prepares for controlled evacuation procedures, authorities and health experts continue emphasizing calm and caution while monitoring passengers for any new symptoms linked to the outbreak.

Putin Signals Ukraine War May Be Nearing End Amid Peace Talk Hopes

Russian President Vladimir Putin has suggested that the war in Ukraine could be approaching its final phase, raising cautious hopes of possible peace negotiations after more than four years of conflict. Speaking after Russia's Victory Day celebrations in Moscow, Putin said he believes "the matter is coming to an end" while also indicating openness to discussing new security arrangements in Europe.

The remarks came during a period of fragile diplomatic activity between Russia and Ukraine. A temporary three-day ceasefire linked to Victory Day commemorations was recently observed,

along with discussions around a major prisoner exchange between the two countries. Although both sides accused each other of minor violations, no major strikes were reported during the truce period. Putin also indicated that he could be willing to meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a neutral country if a broader peace agreement is finalized. This marks one of the clearest signals yet from the Russian leader suggesting openness toward direct talks under specific conditions.

The statements came shortly after Russia held a scaled-down Victory Day parade in Moscow's Red

Square. Unlike previous years, the parade reportedly featured fewer displays of heavy military equipment due to security concerns and ongoing tensions linked to the war. Authorities maintained tight security throughout the event amid fears of possible Ukrainian drone attacks.

During his address, Putin continued defending Russia's military campaign, arguing that Moscow was confronting what he described as Western-backed aggression. He once again blamed NATO expansion and Western influence in Ukraine for triggering the conflict. Despite the softer tone regarding negotiations, major dif-

ferences between Russia and Ukraine remain unresolved. Issues surrounding occupied territories, security guarantees, and future political arrangements continue to complicate peace efforts. Analysts caution that while diplomatic language has become more optimistic, a lasting settlement still appears difficult.

International leaders are closely watching the developments, especially after the United States reportedly played a role in encouraging temporary ceasefire discussions. Global powers including China and India have also repeatedly called for de-escalation and dialogue to end the conflict. The Russia-

Ukraine war, which began in 2022, has caused massive destruction, displacement, and economic disruption across the region. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers and civilians have reportedly been killed or injured since the conflict escalated.

While Putin's latest remarks have generated international attention, observers remain cautious about interpreting them as a sign of immediate peace. However, the combination of ceasefire discussions, prisoner exchange plans, and renewed diplomatic messaging has created fresh speculation that negotiations could intensify in the coming months.



Keir Starmer Faces Growing Leadership Pressure After Labour's Election Setback

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is facing increasing pressure within the Labour Party after the party suffered major setbacks in recent local elections across England, Scotland, and Wales. The disappointing results have triggered fresh debate over Starmer's leadership, with some Labour MPs openly questioning whether he remains the right person to lead the party into the next general election.

Labour reportedly lost more than 1,400 council seats in England, while also facing serious losses in Wales and Scotland. The poor performance allowed rival parties such as Reform UK, the Green Party, Plaid Cymru, and the Scottish National Party to make significant gains in several traditional Labour strongholds.

The results have intensified internal criticism of Starmer's leadership style, policy direction, and declining popularity among voters. Some Labour MPs have warned that the party risks further damage if leadership issues are not addressed quickly. Former junior minister Catherine West reportedly threatened to trigger a leadership contest unless another senior Labour figure steps forward to challenge Starmer.

Despite the growing criticism, Starmer has firmly rejected calls to resign. Speaking after the election losses, he admitted the results were "tough" but insisted he would continue leading the party and focus on rebuilding voter confidence. He also outlined plans to strengthen ties with the Euro-



pean Union and continue what he described as a long-term project of national renewal.

Several senior Labour figures have publicly backed Starmer for now, arguing that another leadership battle could create further instability. However, speculation continues over possible future challengers within the party. Names frequently discussed include Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner, Health Secretary Wes Streeting, Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham, and Energy Secretary Ed Miliband.

Political analysts believe Labour's problems go beyond one election cycle. Rising public frustration over economic issues, immigration, cost-of-living pressures, and internal party divisions have weakened support for both Labour and the Conservatives, while smaller parties continue gaining momentum. Reform UK, led by

Nigel Farage, has particularly benefited from growing voter dissatisfaction.

Recent polls also indicate declining confidence among Labour members themselves. Surveys suggest many party supporters doubt Starmer's ability to recover Labour's political standing, with some even calling for a leadership change. Andy Burnham has emerged as one of the most popular alternative figures among party members, although he is currently not an MP.

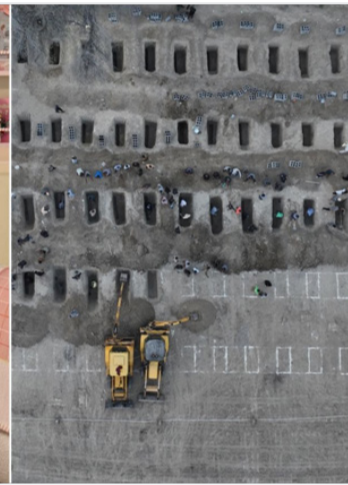
The leadership tension comes at a difficult time for the Labour government, which had earlier won a landslide national victory. Analysts say the latest election results reflect growing public impatience and signal a rapidly changing political landscape in the UK, where traditional two-party dominance is increasingly being challenged.

Iran Targets White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt After Birth Announcement

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt recently found herself at the center of an international controversy after Iran reacted sharply to the announcement of her newborn daughter's birth. The response came amid rising tensions between the United States and Iran following reports of a deadly strike on a school in Minab, Iran.

Leavitt had earlier shared joyful news on social media, announcing the birth of her second child, a baby girl named Viviana, also called "Vivi." In her emotional post, she described her daughter as "perfect and healthy" and thanked supporters for their prayers and well wishes during her pregnancy.

However, the happy family announcement soon became linked to wider geopolitical tensions after Iranian officials reportedly issued a strongly worded response. According to reports, Iran sarcastically congratulated Leavitt while simultaneously criticizing the United States over the deaths of children in the reported school strike. The statement urged her to think about the mothers who allegedly lost their chil-



dren during the attack.

The incident quickly gained global attention because it combined a deeply personal family moment with escalating international political conflict. The remarks reflected the growing hostility between Washington and Tehran, especially amid ongoing accusations, military tensions, and diplomatic breakdowns in the region.

Leavitt, who is currently serving as White House press secretary, recently began maternity leave after welcoming her daughter on May 1. She has

been praised by supporters for balancing motherhood with the demands of one of the most high-profile political communication roles in the United States.

The controversy also sparked intense reactions online. Supporters of Leavitt condemned Iran's comments as insensitive and inappropriate, arguing that a newborn child and a family celebration should not be used in political messaging. Others viewed the exchange as part of the broader war of words between the two governments.

