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Revanth Reddy Outlines Major Reforms to Strengthen Government Education

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy distributed cash awards to talented government teachers and students, while announcing major reforms and investments aimed at strengthening public education across the state.

The Chief Minister stated that the government is implementing an infrastructure development plan worth 1,700 crore for schools located within the Outer Ring Road region. He recalled the role of university students in the Telangana movements of 1969 and 2009, noting that educational institutions have always been central to social change.

Emphasizing equity in education, Revanth Reddy said his government is focused on improving access for poor, Dalit, and tribal students in remote villages. He highlighted that the Education Department is directly under his supervision to ensure accountability and reforms.

He informed that over 11,000



teachers were recruited within 60 days, 22,000 teachers were promoted, and 36,000 transfers were completed without disputes. The state currently has 27,000 government schools serving around 19 lakh students, supported by 1.5 lakh teachers.

The Chief Minister announced that Telangana allocates 8% of its budget to educa-

tion and plans to increase it to 15% in the coming years. He also said 100 "Young India Integrated Schools" are being developed with an investment of 20,000 crore.

To improve learning outcomes, the government is introducing Nursery to Class 12 in government schools, along with nutrition programs such as breakfast, milk, and ragi-

based meals. Teacher training initiatives, including international exposure visits, are also being planned.

Reiterating his commitment, the Chief Minister said government schools are institutions of empowerment, and every effort will be made to ensure quality education for all students in Telangana.



CM Invites Governor for Student Anti-Drug Pledge Event

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Monday and invited him to participate in a special student gathering scheduled for June 12, coinciding with the reopening of schools across the state. During the proposed event, the state government plans to administer a collective pledge to students, encouraging them to stay away from tobacco, alcohol, and narcotic substances while growing into responsible citizens.

The initiative follows a suggestion earlier made by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla to the Chief Minister, recommending

that students be motivated to take an anti-drug pledge as part of a broader awareness effort among youth.

Acting on this recommendation, the Telangana government has decided to organize the programme on a large scale with participation from students across the state. Officials stated that the event aims to create awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse and promote healthy lifestyles among schoolchildren.

The government believes such initiatives will help strengthen social responsibility and encourage students to contribute positively to society while remaining free from harmful addictions.



'Aushadhi Express' to Boost Pharma Transport

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy announced that Indian Railways has launched the country's first dedicated pharmaceutical freight train, "Aushadhi Express," as part of the Centre's PM Gati Shakti initiative. The special reefer train service began operations on May 2 to transport pharmaceutical products from Hyderabad to the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust for domestic and international distribution.

Kishan Reddy thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for allotting the first regular pharmaceutical freight service to Telangana. He stated that Hyderabad, widely recognized as India's pharmaceutical hub, required a reliable and temperature-controlled transport network for the movement of medicines and medical products.

The minister explained that the refrigerated train service would support pharmaceutical manufacturing clusters such as Genome Valley, Jeedimetla, Patancheru Pharma Zone, and Mucherla Future City. The train operates with advanced reefer containers equipped with diesel-powered cooling systems to maintain medicine quality during transit.

Services currently operate once a week from the Inland Container Depot at Sanathnagar under the management of Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR). Efforts are underway to increase the frequency to twice a week based on industry demand.

Kishan Reddy said the initiative would strengthen cold-chain logistics, reduce transportation costs, ensure timely delivery of life-saving medicines, and improve India's pharmaceutical supply chain infrastructure.

Rail Manufacturing Unit Opening Delayed

Warangal, May 11 | TPN Bureau

The proposed inauguration of the Kazipet Railway Manufacturing Unit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was postponed on Sunday as construction work at the facility is yet to be fully completed, according to railway officials.

The project, which was announced in Parliament during the formation of Telangana in 2014, was one of the key assurances given to the newly formed state. Originally planned as a wagon overhauling centre, the project was later upgraded into a full-fledged railway manufacturing unit after the foundation stone was laid in July 2023.

The manufacturing facility has been developed over nearly 160 acres at Ayodhyapuram in Warangal district. Officials stated that the overall project cost increased from the initial

estimate of Rs 521 crore to nearly Rs 710 crore to accommodate modern manufacturing systems and advanced railway production infrastructure.

Once fully operational, the unit is expected to manufacture freight wagons as well as coaches for the Vande Bharat Express train network. Authorities said the plant would have the capacity to produce around 2,400 railway units annually.

Railway officials noted that the project achieved major construction milestones within a span of three years and successfully completed a trial run in February 2026. The progress of the works was recently reviewed by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy along with local public representatives.

According to officials,

Global Experts Discuss Big Cat Conservation

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Wildlife conservation and international cooperation for the protection of big cats were the main focus of an international workshop organized at Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad on Monday. The event, themed "Shared Stripes - Shared Future," was jointly conducted by the Forest Department and the Ministry of External Affairs under the banner of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA). Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, addressing the gathering, highlighted India's achievements in wildlife conservation, particularly the suc-

cess of initiatives such as Project Tiger and Project Cheetah. He said India had emerged as a global leader in the protection of endangered wildlife species through scientific conservation practices and strong policy support. Delegates from Malaysia, Russia, Sri Lanka and Thailand participated in the workshop and shared their experiences in preserving tiger and leopard populations. Round-table discussions focused on habitat conservation, scientific wildlife monitoring, anti-poaching strategies and the importance of international collaboration in protecting endangered species.

Forest Minister Konda

Surekha stated that the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was committed to strengthening forest conservation and protecting biodiversity. She spoke about ongoing efforts in the Amrabad and Kawal Tiger Reserves, including habitat development initiatives and community participation by tribal populations in safeguarding forest ecosystems. Representatives from Thailand explained that tiger numbers in their country had increased from nearly 100 to 200 due to consistent anti-poaching drives and habitat protection measures. Russian delegates discussed the unique

challenges involved in conserving the Amur tiger in snow-covered regions, while Sri Lankan officials emphasized the need for scientific cooperation in leopard conservation.

Malaysia's delegation highlighted the importance of the IBCA platform in promoting technology exchange, expertise sharing and collaborative wildlife protection programs among nations. US Consul General Laura Williams also addressed the gathering and shared her experience of visiting Kaziranga National Park, noting India's strong conservation efforts. The workshop also covered topics such as wildlife research, habitat restoration,

conservation breeding, scientific management, staff training and translocation programs for big cats. PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden Vinay Kumar presented Telangana's achievements in scientific monitoring and habitat management. PCCF and Head of Forest Force Dr. C. Suvarna stressed the importance of scientific planning and maintaining habitat connectivity in view of increasing human-wildlife conflicts. The workshop concluded with a collective call for stronger global partnerships to ensure the long-term survival of big cat species and the preservation of ecological balance.

BGUS Seeks Action Against Illegal Infiltrators

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

The Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samiti (BGUS) on Monday appealed to the police department to initiate immediate action against alleged illegal infiltrators residing in different parts of the city. The organisation referred to data reportedly submitted by the State government before the High Court, which identified 26 Rohingya settlements in the Balapur area housing nearly 7,000 people.

A delegation of the Samiti, led by G. Raghava Reddy and Dr. Ravinuthala Shashidhar, met the Director General of Police (DGP) and submitted a detailed representation seeking strict measures on the issue.

According to the Samiti leaders, several of the settlements are located near sensitive defence establishments, which they claimed raises serious national security concerns. The delegation alleged that many illegal residents had managed to secure identity documents through local middlemen and unauthorized networks.

The organisation further claimed that government lands and dried-up lake areas had been encroached upon for es-

tablishing residential colonies. BGUS leaders urged the police to conduct a comprehensive statewide verification drive to identify illegal residents and take legal action wherever necessary.

The delegation also demanded the initiation of deportation procedures against those found residing illegally and sought the removal of encroachments surrounding strategic defence zones and other sensitive locations.

During the meeting, the DGP reportedly assured the delegation that the issues raised in the representation would be examined carefully. According to the Samiti, the police chief stated that appropriate steps would be taken in matters relating to national security concerns, illegal documentation and land encroachments in coordination with relevant government agencies.

The delegation emphasized the need for stronger monitoring mechanisms and coordination between various departments to prevent unauthorized settlements and document fraud in the future.

Several office-bearers of the Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samiti participated

CEO Orders Faster Completion of Voter Mapping Process

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sudarshan Reddy on Monday instructed district officials to speed up the Special Summary Revision (SIR) voter mapping exercise and ensure timely completion of the process across the state. He reviewed the progress during a video conference with District Collectors and election officials held from Hyderabad.

During the meeting, the CEO directed authorities to complete at least 90 percent of the mapping of the latest electoral rolls with the 2002 SSR voter list within the next 15 days. Expressing concern over the slow pace of the exercise in Telangana, he asked District Election Officers to motivate field staff and intensify efforts to meet the targets within the stipulated timeline.

Sudarshan Reddy clarified that political party representatives should only assist in identifying households and voters and should not be directly involved in the official mapping work. He stressed the need to ensure that the public does not get the impression that private individuals are carrying out



the electoral revision process.

The CEO also instructed officials to appoint sufficient data entry operators by utilizing all available resources to avoid delays in digitizing and updating records. He said that once the SIR process formally begins, daily monitoring would be conducted regarding the distribution and collection of electoral forms.

Emphasizing voter awareness, he directed authorities to ensure that people are informed about their respective Booth Level Officers (BLOs). He stated that no eligible voter

should lose the opportunity to exercise their franchise due to administrative lapses. Officials were also instructed to avoid situations where names of prominent citizens or government employees are left out of the electoral rolls.

To strengthen coordination and transparency, Sudarshan Reddy advised district administrations to hold review meetings with political parties every Wednesday. He also suggested involving women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the awareness and support activities related to

BGUS Seeks Action Against Illegal Infiltrators

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in the meeting. Those present included advisers Karodimal and Rama Raju, vice-presidents Vaikutum Mettu and Govind Rati, secretaries Kowdi Mahender, G. Ramesh, N. Butchi Reddy, A. Bhasker and B. Mahipal Reddy, treasurer Sri Ram Vyas and central coordinator B.V. Chandrashekar.

The representation submitted by the Samiti has sparked discussion on issues related to security, immigration and urban encroachments, with the police expected to review the matter further in consultation with concerned authorities.

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nearly 85 to 90 percent of the construction has been completed so far. However, certain critical sections, including the paint shop and testing facilities, are still under development. Authorities said the project would be commissioned in phases, with complete manufacturing operations expected to begin by the middle of 2026. Although the inauguration of the unit was deferred, the Prime Minister virtually inaugurated several other railway infrastructure projects during his visit. These included the

Kazipet Rail Under Rail bypass project and the third railway line between Kazipet and Vijayawada. The railway manufacturing unit is expected to create substantial employment opportunities in the region. Officials estimate that around 3,000 direct jobs and nearly 5,000 indirect employment opportunities will be generated once operations begin. Local leaders and public representatives have urged railway authorities to provide priority in employment opportunities to local youth and families who contributed land for the project.

CEO Orders Faster Completion of Voter Mapping Process

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the mapping process. Speaking during the conference, Collector Koya Sriharsha said that special measures were being implemented in the district to accelerate the voter mapping exercise. He stated that the performance of BLOs in every constituency was being closely monitored to ensure targets were achieved on

time. Sriharsha further informed that additional Data Entry Operators would be recruited wherever necessary and assured that the entire process was being carried out transparently in coordination with political parties and election officials. RDOs Gangayya and Suresh, along with Election Department official Vijay, also attended the meeting.



Ponnam Calls for Strengthening Government Education

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said the state government is giving top priority to strengthening public education under the “Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika” programme. He was speaking during the Education Week celebrations held at LB Stadium on Monday. The minister stated that, as part of the 99-day action plan launched by the government, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inaugurated Education Week and laid the foundation stone for the proposed Young India Integrated Schools project at Q-City, which is being developed with an estimated investment of nearly 1,100 crore. Ponnam Prabhakar said education remains the strongest tool for social and economic progress, irrespective of caste, religion, or financial background. Recalling the Chief Minister’s student politics background, he noted that Revanth Reddy has

consistently emphasized the importance of education in transforming lives and uplifting families. The minister highlighted the government’s efforts to improve infrastructure in government schools and encourage parents to enroll their children in public institutions. He said many successful individuals, including political leaders and intellectuals, had studied in government schools. Sharing examples from his Husnabad constituency, Ponnam stated that special committees had been formed in villages to improve enrollment and strengthen government schools. He added that schools were being equipped with improved facilities, including breakfast and mid-day meal schemes. Calling it a collective social responsibility, the minister urged intellectuals, teachers, and community leaders to support government education and help build confidence among parents toward public schools

Revanth Downplays PM Modi’s Remark

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday clarified that Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s “mere se hi judo” comment during the latter’s visit to Hyderabad should not be viewed through a political lens. He stated that the interaction was centered on development and governance rather than political realignment. Speaking to the media, Revanth Reddy explained that he had presented several proposals related to Telangana’s growth and the country’s economic progress during his interaction with the Prime Minister. He said he discussed plans aimed at increasing the State’s Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and suggested the creation of task forces for six metropolitan cities to function as growth engines under the Prime Minister’s “Viksit



Bharat” vision. According to the Chief Minister, the Prime Minister responded positively to the proposals and appreciated the suggestions made by the State government. Revanth Reddy said Modi’s “mere se hi judo”

statement was meant in the context of working together for national development and not as a political invitation to switch sides. When asked about possible reactions from the Congress high command over the Prime Minister’s remarks, the Chief Minister said the party leadership understood his political character and would interpret the comment in its proper context. He also drew a comparison between the present administration and the previous BRS government, stating that the earlier regime failed to maintain constructive coordination with the Centre during its ten-year tenure. The Chief Minister remarked that his government clearly distinguishes between governance and politics and is willing to cooperate with the Union government on developmental matters. Responding to the Prime

Minister’s “ab ki baar Telangana sarkar” slogan at a public meeting on Sunday, Revanth Reddy dismissed it lightly and predicted that the BJP government at the Centre would face defeat in the next general elections. He recalled how the Congress party had historically regained strength through southern states during the leadership of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He also pointed to the BJP’s poor performance in the Jubilee Hills by-election and urban local body polls, claiming that such results contradicted the party’s political claims in Telangana. Revanth Reddy refrained from commenting on political developments in Kerala but criticized the BJP over developments in Tamil Nadu, alleging that the party was undermining democratic values. He also denied speculation regarding an imminent reshuffle of the State Cabinet.

Telangana Govt Focuses on Workers’ Welfare

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the state government is committed to improving the welfare and living standards of workers across various sectors. He made these remarks during a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Minimum Wage Revision held at Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday. The meeting was attended by Ministers Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy, Ponnam Prabhakar, and Duddilla Sridhar Babu, along with Rajya Sabha MP Vem Narender Reddy, Labour Commissioner Dasari Hari Chandana, Finance and Planning Secretary Gaurav Uppal, and senior officials. Bhatti Vikramarka said the government aims to revise minimum wages in a scientific and systematic manner. The committee reviewed wage structures followed in several



major states and discussed the likely impact of the new Labour Codes proposed by the Central Government. The Deputy Chief Minister emphasized that wage revisions should reflect the real needs of workers rather than being limited to numerical increases. He noted that the committee was considering rising living costs and inflation while framing recommendations. The government, he said, is determined to adopt one of the best wage models in the country and strengthen Telangana’s reputation as a worker-friendly state. After gathering opinions from all stakeholders, the government will take a final decision aimed at benefiting lakhs of workers in both organized and unorganized sectors.

