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HMDA to Rebuild Defence Facilities

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) will reconstruct several Defence Ministry establishments as part of the land acquisition process for the proposed Paradise-Shamirpet Elevated Corridor on State Highway-1, also known as Rajiv Rahadari.

The project involves rebuilding five major defence-related facilities, including the Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA), Headquarters 54 Infantry Division, Senior Quality Assurance Establishment (SQAE), Trishul Lines, and Training Battalion units. The reconstruction works will include compound walls, underground water sumps, electrical and sewage utilities, and restoration of other defence assets affected by the corridor project.

According to officials, HMDA will spend around 7.20 crore on works at the DGQA and HQ 54 Infantry Division



premises, while 6.81 crore has been allocated for SQAE Armaments facilities. Reconstruction works worth 5.72 crore will be taken up at Trishul Lines near Lothkunta Junction, and 5.95 crore will be spent on JCOs Married Accommodation near Alwal Junction, apart from additional works related to the Training Battalion facilities. Officials stated that the reconstruction works are expected to be completed within six months under the supervision of the Military Engineering Services (MES) and defence engineering personnel to ensure

strict adherence to security norms. Contractors involved in the project have also been instructed to follow all defence-related security protocols and ensure that construction activity does not disrupt military operations or routine activities within defence zones. The Paradise-Shamirpet Elevated Corridor, estimated at 2,232.89 crore, is being executed under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) model. The 18.10-kilometre six-lane corridor will connect Paradise to the Outer Ring Road at Shamirpet, passing through key areas such as West

Marredpally, Karkhana, Trimulgherry, Bolarum, Alwal, Hakimpet, and Thumkunta. For the project, nearly 114 acres of defence land and 78 acres of private land are being acquired. HMDA officials said the corridor reflects increasing coordination between civilian authorities and defence establishments as Hyderabad's urban infrastructure expands. Once completed, the elevated corridor is expected to significantly reduce travel time between Paradise and Shamirpet while providing smoother connectivity to northern parts of Telangana.



India Offers Support for Peace : Modi

Abu Dhabi, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday stated that India is prepared to extend all possible support for restoring peace in West Asia during talks with UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi.

The meeting took place shortly after Modi arrived in the UAE as part of his five-nation tour, which will also include visits to the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, and Italy. The Prime Minister was personally received at the airport by the UAE President and was accorded a ceremonial guard of honor. In a special gesture, Modi's aircraft was escorted by UAE military jets upon arrival.

During the discussions, Modi condemned the recent attacks targeting the UAE amid the ongoing tensions and conflict involving Iran, Israel, and the United States in the West Asian region. He remarked that attacks on the UAE were unacceptable and praised the Gulf nation for handling the

situation with restraint and maturity.

Highlighting the wider global impact of the conflict, Modi emphasized India's readiness to contribute to peace and stability in the region. The leaders are also expected to hold extensive discussions on the India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, focusing on energy security, investments, supply chains, trade, and regional stability.

Energy cooperation is expected to remain a key topic, particularly amid concerns over oil supplies, maritime trade routes, and geopolitical tensions in the Gulf region. The changing dynamics involving the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and the ongoing regional conflict are increasingly influencing India's diplomatic and strategic interests in West Asia. Following the UAE visit, Modi will continue his foreign tour with engagements in several European countries aimed at expanding cooperation in technology, trade, green energy, and investment sectors.



CBI Arrests Alleged Mastermind in NEET-UG Paper Leak Case

New Delhi, May 16 | TPN Bureau

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Friday arrested Professor P.V. Kulkarni from Pune in connection with the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak case. Investigators described him as the alleged mastermind behind the leak. Kulkarni, a Chemistry expert who had reportedly been associated with preparing NEET question papers for several years, was taken into custody after detailed interrogation.

According to officials, Kulkarni allegedly conducted secret coaching sessions at his residence in Pune during the last week of April, prior to the May 3 NEET-UG examination. During these sessions, he is accused of dictating questions, answer choices, and correct answers to selected students. The CBI stated that the questions matched the actual examination paper. The agency alleged that another accused, Manisha Waghmare, helped mobilize students for the sessions. She was arrested earlier from Pune. Investigators said students attending the classes noted down the dictated questions in notebooks, which later corresponded with the leaked paper. Meanwhile, Union Educa-

tion Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced that the NEET-UG re-examination will be conducted on June 21. He also declared that from next year onward, the medical entrance examination would be shifted to a computer-based format as part of reforms aimed at improving transparency and security.

The CBI has conducted raids at multiple locations across the country and seized electronic devices, mobile phones, and several incriminating documents. Officials said forensic analysis of the seized material is currently underway.

In a related development, a Delhi court granted six days' CBI custody of accused Dhananjay Nivrutti Lokhande, stating that investigators need additional time to uncover the larger conspiracy and identify all members of the organized network involved in the paper leak. So far, several accused have been arrested from Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gurugram, and other locations. Investigators believe the leaked question papers were circulated among candidates in exchange for lakhs of rupees through a well-organized network of middlemen and facilitators.

India's First Large-Scale Gas Atomiser Facility to Come Up

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

India continues to rely heavily on imported specialised metal powders used in fighter jet engines, defence equipment, and advanced 3D-printing applications. In an effort to strengthen self-reliance in this critical sector, Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad, Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory, and Hyderabad-

based Innomet Advanced Materials Ltd have joined hands to establish what is being described as India's first indigenous large-scale 100 kg inert gas atomiser facility.

The initiative, titled Indigenous Development of Large Scale (100 kg) Inert Gas Atomiser, is being supported by the DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence at Indian Institute of P2

'Suraksha Kavach' Initiative Launched for Women Students' Safety

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

The Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) launched "Suraksha Kavach," a comprehensive handbook aimed at promoting safety, mental wellness, anti-drug awareness, and responsible campus culture among women college students.

The initiative seeks to strengthen awareness and support systems in educational institutions through student-led clubs and interactive programmes. Addressing the event, M. Ramesh, Commissioner of Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, highlighted the importance of emotional well-being, disciplined lifestyles, and open communication in tackling stress, loneliness, and substance abuse among youth.

The Commissioner assured that the police department remains committed to taking strict action against drug-related networks and urged students to approach mentors, teachers, parents, or authorities whenever they face emotional or social challenges.



During an interaction session, Varalaxmi, a faculty member in biochemistry, observed that awareness campaigns alone may not be sufficient to address student issues effectively. She stressed the need for regular discussion forums where students can openly share their concerns. Welcoming the suggestion, Dr. Ramesh encouraged students to speak freely and seek guidance whenever necessary.

Responding to a question from a student of NALSAR University of Law regarding drug abuse, the Commissioner warned that narcotics can destroy individuals, families, and society, emphasizing that public cooperation is essential in

combating the growing menace. Actor and director Rahul Ravindran also addressed the gathering, cautioning students against addiction, peer pressure, and unhealthy coping habits. He encouraged youth to focus on meaningful goals and maintain positive lifestyles.

Officials from SCSC and participating institutions underlined the importance of anti-ragging measures, mental health support systems, and campus safety mechanisms. DCP Women & Child Safety Wing K. Srujana emphasized strict implementation of anti-drug committee guidelines and adherence to POSH and POCSO regulations in colleges.

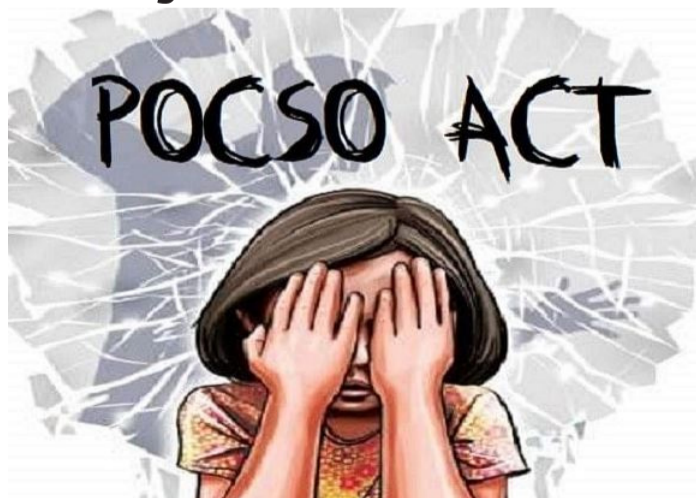
Police Register Case Over Disclosure of Minor's Identity in POCSO Matter

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

The Petbasheerabad Police have registered a criminal case against several social media account handlers for allegedly sharing photographs, videos, and personal details of a minor girl and her family in connection with a case registered under the POCSO Act.

According to police officials, the case was filed following a complaint submitted by the Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Medchal-Malkajgiri district. The complaint stated that sensitive and identifying information related to the victim in FIR No. 684/2026 was being widely circulated across social media platforms.

Based on the complaint, police registered an FIR under Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice Act, Section 72(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and Section 23 of the POCSO Act for unlawful disclosure of a child victim's identity. Investigators said several Instagram and Facebook account IDs, along with related URLs allegedly involved in spreading the content, have



been identified. The details have been forwarded to the concerned authorities for further investigation and to trace the individuals operating the accounts. Police stated that legal proceedings are being initiated against those responsible for publishing or circulating the victim's photographs, videos, and other personal information online. Issuing a strong public warning, officials emphasized that revealing the identity of a child victim or their family members in POCSO-related cases is a serious of-

fence under the law. They noted that such acts not only violate legal protections but also cause severe emotional trauma and distress to the victim and their family.

The police appealed to the public and social media users to act responsibly while sharing information online and cautioned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone found violating child protection laws or circulating sensitive information related to minors involved in criminal cases.



Major Urban Transformation

Karimnagar, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Karimnagar is poised for a major phase of urban development after the Central Government granted in-principle approval for three large-scale infrastructure projects under the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF). The proposed projects, collectively valued at nearly 895 crore, are expected to significantly improve the city's transport, drainage and waste management systems. According to official sources, proposals worth 700 crore focus on upgrading urban mobility infrastructure. These include the development of model roads, modernization of traffic junctions, construction of skywalks, foot-over bridges and facilities for non-motorized transport. Another 130 crore has been proposed for stormwater drainage networks, flood mitigation works and rehabilitation measures aimed at preventing urban flooding during heavy rains. In addition, 65 crore has been earmarked for an Integrated Solid Waste Management project. The Apex Committee under the Union Ministry of Housing

and Urban Affairs recently reviewed the proposals in New Delhi and granted preliminary approval. Following this development, a team of Central officials is scheduled to visit Karimnagar to inspect the proposed sites and hold discussions with local authorities regarding implementation. Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar played a key role in securing support for the projects. During the previous municipal elections, he had promised to bring substantial Central funds to Karimnagar if the BJP secured the Mayor's post. After the party assumed control of the municipal corporation, he reportedly pursued the issue with the Centre. Apart from earlier allocations under the Smart City Mission and Finance Commission grants, Bandi Sanjay recently met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, seeking assistance to develop Karimnagar into a model city. The Centre subsequently directed the State Government to submit detailed proposals, which eventually received in-principle clearance.

India's First Large-Scale Gas Atomiser Facility to Come Up

Technology (BHU) Varanasi under the Directorate of Futuristic Technology Management. The facility is being set up at Innomet's premises in Hyderabad and is expected to manufacture high-purity spherical alloy powders required in sectors such as aerospace, defence, energy, and advanced manufacturing.

Officials associated with the project stated that these specialised powders play a vital role in additive manufacturing, hot isostatic pressing, protective coatings, and high-temperature gas turbine engine components used in strategic systems. The new facility is expected to significantly reduce dependence on foreign imports for these critical materials.

The collaboration builds upon the successful development of a smaller 10 kg indigenous gas atomiser created earlier by the same teams. Researchers revealed that the upcoming unit will be capable of producing nickel-based superalloys for aerospace applications, ferritic and austenitic steels for thermal and nuclear power sectors, cobalt-based alloys for protective coatings, and advanced high-entropy alloys. The facility will also serve as a research and development hub for collaborative work between DMRL and IIT Hyderabad for the next five years after completion. IIT Hyderabad Director Dr. B.S. Murty stated that the initiative would strengthen India's advanced materials ecosystem and contribute to the growth of indigenous strategic manufacturing capabilities. Representatives added that the project would play a major role in enhancing domestic production capacity in sectors that currently depend heavily on imports.



Sanathnagar TIMS Set for June Launch

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) at Sanathnagar is nearing completion, with the State Government making arrangements for its inauguration in June. Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha on Thursday reviewed the ongoing trial run of medical services, recruitment of doctors and staff, and other preparations related to the hospital's launch.

A review meeting was held at the Aarogyasri Trust office with senior officials from the Health and Roads & Buildings departments. During the meeting, the Minister instructed officials to speed up all pending works and ensure the hospital is fully prepared before opening its doors to the public.

Officials informed the Minister that administrative approval for the Sanathnagar TIMS project was granted in April 2022 through G.O.Ms.No.41, while construction responsibility was handed over to an agency later that year. The actual construction work began

on February 8, 2023. However, officials stated that by December 2023, only around 13 percent of the work had been completed, mainly involving slab construction and exterior wall development.

After the formation of the Congress government, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy reportedly reviewed the status of the project and directed officials to accelerate the pace of construction. Authorities said the government completed most of the remaining work over the last two and a half years, including building infrastructure, procurement of medical equipment and related facilities. Officials added that only minor works remain pending and are expected to be completed within the next 15 days. The Minister said hospitals like TIMS and Osmania are being developed to provide advanced healthcare services with modern infrastructure. He directed officials to address any shortcomings immediately and ensure all services are operational from the first day of inauguration.

Sridhar Babu Launches 651 Crore KJS India Unit

Sangareddy, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu laid the foundation stone for the new "KJS India Pvt. Ltd. Unit-2" manufacturing facility at Togarpalli village in Kondapur mandal of Sangareddy district.

The upcoming unit will be developed with advanced technology over 44 acres at an estimated investment of 651 crore. The project is expected to strengthen Telangana's position as a growing hub for food processing and FMCG manufacturing industries.

KJS India Pvt. Ltd. is known for providing co-manufactur-



Second Phase of Indiramma Housing to Begin

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

State Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the Telangana government is committed to providing a permanent home for every eligible homeless poor family through the ongoing Indiramma Housing Scheme. He stated that owning a house is not just about shelter but also about dignity and security for poor families.

Addressing a review meeting held at the Housing Corporation headquarters in Hyderabad on Friday, the minister announced that the second phase of the scheme will be launched in Adilabad district on June 2. The meeting was attended by ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, district collectors, and officials from the Revenue, Housing, and Forest departments from the erstwhile Khammam and Warangal districts.

Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said more than 3 lakh houses had already been sanctioned under the first phase, with construction initiated for nearly 2.9 lakh units. Around 50,000 beneficiaries have already per-



formed housewarming ceremonies, while construction of over 2 lakh houses is progressing rapidly and is expected to be completed within two months.

The minister said the government is providing 5 lakh financial assistance as a full subsidy for each house, describing Telangana as a model state in housing welfare. He also clarified that the housing program would continue through multiple phases until every deserving family receives a house.

He instructed officials to

clear pending bills in pilot villages, ensure free sand supply reaches beneficiaries, and complete infrastructure works such as electricity, water supply, and drainage in double-bedroom housing colonies. He also directed district collectors to identify unused government lands distributed during the united Andhra Pradesh era for future housing purposes.

The minister further stressed the need for joint surveys by Revenue and Forest departments to permanently resolve land boundary disputes across the state.

KTR Highlights Vision Behind TIMS Hospitals

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao said the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) hospitals were envisioned to provide world-class healthcare facilities to the people of Hyderabad and compete with private corporate hospitals in terms of medical standards and infrastructure.

He stated that before the establishment of TIMS, patients largely depended on government hospitals such as Gandhi and Osmania for treatment. According to him, the BRS government introduced modern TIMS hospitals with the goal of offering treatment comparable to AIIMS-level healthcare within the city.

KTR said the Sanathnagar TIMS campus was constructed across 22 acres using advanced technology and international standards. He added that the hospital project was taken up at an estimated cost of 1,200 crore. He further remarked that had the KCR government remained in power, the hospital would have been completed nearly two years earlier.

Highlighting the hospital's infrastructure, KTR stated that



the facility consists of three major blocks and includes 300 ICU beds dedicated to emergency medical care. He said 16 advanced operation theatres have been established, along with comprehensive diagnostic services including MRI and CT scan facilities. Exclusive VIP suites, research blocks, academic facilities and a large auditorium have also been developed within the campus.

He noted that special arrangements are being made to encourage research related to kidney diseases and claimed

that TIMS is being designed to become one of the country's largest government healthcare systems in terms of medical personnel and infrastructure.

KTR also mentioned that a modern parking facility accommodating nearly 1,000 cars and a dedicated emergency ramp have been constructed. He instructed officials to improve elevator operations immediately and urged the government to complete all pending works and fully operationalize the hospital for public use at the earliest.

Telangana Receives Cancer Atlas to Strengthen Fight Against Disease

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Government Advisor and noted oncologist Dr. Nori Dattatreyyudu met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at his Jubilee Hills residence and formally presented the "Cancer Atlas of Telangana," a comprehensive report mapping cancer prevalence across the state.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Health and Family Welfare Damodar Rajanarasimha, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, CMO Principal Secretary Srinivasa Raju, and State Health Secretary Christina Z. Chongthru.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy appreciated Dr. Dattatreyyudu for compiling the detailed atlas, noting that it would serve as a crucial tool in understanding the distribution and intensity of cancer cases across Telangana. He said the report would help authorities identify high-risk zones and study possible environmental or lifestyle-related causes behind the disease.

The Chief Minister further stated that the data would be



instrumental in setting up specialized cancer screening centres in districts with higher incidence rates, enabling early detection and timely treatment. He emphasized that healthcare infrastructure should not be limited to Hyderabad alone, and proposed the establishment of advanced cancer treatment facilities in other regions where patient concentration is significant.

Revanth Reddy also directed officials to improve the delivery of cancer treatment under the Aarogyasri health scheme in empanelled corporate hospitals, ensuring better accessibility and quality care for patients.

The initiative is expected to support a more data-driven and region-specific approach to cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment in the state.



Ramchander Rao Travels by Metro to Promote Fuel Conservation

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal for fuel conservation and increased use of public transport, Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao traveled by Metro from Tarnaka to Jubilee Hills on Thursday.

Choosing public transport over his personal vehicle, Ramchander Rao conveyed a message encouraging citizens to reduce fuel consumption and adopt environmentally responsible practices. During the journey, he traveled alongside regular commuters, interacted warmly with passengers, and emphasized the importance of using public transportation to lessen the country's dependence on petrol and diesel.

The BJP leader said Prime Minister Modi has consistently encouraged people to embrace

sustainable lifestyles, reduce unnecessary expenditure, and support initiatives that strengthen the nation's economic self-reliance. He added that the promotion of Metro rail services, electric vehicles, and public transportation forms part of the Centre's broader strategy to reduce reliance on imported fuel and protect the environment. Ramchander Rao also highlighted the Prime Minister's "Vocal for Local" initiative, urging people to prioritize indigenous products and increase savings by avoiding extravagance. He stated that public participation is essential for building a stronger and economically self-reliant India. According to BJP leaders, the party is actively taking the Prime Minister's key public awareness messages and developmental principles to people across the state.

Telangana Forms Panel to Recognize Movement Activists

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Government has constituted a special committee to identify individuals who actively participated in the Telangana statehood movement and recommend measures to recognize their sacrifices and contributions. The decision was taken following directions from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, with the General Administration Department issuing G.O. Rt. No. 679 on Friday.

The initiative comes in response to long-pending demands seeking official recognition for movement activists, many of whom faced imprisonment, police cases, physical injuries and personal hardships during the agitation for separate statehood. Several activists had also lost their lives during the movement.

Government Advisor K. Kesava Rao has been appointed Chairman of the committee.

Other members include Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, MLC M. Kodandaram, MLC and Whip Addanki Dayakar, former MLC S. Ramulu Naik and Mothe Shobhan Reddy. The Political Secretary of the General Administration Department will function as the committee's Convener.

The committee has been tasked with framing clear guidelines to identify genuine Telangana movement activists. Based on the criteria finalized, it will prepare a detailed list of eligible individuals and recommend suitable honors, recognition measures and welfare benefits for them.

The government has authorized the committee to seek information from officials, conduct meetings and consult relevant persons whenever required. It has also instructed all departments and officials to extend full cooperation to ensure the committee submits its report at the earliest.

Telangana Focuses on Expanding Cooperative Sector

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government is taking major steps to strengthen the cooperative sector through coordinated efforts with the Union Ministry of Cooperation, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao said during the State-Level Cooperative Development Coordination Committee (SCDC) meeting held in Hyderabad.

The meeting was attended by senior Central and State government officials, including Ashish Kumar Bhutani and Additional Secretary Sidharth Jain.

State Cooperative Department Secretary Surendra Mohan explained that Telangana has successfully implemented the PACS computerization program, improving transparency, digitizing voter lists, and expanding both credit and non-credit operations. He also requested the Centre to release pending funds related to the scheme.

Officials informed the committee that under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan, Telangana aims to create storage capacity of 3 lakh metric tonnes across 10 districts. Plans have already been finalized for warehouses with a

combined capacity of 1.4 lakh metric tonnes at 34 identified locations.

The government has also launched a Cooperative Internship Programme to create awareness among youth about the cooperative sector. Around 150 students reportedly received practical exposure to the functioning of cooperative institutions, while Cooperative Clubs were formed to encourage community participation.

The meeting also discussed plans for a comprehensive Telangana Cooperative Policy aligned with the "Telangana Rising 2047" vision. Proposals include AI-based governance, e-courts, and the establishment of a Telangana Cooperative Academy.

Officials further highlighted initiatives involving warehousing, solar energy projects, electric vehicle charging stations, banking expansion through cooperative banks, and the functioning of 311 Farmer Producer Organizations across the state. The Chief Secretary emphasized that the cooperative sector remains vital for the development of poor and marginal farmers and assured continued government support for its expansion.

Revanth Reddy Defends Police Action, Reaffirms Political Commitment

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy strongly defended the state government's handling of a POCSO case involving a minor girl and asserted that there would be no exceptions in the implementation of the law, regardless of political or social status.

Addressing the media, the Chief Minister explained that a complaint was initially lodged at the Pet Basheerabad police station on the night of May 8. He said the police began an inquiry the following day, revised the relevant legal sections, and formally registered the case. Revanth Reddy stated that the process required careful investigation, especially since the matter involved a minor girl and incidents that allegedly occurred months earlier.

He clarified that notices were issued only after evaluating the complaints and recording the girl's statement. Referring to BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar and his son, the Chief Minister said police teams were sent to serve notices and conduct the inquiry as per legal procedures. He rejected



allegations of political vendetta, saying the registration of a POCSO case itself reflected the government's commitment to justice and victim protection.

Revanth Reddy maintained that whether the accused belonged to politics or the film industry, no one would receive special treatment. He stressed that the government stood firmly with victims and assured strict punishment for those found guilty.

The Chief Minister also touched upon broader political

Congress Raises Concerns Over Voter Revision Process

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Speaking at BRK Bhavan, Telangana PCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud alleged that Union Ministers Bandi Sanjay Kumar and G. Kishan Reddy secured electoral victories through fraudulent votes, claiming that fears surrounding the ongoing voter verification process stem from these irregularities.

He alleged that large-scale manipulation of voter lists had taken place in 14 states across the country and accused authorities of conducting elections in an unfair and politically motivated manner. Referring to West Bengal, he said the state's election outcomes demonstrated how changes in voter rolls could alter political equations. According to him, while crores of new voters were added nationwide, lakhs of names were simultaneously removed from the electoral rolls.

Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that nearly 90 lakh votes were

TPCC Chief Slams Centre Over Fuel Price Hike

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee President and MLC Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud strongly criticized the BJP-led Central Government over the recent increase in petrol and diesel prices, accusing it of placing an additional financial burden on the common people.

In a press statement issued on Thursday, Mahesh Kumar Goud expressed anger over the fuel price hike, stating that people are already struggling with rising prices of essential commodities, LPG cylinders, and electricity charges. He said the latest increase in fuel costs would further worsen the financial difficulties faced by middle-class and poor families.

The TPCC chief alleged that the Centre was ignoring public welfare despite a decline in crude oil prices in the international market. He accused the government of continuing to

collect heavy taxes on fuel instead of passing on the benefits of lower global crude prices to consumers.

Mahesh Kumar Goud warned that the increase in petrol and diesel prices would directly affect transportation expenses, which in turn would lead to higher prices for daily-use commodities and essential goods. He stated that the burden of inflation would ultimately fall on ordinary citizens.

Targeting the BJP government, he alleged that the promises made during elections had been forgotten after assuming power and claimed that the Centre was focusing more on policies that favor corporate interests rather than addressing public concerns.

He urged the Union Government to give priority to people's welfare instead of increasing tax collections and demanded an immediate rollback of the fuel price hike to provide relief to the public.

Massive Protest Held Against Fuel Price Hike

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

A large-scale protest was staged at the L.B. Nagar crossroads on Thursday against the continuous increase in petrol and diesel prices by the Central Government. The demonstration was led by Devireddy Sudheer Reddy,

who accused the Centre of placing an unbearable financial burden on the public through repeated fuel price hikes.

Addressing the gathering, Sudheer Reddy said the protest was organized in support of common people who are struggling with the rising cost of living. He alleged that the steady increase in

issues, reaffirming his loyalty to the Indian National Congress leadership and expressing gratitude to Sonia Gandhi for the formation of Telangana. He reiterated that he would continue serving under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi and remain committed to Telangana's development.

He further highlighted initiatives such as the Musi River rejuvenation project, welfare schemes for common people, and recognition given to Telangana movement figures and cultural icons

BJP Will Become Telangana's Main Political Force: Ramchander Rao

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Speaking at a Conclave, Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao expressed confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party would emerge as the leading political force in Telangana within the next decade. He stated that the party has significantly expanded its organizational network across the state with nearly 35,000 booth committees and is preparing to capture power in the 2028-29 Assembly elections.

Ramchander Rao said the people of Telangana have already experienced the governance of both the Bharat Rashtra Samithi and the Indian National Congress, and are now looking towards the BJP with growing expectations. He asserted that a "Double Engine Sarkar" under BJP rule would ensure effective implementation of welfare schemes introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Highlighting the party's growth, he stated that youth, women, professionals, intellectuals, doctors, lawyers, and film personalities are voluntarily joining the BJP due to its ideology rather than political inducements. He also emphasized the party's commitment

Ponnam Prabhakar Slams Fuel Price Hike After Elections

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has strongly criticised the Central Government over the recent increase in petrol and diesel prices, alleging that the decision was deliberately delayed until the completion of elections in four states and then implemented immediately afterward.

He stated that fuel prices were kept unchanged during the election period, but were raised soon after the polls concluded, even before newly elected state governments could take oath. He described

Congress Suggests Transparent Electoral Roll Revision

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Following the directions of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, Election Commission Coordination Committee Chairman Pulipati Rajesh Kumar, along with committee members, met Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy in Hyderabad on Thursday. The delegation submitted a memorandum raising concerns and offering recommendations regarding the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana.

The Congress party emphasized that the voter list revision process should be conducted in a transparent, impartial, and well-planned manner. Referring to the previous SIR exercise held in 2002, the party noted that voter numbers have increased significantly over the past two decades, placing greater responsibility on election officials. It suggested that the revision process should be imple-

mented in phases instead of being completed hastily within a few months. The memorandum proposed extending the SIR exercise over 18 months to two years, pointing out that no major elections are expected soon. Congress leaders also objected to assigning both Census and electoral duties to the same officials, stating that dual responsibilities could affect efficiency and public service.

The party further demanded that recognized political parties be provided electoral rolls from 2002 and 2025 in both digital and hard-copy formats. It also sought longer timelines for filing objections and responding to notices issued during the verification process.

Concerns were raised over alleged irregular voter registrations, particularly involving hostel students and migrated individuals. Congress urged authorities to ensure mandatory written notices before deleting voter names and recommended strict verification of applications filed through Form 7 to prevent misuse.



to giving women greater political opportunities.

On alliances, Ramchander Rao made it clear that the BJP intends to contest future elections in Telangana independently. While acknowledging cordial relations with NDA allies such as N. Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan, he said Telangana's political situation is different and the BJP is strong enough to contest on its own.

The BJP leader also raised concerns over issues faced by farmers at procurement centers. He alleged that despite increased Minimum Support

Prices announced by the Centre, the state government had failed to procure grain on time, forcing farmers to suffer losses due to middlemen and commission agents.

Commenting on the controversy involving the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Ramchander Rao stated that the police should conduct a fair investigation and take action strictly according to law. He maintained that the BJP would stand with victims and would not hesitate to take disciplinary action if any party member was found guilty of wrongdoing.



Revanth Reddy Backs Rahul Gandhi for PM Post

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Speaking at a Conclave, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy made several significant political remarks regarding national leadership, the Congress party, and his future plans in public life.