Meanwhile, tensions between the United States and Iran remain high over regional conflicts, military operations, and security concerns in the Middle East. Both countries have repeatedly exchanged accusations regarding attacks, sanctions, and foreign policy decisions over the past several years.

Political analysts say the episode demonstrates how personal lives of high-profile political figures can become entangled in global political disputes, especially during periods of international conflict. The situation also highlights the increasingly aggressive tone of diplomatic messaging on social media and public platforms. Despite the controversy, Leavitt's supporters continued sharing congratulatory messages and positive wishes for her family online. The White House has not issued any detailed public response regarding Iran's remarks so far.

The incident has now become another example of how geopolitical tensions can rapidly intersect with personal and public life in today's highly connected media environment.

Indian-Origin Trans Candidate Q Manivannan Faces Visa Controversy In Scotland

Indian-origin transgender politician Q Manivannan has become the centre of political attention in Scotland after a visa-related controversy emerged during the ongoing Scottish Parliament election campaign. The issue has sparked debate around immigration rules, political participation, and representation of minority communities in public life. Q Manivannan, who has been contesting elections as a transgender candidate, is known for advocating LG-BTQ+ rights, migrant welfare, and social inclusion. Their candidacy had already attracted attention for representing diversity and challenging traditional political barriers within Scottish politics.

The controversy reportedly began after questions were raised regarding visa regulations connected to Manivannan's political activities and residency status. Critics argued that immigration rules may affect eligibility or create complications around election participation, while supporters claimed the matter was being unfairly politicised during the campaign period. The issue quickly triggered strong reactions across social media and political circles. Supporters of Manivannan described the controversy as an attempt to target a minority candidate and distract from broader political discussions. Many activists and community groups also expressed concern about the scrutiny faced by migrants and transgender individuals



entering public life. Manivannan responded to the criticism by defending their legal status and political rights, stating that all procedures had been followed according to regulations. They also emphasized their commitment to public service and inclusive politics, arguing that representation from diverse communities is essential in modern democratic systems. The case has reignited wider discussions in the United Kingdom regarding immigration laws and political eligibility. Some legal experts noted that visa conditions can sometimes create confusion around public roles and political participation, especially for individuals involved in activism, campaigning, or community leadership. At the same time, LG-BTQ+ advocacy groups highlighted the significance of transgender representation in politics. They argued that candidates like Manivannan help bring visibility to communities that have historically remained underrepresented in legislative institutions. Political observ-

ers say the controversy may also influence broader conversations around identity politics in Scotland, where debates over immigration, diversity, and social equality continue to play an important role in elections. While some parties have called for clarity on the legal aspects of the case, others accused opponents of turning personal identity into a political issue. Despite the controversy, Manivannan has continued campaigning and interacting with voters, receiving support from several activists, progressive groups, and members of the Indian-origin community in the UK. Many supporters praised the candidate for remaining vocal and resilient amid increasing public scrutiny. The situation has now become a high-profile example of how immigration issues, gender identity, and politics can intersect in modern democracies. As discussions continue, the controversy surrounding Q Manivannan is expected to remain a major talking point during the Scottish political season.

Russia And Iran Turn To Caspian Sea Route As Strait Of Hormuz Crisis Deepens

As tensions continue escalating around the Strait of Hormuz, Russia and Iran are increasingly relying on an alternative trade corridor through the Caspian Sea to maintain the movement of goods and energy supplies. The shift comes amid growing instability in the Gulf region, where disruptions to shipping routes have created concerns over global oil supplies, trade flows, and economic security.

The Strait of Hormuz remains one of the world's most strategically important maritime chokepoints, handling nearly one-fifth of global oil and liquefied natural gas shipments. However, ongoing military tensions involving Iran, the United States, and regional powers have severely disrupted commercial shipping activity in the area. Several vessels have reportedly avoided the route due to fears of attacks, seizures, or rising insurance costs. In response, Russia and Iran have expanded trade across the Caspian Sea, using ports and inland transport corridors to bypass the increasingly risky Hormuz route. Reports suggest that agricultural products, fuel supplies, industrial goods, and other essential commodities are now being transported more actively between the two countries through the Caspian network. The alternative corridor has gained importance as global shipping companies struggle with uncertainty around Hormuz. Industry experts say that while the Caspian Sea route cannot fully replace the massive capacity of the Strait of Hormuz, it offers Russia and



Iran a relatively safer and more stable option during the current geopolitical crisis.

The growing dependence on alternative routes also reflects broader changes in regional trade dynamics. Both Moscow and Tehran have been strengthening economic cooperation in recent years, especially after facing Western sanctions and diplomatic pressure. The development of new transport corridors has become a strategic priority for both countries.

The Hormuz crisis has already affected global energy markets, with oil prices witnessing sharp volatility due to fears of supply disruptions.

Several countries, including India, China, Japan, and South Korea, remain highly dependent on energy shipments passing through the strait. Any prolonged disruption could significantly impact fuel prices and global inflation. Meanwhile, some countries are also exploring pipeline alternatives and selective shipping arrangements to reduce dependence on Hormuz. Iran has reportedly allowed limited passage to ships belonging to countries it considers friendly, while several Gulf nations are attempting to expand overland export infrastructure. Analysts believe the current situation highlights the vulnerabil-

ity of global supply chains to geopolitical conflicts. The increasing use of the Caspian Sea route demonstrates how nations are rapidly adapting to changing security realities and searching for alternative trade corridors in times of crisis. Although the Strait of Hormuz technically remains open, shipping activity has slowed dramatically, and uncertainty continues to dominate global markets. As long as tensions persist in the region, alternative routes such as the Caspian Sea corridor are expected to play a growing role in maintaining trade between Russia, Iran, and other regional partners.

Traders Turn To Asia As Investors Search For Next Global Market Rally

Global investors are increasingly shifting their focus toward Asian markets as they search for the next major opportunity in the worldwide stock market rally. With concerns growing over slowing economic momentum in the United States and Europe, many traders believe Asian equities could offer stronger growth potential in the coming months.

Investor sentiment toward Asia has improved due to expectations of economic recovery, supportive government policies, and attractive market valuations compared to Western markets. Analysts say several Asian economies are showing signs of resilience despite ongoing global uncertainty, encouraging investors to increase exposure to the region.

China remains a key focus for global traders. Recent policy measures aimed at supporting economic growth, boosting consumption, and stabilizing the property sector have raised hopes of a stronger recovery in the world's second-largest economy. Investors are closely watching Beijing's stimulus efforts, believing they could improve market confidence and revive corporate earnings.

Apart from China, countries such as India, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan are also attracting attention from international investors. India continues to stand out because of its strong domestic consumption, infrastructure expansion, and relatively stable economic outlook. Japan has



gained support from corporate reforms and improving shareholder returns, while technology-driven markets like Taiwan and South Korea are benefiting from growing demand linked to artificial intelligence and semiconductor industries.