Thummala Reviews Fertilizer Supply for Kharif Season

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao held a review meeting at the Secretariat with fertilizer company representatives and Agriculture Department officials to assess fertilizer availability and preparations for the upcoming Kharif season. The minister stated that the state currently has a buffer stock of 1.46 lakh metric tonnes of urea along with nearly 10,000 metric tonnes of DAP and complex fertilizers. He noted that although Telangana had requested 11.5 lakh metric tonnes of urea from the Centre for Kharif 2026, only 10 lakh metric tonnes had been allocated. Officials informed the minister that against the April allocation of 2 lakh metric tonnes, only 1.53 lakh metric tonnes had reached the state, while around 48,985 metric tonnes had been received so far in May. In view of paddy transplantation beginning in early



June, Thummala directed officials to ensure that at least 3 lakh metric tonnes of urea are available in buffer stock by the end of May. The minister also demanded that 90 percent of urea produced at the Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited be supplied to Telangana farmers. He warned of strict action against dealers selling fertilizers above the Maximum Retail Price and instructed officials to closely monitor transportation and distribution. Thummala encouraged the promotion of Nano Urea and said fertilizer companies should create awareness among farmers about its benefits. He also revealed that the Centre’s new fertilizer distribution app was inspired by Telangana’s fertilizer app and would begin pilot implementation in Medchal and Ranga Reddy districts from May 21. The minister further urged the Central Government to introduce incentives for organic farming and advised farmers to reduce excessive urea usage to protect soil fertility and future crop productivity.

MPs Review Swachh Bharat Works

Srinagar, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy participated in a study tour conducted by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs in Srinagar under the chairmanship of Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy. As part of the visit, the committee inspected key locations including the Jhelum Rajbagh

Riverfront, Balidan Stambh, and Lal Chowk to assess the implementation of projects being carried out under the Swachh Bharat Mission by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation. The members reviewed several urban development and sanitation initiatives such as green campus programmes, modern waste management systems, cleanliness awareness drives, and public partici-

pation campaigns aimed at improving sanitation and sustainable urban growth. The tour offered the committee an opportunity to examine ongoing efforts to strengthen urban infrastructure, environmental protection, sanitation services, and citizen involvement in maintaining cleanliness across Srinagar under the Swachh Bharat Mission initiative.



Appointment Orders for Nursing Officers

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

To mark International Nurses Day, Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha will distribute appointment letters to newly selected nursing officers during a special programme scheduled on Tuesday. The event will take place at 4 pm at Osmania Medical College in Koti, Hyderabad. According to officials, the Medical and Health Devices Recruitment Board has completed the recruitment process for 1,919 nursing officer posts in the Health Department. Appointment orders for these candidates will be formally handed over during the programme. In addition, appointment letters will also be issued to 257 candidates selected for posts in the Labour Department. The event is expected to witness the participation of senior health officials, newly appointed nursing staff and representatives from various departments. The government

described the recruitment drive as a major step towards strengthening healthcare services and improving staffing in hospitals and medical institutions across the state. Ahead of the programme, the Health Minister instructed Special Chief Secretary of Health Dr. Christina Z. Chongthu and senior department officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the smooth conduct of the event. He emphasized that selected candidates attending the programme should not face any inconvenience and directed officials to ensure proper seating, registration and coordination facilities. Officials said the recruitment of nursing officers would help address staff shortages in government healthcare institutions and improve patient care services. The programme is also being viewed as a recognition of the contribution made by nurses in strengthening the public healthcare system.

Damodar Reviews Medical Trial Run

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha directed senior Health Department officials to strengthen facilities at TIMS Hospital to ensure patients receive complete and advanced medical care. On Monday, the minister reviewed the ongoing trial run of healthcare services at the hospital during a meeting held at the Secretariat. Senior officials including Health Principal Secretary Christina Z. Chongthu, Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Sangeetha Satyanarayana, TGMSIDC Managing Director Gaurav Uppal, DME Narendra Kumar, TVVP Commissioner Ajay Kumar, and other officials attended the review meeting. Officials briefed the minister about the medical services currently functioning under the trial phase, along with challenges and infrastructure requirements. The minister reviewed arrangements related to outpatient registration, consultation rooms, waiting halls, diagnostics, radiology departments, inpatient wards, operation theatres, and intensive care units. Authorities informed him



that OP services are presently being provided across 22 departments. They also stated that operation theatres are fully prepared for surgeries and that advanced diagnostic equipment, including CT Scan, MRI, and digital X-ray machines, has been installed successfully. Trial testing of these systems is currently underway. Damodar Rajanarasimha reiterated his vision of developing TIMS Sanathnagar into a Centre of Excellence for Cardiac Care and Organ Transplantation. Officials informed him that Cath Lab installation work had been completed and was ready for trial operations. The minister also stressed the importance of efficient sanitation, security, patient dining facilities, and accommodation arrangements for attendants, including the establishment of a dedicated dhar-mashala within the hospital premises.



Kiran Reddy Criticizes Modi's Telangana Remarks

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy strongly criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his recent remarks made during the public meeting held at HICC in Hyderabad. Responding to the Prime Minister's comments, the MP stated that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had only appealed for cooperation from the Centre in resolving Telangana's pending issues and ensuring the state's future development.

Kiran Kumar Reddy said that during the last two and a half years, the Chief Minister had repeatedly met the Prime Minister and several Union Ministers, submitting representations seeking support for various projects and unresolved matters related to Telangana. He alleged that despite initially stating he would avoid political discussions during the meeting, the Prime Minister eventually turned the event into a political platform.

The MP stated that Revanth Reddy had requested the Cen-

tre to extend the same level of support to Telangana that was once provided for the development of Gujarat during the tenure of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. He termed Modi's comments on central assistance to the state as unreasonable and misleading.

Kiran Kumar Reddy further alleged that major national institutions were established in the country during Congress rule at the Centre, while accusing the BJP government of promoting political polarization instead of focusing on inclusive development. He claimed the Prime Minister's approach reflected an intention to weaken opposition parties across the country.

He emphasized that the Prime Minister represents all states equally and said the Centre has a constitutional responsibility to treat every state fairly within the federal structure. According to the MP, Telangana's request was only for cooperation and development, not political confrontation.

BJP Slams Revanth Reddy Over Modi Comparison

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

The BJP has strongly criticized Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for comparing Centre-State relations under former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh with those under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. BJP Telangana Chief Spokesperson and Media In-charge N.V. Subhash termed the remarks politically immature and misleading.

In a press statement issued on Monday, Subhash said Revanth Reddy either lacks a proper understanding of governance and fiscal administration or is deliberately attempting to misguide the public for political advantage. He rejected the Chief Minister's claim that the Congress-led UPA government was responsible for Gujarat's growth, asserting that the state became a national model due to Narendra Modi's leadership, transparent administration, industrial vision, and corruption-free governance.

Subhash remarked that comparing oneself with Prime Minister Modi reflects political overconfidence and self-promotion. He stated that while

Ponnam Defends Probe in Bandi Sanjay Son Case

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar stated that the state government is not acting with political bias in the case involving the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar. He said the matter should be investigated fairly and transparently without attempts to gain public sympathy by alleging conspiracy.

Ponnam Prabhakar questioned whether the allegations and reported interactions connected to the case were factual and said the Union Minister should cooperate with the investigation instead of politicizing the issue. He added that, as a Union Minister, Bandi Sanjay

Gujarat progressed through disciplined governance and long-term planning, Telangana under the Congress government is facing financial strain, unfulfilled promises, rising debt, and administrative inefficiency.

He clarified that Prime Minister Modi's recent call for Telangana to "work together with the Centre" was not political criticism but an appeal for co-operative federalism. According to him, states that maintain constructive relations with the Centre witness faster development.

The BJP leader urged the Telangana government to focus on governance rather than political comparisons. He advised the Congress administration to prioritize implementation of election promises, financial stability, infrastructure development, employment generation, and support for farmers.

Subhash further stated that the Centre remains committed to Telangana's development, but sustainable progress requires transparency, discipline, and a clear development roadmap rather than political slogans.

The minister assured that the Telangana government remains committed to protecting women and ensuring justice for victims. He stated that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had already directed the DGP to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the incident.

According to Ponnam, the inquiry is currently being handled by a woman officer of DCP rank and will continue without political interference. He emphasized that no accused person, regardless of influence or status, would be allowed to escape legal action if found guilty.

BJP Thanks Telangana for Massive Modi Rally

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao expressed gratitude to the people of Telangana, party workers, and media representatives for the grand success of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting held at Parade Grounds in Secunderabad.

Addressing a media conference, Ramchander Rao said lakhs of people attended the meeting voluntarily, reflecting the growing strength and popularity of the BJP in Telangana. He noted that the overwhelming turnout, despite it not being an election season, demonstrated the public's increasing faith in Prime Minister Modi's leadership and the BJP's vision for the state.

He credited the success of the event to the dedication of party cadres, coordinated efforts of leaders, and enthusiastic participation from the public. According to him, the huge crowds gathered both inside and outside the venue highlighted the strong support the BJP is receiving across Telangana.

The BJP leader said the participation of Swamijis, women from Banjara and Lambadi



communities, doctors, lawyers, nurses, youth, and professionals from different sectors turned the gathering into a people's movement. He added that every section of society is now looking toward the BJP with hope and confidence.

Ramchander Rao alleged that both the previous BRS government and the present Congress administration had failed to fulfill promises made to the people. He claimed that the Congress government had neglected the guarantees it announced before elections and accused it of following anti-people and anti-youth

policies. He stated that "Modi's Guarantee" stands for development, employment opportunities, and economic progress for Telangana. He also clarified that the ongoing voter list revision process is a routine exercise under the Election Commission aimed at removing duplicate and bogus entries without affecting genuine voters.

Concluding his remarks, Ramchander Rao thanked BJP workers and supporters once again, expressing confidence that the BJP would emerge as a strong political force in Telangana in the coming years.

Bandi Sanjay Backs Work-From-Home Initiative

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Monday urged the Telangana government to encourage work-from-home practices wherever possible in view of global economic concerns and rising fuel costs.

In a post on X, Bandi Sanjay appealed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu to hold discussions with IT companies and other industries regarding the suggestions recently made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said adopting remote working methods could help reduce fuel consumption and support efforts to conserve foreign exchange reserves.

The minister's remarks came after Prime Minister Modi, during a public meeting organized by the Telangana BJP on Sunday, called for careful use of fuel and other resources in light of the ongoing crisis in West Asia. Modi urged citizens to adopt measures such as reduced petrol and diesel usage, increased use of metro rail services, carpooling, electric vehicles and railway transport for parcel movement.



The Prime Minister also suggested postponing non-essential gold purchases and foreign travel for a year to help reduce pressure on foreign exchange reserves. He observed that the conflict in West Asia had significantly increased the prices of petrol and fertilizers, creating additional challenges for the country's economy despite efforts by the government to manage the situation.

Highlighting the importance of national responsibility during global crises, Modi said the country must prioritize economic stability and resource

conservation. He recalled how work-from-home systems, virtual meetings and video conferencing became common during the COVID-19 pandemic and stated that such practices should once again be encouraged wherever feasible.

Bandi Sanjay supported these recommendations and said Telangana could play an important role by promoting flexible working arrangements and encouraging sustainable transportation methods to reduce fuel dependency and support the national economy.

Eatala Hails Success of Modi's Telangana Meeting

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Eatala Rajender addressed a media conference at Gayatri Gardens in the Cantonment area following the successful completion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting in Telangana.

Thanking media representatives for their support over the past 10 days, Eatala Rajender said the meeting witnessed an overwhelming public response unlike anything seen before. He credited the success of the event to the coordinated efforts of BJP district presidents from Malkajgiri, Medchal, Secunderabad, and Rangareddy, along with party leaders, elected representatives, morcha members, apartment associations, and members of the North Indian community.

He stated that large crowds gathered both inside and outside the venue, with people from the Malkajgiri Parliamentary constituency forming a major portion of the attendees. According to him, the meeting reflected growing public support for the BJP in Telangana and indicated the party's strong prospects in future elections.

Eatala Rajender asserted



that the BJP remains the only party sincerely addressing public issues, including farmers' concerns, unemployment, and the state's financial challenges. He announced that constituency-level meetings for party workers would soon be organized.

Defending the Prime Minister's recent remarks on reducing fuel consumption and encouraging the use of indigenous products, he said

global conflicts had impacted fuel prices worldwide. He added that Modi's appeal was intended to promote economic stability and strengthen initiatives such as "Make in India." The MP also criticized opposition leaders for demanding Central funds while simultaneously targeting the Centre politically, and urged leaders across parties to exercise restraint and responsibility in public statements



Ponnam Targets BJP Over Telangana Issues

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Speaking at a media conference held at Gandhi Bhavan, Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP leaders over what he described as neglect toward Telangana's development needs.

Ponnam stated that the people of Telangana had expected the Prime Minister's visit to bring major benefits and development announcements for the state. He said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Congress leaders welcomed Modi respectfully and participated in official programmes, but were disappointed by the Prime Minister's remarks asking citizens to reduce the use of petrol, diesel, gold, and cooking oil.

The minister alleged that BJP leaders, including Amit Shah, J.P. Nadda, Bandi Sanjay

Kumar, and G. Kishan Reddy, repeatedly accused the previous BRS government of corruption in the Kaleshwaram project and demanded a CBI inquiry. He questioned why such an investigation had not yet been initiated if the Centre truly intended to act.

Ponnam further accused BJP leaders of failing to secure adequate funds and projects for Telangana, including support for the Regional Ring Road, Metro Rail expansion, temple development, and the Godavari Pushkarams. He also demanded the inclusion of Backward Classes in the national caste census.

The minister stated that the Telangana government would continue supporting impartial investigations in all cases and emphasized that no one would be protected from legal action due to political influence.



Complaint Filed Over Modi's Remarks

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

V. Hanumantha Rao lodged a complaint at the Amberpet Police Station against Prime Minister Narendra Modi over comments allegedly made during a recent public meeting in Hyderabad. Hanumantha Rao alleged that the Prime Minister's remarks describing the Congress party as a "party of Muslims" were provocative and could disturb communal harmony. He stated that such comments had the potential to create divisions within society and should not be encouraged in a democratic system. During his visit to the police station, Hanumantha Rao met Station House Officer Kiran Kumar

and submitted a formal complaint seeking legal action over the statements. He stressed that no individual, irrespective of position or status, should make remarks that could threaten peace and unity in the country. Several Congress leaders and party workers also expressed concern over the issue and called for a fair investigation. They stated that public representatives should act responsibly and uphold democratic and constitutional values while addressing citizens. Among those present were PCC Secretary Shambhula Srikanth Goud, corporator candidate Polineni Rammohan, and other Congress activists who extended support to the complaint.

PMJ Robbery Case Cracked

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Karimnagar police made significant progress in the high-profile robbery at PMJ Jewellers by detaining two suspects allegedly linked to the crime. The accused were reportedly apprehended in West Bengal while attempting to sell the stolen gold ornaments at a jewelry outlet. Following their detention, the duo was brought to Karimnagar late on Sunday for further investigation.