Revanth Reddy said the Indian National Congress leadership, particularly Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, have deep faith in the country and that he shares a close working relationship with them. He remarked that he always maintains political discipline and respects organizational boundaries. Recalling his earlier political journey with the Telugu Desam Party, the Chief Minister said he worked under N. Chandrababu Naidu for nearly a decade and continues to enjoy cordial relations with him even after leaving the party. He added that before quitting the TDP, he personally met Chandrababu Naidu in Vijayawada

to inform him of his decision.

The Chief Minister stated that Rahul Gandhi's primary goal is to bring the Congress party back to power and not personal ambition. However, he revealed that during a meeting in Vikarabad, he encouraged Rahul Gandhi to take up the responsibility of becoming Prime Minister.

Commenting on changing political expectations, Revanth Reddy said people now expect "Swiggy-style politics," referring to fast and responsive governance. He declared that Rahul Gandhi will be projected as the Prime Ministerial candidate of the INDIA alliance in the next general elections.

Revanth Reddy also said he intends to continue serving Telangana until 2034 and aims to contribute significantly to the state's economic growth. He added that after 2034, he would make way for younger leadership while continuing to serve the nation in another capacity.

Pochampally Skips Review Meeting Over Pending Proposals

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

MLC and Deputy Floor Leader of the Legislative Council Pochampally Srinivas Reddy has written a letter to Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy expressing dissatisfaction over the delay in clearing his pending development proposals and alleging neglect toward his role as a public representative.

In the letter, Pochampally Srinivas Reddy informed the Minister that he would not attend the review meeting scheduled for 2 PM at the TGS Housing Corporation Limited conference hall in Hyderabad, which was convened to discuss Revenue and Housing Department matters.

The MLC stated that the indifferent approach toward the proposals submitted by him had affected the dignity attached to his constitutional position and undermined the prestige of his office. He explained that, as the Local Bodies MLC representing the erstwhile Warangal district, he had submitted proposals worth 248.40 lakh under the Constituency Development Programme (CDP) for the 2023-24 financial year.

According to him, officials instructed the Hanamkonda District Collector to consider only 50 percent of the available funds, amounting to 124.20 lakh. Administrative sanctions were subsequently issued only for that portion of the proposed works.

Pochampally Srinivas Reddy stated that he later submitted additional representations seeking approval for the remaining 124.20 lakh. However, despite relevant government regulations and repeated requests, the proposals have allegedly remained pending without clearance.

He questioned the reasons behind the delay and said the failure to approve the proposals was adversely affecting development activities and public welfare works in his constituency. The MLC further alleged that continuously keeping the proposals pending without valid justification amounted to deliberate negligence and a violation of his rights as a Member of the Legislative Council.

Citing the prolonged delay, he maintained that attending the review meeting would serve no meaningful purpose.



Bandi Sanjay's Mother Undergoing Treatment

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau
Shakuntala, mother of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, suffered a heart attack on Thursday and was immediately shifted to Hyderabad for urgent medical care. Family members rushed her to Medico Hospitals in Gachibowli after her health reportedly deteriorated. Doctors at the hospital are providing emergency treatment and closely monitoring her condition. Medical sources said specialists have initiated advanced cardiac care procedures, including the insertion of a stent, as part of the treatment process. Hospital authorities are said to be tak-

ing all necessary precautions to stabilize her health. After learning about his mother's condition, Bandi Sanjay reached the hospital and met the doctors to review the ongoing treatment. He also interacted with family members and enquired in detail about her medical status. The sudden health emergency has drawn concern among party workers, supporters and well-wishers, many of whom have been visiting the hospital or expressing prayers for her speedy recovery. Further updates on her condition are awaited as doctors continue intensive medical supervision and treatment at the hospital.



CPM Protests Fuel Price Increase

Quthbullapur, May 15 | TPN Bureau
The CPM Bachupally Mandal Committee strongly opposed the recent increase in petrol, diesel, and essential commodity prices, urging the Central Government to withdraw the hikes immediately. Party activists organized a protest at Kothula Bomma Junction in Pragathi Nagar division, where they burnt an effigy representing the BJP-led Central Government as a mark of protest.

The demonstration was chaired by CPM District Committee member Rathod Santhosh. Addressing the gathering, CPM Bachupally Mandal Secretary B. Venkataramayya said the sharp rise in fuel prices was adding to the hardships faced by ordinary citizens already struggling with increasing living expenses. He criti-

cized the Centre for placing additional financial pressure on the public during a period of economic difficulty. Venkataramayya also questioned the justification of linking the fuel price hike to tensions in West Asia, stating that the burden should not be shifted onto common people. He warned that the CPM would intensify protests across the state if the decision was not reversed soon and appealed to people to support the movement against rising prices. CPM leaders Bala Venkateswara Rao and Venkatarajyam accused the Central Government of failing to keep earlier promises of protecting the public from additional financial strain. Several party leaders, including Akbar Ali, Balaperu, Rajeswara Rao, and Rajesh, participated in the protest.

Collector Orders Faster Sorghum Procurement

Adilabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau
Rajarshi Shah has directed officials to speed up the procurement of sorghum (jonna) crops in Adilabad district to ensure that farmers do not face inconvenience during the procurement season.

On Thursday, the District Collector conducted a review meeting at the camp office with officials from the Marketing, MARKFED, Agriculture, and Transport departments to assess the arrangements being made for sorghum procurement across the district. During the meeting, the Collector instructed authorities to complete all preliminary arrangements at procurement centers in advance. He emphasized the need to provide essential facilities for farmers, including drinking water, shaded waiting areas, and other basic amenities at all procurement points.

Rajarshi Shah also directed officials to closely monitor the availability of transport vehicles so that the movement of sorghum stocks proceed smoothly without delays. He

Grand Arrangements for Saraswati Antya Pushkarams

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government is making elaborate arrangements for the Saraswati Antya Pushkarams to be held at the famous pilgrimage center of Kaleshwaram in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district.

State Endowments Minister Konda Surekha, along with Endowments Department Director M. Hanumantha Rao and senior officials, met Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and formally invited him to participate in the religious event. During the meeting, Vedic scholars offered blessings to the Deputy Chief Minister through traditional Vedic recitations.

Konda Surekha informed the Deputy CM that the Pushkarams will be conducted for 12 days, from May 21 to June 1. The inaugural holy dip is scheduled for 5:43 a.m. on May



21. She said the first ceremonial dip will be performed by Shankara Vijayendra Saraswati, the pontiff of the Kanchi Peetham. The minister also stated that the sacred "Ganga Harathi" ritual will be organized daily at the Triveni Sanga-

mam during the Pushkaram period. She assured that the state government is taking all necessary measures to ensure smooth arrangements, safety, and convenience for the large number of devotees expected to attend the festival.

Young Man Ends Life After Betting Losses

Quthbullapur, May 15 | TPN Bureau

A heartbreaking incident has been reported under the limits of Pet Basheerabad Police Station in Quthbullapur, where a 30-year-old man allegedly died by suicide following financial distress linked to alcohol consumption and online betting habits.

According to police information, the deceased has been identified as Vamashetty Ravindra, a resident of M.N. Reddy Nagar, who worked as a mason. Family members revealed that Ravindra had been facing continuous financial problems for some time due to his addiction to alcohol and involvement in betting activities. These issues reportedly



pushed him into severe mental stress. Unable to cope with the

mounting financial burden and personal struggles, he is believed to have taken the extreme step of ending his life by hanging himself at his residence. Following a complaint lodged by his wife, Vamashetty Nagajyothi, the Pet Basheerabad police registered a case and initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death. Officials are examining the factors that led to the incident and gathering further details from family members and neighbours. The incident has once again highlighted concerns over rising addiction to online betting and substance abuse among youth, leading to serious social and financial consequences.

Lakes Face Encroachment Threat

Quthbullapur, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Rapid urban expansion in and around Hyderabad is putting immense pressure on natural water bodies, with several lakes and ponds in Bahadurpally reportedly facing severe encroachment. Concerned residents and local leaders have warned that the disappearance of these water resources could create serious environmental and drinking water problems in the future.

Congress leader A.R. Sadhu Yadav alleged that a number of lakes and ponds in the Bahadurpally division of Dundigal-Gandhi Maisamma Mandal are gradually losing their original boundaries due to illegal occupation and construction activities. He named Bobba Khan Lake, Sandayya Kunta, Firjadi Kunta, Nerella Kunta and Malanna Kunta among the affected water bodies.

According to him, repeated complaints were submitted to officials from the Irrigation and Revenue departments, but



no meaningful action has been taken so far. He expressed concern that continued encroachments would reduce groundwater reserves and worsen water scarcity in coming years.

Sadhu Yadav pointed out that several residential colonies experienced flooding during the last monsoon because nalas and lakes had been encroached upon, obstructing the natural flow of rainwater. Despite those incidents, authori-

ties have allegedly failed to implement corrective measures.

He criticized the government for not effectively enforcing lake protection measures at the ground level despite announcing programs for water conservation. Urging immediate intervention, he appealed to officials to remove illegal encroachments and restore the affected lakes and ponds before the region faces a deeper water crisis in the future.

GHMC Conducts Rabies Awareness and Veterinary Health Drive

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

As part of the Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika (PP-PP) programme, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation continued its public health initiatives on the 71st day of the campaign, focusing on Veterinary Public Health activities across the city. The programme concentrated on spreading awareness about dog bites, rabies prevention, responsible pet care, and public safety. Veterinary teams organized educational sessions in

schools, institutions, and public places to inform citizens about the importance of vaccinating pets and seeking immediate medical treatment in case of dog bite incidents. A total of 1,407 students and residents participated in the awareness activities conducted across various GHMC zones and circles. The initiative received a positive response in areas including Meerpet-UPHC, VPG-Goshamahall, Gowlipura, and Indranagar Colony. As part of the campaign, GHMC veterinary teams carried out sterilization proce-

dures for 82 stray dogs to support humane population control measures. In addition, 405 Anti-Rabies Vaccinations (ARV) were administered to dogs across GHMC limits to help prevent the spread of rabies. Officials stated that the programme reflects GHMC's continued commitment to protecting public health while also promoting animal welfare through awareness campaigns, preventive healthcare measures, and responsible veterinary management activities under the PP-PP initiative.



Congress Leaders Meet Chief Electoral Officer, Seek Transparent Process

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

A delegation of Congress leaders, led by Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, met State Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy and discussed various issues related to the conduct of elections in the state.

During the meeting, the delegation included Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Government Whip (MLC) Balamuri Venkat, MLAs Kavvampally Satyanarayana, Naveen Yadav, and Sri Ganesh, along with several corporation chairpersons and senior party leaders.

The leaders reportedly urged the Election Commission au-

thorities to ensure complete transparency at every stage of the electoral process. They stressed the importance of conducting free, fair, and unbiased elections, and highlighted the need for strict adherence to electoral guidelines.

The delegation also raised concerns related to administrative arrangements and sought assurances that the election process would be carried out in a smooth and impartial manner. They emphasized that transparency and accountability are essential to maintaining public confidence in the democratic system.

Officials are said to have listened to the representations and assured that all necessary steps would be taken to ensure fairness and adherence to established procedures.



GHMC Reviews Census 2027 House Listing Work

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

As part of preparations for Census 2027, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner and Principal Census Officer R.V. Karnan, along with Additional Commissioner (Election) and Zonal Commissioner Shamshabad Chandrakala and Deputy Commissioner Suman Rao, inspected the ongoing House Listing Operation in Shamshabad.

The officials reviewed the field-level implementation at Enumeration Block Nos. 83 and 94 to ensure accurate data collection and proper execution of census procedures.

During the inspection, the Commissioner interacted directly with enumerators and supervisory staff, and examined the methods being used for household enumeration and demographic data collection. He directed officials to complete the entire house listing exercise within the stipulated time frame, targeting completion by June 9, 2026. Stressing the importance of accuracy, he instructed field staff to ensure that no household is left out during the survey process. Commissioner R.V. Karnan also appealed to citizens to extend full cooperation to enumerators by providing correct information, stating that accurate data is crucial for effective planning and governance.

He further instructed Deputy Commissioners to actively coordinate with census teams and deploy field-level officers, including bill collectors and tax inspectors, to support the smooth conduct of the enumeration process.



V. Hanumantha Rao Felicitated

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

V. Hanumantha Rao was accorded a traditional felicitation by his longtime friends and admirers at the VHR Chamber in the Telangana Secretariat on Friday.

Several prominent personalities associated with various

fields attended the event and extended their greetings to the senior leader. Among those present were B.V. Ramana, Y. Rajender, builder and realtor Tumu Rajkumar, bullion merchant Chanda Srinivas, Deepak, trade union leader Karunakar Naidu, and K.V. Chandrasekar.

Boy Drowns in Open Well

Nalgonda, May 15 | TPN Bureau
A tragic incident occurred in Mangapuram village of Garidepally mandal in Suryapet district on Friday, where a 12-year-old boy lost his life after drowning in an agricultural open well.
The deceased was identified as Gundu Sai, son of Gundu Anjaiah and a resident of Mangapuram village. Sai was studying at a residential school in Neruduchera and had recently returned home for the summer holidays.
According to police, Sai went to the open well located on the outskirts of the village along

with three of his friends on Friday afternoon. While swimming in the well, he accidentally drowned.
After noticing the incident, his friends immediately alerted local residents. Villagers rushed to the spot and pulled the boy out of the water. However, he had already died by the time he was rescued.
Upon receiving information, the Garidepally Police reached the location and shifted the body to the area hospital in Huzurnagar for post-mortem examination.
The incident has left the family and villagers in deep shock and grief.

Five Held for Ganja Smuggling

Nalgonda, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Nalgonda district police arrested five persons involved in the illegal transportation and distribution of ganja as part of the state government's anti-drug drive. The arrests were made under the supervision of K. Shivaram Reddy, who disclosed details of the operation.

Police seized 2.2 kilograms of ganja valued at nearly 1 lakh, along with two knives, three mobile phones, and a motorcycle allegedly used for transporting the contraband. The accused were identified as Boddu Chandu, Kanugu Sairam, Jilla Chandu, Chada Kranthikumar, and Bommaragani Anji alias Niranjani, all residents of villages in Kanagal mandal.

The case was registered at Kanagal Police Station under relevant sections of the NDPS Act and Arms Act. According to police, the arrests were made after credible information was received about ganja being distributed near G.L. Gardens on May 14. Acting swiftly, Kanagal SI K. Rajeev



Reddy and his team conducted a raid and apprehended the accused while they were allegedly selling the narcotic substance.
During interrogation, the accused reportedly confessed that they had been involved in the ganja trade for the past three months and were procuring the contraband from a supplier in Dhoolpet, Hyderabad.
The operation was carried out as part of "Mission Parivartan," an initiative launched by Nalgonda SP Sharath Chan-

dra Pawar to make the district drug-free. Police officials stated that a special Ganja Control Room has been established at the District Police Office, and citizens can share information related to drug activities through a dedicated helpline while maintaining confidentiality.
DSP Shivaram Reddy appreciated the efforts of the police team involved in successfully solving the case.