Market experts believe that Asian stocks currently appear more attractive because valuations in several Western markets, especially the United States, remain elevated after a long rally driven mainly by technology companies. Investors are therefore looking for regions where growth prospects remain strong but stock prices are comparatively reasonable.

Another factor influencing investor behavior is the expectation that major central banks may begin easing interest rates later this year. Lower interest rates generally improve liquidity and encourage investment in equities, particularly in emerging markets. If global monetary conditions become more supportive, Asian markets could

see stronger capital inflows.

However, analysts also warn that risks remain. Geopolitical tensions, uncertainty in global trade, fluctuations in oil prices, and concerns about economic slowdown in major economies could still affect market sentiment. China's recovery path is also being closely monitored, as weaker-than-expected growth could impact confidence across the region.

Despite these concerns, traders believe Asia may be well-positioned to lead the next phase of the global equity rally. Strong economic fundamentals, improving investor confidence, and opportunities in sectors such as technology, manufacturing, and infrastructure are encouraging investors to diversify beyond traditional Western markets.

As global investors continue searching for higher returns and better growth opportunities, Asian equities are increasingly emerging as a preferred destination for long-term investment strategies.

Global Uncertainty Keeps FPIs Nervous, Rs 14,231 Crore Withdrawn In May

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) continued pulling money out of Indian equity markets in May, withdrawing nearly Rs 14,231 crore amid rising global economic uncertainty and cautious investor sentiment. The sustained selling reflects growing concerns among overseas investors over geopolitical tensions, volatile global markets, and fears surrounding inflation and interest rates.

According to market data, the latest outflow has pushed total foreign investor withdrawals from Indian equities in 2026 beyond Rs 2 lakh crore. This marks one of the sharpest periods of sustained FPI selling in recent years and highlights the pressure global developments are placing on emerging markets like India.

Analysts believe several international factors are driving the cautious approach of foreign investors. Ongoing geopolitical conflicts, especially tensions in West Asia, rising crude oil prices, and concerns about slowing global economic growth have weakened risk appetite across markets. Investors are also reacting to uncertainty around global interest rates and stronger bond yields in developed economies, which are attracting capital away from emerging markets.

Indian markets have faced continuous FPI selling for



most of 2026, except for a brief recovery in February when foreign investors turned net buyers. However, heavy withdrawals resumed in March and April, with April alone witnessing outflows of over Rs 60,000 crore. Market experts say high valuations in Indian equities compared to some other Asian markets are also making foreign investors cautious.

Despite the foreign outflows, domestic investors have continued supporting the market through strong participation in mutual funds and systematic invest-

ment plans (SIPs). Analysts believe this steady domestic inflow has helped Indian markets avoid sharper corrections even during periods of aggressive foreign selling. Retail investor participation has remained strong, providing stability to benchmark indices.

Experts suggest that the future direction of FPI flows will largely depend on global macroeconomic conditions. Factors such as crude oil prices, the movement of the US dollar, global inflation trends, and geopolitical developments are expected to influence investor

decisions in the coming months. Any improvement in global stability or easing of economic uncertainty could encourage foreign investors to return to Indian markets.

While short-term volatility may continue, market observers remain optimistic about India's long-term growth prospects due to strong domestic consumption, infrastructure development, and economic expansion. However, they caution that global uncertainty is likely to keep foreign investors on edge for the near future.

High-Stakes Week Ahead For Commodities As Iran Deadline, Trump-Xi Talks And Inflation Data Loom

Global commodity markets are preparing for a highly volatile week as investors closely watch several major geopolitical and economic developments that could significantly influence oil, gold, and broader market sentiment. Rising tensions surrounding Iran, upcoming talks between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping, and key inflation data releases are expected to keep traders on edge.

One of the biggest concerns for commodity markets remains the ongoing uncertainty involving Iran and the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important oil shipping routes. Markets are closely monitoring deadlines and negotiations related to US-Iran tensions, as any escalation could disrupt global energy supplies and trigger sharp movements in crude oil prices.

Investors fear that instability in the region could tighten oil availability and increase inflationary pressure across major economies.

Oil prices have remained highly sensitive to developments in the Middle East in recent months. Analysts say even small changes in diplomatic negotiations or military tensions have been causing significant swings in energy markets. Traders are also watching for any signs of disruption to shipping routes or energy infrastructure, which could further increase volatility in crude prices.

At the same time, global investors are awaiting possible discussions between Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping. Markets believe that any improvement in US-China relations could positively impact global trade sentiment and industrial de-

mand, especially for commodities linked to manufacturing and infrastructure. On the other hand, renewed tensions between the two economic powers could pressure commodity markets and weaken investor confidence.

Another major focus this week will be inflation data from key economies, particularly the United States. Inflation figures are expected to influence expectations regarding future interest rate decisions by central banks, especially the US Federal Reserve. Higher-than-expected inflation could reduce hopes of interest-rate cuts and strengthen the US dollar, which typically pressures commodities such as gold and industrial metals.

Gold prices are also expected to remain volatile as investors balance geopolitical risks with changing expectations around interest rates and

the dollar. Traditionally considered a safe-haven asset, gold often gains during periods of uncertainty, conflict, or financial instability. However, stronger bond yields and a stronger dollar can limit gains in precious metals.

Market experts believe commodity traders are entering a critical phase where geopolitical developments and macroeconomic data are becoming equally important. Energy markets, precious metals, and industrial commodities are all likely to react sharply to any major developments during the week.

With global uncertainty still high, analysts expect continued volatility across commodity markets as investors respond to political tensions, inflation concerns, and shifting expectations for global economic growth.



Industrial Growth Story Emerging Beneath The AI Boom

The global excitement around artificial intelligence is not just transforming the technology sector — it is also quietly triggering a major industrial and manufacturing boom across the world. While most discussions around AI focus on chatbots, automation, and software innovation, experts believe the real long-term story lies in the massive infrastructure being built behind the scenes to support the AI revolution.

The rapid growth of AI technologies has created huge demand for data centres, semiconductor manufacturing, energy infrastructure, cloud computing systems, and advanced hardware. Companies across industries are now investing billions of dollars to build the physical foundation needed to power artificial intelligence at scale. This has opened new opportunities not only for technology firms but also for industrial manufacturers, construction companies, power producers, and raw material suppliers.

One of the biggest beneficiaries of the AI boom has been the semiconductor industry. AI systems require highly advanced chips capable of processing enormous amounts of

data quickly and efficiently. As a result, chipmakers around the world are racing to increase production capacity. Governments in several countries are also supporting domestic semiconductor manufacturing to reduce dependence on foreign supply chains and strengthen technological independence.

The rise of AI is also driving unprecedented growth in data centres. These facilities require massive investments in land, cooling systems, networking equipment, and electricity. Analysts say the demand for power is increasing sharply because AI models consume significantly more energy than traditional computing systems. This has pushed energy companies and infrastructure providers into a new growth cycle.