According to police officials, the suspects are part of an inter-state criminal network with members belonging to West Bengal, Bihar and Rajasthan. Investigators revealed that the gang members had reportedly met during previous jail terms and later formed a coordinated group involved in

robberies across several northern, northeastern and central states to avoid identification by local police.

The investigation further uncovered that six members of the gang had stayed in the region for nearly a month before carrying out the robbery. To avoid suspicion, they allegedly disguised themselves as mechanics and stayed at a lodge in Peddapalli on multiple occasions.

Police said the gang conducted detailed surveillance using public transport and strategically moved between Jagtial, Siddipet and Karimnagar. A white motorcycle used during the operation was reportedly parked at a paid parking facility for nearly 30 days to avoid attracting attention.

Telangana Forms New Women’s Commission with Key Appointments

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has announced new appointments to the Telangana State Women’s Commission, aimed at strengthening its role in protecting women’s rights and implementing welfare initiatives across the state.

Telangana State Women Commission has been reconstituted with Gadwal Vijayalakshmi appointed as its new Chairperson. Along with her, several prominent women have been inducted as members, reflecting representation from diverse social backgrounds, activism, and public service.

Among the notable appointments, Kasoju Shankaramma, mother of Telangana movement martyr Srikanthachari, has been included as a member. Her son’s sacrifice during the Telangana statehood movement remains widely remembered, and the appointment is being viewed as recognition of families associated with the movement.

Another significant inclusion is Chityala Swetha, granddaughter of Chakali Iamma, a



key figure in the Telangana armed peasant struggle. Iamma is remembered as a symbol of resistance and courage in the state’s historical movements.

In addition, Shashikala Yadav Reddy, Sadalakshmi, Radhabai, and Uzma Shakeera have also been appointed as members, ensuring broader representation of different communities.

Officials stated that the reconstituted Commission will focus on addressing issues

such as women’s safety, gender-based discrimination, harassment, and welfare scheme implementation. The body is expected to play an active role in ensuring justice and empowerment for women across Telangana.

The government also noted that these appointments reflect recognition of individuals connected to the Telangana movement and social reform history, while strengthening institutional support for women’s welfare in the state.

DLRL Announces Internship Opportunities for Engineering Students

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

The Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL), operating under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence, has invited applications for internship programmes for final-year B.E and B.Tech students for the academic year 2026-2027.

The internship is aimed at providing hands-on research

and technical exposure to engineering students in core defence technologies. Eligible candidates from Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and Mechanical Engineering streams can apply through their respective colleges with a referral or sponsorship letter.

As per the notification, the internship intake includes 40 vacancies for Electronics and Communication Engineering

and 25 vacancies each for Electronics and Communication Engineering (special category) and Mechanical Engineering.

Interested students must submit their applications in the prescribed format before May 15, 2026. Authorities have clarified that incomplete, incorrect, or illegible applications, as well as those received after the deadline, will not be considered under any circumstances.

The selection committee has also warned that any form of canvassing will lead to disqualification. No further correspondence will be entertained once applications are submitted.

Officials stated that the programme aims to nurture young engineering talent by offering exposure to advanced defence research and development activities at DLRL.

Crackdown on Unauthorized Constructions

Quthbullapur, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Officials from the Dundigal Circle have intensified action against unauthorized constructions being carried out without proper approvals. Special inspection drives were conducted under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Dr. S. Venkata Manikiran.

During the inspections, authorities identified and seized multiple illegal construction sites within the jurisdiction. These included a building under construction behind Tech Mahindra in Bahadurpally, a shed being constructed near Vishwa Sai Township in Dundigal, and ongoing construction activity at Shalom International School in

Bowrampet.

Town planning officials, including Assistant City Planner Srinivas and supporting staff, took part in the enforcement operation. Officials stated that the actions were taken as part of a drive to ensure compliance with building regulations and urban planning norms.

Authorities warned that strict and continuous monitoring will be maintained in the coming days, and similar action will be taken against any structures found violating construction rules. They also cautioned that legal proceedings will follow against those who proceed with unauthorized developments without obtaining mandatory permissions from the concerned departments.



CCTV Vigil Strengthened

Nacharam, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Under the directions of B. Sumathi, surveillance measures have been intensified across Mallapur and Nacharam areas under the limits of the Nacharam Police Station. Circle Inspector Dhanunjaya Goud stated that extensive CCTV monitoring is now being carried out to strengthen public safety and curb criminal activities in the region.

As part of the initiative, special signboards informing the public about CCTV surveillance have been installed at important locations. Police officials also repaired and restored several existing cameras to en-

sure uninterrupted monitoring throughout the area.

The CI said that movements in sensitive and crowded zones would be closely observed through the upgraded surveillance network. He warned that strict action would be taken against individuals involved in unlawful or suspicious activities.

The initiative is aimed at improving security, enhancing crime prevention measures, and creating a safer environment for residents. Sub-Inspector Maibeli and other police personnel actively participated in the surveillance drive and awareness campaign.

Tunga Balu Detained Ahead of Education Event

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Dr. Tunga Balu was placed under preventive house arrest by police before the “Education Week” programme scheduled at LB Stadium under the leadership of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Condemning the police action, Tunga Balu alleged that officers entered his residence without prior notice and confined him to his home. He questioned the government for conducting celebrations in the name of education while restricting student leaders from raising public issues.



The BRSV leader accused the state government of failing to fulfill several promises made to students and unemployed youth. He claimed that scholarships and fee reimbursement dues were still pending and alleged that financial assistance promised to students at differ-

ent educational levels had not been delivered.

Tunga Balu also criticized the government over the condition of Gurukula schools and alleged that government educational institutions were being neglected while corporate education was receiving great

er support. He further stated that unemployed youth were still waiting for job notifications and a proper job calendar. He described the celebrations as an unnecessary expenditure of public funds instead of focusing on student welfare and education reforms.

Hindu Ekta Yatra Set to Draw Massive Turnout

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

All preparations have been completed for the upcoming Hindu Ekta Yatra, which is scheduled to be held on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti on the 12th of this month in Karimnagar. The event is being organized under the leadership of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, with participation expected from saffron cadres and supporters across Telangana.

Residents of the Karimnagar Parliamentary constituency, including families from villages and towns, are expected to attend the rally in large num-

bers. Organizers say the Yatra has grown significantly since its inception 16 years ago, when it began as a small initiative aimed at promoting unity among Hindus. Over the years, participation has expanded into thousands of attendees.

As part of the outreach, party workers are visiting households, applying tilak, distributing pamphlets, and conducting door-to-door invitations. Extensive social media campaigns are also being carried out to mobilize participation.

The rally will begin at 4 PM from Vaishya Bhavan in Karimnagar and pass through key city landmarks including

Tower Circle, Gunj, Kaman, One Town, Venkateswara Temple, and Jayashankar Circle before concluding back at the starting point. Bandi Sanjay Kumar is expected to address the gathering at the beginning of the event.

Special arrangements have been made for transportation, drinking water, buttermilk, and refreshments due to the summer heat. Cultural performances, devotional displays, and artistic presentations are also planned, with performers and troupes arriving from different states to take part in the procession.

HCA Announces Open Trials for Telangana Premier League

Uppal, May 11 | TPN Bureau

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) has announced open trials for the upcoming Telangana Premier League (TPL), aiming to identify and promote cricketing talent from across the state.

HCA Secretary Manne Jeevan Reddy, Head of Operations Ambati Rayudu, and CEO Intiaz Ali addressed a press conference at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Uppal on Monday.

They stated that the TPL is being organized to provide a strong platform for young and talented cricketers in Telangana, with the goal of helping them progress to national and international levels. As part of the initiative, around 3,000 players will be shortlisted from across the state to participate

in the league scheduled for next month.

Officials informed that a panel of ten former cricketers has been appointed as selectors to ensure a fair and transparent selection process. They emphasized that the selection committee operates independently and has no political influence. Ambati Rayudu added that advanced Artificial Intelligence-based systems have also been introduced to assist in player evaluation. This technology, he said, will help ensure unbiased selection by focusing purely on performance and skill. The HCA stated that the initiative aims to strengthen grassroots cricket in Telangana and create opportunities for deserving players to showcase their talent on a larger platform.

Saritha Meets Minister Vakiti Srihari

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

K. Saritha Tirupati Yadav paid a courtesy visit to Telangana Minister Vakiti Srihari at the Ministers’ Quarters in Hyderabad on Monday.

Saritha recently assumed charge as Chairperson of the

Telangana Goat and Sheep Co-operative Development Corporation. During the meeting, Minister Vakiti Srihari congratulated her on the appointment and conveyed his best wishes for her tenure. He also honored her with a shawl and presented a floral bouquet.

CM Orders Probe Into Bhagirath Case

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has instructed State Director General of Police C. V. Anand immediately began an investigation into the case registered against Bandi Bhagirath at the Pet Basheerabad Police Station.

The Chief Minister sought an explanation from the DGP regarding the delay in initiating action, pointing out that the complaint had reportedly been received on May 8. Revanth Reddy expressed concern over the lack of progress in the matter and emphasized the need for a prompt and

transparent inquiry.

During the discussion, DGP CV Anand briefed the Chief Minister on the details surrounding the case and the status of the investigation. He informed the Chief Minister that police personnel across the city had been extensively engaged in security arrangements related to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Hyderabad.

Unsatisfied with the delay, the Chief Minister directed the police department to form special teams to conduct a detailed and comprehensive investigation into the case at the earliest.

Nagaraj Goud Meets Minister Vakiti Srihari

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

K. Nagaraj Goud paid a courtesy visit to Telangana Minister Vakiti Srihari at the Ministers’ Quarters in Hyderabad on

Monday.

The minister congratulated Nagaraj Goud on his recent appointment and honored him with a shawl and floral bouquet while extending his best wishes.

Jupally Demands Transparent Grain Procurement Process

Wanaparthy, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao has directed officials to ensure complete transparency in paddy procurement and warned against any form of harassment to farmers during the process. He reiterated that the government guarantees purchase of every grain produced by farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) without exception.

The minister held a high-level review meeting on paddy and maize procurement for the Yasangi season at Kalyana Sai Garden Function Hall in Wanaparthy district. The meeting

was attended by MLAs Thudi Megha Reddy and G. Madhusudan Reddy along with District Collector Adarsh Surabhi and other officials.

Jupally Krishna Rao instructed that all quality checks, weighing procedures, and receipt issuance must be completed at the procurement centers itself. He stressed that farmers should not be forced to visit rice mills repeatedly or face delays in receiving payments. He also made it clear that issues related to weight deductions (tarugu) and impurities (talu) must be settled at the procurement points only.

The minister warned rice millers that any attempt to im-

pose unfair deductions after procurement would invite strict action. He urged millers to cooperate with farmers and follow guidelines issued by the Food Corporation of India (FCI), which allow reasonable flexibility in grain quality norms.

Officials informed the minister that around 3 lakh metric tonnes of grain are expected this season, with 1.2 lakh metric tonnes already procured. A daily procurement target of 10,000 metric tonnes has been set, and dedicated officers have been assigned to monitor each mill to ensure smooth operations.

CBIT’s SPARK Initiative for Government Students

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

The Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) launched the “SPARK – Summer Program for Awareness, Resilience & Knowledge” at the Government Boys High School in Sultan Bazar, Koti, on Monday. Introduced under the Telangana government’s Samagra Shiksha programme, the initiative is aimed at supporting students from Classes VI to X through academic guidance and personality development activities during the summer vacation.

The programme has been designed to help students make productive use of their holidays by equipping them with important life skills, improving their academic foundations, and creating awareness about the safe and responsible



use of modern technology. Along with academic learning, the initiative also focuses on strengthening emotional resilience, communication abilities, and social awareness among students.

The inaugural event was attended by several education of-

ficials and CBIT representatives, including CBIT Principal Prof. C.V. Narasimhulu, Deputy Educational Officer of Nampally Zone Smt. Veera Laxmi, Government Boys High School Headmaster Sri Siva Ram Prasad, CBIT Vice-Principal (Academics) Prof. K. Krish-

naveni, and SPARK Chairman Prof. Srinivas Sarma.

Faculty members and student volunteers from CBIT are actively participating in the programme as mentors and trainers, guiding students through interactive learning sessions and skill-building activities. Around 80 participants, including teachers and students from government schools, attended the opening session with enthusiasm.

The SPARK programme will continue until June 3 and reflects CBIT’s commitment toward social responsibility and educational outreach. Through this initiative, the institution aims to bridge the gap between technical education and community development while encouraging students to become confident, informed, and responsible citizens prepared for future challenges.

Govt Focuses on Strengthening Public Education

Nalgonda, May 11 | TPN Bureau
Government Whip and Narekral MLA Vemula Veeresham stated on Monday that the State government was giving top priority to improving government schools and ensuring quality education for economically weaker sections. He inaugurated two newly constructed classrooms and a laboratory at the Zilla Parishad High School in Kattangur of Nalgonda district along with District Collector B. Chandrasekhar as part of the 'Education Week' celebrations being held from May 11 to 17. Speaking at the event, Veeresham said the Congress government was taking several measures to modernize public education and provide better opportunities for poor students. He said the

proposed Young India Integrated Residential Schools and Telangana Public Schools would transform the education sector and become examples for other states. He also announced that modern teaching facilities and learning equipment would be introduced in government schools to improve academic standards. Veeresham urged teachers to work towards changing the belief that private schools offer better education, stating that government teachers are equally qualified and capable. District Collector B. Chandrasekhar described education as a lifelong asset and highlighted that Nalgonda district secured a 98.47 percent pass rate in Class 10 examinations, earning tenth place statewide.

Congress Leaders Perform Palabhishekam

Uppal, May 11 | TPN Bureau
Congress leaders in Uppal carried out a symbolic palabhishekam on portraits of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at Uppal Junction on Monday, expressing gratitude for development works sanctioned in the constituency. Uppal constituency in-charge Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy stated that a "people's government" is functioning in Telangana under CM Revanth Reddy's leadership. He said several development initiatives have been taken up in the area, including the sanction of 37.10 crore for the modernization of Zilla Parishad High Schools in Uppal and Kushaiguda. As a mark of appreciation, Congress workers and leaders performed the ritual offering of milk on the Chief Minister's portraits at

two locations in Uppal. Parameshwar Reddy participated as the chief guest and addressed party workers during the event. He said that despite political criticism and misinformation, people would continue to support the Congress party and its leadership for development-oriented governance. He also urged residents to approach local Congress leaders for resolving civic and developmental issues in the constituency. Several party leaders, including former corporators, division presidents from Uppal, Ramanthapur, Chilukanagar, Habsiguda, and Nacharam, along with youth and block-level Congress leaders, participated in the programme. The event highlighted the party's focus on local development and grassroots engagement in the constituency.

BRSV Leaders Placed Under House Arrest

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau
Padala Satish and Rajesh Naik were placed under preventive house arrest ahead of the "Education Week" programme organized by the Telangana government on Monday. BRSV leaders alleged that the action was taken to prevent them from participating in protests and raising issues related to students and unemployed youth. They demanded the immediate withdrawal of G.O. No. 07 and release of the pending 10,000 crore fee reimbursement dues. The leaders also questioned the government over its promise of providing two lakh jobs

and asked when the job calendar and unemployment allowance would be implemented. They accused the government of organizing celebrations while failing to fulfill assurances made to youth during elections. BRSV representatives further stated that they would continue their agitation until justice is delivered in the case involving a minor girl and until all commitments made to students and unemployed youth are fulfilled. The leaders alleged that the government was attempting to suppress the voices of students and unemployed youth questioning official policies and recruitment delays.