Woman Arrested in Land Grabbing Case

Adilabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

The Mavala police in Adilabad intensified their crackdown on a gang allegedly involved in land grabbing, document forgery, and illegal property registrations in the KRK Colony area. According to Karra Swamy, another accused person, identified as Shabanunnisa (36), was arrested as part of the ongoing investigation.

Police said the accused is the wife of a former councillor and was allegedly linked to a network that targeted vacant plots by creating forged municipal and registration records. The case came to light following a complaint lodged by Donakonda Babythai, a resident of Ruyyadi village, who alleged that her plots numbered 49 and 50 were illegally occupied using fabricated documents and false link records. She also accused the gang of threatening the legitimate owners.

Investigations revealed that several individuals, including former councillor Paik Rao Anand, Saddam Hussain, Lanthile Santhosh, Bodakunta Raju, and Sheikh Shadulla, were allegedly involved in

identifying vacant lands and facilitating fraudulent registrations through forged documents.

Under the supervision of Inspector K. Swamy, police took Shabanunnisa into custody near the Sri Nilayam apartments for questioning. During interrogation, she reportedly confessed to her involvement in preparing fake registration documents. Officials seized a forged sale deed linked to Document No. 5685/2023 from her possession. Police stated that several other accused persons connected to the case have already been arrested and remanded to judicial custody. Authorities also confirmed, based on verification by Revenue and Municipal departments, that the disputed plots legally belong to the complainants.

The police appealed to owners of vacant plots in Mavala, KRK Colony, and nearby areas to regularly inspect their properties and verify municipal and encumbrance records. Victims of encroachment or forgery were encouraged to approach the police without fear, with assurances of protection and strict legal action against offenders.



Ponnam Meets RTC Union Leaders

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar held discussions with RTC union representatives at the Ministers' Quarters on Thursday. The meeting focused on key issues concerning the Road Transport Corporation, including the proposed merger

of RTC with the government and the conduct of trade union elections. Union leaders and officials exchanged views on employee-related concerns and organizational matters. The discussions also covered various pending issues connected to RTC administration and workers' welfare.

Police Tighten Vigil Ahead of Bakrid

Karimnagar, May 15 | TPN Bureau

In preparation for the upcoming Bakrid festival, Police Commissioner Ghouse Alam announced that special checkpoints have been established across the Commissionerate limits to maintain law and order and prevent illegal transportation activities.

According to the Commissioner, police personnel have been deployed at various strategic locations, with continuous monitoring being carried out to ensure public safety during the festival period. He stated that all required facilities and safety measures are being arranged so that officers performing duties at the checkpoints can work efficiently without inconvenience.

On Thursday night, the Police Commissioner personally inspected the checkpoint at Mugdumpur under the Karimnagar Commissionerate limits. During the inspection, he observed deficiencies in safety arrangements, including inad-

equated lighting and the lack of sufficient protective equipment apart from reflector jackets.

Following the inspection, Ghouse Alam directed officials to ensure that all checkpoints are fully equipped with the necessary amenities from Saturday onward. He also instructed authorities to install two CCTV cameras at every checkpoint to enable continuous recording of vehicle movement and monitor suspicious activities effectively.

The Commissioner emphasized that police personnel assigned to night duties must wear reflective safety jackets at all times to improve visibility and ensure their safety during operations.

He stated that intensified surveillance and checking drives are being conducted to prevent any untoward incidents during the festival season and to curb unlawful transportation activities within the Commissionerate jurisdiction.

Collector Speeds Up Grain Procurement Operations

Jagityal, May 15 | TPN Bureau

Grain and maize procurement activities in the district have gained momentum over the past few days under the close supervision of Collector Satyaprasad. To ensure smooth operations, the Collector has been conducting extensive field visits across several mandals, personally inspecting procurement centers and reviewing arrangements on the ground.

During his inspections, he examined issues related to weighing, loading, transportation, unloading, and the availability of laborers at procurement centers. He also visited multiple rice mills and directed mill owners to speed up unloading operations to avoid delays in the movement of grain. Officials said notices were issued to three rice mills for failing to cooperate with timely unloading procedures.

Collector Satyaprasad has been directly interacting with farmers at procurement centers, listening to their concerns and resolving problems immediately. His regular monitoring has increased confidence among farmers, many of whom were worried about de-

lays in procurement and payments.

Officials from the Revenue, Civil Supplies, Transport, and Cooperative departments are maintaining round-the-clock supervision at procurement centers. The Collector instructed officials to remain present until procurement activities are fully completed.

To address grievances quickly, a toll-free helpline—18004258187—has been established for farmers facing issues at procurement centers. A help desk has also been set up at the Collectorate to provide immediate assistance.

The district currently has 433 procurement centers, including those managed by PACS, IKP, and MEPMA. So far, 1.52 lakh metric tonnes of grain have been procured from over 18,000 farmers. Officials stated that more than 219 crore has already been credited directly into farmers' bank accounts.

The Collector assured farmers that every grain brought to the procurement centers would be purchased without fail and directed all departments to ensure there are no disruptions, especially during unseasonal rains.



Khammam Housing Progress Reviewed

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

A high-level review meeting on the progress of the Indirama housing scheme in the erstwhile Khammam district was conducted at the Telangana Housing Corporation office in Himayat Nagar under the supervision of the Housing and Revenue Departments.

The meeting focused on the implementation status of housing projects, coordination between departments, and

measures to speed up the execution of pending works. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and Vakiti Srihari attended the meeting along with MP Balaram Naik.

MLAs, MLCs from the erstwhile Khammam district, District Collectors, Joint Collectors, and senior officials from the Housing and Revenue Departments also participated in the discussions regarding the effective implementation of the housing scheme.

Police Intensify Hunt in Murder Case

Hyderabad, May 16 | TPN Bureau

The investigation into the murder of 62-year-old Tanuja, wife of retired IPS officer Vinay Ranjan Ray, has intensified with Hyderabad police expanding their search across multiple states and areas near the Nepal border. Tanuja reportedly died of suffocation after being gagged during a robbery at the couple's residence in Jubilee Hills.

Investigators revealed that the prime accused, initially identified as Kalpana through allegedly fake identity documents, was later found to be Dharma based on records obtained from Nepal. Police teams reportedly detained her parents in Maharashtra for questioning as part of the on-

going probe. Four other individuals were also taken into custody, with investigators suspecting that some may have helped the accused by arranging shelter and transportation after the crime.

Police have already arrested two persons in connection with the case, identified as Sunil Perriyar and another suspect named Gopi, who is believed to have received stolen property.

According to sources, the accused persons allegedly boarded a train from Nampally Railway Station and traveled to Kazipet before splitting into smaller groups near Warangal to avoid detection. Investigators suspect some of the accused may have attempted to move toward the Nepal border through less-monitored routes and forest stretches. However,

police said the prime accused Dharma, believed to be from Nepal's Surkhet district, has not yet been traced. Authorities suspect she may currently be hiding with her alleged associate Ganesh, while her mobile phone remains switched off.

Nearly 10 special police teams comprising personnel from law and order, crime, task force, and cybercrime divisions have been deployed to investigate the case and track the suspects. Several teams were sent to locations connected to Nepal border routes, while senior officers continued monitoring the investigation closely. Officials stated that inquiries are still underway in border regions as efforts continue to locate the absconding accused.

Police Bust Interstate Cyber Fraud Network

Hyderabad, May 15 | TPN Bureau

The Cyberabad Police Commissionerate cybercrime wing has uncovered five major cybercrime cases and arrested 10 accused persons from different states between May 6 and May 14, exposing an interstate cyber fraud network involved in digital arrest scams, trading frauds, and financial cyber offenses.

According to Cybercrime DCP T. Sai Manohar, the cases included one digital arrest scam, three online trading fraud cases, and another registered under Operation Crackdown. The arrests were made following coordinated investigations targeting organized cybercrime syndicates operating

across the country.

In one major case, fraudsters allegedly cheated a victim of 60 lakh by impersonating officials of the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS), Lucknow. The accused reportedly claimed that a bank account linked to the victim's Aadhaar details had been used in a money laundering operation involving 2.55 crore.

Police said the scammers intimidated the victim through WhatsApp video calls, where one individual appeared in a police uniform and falsely placed the victim under "digital arrest." To create panic and gain credibility, the accused allegedly used forged arrest warrants, fabricated NIA documents, and fake RBI

verification notices.

Investigators revealed that the victim was pressured into transferring money from multiple bank accounts and even breaking fixed deposits after being falsely assured that the funds would be returned following verification.

The police arrested four accused from Andhra Pradesh — Shaik Rehna Begum, Alajangi Ravi, Mohammad Jaffar, and Kolla Venkata Atchuta Rao — for allegedly arranging and supplying bank accounts used to route the defrauded money.

Officials further stated that the Cybercrime Police secured 514 refund orders in 64 separate cases through court intervention, helping victims recover nearly 1.59 crore.

TGIIC Chairperson's Camp Office Opened

Sangareddy, May 15 | TPN Bureau

State Ministers Damodar Raja Narasimha and Duddilla Sridhar Babu inaugurated the camp office of Nirmala Jaggarreddy, Chairperson of the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC), in Sangareddy on Thursday.

The event witnessed the presence of Suresh Shetkar

and Dr. Sanjeeva Reddy along with several party leaders and officials.

Leaders attending the program extended their best wishes to Nirmala Jaggarreddy and expressed confidence that the new office would help strengthen industrial development activities and improve coordination with the public in the region.





World That Can Be Healed and Prosper

The year 2026 presents a striking paradox. On one hand, humanity has reached a pinnacle of scientific achievement that once belonged to the realm of science fiction. Our technological prediction mechanisms have largely neutralised the threat of natural calamities, and agricultural production marvels have created a world where famine should be a relic of the past. In theory, the blueprint for a global utopia, where every citizen is assured a decent living, supported by robust health indices and universal education, is already drawn.

Yet, as we look across the geopolitical horizon, the soil that should be nourishing crops is instead being soaked in the blood of the innocent. While we have mastered the art of sustaining life through

medicine, we have failed to curb the "stubborn leadership" and "religious extremism" that threaten to dismantle it all.

As of May 2026, the global security landscape is arguably at its most volatile point in the 21st century. The direct combat operations between the US-Israel alliance and Iran have sent shockwaves through the global economy, while the attrition of the Russia-Ukraine war and the neglected conflicts across Africa and Asia create a fragmented, interconnected web of violence.

The most tragic casualty of this era is not just physical infrastructure, but the credibility of international institutions. The United Nations, once the beacon of collective security, has seen a precipitous decline, often perceived

as a tool for big-power alignment rather than a protector of the vulnerable. In this power vacuum, the most "stubborn" voices have grown the loudest, treating human lives as disposable variables in a high-stakes game of "War Economy."

There is a chilling reality that often escapes the sanitised reports of nightly news: the systematic use of the vulnerable as political currency. To witness the Middle East as a journalist is to see a recurring nightmare where children and women are not just collateral damage, but strategic assets.

History remembers the accounts of leaders who viewed their own youth as a front-line defence. The anecdote of Yasser Arafat, claiming that every Palestinian child is born with "vengeance" in

their DNA, highlights a devastating cycle, while his wife and daughter were leaving the comforts of Paris. When militants or officials seek shelter in hospitals and schools, pushing the most vulnerable to the front as "human shields," they aren't just fighting a war; they are performing a macabre theatre designed to solicit charity and international outrage. This is a betrayal of leadership that transcends borders.

In the current conflict, we see a dangerous resurgence of the belief that a "War Economy" is a healthy engine for domestic prosperity. By prioritising military-industrial expansion and framing destruction as a precursor to "rebuilding," leaders like Donald Trump or his international counterparts fall into a fool's trap.

While the ledgers of defence contractors might show growth, the human ledger shows a bankruptcy of the soul. War is never a sustainable solution for prosperity. It is a vacuum that sucks resources away from the very agricultural and health innovations that could actually stabilise the planet.

The most dangerous export of modern warfare is not weaponry, but vengeance. When we subject children to the "heat" of these wars, they are not just destroying buildings; they are manufacturing a generation that knows only the language of the bullet and the bomb.

If a child is raised to believe their birthright is conflict, the world loses a potential innovator, a doctor, or a peace-maker. To heal the world, we must move beyond the stand-

ardisation of conflict and the stubbornness of power-hungry elites.

Decentralising Peace is one option. Moving away from failed global bureaucracies toward genuine local cooperation. Protecting the child's mind should be the priority. Ensuring that schools remain sanctuaries of learning, not incubators for ideological warfare. Reframing Prosperity needs to realise that true economic strength comes from innovation and love, not the manufacturing of ordnance.

The world is indeed in a position to heal and prosper. We have the tools, the food, and the medicine. Nature is also in prediction. What we lack, and what we must urgently find, is the collective will to demand that our leaders stop sacrificing the future for the

ego of the present. Peace is not a passive dream; it is an active, necessary investment in the survival of the human spirit.



Ram Kamal
Social Engineer

Beyond 100% Results Rethinking Education Through the Lens of Children's Rights

As schools are ready to begin the new academic year in almost a month, shockingly, many teachers are already under pressure about the demand for 100 per cent results. Every academic year ends and begins with this single expectation. This number has become the main measure of school performance. But behind this obsession lies a quieter truth: the pressure placed on children, their mental well-being, and their basic right to a healthy childhood.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) reminds us that education is not only about marks. Article 28 guarantees the right to education, while Article 29 defines its true purpose: the full development of a child's personality, creativity, and physical and mental abilities. Yet today's exam-driven system often ignores this wider goal, reducing learning to scores and rankings.

When marks become everything, children stop being learners and become statistics. Curiosity is replaced by fear, and the joy of asking questions slowly disappears. In such an environment, mistakes are treated as failures rather than opportunities to learn. As a result, many children begin to suppress their natural thinking, struggling under pressure that often leads to anxiety and emotional stress. Education, instead of building confidence, starts creating fear.

Article 31 of the UNCRC also recognises a child's right to play, rest, and leisure. However, in many schools, play is treated as secondary to academic

work. Tight schedules, heavy homework, and little space for recreation. This raises an important question: if play is considered unimportant, what happens to a child's physical and emotional development?

The UNCRC further emphasises dignity, safety, and freedom of expression under Articles 12 and 19. But in a system dominated by grades, children's voices are rarely heard. Schools often focus more on results than on understanding a child's thoughts, emotions, and individual needs. This imbalance weakens the true spirit of education.

Teachers are also deeply affected by this system. Ideally, a teacher is a guide who supports a child's overall growth. But in reality, they are often judged only by exam results. The pressure to deliver 100 per cent outcomes turns teaching into a performance-driven task rather than a meaningful learning process.