Industrial companies involved in electrical equipment, automation systems, cooling technologies, and construction materials are also gaining from this trend. The AI ecosystem requires large-scale industrial support, creating business opportunities far beyond Silicon Valley or software firms. Experts believe this broader industrial expansion could become one of the defin-



ing economic themes of the next decade.

Another important factor is government involvement. Countries such as the United States, China, and members of the European Union are investing heavily in domestic manufacturing, chip production, and strategic infrastructure linked to AI development. Policymakers increasingly view AI infrastructure as essential for economic competitiveness and national security.

Market analysts argue that investors focusing only on AI software companies may be overlooking the wider industrial transformation happening underneath. The companies building factories, supplying power equipment, manufacturing chips, and de-

veloping infrastructure could become equally important winners in the long run. At the same time, challenges remain. Building AI infrastructure requires enormous capital investment, reliable energy supply, and skilled labour. Concerns over electricity consumption, environmental impact, and supply-chain constraints are also growing as AI adoption accelerates globally.

Still, experts believe the AI boom is evolving into something much larger than a technology trend. Beneath the excitement around artificial intelligence lies a powerful industrial growth story that could reshape global manufacturing, infrastructure development, and economic priorities for years to come.

Mutual Fund CEOs Urge Investors To Stay Calm And Ignore Market Noise

Top mutual fund industry leaders are advising investors to remain patient and stay invested despite ongoing market volatility and global uncertainty. As stock markets continue reacting to geopolitical tensions, foreign investor outflows, inflation concerns, and changing interest-rate expectations, mutual fund CEOs believe long-term investors should avoid making emotional decisions based on short-term market movements.

Industry experts say periods of volatility are a natural part of equity investing and should not discourage investors from maintaining disciplined investment strategies. According to them, reacting impulsively to daily market fluctuations often leads to poor financial decisions and missed long-term growth opportunities.

Several mutual fund CEOs have emphasized that India's long-term economic fundamentals remain strong despite temporary global challenges. They point to factors such as strong domestic consumption, infrastructure spending, rising digital adoption, and increasing retail participation in financial markets as reasons for continued confidence in India's growth story.

Market volatility has increased in recent months due

to global geopolitical tensions, uncertainty over crude oil prices, concerns about inflation, and fluctuations in foreign investment flows. However, fund managers believe investors who continue systematic investment plans (SIPs) during uncertain periods are often better positioned to benefit when markets recover.

Industry leaders have also highlighted the importance of time in the market rather than attempting to time market movements. They argue that predicting short-term highs and lows consistently is extremely difficult, even for experienced investors. Staying invested through different market cycles has historically produced better long-term outcomes compared to frequent buying and selling based on fear or speculation.

Many CEOs also noted that retail investors in India have shown greater maturity during recent periods of volatility compared to previous years. Instead of panicking during market corrections, many investors have continued their SIP contributions, reflecting growing awareness about long-term wealth creation through disciplined investing.

Experts further advised investors to focus on their finan-

cial goals, asset allocation, and risk tolerance rather than reacting to headlines and market rumours. They stressed that investment decisions should be aligned with long-term objectives such as retirement planning, children's education, or wealth creation, rather than short-term market sentiment.

Some fund managers also believe market corrections can create attractive investment opportunities for long-term investors. Temporary declines in stock prices often allow investors to accumulate quality assets at better valuations, which may benefit portfolios over time. The mutual fund industry has witnessed strong growth in retail participation over the past few years, particularly through SIPs. Industry leaders say this steady flow of domestic investment has helped provide stability to Indian markets even during periods of heavy foreign investor selling.

While short-term uncertainty may continue due to global economic and geopolitical developments, mutual fund CEOs remain optimistic about India's long-term growth potential. Their message to investors remains clear — stay disciplined, remain patient, and avoid getting distracted by short-term market noise.

German Tourist Wins Compensation After “Pool Chair War” at Greek Resort

A German tourist has been awarded nearly \$1,200 in compensation after taking legal action against a tour operator over a frustrating holiday experience at a luxury resort in Greece. The unusual case centered on one surprisingly serious issue — the lack of available pool chairs during the family’s vacation.

The man had booked an 11-day family holiday at the Grecotel Kos Imperial resort on the Greek island of Kos in August 2024. He travelled with his wife and two children and reportedly spent more than 7,000 on the package holiday. However, the trip quickly turned stressful when the

family discovered that almost all poolside loungers were occupied every morning before sunrise.

According to court documents, guests at the resort routinely reserved sunbeds by placing towels on them early in the morning — a practice often referred to in Europe as the “towel war.” Despite hotel rules banning such behavior, the tourist claimed that staff failed to enforce the policy. Even after waking up as early as 6 a.m. each day and searching for nearly 20 minutes, the family struggled to find seats by the pool. On one occasion, they found only two chairs, forcing

the children to sit on the ground. The tourist reportedly complained both to the hotel management and the German tour operator, TUI Deutschland, but said no meaningful action was taken. Frustrated by the situation, he decided to take the matter to court in Hanover, Germany. During the hearing, video footage reportedly showed rows of unattended loungers covered with towels, supporting the tourist’s claims. The Hanover District Court ruled in favor of the tourist, stating that the lack of available loungers amounted to a “travel defect” under German package holiday laws. Judges

said that while resorts are not required to provide a chair for every guest, there should be a reasonable balance between the number of guests and available loungers. The court concluded that the tour operator had failed to ensure that advertised holiday amenities were properly accessible. The ruling awarded the family approximately 986.70, equivalent to about 15% of the holiday cost. The case has reignited debate across Europe about hotel pool etiquette and whether resorts should do more to stop guests from unfairly reserving chairs for hours without using them.



Indian Expat Says Singapore’s Luxury Lifestyle Can Become A “Comfort Trap”

An Indian man living in Singapore has sparked a conversation online after sharing why many expatriates struggle to leave the country, even when they initially plan to stay only for a few years. His thoughts on life abroad and the hidden challenges of comfort and convenience have resonated with thousands of social media users. Swapnil Vichare, an Indian expat who has lived in Singapore for seven years, explained in a viral Instagram video how the city’s highly organised and efficient lifestyle slowly pulls people into what he described as a “comfort trap.” According to him, many professionals move there with short-term plans, hoping to work for a few years, save money, and eventually return home. However, over time, the convenience and lifestyle become difficult to give up. He pointed out that life in Singapore offers a level of comfort that many people quickly adapt to. From clean public spaces and smooth transportation systems to safety, modern housing, and easy access to services, daily life becomes predictable and stress-free. Expats often start living in condominiums with facilities like swimming pools and gyms, hire domestic helpers, and enjoy frequent international trips because of Singapore’s strategic location in Asia.