Charan Kaushik Yadav Meets Minister Vakiti Srihari

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau
Dr. Charan Kaushik Yadav paid a courtesy visit to Telangana Minister Vakiti Srihari at the Ministers' Quarters in Hyderabad on Monday. Dr. Charan Kaushik Yadav was recently appointed as

Chairman of the Telangana Animal Development Corporation. During the meeting, Minister Vakiti Srihari congratulated him on his appointment, presented him with a floral bouquet, and honored him with a traditional shawl while conveying his best wishes.

SIT Probes POCSO Case, Investigation Intensified

Quthbullapur, May 11 | TPN Bureau
The investigation into a POCSO case registered at Pet Basheerabad Police Station, in which Bandi Bhagirath is named as an accused, has been intensified by police authorities. Kukatpally DCP Rithiraj, who is also serving as the SIT Inquiry Officer, visited the Pet Basheerabad Police Station and reviewed the progress of the case with senior officials. She held discussions with the Assistant Commissioner of Police and Station House Officer regarding the ongoing investigation. Speaking to the media, the DCP stated that the probe has been taken up on the instructions of higher authorities and is being carried out in a

structured and legal manner. She emphasized that strict action will be taken against anyone found involved in the case after due verification of evidence. Officials confirmed that the statement of the minor victim will be recorded shortly as part of the investigation process. The SIT is examining all aspects of the case in detail to ensure a comprehensive and impartial inquiry. Authorities reiterated that the investigation is being handled with utmost seriousness and that no individual, irrespective of position or influence, will be exempt from legal scrutiny if found guilty. The police assured that due process will be followed and necessary legal action will be initiated based on findings.

Ponnam Reviews Grain Procurement Arrangements

Husnabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau



Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar conducted a teleconference with officials from Siddipet, Karimnagar, and Hanamkonda districts to review grain procurement operations and ensure farmers do not face inconvenience at procurement centers in the Husnabad constituency. Additional Collectors, RDOs, Civil Supplies officials, Agriculture department staff, MROs, procurement center in-charges, and village-level procurement committees participated in the review meeting. The minister instructed officials to work in close coordination as large quantities of grain continue to arrive at procurement centers daily. Ponnam Prabhakar stressed that the procurement process should move quickly and warned that negligence causing hardship to farmers would invite disciplinary action. He directed officials to ensure adequate availability of gunny bags and tarpaulins to protect grain from unexpected evening

raints. He also clarified that the government would continue procuring grain even if it had been affected by recent showers. The minister instructed village-level five-member committees to closely monitor procurement activities and immediately report any issues to his office. He emphasized the need for constant vigilance at village, mandal, and district levels to avoid disruptions in procurement and transportation. Special attention was ordered for procurement centers

at Akkannapeta, Husnabad Town, Shanigaram, Koheda, and Baswapur, where grain arrivals are particularly heavy. He also directed officials to deploy additional weighing teams and ensure sufficient lorries, tractors, and laborers for smooth transport and handling operations. Ponnam announced that dedicated control rooms would monitor every procurement center and stated that daily review teleconferences would be held to track the situation continuously.

Two Brothers Die in Lake Drowning Incident

Medchal-Malkajgiri, May 11 | TPN Bureau

A tragic incident was reported on Monday after two brothers were found dead in Kowkur Lake under the jurisdiction of the Jawahar Nagar Police Station in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. According to police sources, nearby residents spotted two bodies floating in the lake and quickly informed the authorities. Police personnel immediately reached the location and retrieved the bodies from the water. Initial findings indicate

that the brothers may have drowned accidentally while swimming in the lake. The deceased were identified as Krishna, aged 35, and Mohan, aged 38. Investigators believe the duo had entered the lake for a swim before the mishap occurred. The bodies were shifted to a government hospital for post-mortem examinations to confirm the exact cause of death. Police have registered a case and initiated a detailed investigation into the incident. Officials said they are col-

lecting statements from family members and local residents while examining all possible circumstances surrounding the deaths. Authorities also advised citizens to remain careful while entering lakes and other water bodies, especially during the summer months when drowning incidents tend to rise. News of the tragedy spread quickly in the area, drawing a large number of residents near the lake and creating an atmosphere of shock and grief among locals.

Two Women Held With Ganja

Mahabubnagar, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Excise officials in Jadcherla arrested two women from West Bengal and seized 2.710 kilograms of dry ganja during a special inspection drive. Assistant Excise Superintendent Narasimha Reddy revealed the details during a press conference held at the Jadcherla Excise Station on Monday. According to officials, the operation was conducted near the new bus stand in Jadcherla under the supervision of Excise CI Viplav Reddy and SI Karthik

Reddy as part of a "route watch" program on Sunday night. Around 10 PM, officials noticed two women behaving suspiciously and conducted a search, during which ganja was found in their possession. The accused were identified as natives of Medinipur village in West Bengal. They were reportedly working as laborers at Hindustan Industries in Balanagar mandal. Officials stated that the women had recently travelled to their hometown to cast their votes in elections and allegedly purchased the ganja there for 30,000 before

bringing it back to Telangana. Investigators believe the accused planned to sell small packets of five grams each for 300 in areas including Polepally SEZ, Balanagar, Bhothpur, Mothighanapur, and nearby regions. Assistant Excise Superintendent Narasimha Reddy appreciated the efforts of SI Karthik Reddy and constables Suresh and Padma for successfully detecting the case. Excise officials, including CI Viplav Reddy and SI Nagaraju, were also present during the media briefing.



Integrated Market Nears Completion

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Agriculture and Marketing Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao announced that construction of the Koheda Integrated Market is progressing rapidly and has entered the final stage. The project is being developed as part of the state government's efforts to modernize the agricultural marketing system and improve facilities for farmers and traders. Following directions from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the minister conducted a review meeting with marketing department of-

ficials at the Secretariat to discuss the revised layout and development plans for the market. He stated that the design has been upgraded to better meet the requirements of farmers, traders, transport operators, and other stakeholders. According to the minister, the project will be completed in three phases, with the first phase targeted for completion before December 9 this year. The government is aiming to make the market fully operational from that date. Thummala said arrangements are being made for the smooth transfer of trading activities

currently taking place at Bata-singaram market to the new Koheda facility without disrupting farmers or traders. The integrated market will feature modern infrastructure including open auction platforms, truck docking areas, drying yards, wide internal roads, transportation facilities, and technology-based transparent transaction systems. He added that the project would help farmers secure better prices, reduce middlemen influence, and strengthen the state's agricultural economy through an efficient and transparent marketing system.



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Jaggareddy Distributes Bicycles to Students

Sangareddy, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Toorpu Jayaprakash Reddy distributed bicycles to 50 children in Sangareddy town on Monday as part of an initiative aimed at supporting students and encouraging mobility for education. Speaking on the occasion, Jaggareddy advised children to take extra care of their health during the ongoing summer season. He cautioned them against riding bicycles under extreme heat and urged parents to ensure that children remain hydrated and safe while outdoors. He stated that the bicycle distribution programme would continue in phases for children who had earlier registered their names at his office. Ac-

cording to him, nearly 320 bicycles have already been distributed under the initiative so far. Jaggareddy further announced that arrangements are being made to distribute another 600 bicycles in the coming days, benefiting more students across the constituency. The programme received a positive response from local residents and party workers. Several senior Congress leaders and local representatives attended the event, including George, Chidruppa Raghu Goud, Kona Santhosh, Kiran Goud, Mahesh Mudiraj, Srikanth Goud, Sudeep, and others. They appreciated the initiative and encouraged students to continue focusing on their education and personal well-being.

Prime Accused in Tanuja Murder Case Arrested

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad police have made major progress in the murder and robbery case involving Tanuja, wife of retired IPS officer Vinay Ranjan Ray. The prime accused, identified as Kalpana, has reportedly been taken into custody in Pune and is being brought to Hyderabad for further investigation. Police teams probing the case had earlier arrested two suspects. During questioning, investigators gathered information about Kalpana's location in Maharashtra. Based on these leads, special teams were sent to Pune, where they successfully traced and apprehended her. Investigators have also uncovered shocking details related to the crime. According to

police findings, the robbery was allegedly planned and executed by the "Sahu Gang," believed to have links to Nepal. Officials suspect that the conspiracy was coordinated from inside a jail in Delhi. During interrogation, the accused reportedly revealed that several individuals from Nepal, Mumbai, and Patna were recruited to assist Kalpana in carrying out the operation. Police also learned that gold ornaments stolen during the robbery were allegedly hidden in Mumbai with the help of gang associates. Authorities are continuing their investigation to identify all those involved in the crime and recover the remaining stolen property. Further details are expected to emerge as the interrogation progresses.

Four Injured in ORR Car Crash

Hyderabad, May 11 | TPN Bureau

Four people sustained severe injuries after a speeding car lost control and crashed along the Outer Ring Road service road under the jurisdiction of the Narsingi Police Station. According to police officials, the accident occurred while the vehicle was travelling from Kokapet towards Vattinaglapalli. The driver reportedly lost control of the car due to high speed, causing it to ram into a road divider before veering off the road.

Upon receiving information about the mishap, Narsingi police personnel immediately reached the accident site and shifted the injured victims to a nearby hospital for treatment. Their condition is said to be serious. Police registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and launched an investigation into the incident. Authorities are examining the exact circumstances that led to the accident and whether negligence or overspeeding played a role in the crash.



Bengal Reclaims Itself

By Hardeep Singh Puri

Howrah was once called the Sheffield of Asia. The jute mills along the Hooghly formed the largest concentration of organised industry in the subcontinent. Kolkata stood as India's commercial capital, housing major business houses like the Birlas and the Tatas, along with companies such as ITC, Britannia, Coal India, and Hindustan Motors. In 1950-51, Bengal accounted for nearly 27 per cent of India's manufacturing output. I knew that Calcutta, a city where industry thrived, opportunities were abundant, and commerce defined everyday life.

What took decades to build gradually declined over time. The Left Front, which came to power in 1977

and governed for more than three decades, presided over a system where political influence became deeply embedded in economic activity. Industrial growth slowed, investments reduced, and businesses began to move away. By the 2000s, even attempts to revive industrialisation, such as the Tata Motors project in Singur, faced resistance, eventually leading to the project shifting to Gujarat in 2008.

The Trinamool Congress assumed power in 2011 with the promise of change. However, Bengal's share in national manufacturing has since fallen below 5 per cent, and its per capita income has declined compared to the national average. Thousands of companies shifted their base out of Kolkata, while the state's youth increasing-

ly migrated to cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Pune in search of better opportunities. The economic slowdown became a key concern for citizens.

Governance issues also became a major point of debate. Incidents such as the 2024 RG Kar Medical College case, which led to widespread protests and a High Court-monitored CBI investigation, raised serious concerns about law and order and women's safety. Similarly, the unrest in Sandeshkhali highlighted public grievances and drew national attention. These developments reflected a growing reliance on courts and central agencies for justice.

Allegations of corruption further impacted public perception. Investigations resulted in the arrest

of senior leaders, including former minister Partha Chatterjee, in connection with recruitment irregularities. In April 2024, the Calcutta High Court cancelled over 25,000 appointments linked to an illegal recruitment process, a decision later upheld. Additional probes into ration distribution and other sectors added to concerns about governance and transparency.

At the same time, central welfare initiatives expanded significantly. Programmes such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, and Ayushman Bharat reached millions across the country. Direct Benefit Transfer mechanisms improved delivery and reduced leakages. These initiatives became a key part of political mes-

saging and outreach during elections.

The 2026 Assembly elections marked a turning point. The Bharatiya Janata Party secured 206 out of 293 declared seats, indicating a major political shift in the state. A high voter turnout of over 92 per cent reflected strong public participation. The verdict was seen as a demand for change, stability, and accountability in governance.

Bengal has now chosen a new direction. The expectations of the people are clear—peace, economic revival, job creation, and transparent governance. The state, which once played a leading role in India's industrial and intellectual development, stands at a moment of renewal. With the right policies and leadership, Bengal has the po-

tential to regain its position and contribute significantly to the vision of a developed India by 2047.



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Security, Ethics, and the Cost of Experimentation

Selective Spotlight on How Global Media Frames India's Border Debate

India's evolving border management strategies have come under an unusual international spotlight following reports that authorities are considering the use of crocodiles and snakes as natural deterrents along vulnerable stretches of the India-Bangladesh border. Spanning over 4,096 kilometres, this border is among the longest and most complex in the region, cutting across riverine, marshy, and densely populated areas that pose persistent challenges to surveillance and enforcement.

The idea, reportedly under consideration by the Border Security Force, is aimed at addressing security gaps in difficult terrains where conventional fencing and monitoring systems often fall short. However, what is striking is not merely the proposal itself, but the way it has been selectively amplified in sections of international media.

Publications such as Al Jazeera and Al Arabiya English have prominently highlighted the issue, framing it as a controversial and ethically questionable strategy. As reported by Al Jazeera, human rights activist Harsh Mander criticised the move, arguing that it risks dehumanising already vulnerable border communities. The report quoted him as warning that such approaches could deepen hardships rather than address the structural causes of migration.

Similarly, Al Jazeera cited Rathin Barman, Chief of Strategy and Liaison at the Wildlife Trust of India, who raised ecological concerns. He cautioned that using wildlife in this manner could disrupt fragile eco-



systems and create unpredictable risks for both humans and animals.

Adding to this narrative, Al Arabiya English noted that the proposal has triggered alarm among environmentalists and rights groups, underscoring fears that such measures may blur the line between innovation and recklessness. Other platforms, including The Diplomat and The Quint, have also

touched upon the issue, though often echoing similar concerns without deeper engagement with on-ground realities.

Yet, this raises a critical question: why has this angle found prominence largely in international, particularly West Asian, media narratives, while many Indian publications have not examined it with the same intensity or framing? The selective spot-

light suggests not just an editorial choice, but a pattern in how stories about India are sometimes curated for global audiences.

A closer look at the timing of these reports adds another layer to the debate. Several of these articles and commentaries were published between April 7 and April 30, coinciding with the general election phase held from April 23 to April 29,

2026. This overlap invites scrutiny. When sensitive border issues are highlighted during an active electoral cycle, particularly with narratives that emphasise fear, vulnerability, or policy ambiguity, it inevitably raises questions about potential influence on voter perception, especially among border communities, including Muslim populations and other marginal groups whose lives are

directly shaped by such policies. The editorial stance taken by North East Coast, a regional publication that examined the issue more contextually, offers a contrasting perspective. It questioned whether such proposals reflect genuine policy direction or are being overstated without adequate verification. According to its view, relying on wildlife as a defence mechanism points to gaps in

sustainable planning, but it also cautioned against sensationalising exploratory ideas into definitive policy narratives.

Beyond electoral implications, there is also concern about the possible impact on institutional morale. Repeated portrayals that frame border management strategies as erratic or extreme, without acknowledging operational complexities, can risk undermining public confidence in forces like the Border Security Force. For personnel operating in challenging conditions, such narratives may inadvertently affect morale by projecting their efforts in a distorted light.