When students do not perform well, teachers are frequently held responsible without considering other factors such as family environment, emotional health, or learning difficulties. This creates a situation where success is celebrated as numbers, and failure is blamed on individuals, ignoring the complexity of education.

In such conditions, teachers lose the freedom to teach creatively. The focus shifts to completing the syllabus and training students for exams. Emotional development, creativity, and curiosity often take a back seat. This system cre-



ates stress not only for students but also for teachers, who are caught between expectations and reality.

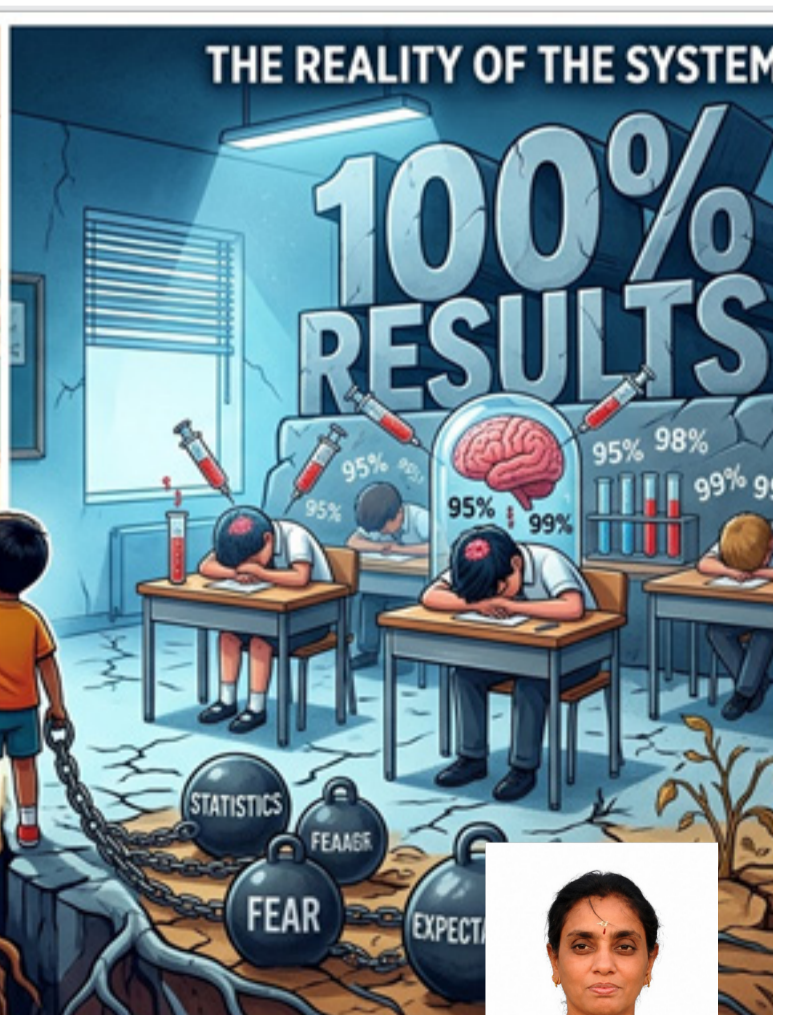
Instead of blaming teachers, the system must support them with trust and autonomy. If teachers are given the freedom to understand students and teach accordingly, education can become more meaningful

and humane. The UNCRC can only be truly implemented when classrooms become spaces that respect childhood, rather than fear results.

Striving for good results is not wrong. The problem arises when results are demanded through pressure and fear. True success in education should come naturally in a

stress-free environment where children learn with joy and confidence. If a student passes exams but loses confidence in life, the purpose of education is defeated.

Ultimately, what society needs is not just 100 per cent marks or pass percentages, but 100 per cent respect for childhood. The principles of child



rights must move beyond documents and become part of everyday classroom practice.

A society that neglects its children's emotional and creative growth risks weakening its own future. It is time to rethink education and restore childhood to its rightful place at the center of learning.



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PM Modi's UAE Visit Strengthens India-UAE Strategic Partnership

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United Arab Emirates marked another major step in strengthening ties between the two countries, with India and the UAE signing several important agreements focused on energy security, defence cooperation, infrastructure, and strategic partnerships.

During his visit to Abu Dhabi, Modi held high-level talks with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Both leaders discussed expanding cooperation across multiple sectors, including trade, technology, energy, and regional security. The meeting highlighted the rapidly growing relationship between India and the UAE under their Comprehensive

Strategic Partnership framework.

One of the biggest focus areas of the visit was energy security. India signed key agreements related to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) supplies and strategic petroleum reserves with Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). These agreements are expected to strengthen India's energy stability at a time of rising global oil prices and geopolitical uncertainty in West Asia.

Reports also stated that India and the UAE expanded their defence cooperation through strategic defence agreements aimed at improving collaboration in advanced defence technology, security, cyber cooperation, and military coordination. The defence partnership has become

increasingly important as both countries seek greater regional stability and stronger strategic alignment.

Another major discussion point was trade and investment. India and the UAE have already crossed \$100 billion in bilateral trade, and both sides are now targeting \$200 billion in trade by 2032. The UAE remains one of India's largest investors, while Indian companies continue expanding their presence across the Gulf region.

The visit also focused on emerging sectors such as artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure, logistics, food security, and advanced manufacturing. Officials from both countries stressed the need for deeper collaboration in

technology-driven industries as global economic competition intensifies.

Modi also acknowledged the contribution of the large Indian community living in the UAE, describing the country as a trusted partner and close friend of India. Reports noted that the welfare of nearly 4.5 million Indians residing in the Emirates was also discussed during bilateral meetings.

The UAE visit was the first stop in Modi's multi-country diplomatic tour covering Europe and the Gulf region. Analysts believe the trip reflects India's growing emphasis on energy security, strategic partnerships, and economic resilience amid ongoing global geopolitical tensions.



India Issues Chair's Statement After BRICS Meeting Amid West Asia Differences

India issued a chair's statement instead of a joint declaration after the BRICS foreign ministers' meeting in New Delhi ended without consensus on the ongoing conflict in West Asia. The development highlighted growing divisions within the expanded BRICS bloc over how to respond to the escalating regional crisis.

The two-day meeting brought together foreign ministers and representatives from BRICS nations, including Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, and Indonesia. However, differences between member nations — particularly Iran and the UAE — reportedly prevented the group from agreeing on common diplomatic language regarding the conflict in West Asia.

According to India's chair statement, BRICS members shared "differing views" and presented their individual national positions on issues linked to the Middle East crisis. The statement noted that member countries discussed the importance of dialogue, diplomacy, sovereignty, territorial integrity, protection of civilians, and the uninterrupted flow of maritime trade through international waterways.

The disagreement reportedly centered around the ongoing tensions involving Iran, the United States, Israel, and Gulf countries. Iran had pushed for stronger condemnation of US and Israeli actions, while the



UAE maintained a different position due to regional security concerns and tensions with Tehran.

India attempted to balance the competing interests carefully during the discussions. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar stressed the importance of protecting maritime security, especially around the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial global energy route. India also expressed concern over disruptions to energy supplies, sanctions, and rising geopolitical instability affecting the global economy.

The inability to issue a unified statement has been viewed by analysts as a sign of the growing complexity within the expanded BRICS grouping. With new members joining in recent years, the bloc now includes countries with sharply different geopolitical priorities

and regional alliances.

Despite the divisions, BRICS leaders reportedly agreed on the need for continued dialogue and cooperation on global challenges. Discussions also covered broader topics such as economic resilience, multilateral reforms, energy security, and global governance. India additionally reiterated its demand for reforms in international institutions, including the United Nations Security Council, arguing that current global structures no longer reflect modern geopolitical realities.

The meeting served as a preparatory step ahead of the BRICS Summit scheduled to be hosted by India later this year. Observers believe the inability to reach consensus on West Asia may continue to challenge BRICS unity in future diplomatic discussions.

Centre Defends NEET-UG Cancellation, Says Students' Rights Must Be Protected

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan defended the decision to cancel the NEET-UG examination, stating that the government would not tolerate any malpractice that compromises the future of students. He said the move was necessary to protect the integrity of the examination system and ensure fairness for lakhs of aspirants across the country.

The controversy erupted after allegations of question paper leaks, irregularities, and unfair practices surfaced following the medical entrance examination. The issue triggered widespread protests from students and parents, many of whom demanded a fresh examination and strict action against those responsible.

Addressing the matter, Pradhan said the government's top priority was safeguarding the interests and rights of honest students. He stressed that no compromise would be made if there was evidence suggesting malpractice or manipulation in the examination process. According to him, maintaining



transparency and trust in competitive exams is essential for the country's education system.

The minister also stated that authorities are conducting a thorough investigation into the alleged irregularities. Multiple agencies have reportedly been involved in examining the allegations, including possible paper leaks and organised cheating networks. Several arrests and raids have already taken place in connection with the case.

The cancellation of the exam has created uncertainty and

stress among students preparing for medical admissions. However, the government argued that allowing a tainted examination process to continue would have been unfair to genuine candidates who prepared honestly.

Pradhan assured students that the government is working to ensure the re-examination process is conducted smoothly and securely. He also promised stricter monitoring mechanisms and stronger safeguards to prevent similar incidents in the future.

The NEET-UG examination

is one of India's largest entrance tests, with millions of students appearing every year for admission into medical colleges. Because of its importance, any allegation of malpractice often triggers nationwide concern and political debate.

Opposition parties have criticised the government over repeated examination controversies in recent years, arguing that paper leaks and irregularities are damaging students' confidence in the system. Some opposition leaders demanded accountability and called for major reforms in the examination process. Meanwhile, many students expressed mixed emotions online. While some supported the cancellation in the interest of fairness, others worried about the additional pressure, delays, and uncertainty caused by a re-examination. The controversy has once again highlighted the urgent need for stronger exam security systems, faster investigations, and greater transparency in conducting large-scale competitive examinations in India.

Southwest Monsoon Likely To Arrive Early In Kerala, Says IMD

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted an early arrival of the southwest monsoon over Kerala, with onset likely around May 26, several days ahead of the normal schedule. The early onset has raised hopes for improved agricultural activity and relief from intense summer heat across many parts of the country.

Normally, the southwest monsoon reaches Kerala around June 1 before gradually advancing across India over the following weeks. An earlier arrival is generally viewed positively because it supports timely sowing of crops and helps replenish water reservoirs ahead of the crucial farming season.

According to the IMD, favourable atmospheric and oceanic conditions are supporting the faster progress of the monsoon system. Weather experts noted that strengthening cross-equatorial winds, increased moisture flow, and supportive sea surface temperatures are contributing to the expected early onset.

Despite the possibility of an early start, the IMD has also warned that rainfall during the broader monsoon season may remain below average in some regions. This means that while the monsoon could arrive earlier than usual, the overall rainfall distribution may still be uneven across the country.



Meteorologists explained that factors such as El Niño-like conditions, regional climate patterns, and variations in ocean temperatures could influence rainfall intensity during different phases of the season. Some agricultural regions may experience good rainfall, while others could face deficits.

The monsoon is extremely important for India's economy because nearly half of the country's farmland depends heavily on seasonal rainfall. Agriculture, rural incomes, water supply, and hydroelectric power generation are all closely linked to monsoon performance.

Farmers across several states are closely monitoring the forecast, especially after recent years of unpredictable weather patterns, heatwaves, and irregular rainfall. Timely monsoon rains are critical for crops such as rice, pulses, cotton, soybean, and sugarcane.

An early monsoon can also help reduce temperatures and improve water availability in regions facing heatwave conditions. Several parts of India have experienced unusually high temperatures this summer, increasing pressure on electricity demand and water resources.

Economists and policymakers are also watching the monsoon outlook carefully because food production directly affects inflation and rural consumption. A healthy monsoon season generally supports stable food prices and stronger rural economic activity.

The IMD is expected to continue updating forecasts as the monsoon system progresses toward the Indian coast. Experts caution that the timing of onset alone does not determine the quality of the monsoon season, and rainfall distribution over the next few months will remain the key factor for agriculture and the economy.

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In the wake of recent assembly elections across five states, political attention has shifted sharply to internal leadership dynamics within the Congress party, particularly after delays in finalising the Chief Ministerial candidate in Kerala, according to political sources.

Elections were held in five states last month, with results declared on May 4. Following the verdict, parties that secured a majority were expected to convene legislative party meetings within a few days, elect their leader, and complete the formalities for swearing in as Chief Minister. This process was completed smoothly in four states. In Tamil Nadu, where no party secured an outright majority, the emerging TVK-led arrangement managed to secure support from other parties and completed the floor test as required.

However, in Kerala, the United Democratic Front (UDF), despite winning a majority of seats, has faced delays in forming the government. The key reason has been the time taken, nearly ten days after the results, for internal consultations to finalise a Chief Ministerial candidate. The delay was further complicated by intense competition within the Congress party, which leads the coalition, among multiple aspirants for the top post, as well as differing views within the party's central leadership in Delhi.

Eventually, the UDF finalised V.D. Satheesan as its Chief Ministerial candidate through what party insiders described as a sealed cover selection pro-

cess. The decision reportedly came after prolonged discussions involving senior leaders at both the state and central levels.

The internal contest involved senior leaders, including K.C. Venugopal and Ramesh Chennithala, alongside Satheesan. According to political sources, differences also emerged within the Congress high command. While Rahul Gandhi is said to have leaned towards Venugopal, Sonia Gandhi reportedly supported Chennithala, citing seniority and organisational experience. Party insiders also suggest that Priyanka Gandhi Vadra backed Satheesan, who ultimately emerged as the consensus choice.

The decision has triggered discussions within political circles about Priyanka Gandhi's growing influence in organisational matters. While she does not hold a formal executive position in the party structure equivalent to senior office-bearers, her perceived role in key decisions has fuelled speculation about shifting power dynamics within the Congress leadership.

The Kerala contest highlights Priyanka Gandhi's growing prominence within the Congress leadership. For some time, sections within the party have suggested that Priyanka Gandhi, often compared to her grandmother Indira Gandhi, could be given greater priority, even alongside or over Rahul Gandhi. With the recent developments in Kerala, this discussion has gained fresh momentum.

Attention has also turned to the outcome for K.C. Venugo-



pal, a senior AICC general secretary and close aide to Rahul Gandhi, who has previously played a key role in organisational management across southern states. Despite his proximity to the high command and his influence in internal affairs, he was not selected for the Chief Ministerial post, adding to discussions about evolving equations within the party.

Meanwhile, Satheesan's selection has drawn interest due to his relatively independent political background. A lawyer by profession, he practised at the Kerala High Court for several years before entering politics. He first contested elections in 1996 but lost, and later

won his maiden Assembly seat in 2001.