According to Swapnil, these comforts slowly become part of everyday life. As incomes



rise, people tend to upgrade their lifestyles, and eventually their expenses begin matching their salaries. This creates a situation where returning to their home country feels financially and emotionally difficult. He explained that many people who originally intended to stay for just two or three years end up remaining abroad for a decade or longer. The Indian expat also spoke about the psychological side of the experience. He said many professionals become afraid of returning to what they consider a less convenient or “normal” life. Over time, the lifestyle abroad shapes their expectations, routines, and standards of living. What once felt temporary starts feeling permanent. His observations triggered widespread reactions online,

with many users agreeing that life in developed countries can create dependency through comfort and convenience. Some people related to his experiences, sharing how they too had extended their stays abroad much longer than planned. Others argued that while comfort is attractive, being close to family and familiar surroundings remains more important. The discussion has once again highlighted the emotional and financial realities faced by expatriates, especially Indians working overseas. While countries like Singapore offer excellent infrastructure and opportunities, many expats continue to struggle with balancing career growth, lifestyle expectations, and the desire to eventually return home.

Husband Shaves Head To Support Wife During Cancer Treatment, Internet Emotional

A touching video of a husband shaving his head in solidarity with his wife during her cancer treatment has deeply moved people across social media. The emotional moment, shared on Instagram by Namarta Nitin Goel, highlighted the strength of love and companionship during one of the most difficult phases of life. In the viral clip, Namarta is seen shaving her head after experiencing severe hair loss caused by chemotherapy. As she sits through the painful process, her husband quietly decides to shave his own head as a gesture of support. The simple yet powerful act quickly captured the attention of thousands online, with many calling it a true example of unconditional love and partnership.

Sharing the video, Namarta wrote an emotional caption that read, “You didn’t just shave your head, you carried my pain with me.” The heartfelt words resonated with viewers, many of whom praised the couple for showing courage and emotional strength during such a challenging journey.

Earlier, Namarta had spoken openly about the emotional and physical pain she experienced after chemotherapy. According to her, the hair loss became intense after her second



treatment session. She revealed that her scalp had become extremely sensitive and painful, and even touching it caused discomfort. Eventually, she decided it was time to shave her head completely because the pain had become too difficult to manage.

She shared that although she knew hair loss was a part of cancer treatment, she was not emotionally prepared for the experience. She described the moment as heartbreaking and admitted feeling deeply sad,

even though she tried to stay strong. During the shaving process, the trimmer touching her scalp reportedly caused severe pain, making the experience even more emotional.

Social media users flooded the comments section with messages of support and admiration. Many described the husband’s gesture as a symbol of true companionship, while others said the video reminded them that love is often shown through silent acts of support rather than grand words. Some

users also praised the couple for openly sharing their difficult journey and inspiring others facing similar battles.

The video has since become a powerful reminder of the emotional impact of illness, as well as the importance of standing beside loved ones during life’s toughest moments. For many viewers online, the husband’s quiet gesture represented empathy, strength, and the kind of support that makes painful experiences a little easier to bear.

IIT Graduate Leaves High-Paying US Internship To Build Rs 100 Crore Startup In India

An IIT graduate’s inspiring journey from leaving a lucrative internship opportunity in the United States to building a successful Rs 100 crore startup in India has captured attention online. The story highlights the growing trend of young Indian entrepreneurs choosing innovation and risk-taking over secure corporate careers.

Ahana Gautam, an IIT Bombay and Harvard Business School graduate, decided to walk away from a comfortable career path to pursue her dream of creating healthier food options for Indian consumers. Despite having opportunities to work with major global companies, she chose entrepreneurship and eventually founded the healthy snacks brand “Open Secret,” which has now achieved a turnover of nearly Rs 100 crore.

Ahana’s entrepreneurial idea reportedly came to her while studying at Harvard. During a visit to a grocery store in the United States, she noticed the availability of healthier snack alternatives and wondered why similar options were not easily accessible in India. The experience inspired her to create a brand that would offer tasty yet nutritious snacks for Indian consumers.

Before starting her own venture, Ahana had already built an impressive academic and professional background. After graduating from IIT Bom-



bay in chemical engineering, she pursued an MBA from Harvard Business School. She also worked with leading global companies, including Procter & Gamble, General Mills, and Fox Star Studios. However, despite the stability and prestige of corporate jobs, she felt drawn toward building something of her own.

Launching a startup was not an easy decision. Like many entrepreneurs, Ahana faced uncertainty, financial risk, and the pressure of leaving behind a secure career. However, she remained committed to her vision of promoting healthier eating habits in India. According to reports, the support and encouragement she received from her mother played a major role in helping her take the leap into entrepreneurship.

Over time, Open Secret gained popularity for offering healthier versions of popular

snacks and sweets. The company focused on combining taste with nutrition, targeting consumers looking for guilt-free snack options. Its rapid growth helped it emerge as one of the notable startups in India’s health-food segment.

Ahana’s story has resonated with many young professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs who dream of building something meaningful rather than following traditional career paths. Her journey reflects how education, global exposure, and a strong sense of purpose can lead to innovative business ideas.

The success of her startup also highlights the changing mindset among India’s younger generation, many of whom are increasingly willing to leave high-paying opportunities abroad in order to create businesses and opportunities within the country.

Heartfelt Wishes And Quotes To Make Your Mom Feel Special

Mother’s Day 2026 is being celebrated across the world with love, gratitude, and heartfelt emotions as people honour the women who shape their lives with unconditional care and support. Observed every year on the second Sunday of May, the special occasion is a reminder to appreciate mothers for their endless sacrifices, strength, and affection.

From emotional messages and thoughtful greetings to inspiring quotes, many people are using social media, cards, and personal notes to express their feelings for their mothers. Simple words often carry the deepest emotions, making heartfelt wishes one of the most meaningful ways to celebrate the day.

Some popular Mother’s Day wishes this year include messages that thank mothers for their constant support, patience, and unconditional love. Many people are also sharing humorous wishes celebrating the everyday moments mothers make special. Messages appreciating mothers for being a safe place, biggest cheerleader, and strongest support system have become especially popular online.

Heartfelt greetings focusing on comfort, kindness, and emotional strength continue to resonate with people. Wishes such as hoping mothers enjoy a



stress-free day filled with happiness and appreciation are widely shared among families and friends. Many users are also posting emotional notes recognising how mothers silently handle responsibilities without expecting recognition in return.