Border management along the India-Bangladesh frontier is undeniably complex. Issues of undocumented migration, smuggling, and human trafficking require constant adaptation in strategy. While unconventional ideas may surface during internal deliberations, not all proposals translate into policy. The risk arises when preliminary discussions are projected as imminent actions, shaping perceptions without full context.

Ultimately, the debate is not merely about crocodiles or snakes. It is about how narratives are constructed, when they are amplified, and to what effect. In an interconnected media landscape, responsible journalism must balance critique with context, ensuring that reporting informs rather than influences, and scrutinises without selectively framing realities.

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Centre to Launch ‘Viksit Bharat–G-RAM’ Scheme from July 1
125 Days of Guaranteed Employment for Rural Families



In a major reform aimed at transforming rural India, the Government of India has announced the nationwide implementation of the “Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Grameen)” or “Viksit Bharat–G-RAM Act, 2025” from July 1, 2026. The Ministry of Rural Development issued an official notification in this regard on May 11.

With the implementation of the new law, the existing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005, will cease to operate. The Centre described the move as a historic step aligned with the vision of “Viksit Bharat @2047,” aimed at creating self-reliant, future-ready and economically stronger villages across the country.

Under the new legislation, every rural household with adult members willing to undertake manual work will be guaranteed 125 days of wage employment in a financial year. The government believes the enhanced employment guarantee will strengthen rural livelihoods, increase household incomes and promote sustainable development at the village level.

The Act also mandates timely employment for workers seeking jobs. If work is not provided within the stipulated time, unemployment allowance will be paid as per the provisions of the law. The Centre has placed special emphasis on transparency and timely wage payments under the scheme.

Wages will be directly transferred to workers’ bank

or post office accounts through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system. Payments must be made weekly or within 15 days of the closure of the muster roll. In case of delays, workers will be entitled to compensation under the Act.

For effective implementation of the programme, the Union Government has allocated a record 95,692.31 crore for the 2026–27 financial year, the highest-ever budget estimate for a rural employment scheme. Including the states’ contribution, the total expenditure under the programme is expected to exceed 1.51 lakh crore.

The Centre clarified that all ongoing MGNREGA works will continue uninterrupted until June 30, 2026, and will be smoothly transitioned into the new system. Existing job cards will remain valid under the new scheme until fresh Rural Rozgar Guarantee Cards are issued. Workers without job cards can register at the Gram Panchayat level.

The government stated that the Viksit Bharat–G-RAM Act would serve as a major milestone in strengthening rural employment, infrastructure, self-reliance and grassroots development across India.

PM Modi Visits Somnath Temple, Marks 75
Years of Rebuilt Shrine’s Historic Legacy



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the sacred Somnath Temple on Sunday and described the occasion as a deeply spiritual and emotional moment as the country celebrated 75 years since the rebuilt temple was opened to devotees.

Expressing his devotion and gratitude, the Prime Minister said he felt blessed to be present at Somnath during the landmark anniversary celebrations. He noted that the atmosphere surrounding the temple was filled with extraordinary spiritual energy and enthusiasm from devotees who had gathered in large numbers to participate in the commemorative events.

Shri Modi said the experience reminded him of the historic moment when India’s first President, Rajendra Prasad inaugurated the reconstructed Somnath Temple in 1951. According to the Prime Minister, the same sense of national pride, faith, and cultural resurgence could still be felt today at the temple premises.

Describing the ongoing “Somnath Amrut Mahotsav” celebrations as spiritually up-

lifting, the Prime Minister observed that devotion and reverence could be witnessed in every corner of the temple town. He said the celebrations were not merely a religious occasion but also a reflection of Bharat’s enduring civilisational spirit and cultural continuity.

The Prime Minister emphasised that the completion of 75 years since the reopening of the rebuilt temple represents a significant milestone in India’s historical and spiritual jour-

ney. He also praised the collective participation of devotees and citizens from across the country who joined the celebrations with immense faith and enthusiasm.

Sharing his thoughts on social media platform X, Shri Modi posted, “Jai Somnath! Feeling blessed to be here, when we are marking 75 years since the rebuilt Temple opened its doors for devotees.”The Somnath Temple holds immense religious and historical significance in

India. Revered as one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva, the temple has long symbolised resilience and cultural pride. Its reconstruction after Independence became a powerful symbol of national restoration and spiritual heritage. The grand 75th anniversary celebrations at Somnath have drawn devotees, spiritual leaders, and dignitaries from different parts of the country, turning the occasion into a major cultural and religious event.

Rahul Gandhi Targets PM Modi Over ‘WFH,
Metro’ Advice Amid West Asia Crisis

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Monday sharply criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his recent appeal urging citizens to adopt austerity measures amid the ongoing West Asia crisis, calling the remarks “proof of failure” of the government’s policies.

The criticism came after the Prime Minister advised people to reduce fuel consumption, prefer metro travel and carpooling, postpone foreign trips, avoid unnecessary gold purchases and adopt work-from-home practices wherever possible to help the country deal with rising global uncertainty and energy concerns.

Reacting strongly, Rahul Gandhi alleged that the Centre was shifting the burden of economic difficulties onto ordinary citizens instead of tak-



ing responsibility for governance failures. In a post on X, the Congress leader said the Prime Minister’s suggestions were not merely words of advice but evidence of the government’s inability to effectively manage the situation.

Gandhi further argued that after more than a decade in power, the government had reached a stage where it was telling citizens what to buy, where to travel and how to

live, rather than presenting concrete solutions to economic and geopolitical challenges.

Prime Minister Modi had made the remarks during a public address in Hyderabad, where he called for collective efforts to conserve fuel and foreign exchange amid disruptions caused by tensions in West Asia and fears of a global energy crisis. Among the measures suggested were

greater use of metro rail services, electric vehicles, online meetings, rail transport for goods movement and reduced dependence on imported products.

The BJP strongly countered Rahul Gandhi’s criticism, accusing the Congress of politicising an issue linked to national interest. BJP leaders stated that the Prime Minister had merely appealed for responsible public participation during difficult global conditions and emphasised that similar appeals had been made by governments in the past during international crises.

The exchange between the ruling BJP and the Congress has intensified political debate over the Centre’s handling of the economic impact arising from the continuing tensions in West Asia.

Tamil Nadu CM Vijay Meets Stalin Day After Taking Oath



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Monday met his predecessor and DMK president M. K. Stalin at the latter’s residence in Chennai, a day after being sworn in as the new Chief Minister of the state.

The meeting, described by sources as a “courtesy call,” marked Vijay’s first interaction with Stalin after the Assembly election results and the formation of the new government. Stalin, along with DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin, welcomed the newly elected Chief Minister at the Alwarpet residence.

The interaction comes after a

fiercely contested Assembly election in which Vijay’s Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) defeated the DMK-led alliance, ending the party’s tenure in power and reshaping Tamil Nadu’s political landscape. Vijay, who took oath as Chief Minister on Sunday, became the first leader in decades outside the traditional DMK-AIADMK political structure to assume the top post in the state.

Following the meeting, Stalin stated on social media that Vijay had met him with “political courtesy” and received his greetings. He said he conveyed

his congratulations and also shared his advice for the new administration.

The meeting gained significance as it came just a day after political exchanges between the two leaders over the state’s financial condition. During his inaugural speech as Chief Minister, Vijay had alleged that the previous government left behind a debt burden and an empty treasury. Stalin responded by defending the DMK government’s fiscal management and asserting that Tamil Nadu’s debt levels remained within permissible limits.

Apart from meeting Stalin, Vijay also continued his political outreach ahead of the crucial floor test scheduled in the Assembly. The newly formed TVK government is expected to seek a vote of confidence in the coming days.

Meanwhile, members of the new Assembly, including ministers and senior leaders from various parties, took oath at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under the supervision of the Pro-Tem Speaker.

Bhagwant Mann’s Cousin Joins BJP,
Deals Fresh Blow to AAP in Punjab

In a significant political setback for the Aam Aadmi Party in Punjab, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann’s cousin, Gyan Singh Mann, joined the Bharatiya Janata Party on Monday.

The development comes at a politically sensitive time for the ruling AAP government in Punjab, which has been facing mounting pressure following recent defections and political controversies in the state. Gyan Singh Mann formally joined the BJP during an event attended by senior party leaders, including Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar.

BJP leaders described the move as a major political boost for the party ahead of upcoming electoral battles in Punjab. They claimed the development reflected growing dissatisfaction within the AAP leadership and its support base in the state.

The defection has added to the challenges faced by the Bhagwant Mann government in recent weeks. The AAP has

already been dealing with internal unrest, political confrontations with the BJP and allegations regarding pressure tactics by central agencies against opposition leaders.

Political observers view Gyan Singh Mann’s entry into the BJP as symbolically important because of his close family connection to the Punjab Chief Minister. The BJP is expected to use the development to strengthen its argument that dissatisfaction is increasing within AAP ranks in Punjab.

Meanwhile, the Aam Aadmi Party has not issued a detailed response to the defection. However, party leaders have repeatedly accused the BJP of attempting to weaken opposition-ruled states through political pressure and inducements.

The latest political development has intensified speculation over the changing political dynamics in Punjab, especially as both the BJP and AAP prepare for future electoral contests in the state.



VD Satheesan Firm on Kerala CM Post,
Congress Faces Leadership Deadlock



The Congress leadership is facing a major challenge in deciding the next Chief Minister of Kerala as senior leader V. D. Satheesan has reportedly made it clear that he is willing to accept “nothing less than the Chief Minister’s post.”

According to party sources, Satheesan has adopted a firm stand amid intense discussions within the Congress high command over leadership in Kerala following the United Democratic Front’s decisive electoral victory. The party leadership is reportedly exploring different power-sharing options, including the possibility of senior Congress leader K. C. Venugopal becoming Chief Minister while Satheesan is offered a key role in the government. However,

Satheesan is said to be unwilling to settle for a secondary position.

The ongoing leadership tussle has created discomfort within the Congress, with the high command trying to avoid internal divisions similar to those witnessed in other states. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is reportedly monitoring the developments closely and is expected to hold consultations with senior Kerala leaders to resolve the impasse.

While K. C. Venugopal is believed to enjoy the support of several Congress MLAs and sections of the party leadership, Satheesan is said to have strong backing among grassroots workers and alliance partners, including sections

of the United Democratic Front. Public demonstrations and campaigns by his supporters have further intensified pressure on the party leadership.

Meanwhile, senior Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala is also being discussed for a significant constitutional or organisational role in the new political setup. Despite the UDF securing a comfortable majority in the Kerala Assembly elections, the Congress high command has so far delayed announcing the Chief Ministerial candidate. The uncertainty has fuelled political speculation and internal lobbying within the party, with leaders and supporters eagerly awaiting a final decision from the Congress leadership.

Women’s Panel Finds
Harassment, Abuse in
TCS Nashik Case

A fact-finding report by the Maharashtra State Commission for Women has revealed serious allegations of harassment, molestation and abuse involving women employees at a Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) facility in Nashik, triggering widespread concern over workplace safety and corporate accountability.

According to the commission’s findings, several women employees alleged that they faced repeated harassment, inappropriate behaviour and mental abuse within the workplace. The panel reportedly identified lapses in the company’s internal grievance redressal mechanisms and raised concerns over the handling of complaints made by affected employees.

The inquiry was initiated after allegations surfaced regarding misconduct and harassment at the Nashik office of Tata Consultancy Services. The women’s panel interacted with employees, examined statements and reviewed the company’s response procedures before preparing its report.

The commission observed that some women employees allegedly faced intimidation and emotional distress after raising complaints. It also pointed to shortcomings in ensuring a safe and supportive

work environment for female staff members.

The findings have intensified scrutiny over workplace safety practices in major corporate organisations, especially in the IT sector, where companies are expected to maintain strong internal complaint mechanisms under laws related to prevention of sexual harassment at workplaces.

The women’s commission has reportedly recommended stricter monitoring, stronger safeguards for employees and improved implementation of internal complaint committee procedures. It also emphasised the need for timely action and protection for complainants.

Meanwhile, Tata Consultancy Services has stated that it follows a zero-tolerance policy towards harassment and misconduct and remains committed to maintaining a safe and inclusive workplace environment. The company is understood to be cooperating with the authorities in the matter.

The incident has sparked broader debate on workplace ethics, employee protection and the effectiveness of corporate mechanisms designed to address harassment complaints in India’s growing technology sector.

Iran Rejects Oil Leak Allegations After Satellite Images Spark Concerns Near Kharg Island

Iran has dismissed reports of an oil leak near its strategically important Kharg Island oil terminal after satellite images appeared to show a large slick spreading across waters in the Persian Gulf. The development comes at a time of heightened regional tensions involving Iran, the United States, and Israel.

Satellite images captured earlier this month revealed a dark patch extending across nearly 45 square kilometres west of Kharg Island, Iran's main crude oil export hub. Environmental observers and maritime experts suggested that the formation closely resembled an oil spill, although the exact source has not been officially identified.

Kharg Island is considered the backbone of Iran's oil exports, handling nearly 90 per-

cent of the country's crude shipments. The island hosts major storage tanks, export terminals, and pipeline infrastructure that are vital to Iran's economy and international oil trade.

Despite growing speculation, Iranian authorities strongly denied that any leak had originated from the island's facilities. Officials from the Iranian Oil Terminals Company stated that operations at Kharg Island were functioning normally and that no technical failures or damage had been reported. Some Iranian representatives suggested the slick could instead have been caused by ballast water or waste discharged by a passing foreign tanker.

The incident has nevertheless raised fresh concerns about the condition of Iran's oil infrastructure. Years of sanctions, regional conflict, and pressure on energy exports have reportedly strained maintenance operations and increased risks associated with aging pipelines and overloaded facilities. Experts warn that such conditions can make oil terminals more vulnerable to leaks, accidents, and environmental hazards.

The reports also emerge amid continuing instability in the Gulf region. Since tensions escalated earlier this year, important maritime routes near the Strait of Hormuz have witnessed military activity, naval confrontations, and disruptions to global oil transportation. Kharg Island itself has previously faced security threats and military

attacks because of its strategic role in Iran's energy network.

Environmental groups monitoring the suspected spill warned that, if confirmed as crude oil, the slick could pose a serious threat to marine ecosystems and coastal communities in the Gulf. Specialists tracking satellite data indicated that the dark patch appeared to be drifting southward, increasing fears that the contamination could spread further if containment measures are delayed.

While investigations continue, the incident has once again highlighted the fragile balance between geopolitical conflict, global energy security, and environmental safety in one of the world's most sensitive oil-producing regions.



Iran Proposes Transferring Part Of Uranium Stockpile To Third Country In Fresh Offer To US



Iran has reportedly proposed transferring part of its highly enriched uranium stockpile to a third country as part of renewed negotiations with the United States aimed at reducing tensions and reviving diplomatic engagement over its nuclear programme.

According to reports, Tehran suggested that a portion of its enriched uranium could be diluted while the remaining stockpile would be moved to another country under international monitoring. However, Iran is believed to have demanded guarantees that the material would be returned if negotiations fail or if the United States withdraws from a future agreement.

The uranium issue remains one of the most sensitive aspects of ongoing talks between Washington and Tehran. The United States has continued to push for tighter restrictions on Iran's nuclear activities, including limits on uranium enrichment and stricter international oversight. Iran, however,

has repeatedly stated that its nuclear programme is intended for peaceful purposes and has refused to dismantle its core nuclear infrastructure.