Since then, V.D. Satheesan has steadily risen within Kerala politics, eventually becoming Leader of the Opposition and playing a key role in strengthening the Congress-led front. His leadership is credited within party circles for consolidating the opposition's position against the long-ruling Left alliance in the state.

With his formal selection now confirmed, political observers view the Kerala development not only as a state-level leadership decision but also as a reflection of evolving power centres within the Congress party's national structure.

Tensions Erupt In Jerusalem During Controversial Flag March

Tensions flared in Jerusalem as thousands of Israeli ultranationalists took part in the annual "Flag March" through East Jerusalem's Old City, an event that once again triggered clashes, racist slogans, and heavy security deployment.

The march marks Israel's capture of East Jerusalem during the 1967 Six-Day War, which Israelis celebrate as the "reunification" of Jerusalem. Palestinians, however, view the event as a symbol of Israeli occupation and a challenge to their claim over East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

Large crowds carrying Israeli flags moved through the Muslim Quarter under tight police protection. Reports said many Palestinian residents shut their shops and stayed indoors due to fears of violence and confrontation. Israeli police reportedly deployed thousands of officers across the city to maintain order during the procession.

Several videos and eyewitness accounts from the march showed groups of participants



chanting slogans such as "Death to Arabs" and "May your villages burn," sparking widespread criticism and concern. Clashes reportedly broke out between marchers, Palestinian residents, activists, and

journalists in parts of the Old City. A major point of controversy came when Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir visited the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound during the event. Ben-Gvir

was seen raising an Israeli flag at the site while surrounded by heavy security. His actions intensified tensions because the Al-Aqsa compound is one of Islam's holiest sites and remains highly sensitive in the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Under a long-standing arrangement, non-Muslims are allowed to visit the compound but are generally not permitted to pray there. Ben-Gvir has repeatedly challenged this status quo in recent years, leading to criticism from Palestinians and several international observers.

Despite the tensions, some Israeli peace activists and Jewish-Arab groups were also present in Jerusalem to help protect Palestinian residents and reduce violence. Volunteers from activist groups reportedly formed protective lines in parts of the Old City during the march.

The Jerusalem Day march has long been considered one of the most controversial events in the region. In previous years, similar processions have led to violence and heightened tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. Analysts believe the latest clashes once again highlight how deeply divided the city remains over issues of sovereignty, religion, and national identity.



US Senator's 'Visa Temple' Remark Triggers Outrage Among Indians

US Senator Eric Schmitt has sparked controversy after linking Hyderabad's famous ChilkurBalaji Temple to what he described as a "visa cartel" while criticising America's H-1B visa system. His remarks triggered strong reactions from Indians online, many of whom accused him of disrespecting religious beliefs and unfairly targeting Indian professionals.

The Republican senator from Missouri made the comments while attacking employment-based visa programs such as H-1B, L-1, F-1, and Optional Practical Training (OPT). According to Schmitt, these programs allegedly disadvantage American workers by allowing companies to hire cheaper foreign labour instead of domestic employees.

The biggest backlash, however, came after Schmitt referred to Hyderabad's ChilkurBalaji Temple — popularly known as the "Visa Temple" — in his criticism. Sharing an image of the temple on social media, he claimed that thousands of Indians visit the shrine to get blessings for US work visas, calling it part of a larger "visa cartel."

The ChilkurBalaji Temple, located near Hyderabad, has long been associated with students and IT professionals seeking blessings before visa interviews or overseas travel. Devotees traditionally perform multiple rounds around the temple while praying for successful visa approvals. Over the years, the temple gained popularity among aspiring immigrants and became informally known as the "Visa Temple."

Schmitt's remarks quickly triggered outrage across social

media platforms. Many users criticised the senator for mocking a religious practice and misunderstanding the cultural significance of prayer. Several Indians pointed out that people across religions pray for success, jobs, education, and opportunities, arguing that visiting a temple for blessings should not be portrayed negatively.

Others accused Schmitt of promoting anti-immigrant narratives and unfairly blaming Indian professionals for broader economic issues in the United States. Some users also defended the contribution of Indian-origin workers in America's technology sector, saying Indian engineers and students have played a major role in the growth of US companies and innovation.

The controversy comes amid continuing political debate in the United States over immigration and work visa policies. Critics of the H-1B system argue that some companies misuse the program to reduce labour costs, while supporters believe the visas help fill skill shortages in industries such as technology, healthcare, and engineering.

India remains the largest beneficiary of the H-1B visa program, accounting for the majority of approvals issued each year. As a result, discussions around the program often attract strong reactions from both Indian and American communities.

While Schmitt's comments have intensified online debate, they have also brought renewed international attention to Hyderabad's famous ChilkurBalaji Temple and its unique connection with visa aspirations.

Russia And Ukraine Exchange 205 Prisoners In Major Swap Deal

Russia and Ukraine carried out a major prisoner exchange involving 205 prisoners of war from each side, marking one of the most significant humanitarian developments in the ongoing conflict this year. The exchange took place as part of a broader agreement linked to a temporary ceasefire reportedly brokered with the involvement of US President Donald Trump.

Both Moscow and Kyiv confirmed the swap, with officials saying the prisoners included soldiers, officers, and servicemen who had been in captivity for several years. Many of the Ukrainian prisoners were reportedly captured during some of the war's most intense battles, including the siege of Mariupol in 2022.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy described the return of the prisoners as an emotional moment for families waiting years for news about their loved ones. Images shared by Ukrainian authorities showed released prisoners wrapped in national flags and reuniting with fellow soldiers after returning home.

Russia's Defence Ministry



said the returned Russian servicemen were taken to Belarus, where they were receiving medical and psychological assistance before being transferred back to Russia. Officials also acknowledged the role of the United Arab Emirates in

helping mediate and facilitate the exchange process.

The prisoner swap is reportedly part of a much larger agreement under which Russia and Ukraine had earlier agreed to exchange up to 1,000 prisoners each. The deal emerged

during discussions connected to a short-term ceasefire observed earlier this month around Russia's Victory Day commemorations.

Despite the successful exchange, the broader situation between the two countries re-

mains tense. Both Russia and Ukraine have continued accusing each other of violating ceasefire arrangements, and fighting has resumed in several frontline areas after the temporary truce expired. Reports indicate that missile strikes, drone attacks, and artillery exchanges have continued across multiple regions.

Prisoner exchanges remain one of the few areas where limited cooperation between the two sides has continued despite the prolonged war. Humanitarian negotiations involving prisoners, missing soldiers, and the return of bodies have frequently been facilitated by international mediators since the conflict escalated in 2022.

The latest swap has generated cautious optimism among observers, with some analysts viewing it as a possible confidence-building measure that could support future diplomatic discussions. However, experts also warn that a lasting peace agreement still appears distant as military operations and political tensions continue on both sides.

Andy Burnham Emerges As New Challenge To Keir Starmer's Leadership

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is facing growing political pressure within the Labour Party as Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham positions himself as a potential challenger to the party leadership. The latest developments have intensified speculation about Starmer's future after Labour suffered disappointing results in recent local elections.

Reports suggest Burnham is now seeking a return to Parliament, a move widely seen as the first major step toward a possible leadership challenge. The situation escalated after Labour MP Josh Simons reportedly agreed to step down, opening the door for Burnham to contest a by-election and potentially return to Westminster.

Burnham has publicly stated that he wants to bring the model of governance used in Greater Manchester to the national level. He has also stressed the need for a "much bigger change" across Britain, particularly on issues such as the rising cost of living, public services, and regional inequality.

The pressure on Starmer has increased significantly in recent days following criticism from Labour MPs and internal party unrest. Reports indicate that several senior party figures are privately questioning whether Starmer can continue leading Labour into the next



general election. Some estimates suggest that close to 100 Labour MPs have expressed concerns over his leadership after the party's poor electoral performances.

The internal turmoil has also been fuelled by the resignation of senior Labour leader Wes Streeting, who reportedly criticised the government's direction and popularity problems. Other influential Labour figures, including Angela Rayner, have also hinted that the party needs major reforms and a stronger connection with working-class voters. Interestingly, Burnham has gained support from multiple factions within Labour. Senior figures such as Angela Rayner, Ed Miliband, and some union leaders are believed to support his return to Parliament. Political observers say Burnham's broad popularity among both traditional Labour supporters and moderate voters makes him a serious contender

if a leadership contest takes place.

Reform UK, led by Nigel Farage, has also reportedly identified Burnham as a stronger political opponent than Starmer because of his appeal beyond Labour's core base. This has further increased attention around Burnham's possible mounting speculation, Starmer has not shown any public indication that he plans to step down. His allies argue that replacing a prime minister so soon after returning to power could damage Labour's credibility and create further instability. However, the political atmosphere inside Labour remains tense, with analysts describing the party as deeply divided over its future direction. If Burnham successfully returns to Parliament through a by-election, many believe the pressure on Starmer could intensify dramatically in the coming months.

Trump Faces Backlash Over Proposed \$1 Billion White House Ballroom Plan

US President Donald Trump is facing growing criticism over plans to build a massive new ballroom at the White House after reports revealed that the total cost linked to the project could rise to nearly \$1 billion. The proposal has triggered political backlash, public debate, and questions about how the project would ultimately be funded.

The controversy began after Republican lawmakers reportedly discussed allocating federal funds for security upgrades connected to Trump's planned White House ballroom project. While Trump had earlier claimed that the ballroom itself would be funded through private donations and corporate support, critics argue that taxpayers may still end up covering a large portion of the overall expenses through related security and infrastructure spending.

According to reports, the proposed funding package includes hundreds of millions of dollars for White House security hardening, visitor screening facilities, Secret Service training, protection upgrades, and modern surveillance systems. The combined security-related costs reportedly pushed the total figure close to the \$1 billion mark, sparking outrage among opposition leaders and even some Republicans.

Democrats strongly criticised the proposal, accusing Trump and Republican lawmakers of prioritising a luxu-



ry construction project during a time of economic pressure, rising inflation, and concerns over government spending. Senate Democratic leaders argued that public money should instead be directed toward lowering living costs, healthcare, and public services.

Interestingly, criticism has not come only from Democrats. Several Republican senators also reportedly expressed discomfort over the enormous price tag and demanded greater transparency regarding how the money would be used. Some lawmakers questioned whether such a large expenditure was necessary, especially when the country is already dealing with fiscal and eco-

nomical challenges.

Trump has defended the project by arguing that the White House currently lacks a proper large-scale event venue and often relies on temporary tents for state dinners and major gatherings. He reportedly described the ballroom as a long-term improvement for national events and presidential security. Supporters of the project also claim that hosting major functions within the White House complex could reduce security risks compared to external venues.

The proposed ballroom has already become controversial for other reasons as well. Reports suggest parts of the White House East Wing were

modified to make space for the project, leading to criticism from preservation groups and historians concerned about changes to the historic building. Public reaction on social media has been sharply divided. Critics have called the project extravagant and unnecessary, while Trump supporters argue that previous administrations also spent heavily on White House renovations and security upgrades.

Despite the backlash, construction and planning discussions around the ballroom continue, with the project emerging as one of the most debated political and architectural controversies in Washington.

Sensex, Nifty Under Pressure As Rising Oil Prices Weigh On Markets

Indian stock markets witnessed a cautious and volatile trading session as rising crude oil prices, fuel price hikes, and weakness in the rupee continued to impact investor sentiment. Both the Sensex and Nifty opened on a weak note and remained under pressure throughout the day amid concerns over inflation and global economic uncertainty.

At market close, the BSE Sensex fell around 160 points to settle near 75,238, while the Nifty 50 slipped below the 23,650 mark. Weakness was visible across several sectors, particularly metal, PSU banking, oil-linked, and realty stocks. Midcap and small-cap shares also underperformed, indicating cautious sentiment among

broader market participants.

One of the biggest concerns for investors remains the sharp rise in crude oil prices. Brent crude reportedly stayed above the \$105 per barrel mark due to geopolitical tensions and fears of supply disruptions in the Middle East. Since India imports a large portion of its crude oil requirements, higher oil prices generally increase inflationary pressure and weaken the rupee. The government's recent decision to raise petrol and diesel prices by Rs 3 per litre also affected market sentiment. Analysts believe higher fuel costs could increase inflation and reduce consumer spending in the coming months. Sectors dependent on strong consumer de-

mand, including FMCG and automobile companies, may face pressure if inflation continues to rise.

Despite the overall weak market mood, information technology stocks provided some support. Investors continued to show interest in select IT companies after strong global technology market performances and optimism surrounding artificial intelligence-related growth opportunities.

Global cues also remained mixed. While Wall Street closed higher overnight, Asian markets traded cautiously due to ongoing geopolitical tensions and uncertainty surrounding global oil supplies. Investors are also closely monitoring developments related to international trade talks and interest

rate expectations in the United States.

Market experts believe volatility may continue in the near term if crude oil prices remain elevated and the rupee continues weakening against the US dollar. However, some analysts also pointed out that foreign institutional investors have started selective buying again, which could provide limited support to the markets. Overall, the Indian stock market is currently balancing between strong domestic economic fundamentals and external pressures such as rising oil prices, inflation concerns, and global uncertainty. Investors are expected to remain cautious until there is greater clarity on crude oil trends and macroeconomic conditions.



Muthoot Finance, Strong Growth, a Attractive?

Muthoot Finance delivered a strong Q4 FY26 performance with impressive growth in profit and loan assets, but the company's stock reaction shows that investors remain cautious about valuations and future profitability. Despite reporting a sharp rise in earnings, the stock fell significantly after the results, indicating that markets expected even stronger performance and clearer visibility on margins.

The gold loan giant reported more than 100 percent growth in quarterly profit, driven mainly by robust demand for gold loans and rising gold prices. The company's loan book continued to expand rapidly as customers increasingly turned to secured gold-backed borrowing amid economic uncertainty and high gold valuations. Analysts believe Muthoot remains one of India's growing gold loan market.

However, investors appear concerned about whether the current valuation already reflects most of the growth potential. Some brokerages noted that while business momentum remains strong, rising competition in the gold loan segment and concerns around asset quality could limit future upside. Reports also highlighted increasing stress in parts of the loan portfolio, which has raised questions about sustainability of margins and long-term profitability.

Another factor supporting Muthoot Finance is the continued strength in gold prices.

Higher gold prices generally allow borrowers to access larger loans against collateral, boosting loan disbursement growth for companies like Muthoot. India's gold prices have remained elevated throughout 2026, helping gold financiers maintain strong business expansion.

At the same time, the stock's sharp correction after earnings suggests that markets may be shifting focus from growth toward execution quality and valuation comfort. Some analysts believe the company's premium valuation leaves limited room for disappointment, especially if gold prices stabilise or loan growth slows in the coming quarters. Long-term investors still see Muthoot Finance as a strong franchise because of its dominant position in the gold loan sector, wide branch network, and strong customer base. The company continues to benefit from rising financial inclusion and increasing demand for quick secured loans across semi-urban and rural India.