Inspirational quotes about motherhood are another major part of the celebration. Renowned writers and thinkers have long described a mother’s love as one of the most powerful forces in the world. Quotes

by Maya Angelou, Agatha Christie, JK Rowling, and Roald Dahl continue to inspire people and are frequently used in greeting cards and social media posts. These quotes highlight themes of sacrifice, resilience, warmth, and unconditional love. Many people are also celebrating the occasion through handmade cards, family gatherings, gifts, and social media tributes. Personalized gestures such as handwritten letters, memory scrapbooks, and spending quality time with

mothers remain some of the most cherished ways to celebrate the day. Mother’s Day continues to hold emotional importance across cultures because it celebrates the bond between mothers and their children. While gifts and celebrations are meaningful, the essence of the day lies in expressing gratitude and making mothers feel valued, loved, and appreciated. For many, even a simple message filled with genuine emotion can make the day unforgettable.

Krunal Powers RCB to Thriller Win Over Mumbai

Defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru held their nerve in a last-ball thriller to beat Mumbai Indians by two wickets in a dramatic IPL 2026 clash at Raipur on Sunday. The tense victory pushed RCB to the top of the points table while officially knocking Mumbai out of the playoff race. Chasing 167 for victory, Bengaluru survived a stunning late collapse before scraping home off the final delivery of the match. The chase looked in control for long periods, but Mumbai's bowlers produced a

spirited comeback to drag the contest deep into the final over.

The hero of the night was Krunal Pandya, whose composed 73 off 46 balls anchored the innings when wickets kept tumbling around him. Krunal mixed caution with aggression, finding timely boundaries and keeping the required rate under control during the middle overs. His innings proved decisive in one of the most pressure-filled finishes of the season. RCB's chase suffered an early setback when Virat Kohli fell for a second consecutive duck, giv-

ing Mumbai immediate momentum. Despite that blow, Krunal rebuilt the innings alongside useful contributions from the middle order. However, Mumbai clawed back through Corbin Bosch, who delivered an excellent spell and finished with four wickets. With equations tightening in the final over, Bengaluru still needed crucial runs under immense pressure. Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Rasikh Salam held their composure brilliantly, stealing the winning runs on the last ball to spark celebrations in the RCB

camp. Earlier, Mumbai Indians posted 166 for seven after being asked to bat. Tilak Varma top-scored with a steady half-century, while Suryakumar Yadav and the middle order chipped in with useful runs. Yet Mumbai failed to fully capitalize after a promising start as RCB's bowlers kept striking at regular intervals.

Veteran pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar delivered a match-winning spell, finishing with four wickets and dismantling Mumbai's batting rhythm during the death overs. His ac-

curacy and calm execution under pressure earned widespread praise and ultimately proved the difference between the two sides.

The defeat marked a disappointing end to Mumbai Indians' IPL 2026 campaign. Despite flashes of brilliance during the tournament, inconsistent performances and close losses hurt their playoff hopes. For RCB, however, the thrilling victory could become a defining moment in their title defense as they head into the final phase of the league stage full of confidence and momentum.



Punjab Kings Aim To Bounce Back Against Struggling Delhi Capitals

Punjab Kings will look to regain momentum in IPL 2026 when they face a struggling Delhi Capitals side in Dharamsala. After enjoying a dream start to the season, Punjab have suddenly lost rhythm at a crucial stage of the tournament, suffering defeats in their last three matches. The upcoming clash is now being seen as an important opportunity for Shreyas Iyer's team to return to winning ways and strengthen their playoff hopes.

Punjab Kings had earlier impressed everyone with their aggressive batting and balanced performances, remaining unbeaten for a significant phase of the season. However, recent losses have exposed weaknesses in their bowling and fielding departments.

Their poor catching effort against Sunrisers Hyderabad became a major talking point, while the bowling attack led by Arshdeep Singh has struggled to control runs in pressure situations.

The opening pair of Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh, who provided explosive starts earlier in the season, has also witnessed a dip in form. Punjab will expect the duo to rediscover their attacking rhythm as they enter the final stretch of league matches. Captain Shreyas Iyer, however, has continued to lead from the front with consistent performances and remains optimistic about the team's mindset.

Delhi Capitals, meanwhile, appear to be going through an even more difficult phase. The

team has reportedly lost five of its last six matches and is now placed near the bottom of the points table. Their batting lineup has struggled badly on slow pitches, while the bowling attack has failed to deliver consistent breakthroughs. The poor form of key spinner Kuldeep Yadav has further added to the team's problems.

Captain Axar Patel recently hinted that the franchise may already be looking ahead toward future planning, although Delhi are still mathematically alive in the playoff race. The team will hope that a change of venue and conditions in Dharamsala helps them recover confidence and produce a stronger performance.

One major factor adding excitement to the contest is the

history between the two teams earlier this season. Punjab Kings had stunned Delhi Capitals by successfully chasing a massive target of 265 runs, creating one of the biggest run chases in IPL history. That match saw explosive batting performances from KL Rahul, Prabhsimran Singh, Priyansh Arya, and Shreyas Iyer.

With the playoff race becoming tighter, Punjab Kings will see this game as a must-win encounter to stop their slide and regain confidence. Delhi Capitals, on the other hand, will be desperate to keep their fading hopes alive and end their disappointing run of form.

The match promises an intense battle between two sides searching for momentum at a critical stage of IPL 2026.

Crisis Deepens In Australian Cricket As Five Stars Delay Central Contracts

Cricket Australia is reportedly facing growing internal unrest after at least five senior players delayed signing their new central contracts, creating fresh concerns about the future stability of Australian cricket. The situation has emerged at a time when tensions are already rising over the future of the Big Bash League (BBL) and increasing competition from lucrative overseas T20 leagues.

According to reports, several top Australian cricketers are unhappy with the initial contract offers made for the 2026-27 season. While the identities of all players involved have not been officially confirmed, the disagreement is believed to be linked to player salaries, revenue distribution, and concerns over the financial future of domestic cricket in Australia.

The issue has intensified following Cricket Australia's failed attempt to privatise the Big Bash League. The proposed model, reportedly valued between 600 million and 800 million dollars, was expected to increase investment and improve player earnings. However, the plan faced resistance

after only three of Australia's six state associations supported the proposal, forcing Cricket Australia to reconsider its approach.

Many players are believed to be frustrated by the widening pay gap between Australian cricket contracts and the massive financial opportunities available in franchise leagues around the world. Competitions such as the IPL, SA20, Major League Cricket, and UAE-based leagues continue offering significantly higher salaries, making overseas opportunities increasingly attractive for players.

Reports also suggest that several Big Bash League stars are considering playing more regularly in overseas T20 tournaments if salary structures in Australia do not improve. This has raised fears that Australian domestic cricket could struggle to retain its top talent in the coming years.

The uncertainty comes despite Cricket Australia recently offering a massive long-term deal to captain Pat Cummins in an attempt to ensure his continued availability across formats. However,

broader concerns among players appear to remain unresolved.

Cricket Australia chief executive Todd Greenberg reportedly acknowledged the complexity of the situation, stating that officials now need to reassess future options for the Big Bash League and overall financial planning. Administrators are also trying to balance commercial growth with maintaining control of Australian cricket's structure and identity.