Reports also suggest that Iran may be open to temporarily suspending uranium enrichment, although only for a limited period. Tehran is said to have linked any concessions to broader demands, including the removal of economic sanctions, restoration of trade access, and easing restrictions on its oil exports.

The proposal comes amid heightened instability in the Middle East following months of military confrontation involving Iran, the United States, and Israel. Regional tensions have particularly affected the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global oil shipping route that has witnessed increased naval activity and threats of disruption.

US President Donald Trump has reportedly rejected several parts of Iran's latest response, describing some proposals as

unacceptable. Washington continues to insist that Iran must significantly reduce its enriched uranium reserves to prevent any possible pathway toward developing nuclear weapons capability.

Iran had earlier denied reports suggesting it was willing to transfer its uranium stockpile abroad, making the latest proposal a major diplomatic shift. Analysts believe the move may indicate Tehran's attempt to strike a balance between easing international pressure and preserving its nuclear capabilities and national sovereignty.

Diplomatic observers say the negotiations remain fragile, with deep mistrust continuing to dominate relations between the two countries. However, the latest proposal has raised hopes that both sides may still be searching for a compromise that could prevent further escalation in the region and reopen the path toward a broader nuclear agreement.

Trump To Visit China After Accepting Xi Jinping's Invitation



US President Donald Trump is set to visit China from May 13 to 15 after accepting an invitation from Chinese President Xi Jinping, marking a major diplomatic engagement between the world's two largest economies amid growing global tensions.

Beijing officially confirmed the visit, stating that discussions between Trump and Xi will focus on major geopolitical and economic issues, including trade disputes, Taiwan, and the ongoing Iran crisis. The trip will be Trump's first visit to China in nearly nine years and his second official visit overall since his 2017 visit during his first presidential term.

The summit had reportedly been expected earlier this year but was delayed as Washington concentrated on escalating

tensions in the Middle East and the conflict involving Iran. Analysts believe the meeting could play a key role in stabilizing strained US-China relations, which have faced repeated challenges over trade wars, technology restrictions, and disputes in the Indo-Pacific region.

Trade is expected to dominate discussions between the two leaders. The United States is reportedly seeking increased Chinese purchases of American agricultural products, aircraft, and industrial goods. China, meanwhile, is pushing for relief from US restrictions on advanced semiconductor exports and technology access. Rare earth minerals, which are critical for global electronics and defense industries, are also expected to feature prominently in the talks.

Taiwan is likely to remain one of the most sensitive issues during the summit. Beijing has repeatedly urged Washington to reduce military and political support for Taiwan, while the United States continues to emphasize its commitment to regional stability and security in the Indo-Pacific. Recent statements from American officials suggest both sides recognize the importance of preventing any escalation that could destabilize the region.

The ongoing Iran conflict is also expected to influence the discussions. Washington has reportedly encouraged China, one of Iran's largest oil buyers, to help maintain stability in the Strait of Hormuz and ensure uninterrupted global energy supplies. China, on the

other hand, is expected to seek stronger assurances regarding energy security and protection of international trade routes. Reports indicate that Trump may travel with a smaller group of business leaders compared to his 2017 China visit, reflecting modest expectations for major breakthroughs. However, several senior executives from leading American companies are still expected to accompany the delegation in hopes of securing trade and investment opportunities.

Diplomatic observers believe the summit could serve as an important opportunity for both countries to reopen communication channels and manage growing strategic competition at a time of heightened international uncertainty.

Nobel Laureate Narges Mohammadi Recalls Abuse Inside Iranian Prisons

Iranian Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi has spoken publicly about the abuse, intimidation, and harsh treatment she says women prisoners face inside Iranian jails, offering a disturbing account of life behind bars under the country's security system.

Mohammadi, one of Iran's most prominent human rights activists, described years of physical and psychological pressure while imprisoned for campaigning against compulsory hijab laws, capital punishment, and restrictions on civil liberties. In a recent interview, she alleged that female detainees were routinely subjected to solitary confinement, interrogations, threats, and denial of medical treatment.

The activist said women prisoners were often punished for protesting prison conditions or expressing political views. She claimed authorities used isolation and humiliation as tools to silence dissent and create fear among inmates. According to Mohammadi, many prisoners suffered serious mental and

physical health problems because of prolonged confinement and lack of proper care.

Mohammadi also spoke about the treatment of women arrested during the "Women, Life, Freedom" protests that erupted across Iran after the death of Mahsa Amini in police custody in 2022. She alleged that several detainees reported harassment, violence, and forced confessions during interrogation. The activist said young women and students were among those most heavily targeted during the crackdown.

Despite repeated arrests and prison sentences, Mohammadi said she remained committed to speaking out against human rights abuses in Iran. She argued that fear of imprisonment no longer prevents many Iranian women from demanding greater freedoms and equality. According to her, the protest movement created a new generation of women determined to challenge restrictions imposed by the state.

Mohammadi was awarded the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize for her fight against oppression



of women in Iran and her broader campaign for human rights and freedom. At the time, the Nobel Committee praised her "struggle against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all."

Iranian authorities, however, have repeatedly accused Mohammadi and other activists of spreading propaganda against the state and cooperating with hostile foreign groups. Tehran maintains that its legal and judicial sys-

Passenger Tests Positive For Hantavirus After Evacuation Flight, Another Shows Symptoms

Health authorities are investigating a possible hantavirus exposure after one passenger on an evacuation flight tested positive for the infection while another reportedly developed symptoms during the journey home, raising concerns about potential transmission risks among travellers.

The incident involved passengers evacuated from an overseas region affected by worsening public health conditions. Officials confirmed that one traveller later tested positive for hantavirus, a rare but potentially serious disease typically spread through exposure to infected rodents or their droppings. Another passenger on the same flight reportedly began showing symptoms associated with the virus during transit, prompting medical monitoring and contact tracing efforts.

Health experts stated that hantavirus is not generally known to spread easily between humans, unlike respiratory viruses such as COVID-19 or influenza. Most infections occur when individuals inhale particles contaminated by rodent urine, saliva, or feces. However, authorities are taking precautions because some strains of the virus have shown limited human-to-human transmission in rare circumstances.

Symptoms of hantavirus infection can initially resemble flu-like illness, including fever, fatigue, muscle aches, headaches, and nausea. In severe cases, the disease can progress rapidly and affect the lungs, leading to breathing difficulties and potentially life-threatening complications known as Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS).

Medical teams are now monitoring passengers and crew members who may have been exposed during the evacuation process. Public health agencies said close contacts have been informed and advised to watch for symptoms over the coming weeks. Officials also stressed that the overall risk to the general public remains low. The incident has renewed attention on the challenges of handling infectious disease risks during emergency evacuations and international travel. Experts noted that crowded transportation settings can complicate

screening and containment efforts, particularly when passengers may have been exposed to unfamiliar diseases in remote or crisis-hit regions.

Authorities have not yet disclosed the exact origin of the evacuation flight or whether additional suspected cases have been identified. Investigations are ongoing to determine how the infected passenger may have contracted the virus and whether any environmental exposure occurred before boarding. Health officials continue to advise travellers to avoid contact with rodents and contaminated environments, especially in rural or poorly sanitized areas.

They also emphasized the importance of early medical attention if symptoms such as fever, breathing difficulty, or severe fatigue develop after possible exposure.

The case has sparked renewed global concern over emerging infectious diseases and the importance of rapid detection, surveillance, and international cooperation in responding to potential outbreaks.

Urban Company Shares Fall 10% After Weak Q4 Results, InstaHelp Investments Weigh On Earnings

Urban Company shares plunged nearly 10 percent after the company reported weaker-than-expected fourth-quarter results, with rising investments in its quick-service platform InstaHelp putting pressure on profitability.

The sharp decline came as investors reacted negatively to higher operational expenses and slowing margin growth despite steady revenue expansion. Analysts said aggressive spending on InstaHelp, the company's rapid home-services platform, significantly impacted earnings during the quarter.

Urban Company reported growth in overall revenue driven by strong demand for beauty, home repair, and cleaning services across major cities. However, increased marketing expenses, technology investments, and expansion costs linked to InstaHelp reduced profitability and raised concerns about near-term financial performance.

Management stated that the company remains focused on long-term growth and customer acquisition, especially in the fast-growing quick-service segment. InstaHelp aims to provide faster home-service delivery for categories such as appliance repair, plumbing, and electrical work, competing in the rapidly expanding on-demand services market.

Despite the revenue growth, investors appeared worried about the pace of spending and uncertainty over when the new business segment would become profitable. Market experts noted that while the quick-service model offers future growth potential, it could continue to weigh on margins over the next few quarters.

Brokerages gave mixed reactions following the results. Some analysts maintained a positive long-term outlook, citing Urban Company's strong brand presence, growing customer base, and leadership in India's home-services market. Others advised caution due to rising competi-



Bengaluru Realty Stocks Fall Up To 3% After PM Modi's Work-From-Home Appeal

Shares of Bengaluru-based real estate companies such as Prestige Estates, Brigade Enterprises, and Puravankara declined up to 3 percent after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks encouraging work-from-home and virtual meetings triggered concerns over future demand for commercial office spaces.

The selloff followed PM Modi's recent appeal urging companies to consider flexible working arrangements to help reduce fuel consumption and manage rising glob-

al energy costs amid escalating geopolitical tensions.

Investors reacted cautiously to the possibility of a wider return to remote work, particularly in Bengaluru, India's largest technology and IT hub. Analysts believe prolonged work-from-home trends could affect demand for office leasing, commercial developments, and expansion plans among major technology companies.

Prestige Estates emerged among the worst-hit stocks during the session, while

Brigade Enterprises and Puravankara also witnessed notable losses. The broader real estate sector remained under pressure, with the Nifty Realty index slipping sharply during intraday trade.

Market experts pointed out that Bengaluru-based developers are especially sensitive to shifts in workplace culture because the city's real estate market is heavily dependent on the IT and IT-enabled services sector. Any significant move toward remote work could reduce de-

Sensex Crashes 1,313 Points, Nifty Ends At 23,816 Amid Escalating West Asia Tensions



Indian stock markets witnessed heavy selling pressure on Monday, with the Sensex and Nifty falling sharply amid weak global sentiment, rising crude oil prices, and growing concerns over geopolitical tensions involving the United States and Iran.

The benchmark Sensex plunged more than 1,300 points during intraday trade, while the Nifty slipped below the 23,850 mark as investors turned cautious amid heightened market volatility. Broader markets also remained under pressure, with midcap and smallcap stocks recording significant losses.

Analysts attributed the sharp decline largely to the surge in global crude oil prices after renewed tensions in West Asia raised fears of supply disruptions. Brent crude reportedly crossed the \$100

per barrel mark, increasing concerns over inflation, fuel costs, and India's import bill.

Weak cues from international markets and continued foreign investor selling further weighed on sentiment. Market experts said investors were increasingly worried about the impact of geopolitical instability on economic growth, corporate earnings, and global trade flows.

Consumer durable, realty, oil & gas, and banking stocks emerged among the biggest losers during the session. Shares of major companies such as Titan, SBI, Bharti Airtel, and InterGlobe Aviation were among the key drags on the Nifty index. Banking stocks also faced additional pressure after weaker-than-expected quarterly earnings from several lenders.

At the same time, defensive

sectors such as FMCG, pharmaceuticals, and select IT stocks showed resilience as investors shifted toward relatively safer segments during the selloff. Tata Consumer Products, Coal India, Sun Pharma, and Max Healthcare were among the notable gainers in an otherwise weak market.

Market volatility rose sharply during the session, with the India VIX index climbing significantly. Analysts noted that rising volatility reflected growing nervousness among traders and investors amid uncertain global conditions and fears of further escalation in geopolitical tensions.

Reports suggesting possible fuel price hikes in India added to investor concerns. Rising crude oil prices have reportedly increased pressure on oil

SBI Shares Slide 10% In Two Days After Q4 Results Disappoint Investors



State Bank of India (SBI) shares fell nearly 10 percent over two trading sessions after the country's largest lender reported weaker-than-expected fourth-quarter earnings, with pressure on net interest margins and concerns over future profitability weighing heavily on investor sentiment.

The sharp decline came despite stable loan growth and strong asset quality improvements. Analysts said the market reacted negatively to margin compression, which overshadowed otherwise healthy business performance during the quarter.

SBI reported a decline in net

interest margin (NIM), a key profitability indicator for banks, due to rising deposit costs and slower repricing of loans. Brokerages noted that while credit growth remained healthy, increasing competition for deposits and higher funding costs are likely to continue affecting margins in the coming quarters.

Investors were also concerned about management commentary indicating that margin pressures may persist amid a high interest-rate environment and tighter liquidity conditions in the banking system. The stock witnessed heavy selling as traders reassessed

earnings expectations for FY27.

Several brokerages lowered target prices on the stock following the results, though many retained positive long-term ratings citing SBI's strong market leadership, diversified loan book, and improving asset quality. Analysts believe the bank continues to remain fundamentally strong despite short-term earnings pressure.

The broader banking sector also faced weakness during the session as investors turned cautious after mixed quarterly results from major lenders. PSU bank stocks, which had witnessed strong rallies in recent months, saw profit book-

ing amid concerns over slowing earnings momentum.

Despite the correction, experts said SBI's long-term outlook remains supported by robust retail lending growth, improving digital banking operations, and healthy recoveries from stressed assets. The bank's strong CASA deposit base and dominant presence across retail and corporate banking continue to provide stability.

Some analysts believe the recent fall could offer a buying opportunity for long-term investors, especially if valuations become more attractive after the sharp correction. However, others advised caution until there is clearer visibility on margin recovery and earnings growth.

Market participants are now expected to closely monitor upcoming economic data, interest-rate trends, liquidity conditions, and management guidance for signs of improvement in profitability. Investors will also watch whether the banking sector can maintain loan growth momentum despite increasing pressure on funding costs.

SBI shares remain among the most closely tracked banking stocks in India due to the lender's size, strong government backing, and major role in the country's financial system.

that hybrid work models are already well established and that demand for premium office spaces in major business hubs is expected to continue over time.

Broader market weakness, rising crude oil prices, and uncertainty in global markets also added pressure on real estate stocks during the trading session. Investors are now closely watching future policy signals, corporate workplace strategies, and office leasing trends to assess the sector's outlook in the coming months.



Toyota To Set Up New Manufacturing Plant In Maharashtra, Production Likely By 2029



Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has announced plans to establish a new vehicle manufacturing plant in Maharashtra, marking a major expansion of the company's production operations in India. The upcoming facility will be located in the Bidkin Industrial Area and is expected to begin operations in the first half of 2029.

The new plant will have an initial production capacity of 1 lakh vehicles annually and is expected to create employment opportunities for around 2,800 people. The facility will include operations such as stamping, welding, painting, and final vehicle assembly.

Toyota confirmed that a new SUV model will be the first vehicle produced at the Maharashtra facility, although detailed specifications and launch timelines have not yet been revealed. The company said the plant will support both domestic demand and exports to nearby international markets.

The expansion forms part of Toyota's broader strategy to strengthen its presence in India and meet growing demand in the region. Company officials stated that the new facility would improve production flexibility and help the automaker respond more effectively to future market trends.

Reports suggest Toyota Motor Corporation may invest nearly \$1.9 billion toward expanding its manufacturing operations in Maharashtra, though the company has not officially confirmed the investment amount.