Overall, the risk-reward for Muthoot Finance now appears more balanced rather than heavily favourable. While strong earnings growth and high gold prices support the business outlook, concerns around valuation, competition, and profitability pressures may keep the stock volatile in the near term. Investors are likely to watch future loan growth, margin trends, and asset quality very closely before turning aggressively bullish again.



Chambal Fertilisers Shares Jump After Strong Q4 Profit Growth

Shares of Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals surged nearly 6 percent after the company reported a strong rise in fourth-quarter profit, boosting investor confidence and improving sentiment around fertiliser stocks. The rally came after the company announced a significant jump in net profit for Q4 FY26, supported by better operational performance and stable demand in the agriculture sector.

According to the company's latest financial results, net profit rose to Rs 169 crore during the quarter, marking a strong improvement compared to the same period last year. Investors reacted positively to the earnings report, with the stock witnessing strong buying interest during trading hours.

Market analysts believe the improved profitability was driven by better fertiliser sales, operational efficiency, and favourable market conditions.



Stable rural demand and continued government support for the agriculture sector also helped strengthen investor confidence in fertiliser companies.

Chambal Fertilisers remains

one of India's major fertiliser manufacturers, particularly known for its urea production. The company has benefited from steady agricultural activity and consistent fertiliser demand across key farming

states. Experts say strong monsoon expectations and healthy crop sowing trends are also supporting optimism in the fertiliser sector.

Brokerages noted that the company's earnings performance was better than expected, especially at a time when many industrial sectors continue facing pressure from rising costs and global uncertainty. Improved operating margins and efficient cost management reportedly played a major role in boosting quarterly profitability.

The broader fertiliser sector has recently attracted investor attention due to expectations of higher rural spending and stable government subsidy policies. Analysts believe companies with strong distribution networks and efficient production capacity may continue performing well if agricultural demand remains healthy.

Despite the strong quarterly

results, some market experts cautioned that fertiliser companies still remain sensitive to factors such as subsidy payments, global raw material prices, and government policy decisions. Any sharp increase in input costs or delays in subsidy disbursement could affect future profitability.

However, long-term sentiment around Chambal Fertilisers remains positive because of its established market presence, large-scale manufacturing operations, and consistent role in India's agricultural supply chain. Investors also view the company as a relatively stable player within the fertiliser industry due to its strong rural market reach. Following the earnings announcement, the stock emerged as one of the notable gainers in the market session, with traders and investors reacting positively to the company's stronger-than-expected financial performance.

Rising Oil Prices Keep Rupee Near Record Low

The Indian rupee remained under pressure against the US dollar as rising crude oil prices and strong global dollar demand continued to weigh heavily on the currency market. The rupee stayed close to its record low levels during trading, reflecting growing concerns among investors over inflation, import costs, and external economic pressures.

Market analysts said the primary reason behind the rupee's weakness is the sharp increase in global crude oil prices. Since India imports a large share of its crude oil requirements, higher oil prices increase the country's import bill and create additional demand for US dollars. This usually puts downward pressure on the rupee.

Reports indicate that Brent crude prices have remained elevated due to geopolitical tensions and concerns over global supply disruptions. Rising en-



ergy prices are also increasing fears of imported inflation in India, which may affect economic stability if oil prices continue climbing.

Despite the pressure, the rupee managed to avoid a sharp fall because state-run banks reportedly sold dollars in the

market. Traders believe these dollar sales were likely aimed at controlling excessive volatility and preventing panic in currency trading. Such interventions often help stabilize the rupee during periods of sudden weakness.

Currency experts noted that

foreign investor activity has also influenced market sentiment. While some foreign institutional investors continue investing in Indian equities, others remain cautious because of global uncertainty, high US interest rates, and geopolitical tensions. A stronger US dollar globally has further added to pressure on emerging market currencies, including the rupee. The recent increase in domestic fuel prices has also contributed to concerns around inflation. Higher petrol and diesel prices may raise transportation and production costs across multiple sectors, potentially affecting consumer spending and business profitability.

Economists believe the Reserve Bank of India may continue monitoring the situation closely to avoid excessive currency volatility. While the central bank generally allows market-driven movements, it

occasionally intervenes through dollar sales to maintain stability and prevent sudden disruptions.

Import-heavy sectors such as aviation, oil marketing, and manufacturing companies are expected to face additional pressure if the rupee weakens further. On the other hand, export-oriented sectors like information technology and pharmaceuticals could benefit from a weaker domestic currency because their overseas earnings become more valuable in rupee terms.

Market participants are now closely watching crude oil movements, US Federal Reserve policy signals, and foreign investment trends for clues about the rupee's future direction. Analysts believe the currency may remain volatile in the near term unless global oil prices stabilize and external economic conditions improve.

HAL Shares Fall After Weak Q4 Results Disappoint Investors

Shares of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) declined nearly 4 percent after the company reported weaker-than-expected fourth-quarter earnings, triggering concern among investors and brokerages. The fall came as the defence major posted lower profitability margins despite recording healthy revenue growth during the quarter.

According to market reports, HAL's quarterly revenue increased compared to the previous year, supported by strong execution of defence orders and aircraft deliveries. However, the company's profit growth failed to meet market expectations due to rising operational expenses and pressure on margins. Analysts noted that the company's EBITDA margins were lower than anticipated, which negatively impacted investor sentiment.

Brokerages highlighted that

although HAL continues to maintain a strong order book and long-term growth visibility, the latest results revealed concerns regarding profitability efficiency. Several analysts pointed out that higher employee costs, execution-related expenses, and project-related spending affected the company's bottom line during the quarter.

The stock witnessed heavy selling pressure soon after the earnings announcement, with investors reacting cautiously to the weaker margin performance. Trading volumes in HAL shares also increased significantly as short-term traders booked profits following the disappointing results.

Despite the near-term weakness, many brokerages continue to remain positive on HAL's long-term prospects because of India's growing defence manu-

facturing push and increasing government focus on indigenous military production. The company remains one of the key beneficiaries of large-scale defence procurement programs, including fighter aircraft, helicopters, and advanced aerospace systems.

Analysts also believe HAL's strong order pipeline provides solid revenue visibility for the coming years. The company is currently involved in multiple strategic defence projects, including Tejas fighter jets, helicopters, aircraft engines, and maintenance contracts for the Indian armed forces.

However, experts caution that investors may continue monitoring margin trends closely in future quarters. Profitability improvement, timely execution of defence contracts, and faster delivery schedules are expected to become key factors influencing the stock's performance going forward.

The broader market sentiment also remained slightly cautious due to global uncertainty, rising crude oil prices, and concerns around inflation, which added further pressure on defence and industrial stocks.

Even after the recent decline, HAL remains one of the most closely watched public sector companies in India's defence sector. Long-term investors continue to view the company as strategically important due to its dominant position in aerospace manufacturing and defence production.

Market analysts believe that while short-term volatility may continue after the earnings miss, HAL's long-term outlook still depends heavily on execution strength, margin recovery, and continued government support for domestic defence manufacturing initiatives.



AI vs Pigeons, Smart Balcony Defence System Leaves Internet Amazed

Artificial Intelligence is no longer limited to chatbots, robots, or big tech companies. It is now solving everyday household problems too. In a surprising example of creative innovation, a tech enthusiast has built an AI-powered system that automatically detects pigeons on a balcony and sprays water at them to scare them away. The unusual invention has gone viral online, leaving social media users both impressed and amused.

The creator reportedly designed the system after repeatedly struggling with pigeons nesting on his balcony. Instead of using traditional methods like nets,

spikes, or fake birds, he decided to use artificial intelligence to create a smarter and more automated solution. The system works without harming the birds and is meant only to keep them away from the area.

According to reports, the setup uses a USB camera connected to an Orange Pi 5 mini computer. The camera continuously monitors the balcony, and an AI vision model known as YOLO World V2 identifies pigeons in real time. Once a pigeon is detected, a modified water gun mounted on servo motors automatically rotates toward the bird and sprays water. The entire process happens within

seconds and requires no human intervention.

The project uses simple but effective hardware components, including servo motors, resistors, a transistor, and a battery-powered water gun. What makes the system more impressive is its flexibility. Since it relies on AI-based object detection, it can reportedly be trained to recognize other unwanted animals such as squirrels, cats, or raccoons as well.

Social media users reacted enthusiastically after videos of the device began circulating online. Many called it a "genius" solution to a common urban problem, while others joked that

AI has now entered "balcony management" and pest control. Several users also appreciated the fact that the invention scares pigeons away harmlessly instead of injuring them.

The viral invention also reflects a growing trend where affordable AI tools and open-source technology are helping ordinary people build advanced systems at home. Experts say such innovations show how accessible AI has become in recent years. From solving minor inconveniences to automating household tasks, artificial intelligence is gradually becoming part of daily life in unexpected ways.



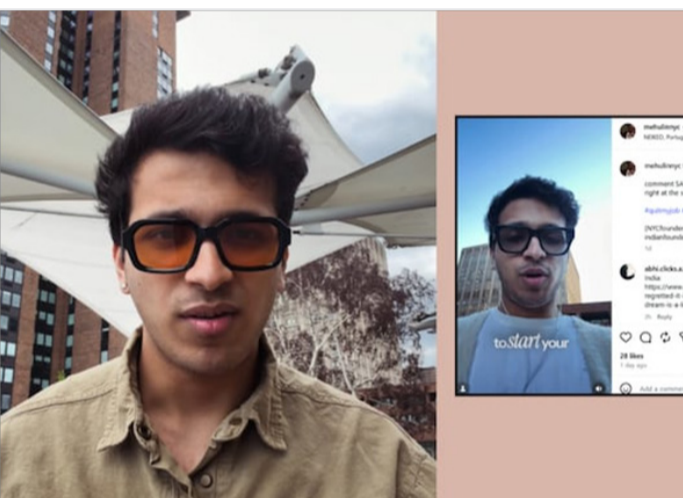
"Freedom Lasted Just 11 Minutes", Entrepreneur Reveals The Harsh Reality Of Quitting A Job

The dream of leaving a corporate job to become your own boss is often portrayed as exciting and liberating on social media. However, entrepreneur and digital creator Mehul Agrawal has shared a very different side of that journey — one filled with stress, uncertainty, and nonstop pressure.

In a viral post that has sparked widespread discussion online, Mehul revealed that he quit his job hoping to gain "freedom," only to regret the decision within just 11 minutes. His honest confession has resonated with many young professionals who often idealise entrepreneurship without fully understanding its challenges.

According to Mehul, the initial excitement of escaping office meetings, deadlines, and corporate routines disappeared almost instantly. Instead of feeling relaxed, he suddenly realised that all responsibilities now rested entirely on his shoulders. From managing finances and making business decisions to handling clients and planning for the future, the pressure became overwhelming.

He explained that social media frequently presents entrepreneurship as a glamorous lifestyle filled with flexibility, travel, and financial success. But in reality, building a company often means longer working hours, sleepless nights, emotional stress, and constant



uncertainty. Unlike salaried jobs, there is no guaranteed income, no fixed work schedule, and no safety net during difficult times.

Mehul also pointed out that being your own boss does not necessarily mean working less. In fact, he admitted that he now works far more than he ever did in his corporate role. The difference is that the pressure feels more personal because every success and failure directly impacts his future.

Despite the difficulties, he clarified that he does not completely regret his entrepreneurial journey. While the experience has been mentally exhausting, it has also given him a stronger sense of purpose and ownership over his work. He believes entrepreneurship can still be reward-

ing, but only for people who are prepared for the sacrifices and emotional challenges that come with it.

His comments quickly gained attention online, with many users appreciating his honesty. Several people said his experience reflects the reality faced by many startup founders and freelancers who struggle behind the scenes while social media only highlights success stories.

The viral discussion has also started a broader conversation about work culture, burnout, and the growing pressure among young professionals to quit stable jobs in pursuit of "dream careers." Mehul's story serves as a reminder that entrepreneurship is not always the shortcut to freedom it is often made out to be.

"Why Isn't Work From Home Normalised?" Mumbai Techie Sparks Debate Over Long Office Commutes

A Mumbai-based software professional has ignited a major conversation online after questioning why work-from-home culture is still not widely accepted, especially in the technology industry. Her comments, shared through a viral social media video, have resonated with thousands of office workers who deal with exhausting daily commutes in large cities like Mumbai and Bengaluru.

The woman, identified as Dharani, revealed that she was recently given 20 days of work from home after suffering a hairline fracture. However, within just one week of working remotely, she began wondering why flexible work arrangements are still treated as unusual for jobs that can easily be done online.

In the video, Dharani explained that working from home made her feel more focused, healthier, and mentally relaxed. Without spending hours travelling through traffic-packed roads and overcrowded public transport systems, she found herself with more energy and better concentration throughout the day.

She argued that many software-related jobs involve independent work that does not always require employees to be physically present in an office. According to her, modern technology already allows teams to communicate efficiently through online meetings, mes-



saging platforms, and collaborative software tools. Because of this, she questioned why companies continue insisting on mandatory office attendance. Her comments quickly struck a chord with social media users. Many professionals shared similar experiences, saying daily commuting often leaves employees physically drained before the workday even begins. Several users supported hybrid and remote work models, claiming they improve productivity while also benefiting mental and physical health.

Some people also pointed out the financial advantages of remote work. Employees can save money on fuel, transportation, meals, and even housing by avoiding relocation closer to expensive office districts. Others highlighted how flexible work policies can help employees achieve a healthier work-life balance and spend more time with family. However, not everyone completely agreed with the idea of permanent work from home. Some users argued that offices encourage teamwork, collaboration, and stronger professional relationships. Others said certain companies prefer office work because it allows better

supervision and communication among teams.

The debate comes at a time when discussions around flexible work culture are growing across India. Since the pandemic, many employees have become more vocal about the need for hybrid work options, especially in industries where physical presence is not essential.

Dharani's viral video has once again highlighted a question many professionals continue asking: if remote work improves productivity and reduces stress, why has it still not become the norm?

US Man Who Won Lottery 18 Times Says His Wife Is The Real Secret Behind His Luck

Winning the lottery even once is considered incredibly rare, but an American man from Idaho has stunned people after reportedly winning lottery prizes 18 different times over nearly three decades. However, what surprised the internet even more was not his repeated victories, but the emotional reason he gave for his extraordinary luck.