The ongoing contract dispute has sparked widespread discussion among cricket fans and analysts, many of whom believe Australian cricket is entering a critical period. With global franchise cricket continuing to grow rapidly, national boards are increasingly finding it difficult to compete financially and retain player loyalty. While negotiations are expected to continue, the current uncertainty has created concerns about player satisfaction, the future of the BBL, and Cricket Australia's ability to maintain its position in the rapidly changing world of international cricket.



Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Creates History With Record-Breaking Fastest Century

Young batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has taken the cricket world by storm after smashing a historic century in IPL 2026 and breaking a major world record in the process. The youngster's explosive knock not only stunned fans and experts but also helped him surpass several established stars to enter the record books.

Sooryavanshi achieved the milestone by scoring one of the fastest centuries ever recorded in T20 cricket by an Indian batter. His breathtaking innings eclipsed the previous record held by Abhishek Sharma, making him the fastest Indian to reach a hundred in franchise T20 cricket. The remarkable achievement instantly turned him into one of the biggest talking points of the tournament.

The innings was filled with fearless stroke play,

powerful hitting, and remarkable confidence against experienced bowlers. From the very beginning, Sooryavanshi attacked the bowling lineup aggressively, finding boundaries with ease and maintaining an extraordinary strike rate throughout the innings. Fans inside the stadium erupted in celebration as he reached the milestone in record time.

Cricket experts praised the youngster for showing maturity far beyond his age. Many former cricketers described the innings as a glimpse into the future of Indian cricket, highlighting his ability to dominate bowlers under pressure and play with complete freedom.

Social media platforms were flooded with reactions shortly after the knock. Fans compared Sooryavanshi's batting style to some of the most destructive T20 players

in the world, while others called it one of the finest breakthrough performances in IPL history. Videos of his boundaries and sixes quickly went viral online.

The innings also strengthened his growing reputation as one of the brightest emerging talents in Indian cricket. Over the course of the season, Sooryavanshi has impressed with his fearless approach and consistency, but this century elevated him to a completely different level of recognition.

What made the achievement even more special was the pressure situation in which the innings came. Rather than slowing down after reaching personal milestones, Sooryavanshi continued attacking and kept the opposition under tremendous pressure throughout his stay at the crease.

The IPL has often served

as a platform for discovering future stars, and Sooryavanshi's record-breaking century is now being viewed as a defining moment in his career. Many fans and analysts believe Indian cricket may have found its next major batting superstar.

His performance also highlighted the changing nature of T20 cricket, where young players are increasingly playing fearless cricket from the start of their careers. With confidence, power-hitting ability, and composure under pressure, Sooryavanshi has already started building a reputation as a player capable of dominating world cricket in the future.

The historic knock will likely remain one of the standout moments of IPL 2026 and has firmly established Vaibhav Sooryavanshi as one of the most exciting young cricketers to watch in the coming years.



Mega Family's Mother's Day Wishes Go Viral On Social Media

Mother's Day celebrations turned extra special for fans of the Mega family as several members of the popular Telugu film family shared heartfelt wishes and emotional tributes for the mothers in their lives. Their touching posts quickly went viral on social media, attracting thousands of likes, comments, and shares from fans across the country.

Members of the Mega family, including actors, spouses, and younger generation stars, took to Instagram and other social platforms to celebrate Mother's Day with emotional messages, family photographs, and unseen memories. Fans especially appreciated the warmth and affection visible in the family posts, calling them relatable

and emotional.

Megastar Chiranjeevi shared a heartfelt message appreciating mothers for their sacrifices, love, and endless support. Fans flooded the comments section praising the actor's emotional words and family values. Other family members also posted special tributes to their mothers and wives, celebrating the important role women play in keeping families united and strong.

Ram Charan and Upasana's posts also gained major attention online. The couple shared emotional wishes and family moments, with fans admiring their bond and the importance they gave to family relationships. Several followers described the posts as wholesome and inspiring.

Allu Arjun, known for his close connection with fans on social media, reportedly shared a touching message dedicated to his mother and wife. Fans praised the actor for balancing stardom with strong family values, and many commented that the Mega family consistently sets an example when it comes to relationships and respect for elders.

The Mother's Day posts were widely circulated by fan pages and entertainment accounts, making them trend throughout the day. Many fans said the celebrations reflected the strong emotional bond shared among members of the Mega family, which has always been admired by Telugu cinema audiences. Social media users also ap-

preciated the simplicity and sincerity of the wishes. Instead of glamorous celebrations, many posts focused on family memories, gratitude, and emotional connections. Fans described the messages as genuine and heartfelt rather than promotional.

The Mega family has long enjoyed a strong fan following not only for their contribution to Telugu cinema but also for their close-knit family image. On special occasions like Mother's Day, their personal moments often become viral content because audiences feel emotionally connected to them.

This year's Mother's Day celebrations once again highlighted how celebrities can use social media to share meaningful moments with



The Mega family's emotional tributes reminded many people about the importance of expressing gratitude and love towards mothers and family members.

'Peddi' Promotion Buzz Grows As MS Dhoni Joins Ranchi Event With Ram Charan

The buzz surrounding Ram Charan's upcoming film Peddi has intensified after former Indian cricket captain MS Dhoni reportedly attended a promotional event related to the movie in Ranchi. The unexpected connection between the cricket legend and the much-awaited Telugu film quickly grabbed attention online, creating excitement among both cinema and cricket fans.

According to reports, the special event held in Ranchi became a major talking point after visuals of MS Dhoni interacting with Ram Charan began circulating on social media. Fans were thrilled to see two hugely popular personalities from different fields sharing the same stage, and the clips soon went viral across multiple platforms.

Peddi is already one of the most anticipated Telugu films currently under production. The movie stars Ram Charan in a rugged and mass-oriented role, with fans eagerly waiting to see the actor in a completely different avatar. Ever since the film's first-look posters and promotional glimpses were released, the project has generated strong interest among audiences.

The presence of MS Dhoni at the Ranchi event added a fresh layer of excitement to the promotions. Fans described the moment as a "power-packed crossover" between cricket and cinema. Social media users flooded platforms with comments praising the unexpected collaboration and expressing curiosity about Dhoni's association with the event.



enormous attention, especially on social media. Fans were excited to see Dhoni sharing warm moments with Ram Charan, and many described the interaction as one of the highlights of the event.

Ram Charan's fan base has been actively promoting Peddi online, and the Ranchi event further boosted the film's visibility beyond Telugu-speaking audiences. Industry observers believe such promotional activities help expand the reach of regional films to wider national audiences.

The film is reportedly being mounted on a large scale with high production values and a strong commercial setup. While the makers have been keeping several details under wraps, the movie is already generating significant hype due to Ram Charan's transformation and the film's intense rural backdrop.