Currently, Toyota operates two manufacturing plants in Bidadi, Karnataka, with a combined production capacity of more than 5.5 lakh vehicles annually. The Maharashtra facility will become Toyota's third manufacturing plant in India and reflects the company's growing confidence in the Indian automobile market.

Industry experts believe the move could further strengthen Maharashtra's position as a major automobile manufacturing hub. The Bidkin Industrial Area has recently attracted investments from several automotive and electric vehicle companies, emerging as an important industrial corridor in the country.

Toyota's latest expansion also aligns with India's "Make in India" initiative, which aims to boost domestic manufacturing and increase the country's role in global automobile exports. Analysts expect the new facility to support Toyota's long-term growth in both conventional and hybrid vehicle segments.

The announcement comes at a time when global automakers are increasingly expanding their presence in India due to rising domestic demand, improving infrastructure, and growing interest in fuel-efficient and hybrid vehicles.

Pope Leo’s Sneakers Spark Internet Frenzy After Viral Documentary Clip

A recently released documentary clip featuring Pope Leo XIV has unexpectedly turned into a global talking point—not because of a religious message, but because of his footwear. The Pope was spotted wearing classic Nike sneakers beneath his traditional white robes, sending social media users and sneaker enthusiasts into a frenzy. The viral moment emerged from a Vatican-produced documentary titled Leone a Roma, which explores the Pope’s life and years in Rome before he rose to the highest position in the Catholic Church.

The brief scene shows Pope Leo walking casually outdoors while dressed in cus-

tomary papal attire. However, eagle-eyed viewers quickly noticed the unmistakable black Nike swoosh peeking out from under his robes. Within hours, screenshots of the clip flooded social media platforms, where users reacted with amusement, admiration, and curiosity. Many called the look “unexpectedly cool,” while others joked that the Pope had officially entered the sneaker culture era.

Sneaker experts soon began identifying the exact model worn by the Pope. According to online footwear communities and fashion publications, the shoes appear to be Nike Franchise Low Plus sneakers—an older tennis-inspired design first introduced dec-

ades ago and briefly re-released in 2008. The discovery added even more excitement, especially among collectors, with reports suggesting that resale prices for the shoe have already started rising.

The viral clip has also drawn attention because it reflects Pope Leo’s simple and relatable public image. Unlike the ornate traditions often associated with the papacy, Pope Leo is known for preferring modest and practical choices. Reports indicate that he previously rejected decorative papal footwear with gold detailing and instead chose plain black shoes, reinforcing his reputation for humility and understated style.

Fashion commentators say

the moment highlights how modern religious figures can connect with younger audiences through authenticity and individuality. While previous viral images of popes in fashionable clothing were AI-generated, this instance is entirely real, making it even more fascinating to the public. The combination of centuries-old tradition and modern streetwear has created a rare cultural crossover that people across the internet cannot stop discussing.

For many viewers, the clip offered a lighter and more human glimpse of the Pope—one where faith, simplicity, and contemporary culture unexpectedly met in a pair of sneakers.



Australian Tourists Explore India In An Auto Rickshaw, Viral Video Charms Internet



A pair of Australian tourists have become internet sensations after documenting their unusual journey across India in an auto rickshaw. Their travel adventure, shared through a viral social media video, has delighted viewers worldwide and sparked admiration for their unconventional way of exploring the country.

The couple decided to swap luxury travel and traditional road trips for one of India’s most iconic modes of transport — the humble auto rickshaw. In the video, the tourists can be seen driving through busy streets, highways, and scenic routes while interacting with locals and experiencing everyday Indian life up close. Their excitement and cheerful attitude quickly won over social media users.

The travellers reportedly customised the auto rickshaw for their long-distance journey and used it as their primary vehicle while exploring different parts of the country. The clip captures several memorable moments from their adventure, including

navigating crowded roads, stopping at roadside eateries, and enjoying interactions with people they met along the way.

Social media users praised the tourists for embracing India’s culture in such a unique and adventurous manner. Many viewers said the video perfectly showcased the spirit of travel and curiosity. Others appreciated how the couple chose to experience India beyond luxury hotels and tourist hotspots, opting instead for a more grounded and authentic journey.

The video also highlighted the popularity of auto rickshaws as a symbol of Indian streets and urban life. For many Indians, autos are a routine mode of transport, but for foreign travellers, the experience often becomes an exciting cultural adventure. Watching international tourists confidently driving an auto rickshaw through India amused and impressed many online users.

Several commenters called the couple “true travellers” for stepping out of their comfort zone and embracing

the unpredictability of Indian roads. Others joked about the challenges of driving through traffic while praising the tourists for handling the experience with enthusiasm and humour.

Travel-related content from India frequently gains traction online, especially when international visitors share their experiences of local culture, food, and transport. This particular video stood out because of the couple’s unconventional choice of vehicle and their visible enjoyment throughout the trip.

The viral clip has once again demonstrated how travel can create memorable cross-cultural experiences. For viewers, the Australian tourists’ auto rickshaw journey was not just entertaining but also a reminder that meaningful travel often comes from simple, authentic experiences rather than luxury or comfort.

Their adventure continues to attract attention online, with many users saying the video inspired them to explore India in a more adventurous and immersive way.

Indian Woman Rejects WFH Job Over Mandatory Webcam Rule, Sparks Online Debate

An Indian woman has triggered a major online discussion after revealing that she turned down a work-from-home job because the company required employees to keep their webcams switched on throughout working hours. Her post, which quickly went viral on social media, has reignited conversations around employee privacy, workplace surveillance, and trust in remote work environments.

According to the woman, she was excited about the remote job opportunity until she learned about the company’s strict monitoring policy. The organisation reportedly required employees to remain visible on camera during office hours as part of its productivity tracking system. Uncomfortable with the idea, she decided to reject the offer and shared her experience online.

In her post, the woman questioned whether companies were “hiring humans or robots,” arguing that constant webcam monitoring crossed personal boundaries and created an unhealthy work atmosphere. She explained that working from home already blurs the line between professional and personal space, and mandatory surveillance only increases stress and discomfort for employees.

Her comments resonated with thousands of social media users, many of whom agreed that continuous webcam monitoring feels invasive. Several people said such



policies reflect a lack of trust between employers and employees. Others pointed out that productivity should be measured through performance and results rather than constant visual supervision.

The viral post also sparked broader discussions about the changing dynamics of remote work. While some companies believe strict monitoring helps maintain discipline and accountability, critics argue that excessive surveillance can negatively affect employee morale and mental health. Many users noted that remote work was originally introduced to

provide flexibility and comfort, and policies like mandatory webcams defeat that purpose.

Some professionals shared their own experiences with workplace monitoring tools, including screen tracking software, activity loggers, and random video check-ins. A few users said they had also rejected job offers because of intrusive surveillance requirements. Others argued that companies should focus more on building healthy work cultures instead of relying on monitoring systems.

At the same time, a section of users defended employers,

saying organisations may use such measures to ensure productivity in fully remote setups. However, even among those who supported monitoring, many felt that requiring webcams to stay on all day was excessive.

The incident has once again highlighted the growing tension between employee privacy and corporate oversight in the era of remote work. As companies continue adapting to hybrid and work-from-home models, debates around digital surveillance and workplace trust are likely to remain an important topic across industries.

Swedish Man Recreates Salman Khan’s “Chunnari Chunnari” With Wife, Wins Hearts Online

A heartwarming video of a Swedish man recreating the iconic Bollywood song “Chunnari Chunnari” with his wife has gone viral on social media, leaving internet users nostalgic and delighted. The clip, shared on Instagram, features the couple dancing to the famous Salman Khan and Sushmita Sen track from the 1999 film Biwi No.1. Their energetic performance and charming chemistry quickly captured the attention of Bollywood fans across the internet.

In the video, the Swedish man enthusiastically matches the hook steps from the original song while dressed casually alongside his wife. The couple appears to be enjoying every moment of the performance, recreating the playful vibe that made the song such a massive hit in the late 1990s. Their expressions, coordination, and enthusiasm impressed viewers, many of whom praised the duo for keeping classic Bollywood music alive across cultures.

What particularly stood out

to social media users was the man’s confidence and familiarity with Bollywood dance moves despite not being Indian. Several viewers commented that his performance perfectly captured the fun and carefree spirit of old Hindi film songs. Others admired how Bollywood music continues to connect people globally, regardless of nationality or language.

As the video spread online, users flooded the comments section with appreciation. Many described the clip as “pure nostalgia” and said it reminded them of the golden era of Bollywood music videos. Some viewers even joked that the Swedish man danced with more energy than many modern actors. Others appreciated the couple’s wholesome chemistry and called the performance refreshing and joyful.

The original song “Chunnari Chunnari”, sung by Abhijeet Bhattacharya and Anuradha Sriram, remains one of Salman Khan’s most memorable dance numbers. Even dec-

ades after its release, the track continues to enjoy popularity at weddings, parties, and social media reels. The viral video has once again highlighted the timeless appeal of classic Bollywood songs and their ability to resonate with audiences around the world.

Social media users also noted how Bollywood culture has gained a strong international fan base over the years. From dance covers to song recreations, people from different countries regularly share their love for Indian cinema online. Videos like this often go viral because they blend nostalgia with genuine admiration for Bollywood entertainment.

For many viewers, the clip was more than just a dance performance—it was a reminder of how music and cinema can bridge cultures and bring people together. The Swedish couple’s cheerful recreation of “Chunnari Chunnari” successfully revived memories of a beloved Bollywood classic while spreading smiles across the internet.



A video shared by an Indian professional living in Sweden has caught the attention of social media users after he showcased the striking differences between office culture in Europe and India. The clip, posted on Instagram by Sanketh Banik, offers a glimpse inside a Swedish corporate office that appears more like a relaxation space than a traditional workplace.

Sanketh, who works as an environmental consultant, explained in the video that offices in Sweden are designed to cre-

ate a comfortable and stress-free environment for employees. According to him, the atmosphere is so relaxed that people often do not feel like they are actually in an office. The video has sparked widespread discussion online about work-life balance and employee well-being.

Unlike the cubicle-style setups commonly seen in many Indian offices, the Swedish workplace shown in the video features open spaces, stylish furniture, bean bags, and casual seating areas. The office de-

sign focuses on flexibility and comfort rather than rigid structures. Sanketh pointed out that employees can work from different corners of the office, including staircase seating areas, depending on where they feel most productive.

One of the most talked-about aspects of the video was the freedom employees enjoy. The office allows workers to step outside and continue working in outdoor spaces if they prefer a change of environment. The clip also highlighted several employee-friendly amenities

such as free candies, evening snacks, massage chairs, and indoor games meant to help employees relax during stressful moments.

The video quickly went viral, with many viewers praising the European approach to office culture. Several users commented that the workplace looked more like a lounge or recreational area than a corporate office. Others said Indian companies could learn valuable lessons from such employee-centric work environments. Many social media users linked the relaxed atmosphere to better work-life balance in European countries. They pointed out that employee comfort and mental well-being are often treated as priorities in Scandinavian workplaces. Some viewers also compared the setup with the high-pressure and long-hour work culture common in many parts of India.

The viral clip has once again started conversations around modern workplace culture and the importance of creating healthier office environments. For many viewers, the Swedish office shown in the video represented a refreshing shift from conventional corporate spaces, proving that productivity and comfort can exist together.

Delhi Capitals Pull Off Record Chase

Delhi Capitals pulled off a sensational three-wicket victory over Punjab Kings in a high-scoring IPL 2026 clash, successfully chasing down a daunting target to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Punjab Kings, after electing to bat, posted an imposing 210 for 5 in their allotted 20 overs. Skipper Shreyas Iyer led from the front with a composed half-century, while Priyansh Arya provided strong support with an aggressive knock. The duo ensured a solid foundation, with Punjab maintaining a brisk scoring rate throughout the innings. In response, Delhi Capitals began their chase with intent, but the steep target kept the pressure on.

Captain Axar Patel played a pivotal role, anchoring the innings with a crucial half-century and guiding the chase with maturity. His partnership with David Miller proved to be the turning point, as the latter's attacking approach shifted momentum in Delhi's favour during the middle overs. Despite losing wickets at regular intervals, Delhi stayed in the hunt thanks to timely contributions from the middle and lower order. The chase gathered pace in the final overs, with the required run rate steadily brought under control. Delhi eventually reached 216 for 7 in just 19 overs, completing one of the most remarkable run chases of the season.

The victory also marked the highest successful chase at the venue, underlining the team's batting depth and composure under pressure.

For Punjab Kings, the defeat will raise concerns, particularly about their bowling performance in the death overs. Despite putting up a strong total, they failed to contain Delhi's aggressive batting line-up when it mattered most. The win gives Delhi Capitals a crucial boost in the points table as the league stage approaches its final phase. With renewed confidence, they remain firmly in contention for a playoff spot, while Punjab Kings will need to regroup quickly to stay in the race.



IPL 2026 Playoff Race Intensifies After RCB Beat MI To Go Top



The IPL 2026 playoff battle has become more intense after Royal Challengers Bengaluru defeated Mumbai Indians in a thrilling last-ball encounter to climb to the top of the points table. The dramatic victory not only boosted RCB's qualification chances but also officially knocked Mumbai Indians and Lucknow Super Giants out of the tournament.

With only a handful of league matches remaining, eight teams are still mathematically alive in the race for the four playoff spots. Net Run Rate (NRR) is expected to play a major role as the competition enters its final stage.

only 10 matches. Since they have an extra game in hand compared to several rivals, two wins from their remaining fixtures should take them close to qualification.

Chennai Super Kings (CSK)

CSK kept their hopes alive after defeating Lucknow Super Giants. With 12 points, they still remain in the playoff hunt but cannot afford many mistakes. Winning at least two more matches could significantly improve their chances.

Rajasthan Royals (RR)

RR are also alive in the race but face a difficult road ahead. Their inconsistent performances and lower NRR mean they may need to win most of their remaining matches to qualify comfortably.

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR)

KKR still have a mathematical chance but are under massive pressure. They likely need victories in all their remaining matches to stay alive in the playoff race. Even a single defeat could end their campaign.

Delhi Capitals (DC)

Delhi Capitals remain mathematically alive but are struggling because of their poor net run rate and inconsistent form. They need to win every remaining match and depend on other results going their way.

Mumbai Indians (MI) and Lucknow Super Giants (LSG)

Both MI and LSG have officially been eliminated from IPL 2026 playoff contention following defeats on Sunday. Their disappointing campaigns came to an end with multiple losses and poor consistency throughout the season.

S Badrinath's Comment On Krunal Pandya's Cramps Sparks Fan Backlash

Former Chennai Super Kings batter Subramaniam Badrinath has landed in controversy after making a remark about Royal Challengers Bengaluru all-rounder Krunal Pandya during an IPL 2026 match against Mumbai Indians. His comment, made while discussing Krunal's battle with severe cramps during the tense run chase, triggered criticism from fans across social media.

Krunal Pandya played a match-winning knock for RCB in a high-pressure encounter against Mumbai Indians. During his innings, the all-rounder suffered painful cramps and was seen repeatedly struggling on the field. Despite the discomfort, he continued batting and guided RCB to a thrilling last-ball victory that also knocked Mumbai Indians out of the playoff race.

While analysing the game, Badrinath commented on Krunal's physical condition and said, "You die from that cramp," a statement that immediately drew strong reactions online. Many fans felt the remark was insensitive and exaggerated, especially considering the seriousness of the words used during a live cricket discussion.

Social media users quickly criticised the former cricketer, with several calling the comment unnecessary and inappropriate.



Some fans argued that cramps are common in professional sport and felt the statement crossed the line. Others defended Badrinath, saying the remark may have been intended as a casual expression highlighting the intensity of the pain rather than a literal statement.

Meanwhile, Krunal Pandya himself earned widespread praise for showing determination under pressure. After the match, he explained that his focus remained on helping the team win despite the pain. The all-rounder said mental toughness and staying calm in difficult situations helped him continue batting during the crucial moments of the chase.

The emotional victory was especially significant for Krunal because it came against his former franchise, Mumbai Indians, where he spent several successful seasons earlier in his IPL career.



Following the win, he became emotional while speaking about his bond with the Mumbai team and the support he received from senior players like Kieron Pollard over the years.

RCB's dramatic win pushed them to the top of the IPL 2026 points table and strengthened their playoff chances. Krunal's fighting innings has since become one of the most talked-about performances of the season, with fans applauding his commitment and resilience.

However, the focus briefly shifted away from the thrilling cricket action due to Badrinath's controversial statement. The incident once again highlighted how comments made during live sports analysis can quickly spark debate and backlash in the age of social media.

Ex-MI Coach Calls Krunal Pandya A "Street Fighter" After RCB's Thrilling Win

Former Mumbai Indians coach Mark Boucher heaped praise on Royal Challengers Bengaluru all-rounder Krunal Pandya after his heroic performance against MI in a dramatic IPL 2026 clash. Following RCB's thrilling last-ball victory, Boucher described Krunal as a "street fighter" who refuses to give up under pressure.

Krunal played one of the finest innings of the season during RCB's tense chase against Mumbai Indians. On a difficult batting surface in Raipur, the left-handed all-rounder anchored the innings with a gritty 73-run knock while wickets kept falling at the other end. Despite suffering severe cramps during the latter stages of his innings, he continued battling and guided RCB close to the target before the team sealed victory on the final delivery.

Perfectly reflected his reputation as a tough competitor. Supporters applauded the all-rounder for handling pressure calmly while battling physical discomfort during the chase.

The emotional win carried extra significance because Krunal was facing his former franchise Mumbai Indians, where he enjoyed several successful years and won multiple IPL titles. After the match, the all-rounder became emotional while recalling the support and motivation he had received from MI veterans like Kieron Pollard during his career.

Speaking after the match, Boucher praised Krunal's fighting spirit and ability to deliver in pressure situations. The former South African wicketkeeper said players like Krunal are crucial in low-scoring contests because they find ways to win games even when conditions are difficult. He added that Krunal may not always play flashy cricket, but his determination and resilience make him extremely valuable to any team.

Boucher's comments quickly gained attention on social media, with many fans agreeing that Krunal's innings perfectly reflected his reputation as a tough competitor. Supporters applauded the all-rounder for handling pressure calmly while battling physical discomfort during the chase.

Krunal's performance also strengthened RCB's position at the top of the IPL 2026 points table and boosted their playoff hopes. His ability to contribute with both bat and ball has made him one of RCB's most important players this season.

Meanwhile, the experienced cricketer has reportedly set his sights on a return to the Indian national team and hopes strong IPL performances can help him push for selection ahead of the 2027 ODI World Cup.

The thrilling encounter between RCB and MI has already become one of the most memorable matches of IPL 2026, and Krunal Pandya's fighting knock remains at the centre of the conversation among fans and cricket experts alike.

MS Dhoni Played Key Role In Urvil Patel's Record-Breaking Fifty Against LSG



Young Chennai Super Kings batter Urvil Patel delivered one of the most explosive innings of IPL 2026 during CSK's clash against Lucknow Super Giants, and the youngster later revealed that MS Dhoni played a major role behind his fearless performance. Urvil smashed a sensational half-century at record pace, helping CSK stay alive in the playoff race with a crucial victory.

Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)

SRH are also strongly placed with 14 points. They need two wins from their remaining matches to comfortably book a playoff berth. Their upcoming clash against RCB is expected to have a major impact on the top-two race.

Gujarat Titans (GT)

GT remain firmly in contention with 14 points but have a lower NRR compared to RCB and SRH. The team likely needs two more wins to stay safe in the qualification race. Their upcoming matches are considered crucial for playoff positioning.

Punjab Kings (PBKS)

Punjab Kings are in a strong position with 13 points from

valuable lessons about handling high-pressure situations.

Delhi Capitals (DC)

Delhi Capitals remain mathematically alive but are struggling because of their poor net run rate and inconsistent form. They need to win every remaining match and depend on other results going their way.

Mumbai Indians (MI) and Lucknow Super Giants (LSG)

Both MI and LSG have officially been eliminated from IPL 2026 playoff contention following defeats on Sunday. Their disappointing campaigns came to an end with multiple losses and poor consistency throughout the season.

MS Dhoni played a major role behind his fearless performance. Urvil smashed a sensational half-century at record pace, helping CSK stay alive in the playoff race with a crucial victory.

The young batter attacked the LSG bowlers from the very beginning, displaying remarkable confidence and clean hitting under pressure. His aggressive approach completely shifted the momentum in CSK's favour and left fans and experts stunned. Urvil's blistering knock quickly became one of the standout batting performances of the season.

After the match, Urvil spoke about the influence MS Dhoni had on his mindset before and during the innings. According to the youngster, Dhoni advised him to stay calm, trust his natural game, and avoid overthinking the situation. Urvil said the CSK captain's confidence in him gave him the freedom to play attacking cricket without fear of failure.

The batter explained that Dhoni's guidance helped him focus on reading the ball rather than worrying about the pressure of the occasion. He added that sharing the dressing room with a legend like Dhoni has already taught him

valuable lessons about handling high-pressure situations.

Fans on social media praised Dhoni's mentorship skills once again, with many pointing out how several young players have flourished under his leadership over the years. Supporters highlighted that Dhoni's calm presence and tactical understanding continue to inspire emerging cricketers even

in the later stages of his career.

Urvil's fearless innings also drew praise from cricket experts, who admired his ability to dominate experienced bowlers on such a big stage. Many described the knock as a breakthrough moment in the youngster's career and predicted a bright future for him in Indian cricket.

The victory proved extreme-

ly important for Chennai Super Kings, as it kept their playoff hopes alive in a tightly contested IPL season. The team's batting unit looked more confident and aggressive, with Urvil's innings providing the perfect boost at a crucial stage of the tournament.

Meanwhile, Dhoni's impact beyond statistics once again became a major talking point among fans. Even though

much attention often focuses on his finishing abilities and captaincy records, many believe his greatest contribution to CSK lies in nurturing young talent and building players mentally for pressure situations.

For Urvil Patel, the memorable innings was not just about personal success but also about earning the trust of one of cricket's greatest leaders.



Divyendu Sharma To Play Key Role In Venkatesh-Trivikram Srinivas Film

Bollywood actor Divyendu Sharma, widely known for his powerful performances in web series and films, is reportedly set to play an important role in the upcoming Telugu film starring Venkatesh and directed by Trivikram Srinivas. The news has generated considerable excitement among movie lovers, as the project is already one of the most anticipated films in Telugu cinema.

The film marks the first full-fledged collaboration between veteran actor Venkatesh and celebrated filmmaker Trivikram Srinivas. Industry reports suggest that the movie is being

planned as a family entertainer with Trivikram's trademark blend of emotion, humour, and engaging storytelling. The project has already created huge buzz among fans ever since its official launch. According to reports, Divyendu Sharma has been approached for a crucial character that plays a significant part in the story. Though the makers have not officially confirmed details about his role, the actor's inclusion is said to add freshness and wider appeal to the film. Divyendu became a household name after his performances in popular Hindi projects and has earned appreciation

for portraying intense as well as comic characters with ease. Fans on social media have reacted positively to the update, with many expressing curiosity about how Divyendu will fit into Trivikram's style of filmmaking. Several users believe his natural acting style and comic timing could perfectly complement the director's signature writing. The collaboration is also seen as another example of increasing crossover between Hindi actors and Telugu cinema. The Venkatesh-Trivikram film has already been making headlines for multiple reasons. Reports indicate

that the movie is expected to be a wholesome family drama with strong emotional elements. The project, tentatively titled AadarshaKutumbam House No. 47, recently completed its formal launch ceremony and is currently progressing with production activities. Apart from Venkatesh, the film reportedly features an ensemble cast, with several actors expected to appear in important supporting roles. The makers are said to be carefully selecting performers who can add depth and entertainment value to the narrative. Rumours about additional casting choices have also been circulating

online, further increasing curiosity surrounding the project. Meanwhile, Trivikram Srinivas is simultaneously attracting attention for his future projects, including a highly anticipated film with Jr NTR. Producer Naga Vamsi recently clarified that Trivikram's immediate focus remains on completing the Venkatesh film before moving on to other major ventures. With Venkatesh's strong family audience base, Trivikram's storytelling reputation, and Divyendu Sharma's growing popularity, expectations for the film continue to rise among cinema fans.



Huge Exciting Update From 'Kalki 2' Leaves Prabhas Fans Thrilled

Prabhas fans have reason to celebrate as fresh updates surrounding Kalki 2898 AD Part 2 are creating massive excitement across social media. Following the phenomenal success of the first installment, the makers are reportedly gearing up for a much bigger and more ambitious sequel that promises larger action sequences, stronger emotional moments, and groundbreaking visual effects.

According to recent industry buzz, the sequel is progressing steadily, with reports suggesting that the makers are aiming for a grand theatrical release in December 2027. The update has sparked huge anticipation among fans who have been eagerly waiting for news about the continuation of Nag Ashwin's futuristic sci-fi universe.

The first part of Kalki 2898 AD ended on a dramatic note, leaving audiences with several unanswered questions surrounding Bhairava, Ashwatthama, and Supreme Yaskin. Fans are now excited to witness how the story unfolds in the sequel, especially after hints that the second part will focus heavily on the epic war between the major characters. Reports indicate that Kamal Haasan's villainous character Supreme Yaskin will have a much larger role in the upcoming chapter.



Prabhas is expected to reprise his dual roles as Bhairava and Karna, with Amitabh Bachchan also returning as Ashwatthama. The sequel is said to elevate the scale significantly compared to the first film, with the makers reportedly planning extensive visual effects work and world-building. Another exciting aspect of the update is the reported progress of the film's shooting schedule. Industry reports suggest that significant portions of the sequel are already being planned and filmed carefully to accommodate the busy schedules of the star cast. There is also strong speculation that

the movie's teaser or a special promotional glimpse could arrive around Prabhas' birthday, which has further increased excitement among fans online. Social media has been flooded with reactions from fans who are calling the sequel one of the most awaited Indian films in recent years. Many believe Kalki 2 has the potential to redefine Indian sci-fi cinema on a global level. Discussions about possible story twists, character arcs, and visual spectacles continue to dominate online fan communities. With Prabhas leading the film, Nag Ashwin directing the ambitious project, and legendary actors like Amitabh Bachchan and Kamal Haasan returning, expectations for the sequel are reaching extraordinary levels. If the latest reports are true, Kalki 2 could become one of the biggest cinematic events in Indian cinema history.

Vijay's 'Jana Nayagan' Release Faces Delay Amid Censor Certificate Issues

Thalapathy Vijay's much-awaited film Jana Nayagan continues to remain in the spotlight due to ongoing censor certificate complications that have delayed the movie's theatrical release. The film, directed by H. Vinoth, has generated massive anticipation among fans as it is expected to be Vijay's final film before fully entering active politics. However, legal and certification hurdles have slowed down the release process, creating uncertainty among audiences and the film industry.

According to reports, the producers had initially submitted the film to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for clearance in December 2025. After the first screening, the censor board reportedly suggested several cuts and modifications before granting a U/A certificate. The makers accepted the requested changes and resubmitted the film, expecting a quick clearance. However, the process took an unexpected turn when the movie was referred to a revising committee following complaints that certain scenes



could hurt religious sentiments and portray the armed forces negatively. The delay forced the producers to approach the Madras High Court, seeking immediate issuance of the censor certificate. In January, the court initially directed the CBFC to grant a U/A 16+ certificate to the film, offering temporary relief to the makers and fans. The decision was celebrated

widely by Vijay supporters, who eagerly awaited the release announcement. However, the situation became more complicated when another bench of the Madras High Court later stayed the earlier order and reopened the case for fresh consideration. This development once again stalled the release plans and pushed the film back into legal uncertainty. Reports suggest

the producers even approached the Supreme Court seeking relief, but the matter was directed back to the High Court for further hearings. Meanwhile, speculation regarding the film's new release date continues to dominate social media discussions. Fans have been actively tracking every update related to the censor process, with online communities debating possible release windows and legal outcomes. Some reports suggest the makers are working toward resolving all objections before finalising a fresh release schedule. Despite the controversy, excitement surrounding Jana Nayagan remains extremely high. The film features a star-studded cast including Pooja Hegde, Bobby Deol, Priyamani, Prakash Raj, Mamitha Baiju, and Gautham Vasudev Menon. With music composed by Anirudh Ravichander and Vijay playing a politically charged role, the movie is being viewed as one of the biggest releases in recent Tamil cinema.

KritiSanon Speaks Out On Pay Disparity In Bollywood, Calls Out Gender Inequality

Bollywood actress KritiSanon has once again raised her voice against gender pay disparity in the film industry, highlighting the challenges actresses continue to face despite years of discussions around equality. In a recent interview, the National Award-winning actress openly spoke about the financial struggles female actors experience in Bollywood and said that patriarchy remains deeply rooted within the system. Kriti revealed that when film budgets become tight, it is often the female lead's remuneration that gets reduced first, while male actors continue receiving a major share of the budget. According to her, this unequal treatment reflects the long-standing mindset within the industry where male stars are still considered more commercially valuable. She explained that actresses frequently have to compromise on their fees even when they contribute equally to a film's success. The actress also pointed out that the problem goes beyond salaries. Kriti shared that subtle forms of inequality continue to exist on film sets and

within professional spaces. She recalled incidents where male co-stars were treated differently and given better facilities, underlining how gender bias still influences workplace dynamics in Bollywood. Kriti's remarks quickly sparked discussions on social media, with many users supporting her views on pay parity. Several people praised the actress for speaking openly about an issue that many female actors have addressed over the years. Others pointed out that despite the growing success of women-centric films, the industry still hesitates to invest equally in female-led projects. The actress also reflected on her own journey in the industry as an outsider without film connections. Kriti admitted that she lost several opportunities to star kids and industry insiders during the early years of her career. However, she said those setbacks motivated her to work harder and prove herself through performances. Her role in Mimi eventually became a major turning point and earned her widespread recognition, including a National Award.

Over the years, several Bollywood actresses including Deepika Padukone, Kareena Kapoor, Taapsee Pannu, and Anushka Sharma have spoken about unequal pay in the industry. Kriti's latest comments have once again brought the issue into the spotlight, with debates continuing over whether actors should be paid based on gender, market value, or box-office pull. Despite the ongoing challenges, Kriti expressed optimism that the industry is slowly changing. She believes that strong content-driven cinema and the success of female-led films are gradually helping shift perceptions. Fans and industry observers now hope that conversations around equality will eventually lead to meaningful changes in Bollywood's pay structure and work culture.



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