Meanwhile, MS Dhoni continues to enjoy massive popularity across India even after retiring from international cricket. His appearances at public events regularly attract

the combination of cricket stardom and film promotions has often proven successful in attracting public attention, and Peddi appears to be benefiting from that momentum. The Ranchi event has further increased curiosity around the film, with fans now eagerly waiting for more updates, teaser releases, and official announcements from the makers.

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Payal Rajput Reacts To Being Called An "Underrated Actress"

Actress Payal Rajput has responded to being frequently described as an "underrated actress" by fans and social media users. The actress, known for her performances in Telugu films, shared her thoughts on recognition, career choices, and the challenges actors face in the film industry.

During a recent interaction, Payal reportedly said that while she appreciates the love and support from audiences, she does not completely agree with the label "underrated." According to her, every actor's journey is different, and success in the film industry depends on several factors including opportunities, scripts, timing, and audience connection.

Payal Rajput gained popularity with films that showcased her strong screen presence and bold performances. Over the years, she has built a loyal fan base, especially among Telugu cinema audiences. Many fans often express that she deserves bigger opportunities and stronger roles, which is why the "underrated actress" tag has frequently followed her online.

Reacting to those comments,

Payal reportedly said she feels grateful that people value her acting skills and continue supporting her work. However, she also emphasized that she believes in focusing on her craft rather than worrying too much about labels or comparisons. The actress stated that she prefers letting her performances speak for themselves.

Payal also spoke about the competitive nature of the film industry, where actors constantly face pressure to prove themselves. She explained that every project teaches something new and that patience is an important part of an actor's career journey. According to her, success does not always come instantly, and consistency matters more in the long run. Fans praised Payal's response on social media, calling her grounded and confident. Many users appreciated her positive attitude and said she has delivered several memorable performances deserving of greater recognition. Supporters also expressed hope that she will continue receiving stronger roles in upcoming films. The actress has remained active in Telugu cinema and continues to explore different

kinds of characters. Industry observers believe her willingness to experiment with roles and maintain screen presence has helped her stay relevant in a highly competitive environment. Social media discussions around "underrated actors" have become common in recent years, especially as fans increasingly use online platforms to support their favourite performers. Payal Rajput's response has now added to that conversation, with many people appreciating her balanced and mature perspective on fame and recognition.

As she continues her film journey, fans remain eager to see Payal Rajput take on more challenging and performance-driven roles in the future.



Malavika Menon Joins Cast Of 'Silandhi 2' Sequel

Actress Malavika Menon has officially joined the cast of Silandhi 2, the upcoming sequel to the Tamil thriller franchise. The announcement has generated interest among South cinema audiences, especially fans of suspense and horror-based films. The makers are reportedly aiming to expand the scale and intensity of the sequel while introducing fresh characters and performances.

Malavika Menon, known for her work in Tamil and Malayalam cinema, is expected to play an important role in the film. Though the makers have not revealed complete details about her character, reports suggest that her role will carry emotional as well as suspense-driven elements connected to the film's central storyline.

The original Silandhi gained attention for its thriller narrative and eerie atmosphere, building a niche fan following among audiences who enjoy psychological and horror-themed cinema. With the sequel now in development, expectations have increased regarding the story, visuals, and performances.

Industry sources say the production team is planning to make Silandhi 2 more technically advanced and visually engaging compared to the first installment. The sequel is expected to blend suspense, emotional drama, and horror elements to appeal to a wider audience.

Malavika Menon's addition to the project has further boosted

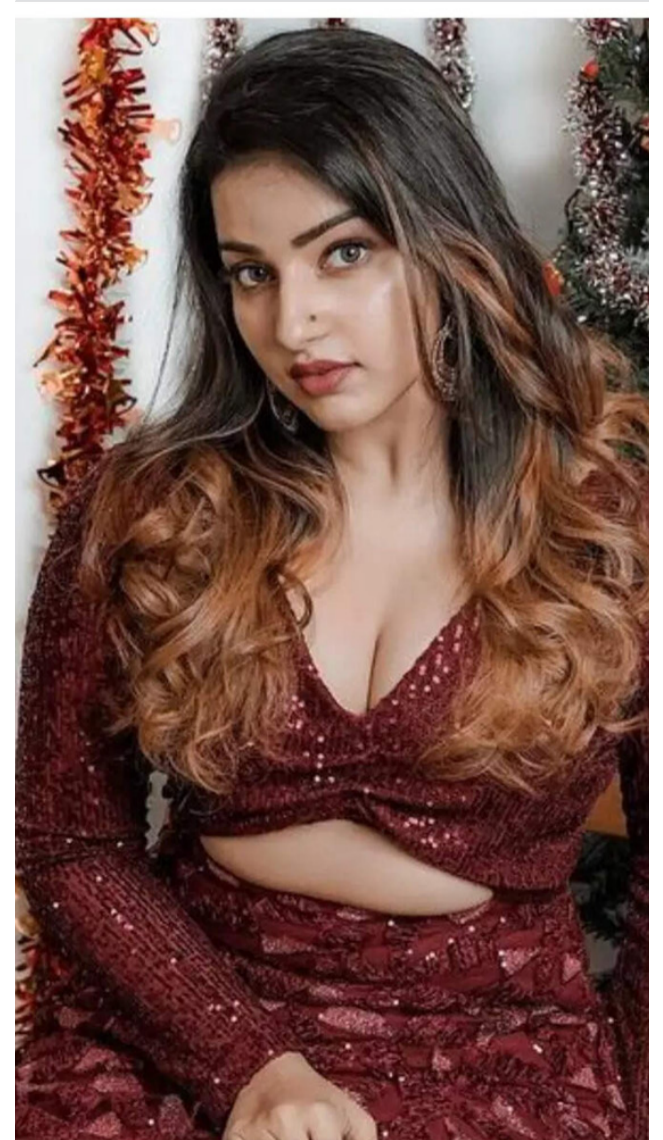
curiosity around the film. Over the years, the actress has earned appreciation for her screen presence and performances in supporting and lead roles across South Indian cinema. Fans on social media welcomed the announcement and expressed excitement about seeing her in a thriller-based role.

The actress has been gradually expanding her filmography with diverse projects, and Silandhi 2 is seen as another interesting addition to her career. Many viewers believe thriller and suspense genres provide strong opportunities for actors to showcase performance depth and versatility.

Meanwhile, the film's production team is reportedly continuing shooting schedules while preparing for future promotional activities. The makers are expected to reveal more details about the remaining cast, teaser, and release plans in the coming months.

South Indian horror-thrillers have recently witnessed renewed popularity among audiences, especially with films combining suspenseful storytelling and strong technical presentation. Industry observers believe Silandhi 2 could benefit from this growing interest in the genre.

With Malavika Menon now officially onboard, anticipation surrounding the sequel has increased further, and fans are eagerly waiting to see how the film expands the story and atmosphere established by the original movie.



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