Robert Bevan recently won \$50,000 in the "\$1,000,000 King Scratch Game," marking the 18th lottery prize he has claimed over the years. According to officials, his winning journey began back in 1997 when he won a Chevrolet Blazer during a special lottery promotion. Since then, he has collected multiple rewards ranging from small cash prizes to jackpots worth as much as \$200,000. Naturally, many people assumed Bevan must have some special formula, strategy, or lucky ritual behind his un-

believable streak. But when lottery officials asked him about the secret to his success, his answer quickly went viral online for its heartfelt simplicity. Bevan said his "real luck" was not the money or prizes he had won, but spending 40 years with the same woman — his wife. He explained that buying lottery tickets together had become a small tradition and a fun activity they enjoyed as a couple over the years.

His touching statement instantly resonated with social media users. While many were amazed by his incredible lottery record, others said his words about love and companionship were far more meaningful than the winnings themselves. Several users praised him for valuing his relationship more than money, calling his response both genuine and emotional. According to reports, Bevan has always treated lottery games as entertain-

ment rather than a serious way to earn money. His story also highlights how repeated lottery wins can sometimes happen simply through years of regular participation and luck.

The Idaho Lottery shared details of his achievements online, noting that the money generated from ticket sales helps support public schools and government infrastructure projects in the state. The organisation also celebrated Bevan's unusual streak, joking that "lightning may strike 18 times" after all.

Although his latest \$50,000 prize added another remarkable chapter to his long list of wins, it was his heartfelt tribute to his wife that truly captured public attention. For many readers, the story became less about gambling or money and more about appreciating lasting relationships and the people who bring happiness into life.



"Can You Join In 2 Weeks?", Viral Post Exposes 'Recruitment Circus' In India

An Indian job applicant has sparked a major online discussion after sharing a frustrating experience with recruiters who repeatedly ghosted him, only to later demand that he join the company immediately. The viral story has struck a chord with thousands of professionals who say they have faced similar treatment during the hiring process.

The applicant shared his experience on Reddit under the title, "The absolute audacity of HRs and 'Immediate Joiner' requirements." According to the post, he had applied for a job through a recruitment platform nearly a month earlier. Soon after applying, a recruiter contacted him and explained that the company urgently needed someone who could join within two weeks.

The candidate clearly informed the recruiter that he was currently serving a 60-day notice period at his existing company. However, he also explained that the notice period was negotiable because he had a buyout option and unused leave days that could reduce the duration. The recruiter reportedly accepted these terms and scheduled an interview.

Things quickly became frustrating afterward. The applicant said he took leave from his current job to attend the interview, but the interviewer never



showed up. The HR team later rescheduled the meeting for the following day, yet once again, nobody attended the interview or informed him about any cancellation.

After the second failed attempt, the company completely stopped communicating with him. The applicant claimed there were no emails, calls, or updates for almost four weeks. Then, unexpectedly, the same recruiter contacted him again and asked whether he could still join within two weeks.

The incident left the candidate furious. In his post, he

criticised recruiters for wasting applicants' time while still expecting unrealistic joining timelines. He also pointed out what he described as hypocrisy in corporate hiring practices. According to him, many companies demand "immediate joiners" even though they enforce long notice periods of up to 90 days for their own employees. His post quickly went viral, with many social media users sharing similar experiences involving ghosting, cancelled interviews, delayed responses, and sudden hiring demands. Some users even sug-

gested creating public lists of companies with poor recruitment practices so job seekers could avoid them. Others argued that such behaviour has become increasingly common in the competitive job market, especially in the technology sector. Several professionals admitted they now hesitate to trust recruiters until they receive formal offer letters. The viral discussion has once again highlighted growing concerns about recruitment ethics, candidate treatment, and the stressful realities of modern hiring culture in India.

Marsh Stars as LSG Crush CSK by Seven Wickets

Lucknow Super Giants delivered a commanding performance to register a convincing seven-wicket victory over Chennai Super Kings in an important IPL 2026 encounter at the Ekana Stadium. The win kept Lucknow's playoff hopes alive while putting Chennai under pressure in the race for the knockout stage.



Asked to bat first, Chennai Super Kings managed to post 187 for 5 in their allotted 20 overs. Their innings began steadily, with the top order focusing on building a solid foundation before accelerating during the middle overs. A few aggressive partnerships helped CSK move towards a competitive total, but Lucknow bowlers tightened the screws in the death overs to prevent the score from crossing the 200-run mark.

Lucknow's bowling unit worked in tandem and executed their plans effectively. The pacers used variations smartly while the spinners controlled the run flow during crucial phases. Wickets at regular intervals also stopped Chennai from building the kind of momentum they were hoping for in the final overs.

Chasing 188, Lucknow Super Giants approached the target

home crowd erupted as Marsh took control of the chase with authority.

He also received valuable support from the other batters, who rotated the strike well and capitalised on loose deliveries. Lucknow maintained a healthy scoring rate throughout the innings and never allowed Chennai an opportunity to fight back into the contest.

Nicholas Pooran added the finishing touches with an explosive cameo, helping Lucknow complete the chase comfortably in just 16.4 overs with seven wickets remaining. The emphatic victory not only boosted Lucknow's net run rate but also lifted the team's confidence heading into the final phase of the tournament.

For Chennai Super Kings, the defeat exposed concerns in both bowling execution and fielding under pressure. Their bowlers struggled to contain Lucknow's aggressive batting unit, especially once Marsh settled at the crease.

With the tournament entering a decisive stage, Lucknow Super Giants will look to carry this momentum forward, while Chennai Super Kings face mounting pressure to bounce back quickly and keep their playoff hopes intact.

Pakistan Penalised By ICC, Loses World Test Championship Points

Pakistan Cricket has suffered a major setback after the International Cricket Council (ICC) imposed a strict penalty on the team for maintaining a slow over-rate during a recent Test match. As part of the punishment, Pakistan has been docked points in the ongoing World Test Championship (WTC), affecting their position in the standings.

According to reports, the ICC found Pakistan guilty of being behind the required over-rate after accounting for all permitted time allowances. Match officials determined that the team failed to complete the required number of overs within the allocated time, which led to disciplinary action under ICC regulations.

As per WTC rules, teams lose one championship point for every over they fall short of the target. In addition to the points deduction, players were also reportedly fined a percentage of their match fees. The penalty has now added pressure on Pakistan's campaign in the World Test Championship cycle, where every point plays a crucial role in qualification for the final.

Slow over-rate offences have become a serious issue in modern Test cricket, with the ICC



increasing its focus on maintaining the pace of matches. Over the past few years, several top teams, including Australia, England, and India, have faced similar punishments for failing to meet over-rate requirements.

Cricket experts believe the penalty could prove costly for Pakistan later in the tournament, especially in a tightly contested WTC table where qualification margins are often very narrow. Fans on social media also reacted strongly, with many criticising the

team's on-field discipline and tactical delays during matches.

Some supporters, however, argued that modern Test cricket has become increasingly difficult for bowlers due to frequent interruptions, DRS reviews, injuries, and lengthy strategic discussions. Others defended the ICC's strict stance, saying maintaining over-rates is necessary to protect the quality and timing of the game.

Pakistan's management has not publicly challenged the

punishment so far. Reports suggest the team will now focus on improving its match tempo and avoiding similar penalties in future Test series.

The incident serves as another reminder of how important discipline and time management have become in international cricket. In an era where World Test Championship qualification is decided by even the smallest margins, losing points because of slow over-rates can significantly impact a team's chances of reaching the final.



Kiran More Leads Three-Day Wicket-Keeping Camp at ACA Academy

Vizianagaram, May 15 | TPN Bureau

A three-day specialized wicket-keeping training camp under the aegis of the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) began on May 14 at the ACA North Zone Academy in Vizianagaram. The camp, which will continue until May 16, is being conducted under the guidance of former Indian wicket-keeper Kiran More.

Kiran More, known for his vast international experience, arrived at the venue early in the morning and engaged closely with the players. He shared valuable insights from his playing career and provided hands-on coaching to enhance the technical and tactical



skills of the participating wicket-keepers. His presence offered a unique learning opportunity for players across different age groups. The ACA, which has been actively promoting cricket development in the state, organized the camp as part of its ongoing efforts to nurture emerging talent. ACA President Kesineni Chinni and

Secretary Sana Satish Babu expressed their gratitude to Kiran More for his contribution. They highlighted that such initiatives play a crucial role in building a strong foundation for the future of Andhra cricket. Wicket-keepers from senior, U-23, U-19, and U-16 categories are taking part in the camp, including notable players like Ricky Bhui, U.M.S. Girinath, and Revanth Reddy among the seniors. Young prospects across various age groups are also benefiting from the intensive training sessions. The camp reflects ACA's commitment to improving standards and providing professional exposure to young cricketers, ensuring the steady growth of the sport in Andhra Pradesh.

IPL Playoff Race Heats Up After MI Beat PBKS, Big Opportunity For CSK And RR

Mumbai Indians' victory over Punjab Kings has completely changed the IPL 2026 playoff race, opening the door for teams like Chennai Super Kings and Rajasthan Royals to push strongly for a top-four finish. With the tournament entering its final phase, the points table has become tighter than ever, and every remaining match could now decide the playoff lineup.

According to the updated standings, Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Gujarat Titans are almost certain to qualify for the playoffs after reaching 16 points. Historically, teams with 16 or more points have rarely missed qualification, making both sides strong favourites to secure their spots. They are also fighting to finish in the top two positions for a direct advantage in the playoffs.

Punjab Kings, however, are suddenly under pressure despite still being in the top four. After suffering five consecutive defeats, PBKS now face a



must-win situation in their remaining matches. Their recent poor form has significantly reduced their qualification chances and placed them in danger of slipping out of the top four entirely.

The biggest beneficiaries of PBKS' defeat appear to be Chennai Super Kings and Rajasthan Royals. Both teams currently sit on 12 points and

still have realistic chances of reaching the playoffs. CSK, in particular, have regained momentum with a recent winning streak and could jump into the top four with victories in their remaining games. Reports suggest Chennai may still qualify even if they lose one match, provided other results go in their favour.

Rajasthan Royals are also

firmly in contention. RR have a relatively manageable schedule ahead and could directly reach 18 points by winning all their remaining matches. Their strong batting performances and improved consistency have kept them alive in the race despite earlier setbacks.

Meanwhile, Sunrisers Hyderabad remain in a strong position with 14 points and likely need only one more win to secure qualification. Delhi Capitals and Kolkata Knight Riders are still mathematically alive but face extremely difficult qualification scenarios. Mumbai Indians and Lucknow Super Giants, on the other hand, are already eliminated from the playoff race.

The current standings have made the final stretch of IPL 2026 incredibly competitive, with multiple teams still fighting for the remaining playoff spots. Fans are now expecting several dramatic twists in the coming days as the battle for qualification intensifies.

Virat Kohli Opens Up On 2027 ODI World Cup Plans, Sends Clear Message

Indian cricket superstar Virat Kohli has finally spoken about his chances of playing in the 2027 ODI World Cup, and his comments have quickly become a major talking point among cricket fans. During a recent interaction on the RCB podcast, Kohli made it clear that he is not interested in proving himself to anyone and will continue playing only as long as he genuinely enjoys the game. The former India captain addressed growing speculation about his future in international cricket after recently retiring from T20 Internationals and Test cricket. At present, Kohli continues to play only One Day Internationals for India, making the 2027 ODI World Cup his next possible major international target.



Speaking candidly, Kohli said he does not want unnecessary pressure or outside expectations to influence his decision-making. He explained that if cricket starts becoming overly complicated or feels like a constant attempt to satisfy others, he would rather step away from the game. According to him, personal happiness and mental clarity are now more important than chasing records or silencing critics.

Kohli's remarks are being viewed by many as a subtle response to ongoing discussions around senior players' fitness, workload management, and participation in domestic cricket ahead of future ICC tournaments. Reports in recent months suggested that Indian cricket authorities want experienced players to remain active in domestic competitions to maintain match fitness and preparation standards for the 2027 World Cup.

Despite being in the later stages of his career, Kohli remains one of the most successful

ODI batters in cricket history. He currently holds the record for the most ODI centuries and was the leading run-scorer in the 2023 ODI World Cup, where India finished runners-up. His consistency, fitness standards, and ability to perform under pressure continue to make him a vital part of the Indian team.

Fans reacted emotionally to Kohli's comments, with many saying they hope to see him continue playing until the 2027 World Cup in South Africa. Social media platforms were filled with messages praising his honesty and mature outlook toward the game. Some supporters even described his statements as a sign that he now wants to enjoy cricket without the burden of constant public scrutiny. While Kohli did not directly confirm whether he will definitely play the 2027 World Cup, his comments suggest that the decision will depend entirely on his motivation, fitness, and enjoyment of the sport over the next few years. For now, Indian cricket fans remain hopeful that one of the game's modern legends still has another World Cup chapter left in him.

Virender Sehwag Makes Explosive Remark On Hardik Pandya's Future With Mumbai Indians

Former Indian cricketer Virender Sehwag has sparked a huge debate in the cricket world after making a bold statement about Hardik Pandya's future with Mumbai Indians. Speaking about the ongoing rumours surrounding MI's dressing-room atmosphere, Sehwag said that if the reports of internal issues are true, then the franchise should seriously consider releasing Hardik Pandya.

The former opener did not hold back while discussing Mumbai Indians' disappointing IPL 2026 campaign. According to Sehwag, a team cannot function successfully if there is unrest or tension inside the dressing room, no matter how talented the players may be. His comments have now intensified speculation about possible problems within the MI camp. Sehwag reportedly said that Hardik Pandya remains a highly valuable player because of his all-round abilities and leadership qualities. However, he added that if the captain's presence is negatively affecting team unity, then management must take difficult decisions in the larger interest of the franchise.

The comments come during a difficult season for Mumbai Indians, who have struggled with inconsistent performanc-



es and are already out of the playoff race. Hardik's absence from a few recent matches due to injury has further fuelled rumours about internal issues and confusion within the team environment. Social media has been flooded with reactions since Sehwag's statement went viral. While some fans agreed that team harmony should come before individual stardom, others defended Hardik and argued that too much blame is being placed on the captain alone. Several supporters also pointed out that Mumbai Indians have faced multiple problems this season, including injuries, poor bowling per-

formances, and inconsistent batting.

Interestingly, this is not the first time Hardik Pandya's leadership at Mumbai Indians has faced scrutiny. Ever since he replaced Rohit Sharma as captain ahead of IPL 2024, discussions around dressing-room dynamics and fan reactions have continued to follow the franchise. Despite the criticism, Hardik remains one of India's most important white-ball cricketers. He continues to be valued for his match-winning ability, aggressive mindset, and versatility as both a batter and bowler. Many experts believe Mumbai Indians

would still struggle to find a player capable of replacing his all-round impact.

At present, there has been no official response from either Hardik Pandya or the Mumbai Indians management regarding Sehwag's remarks or the dressing-room rumours. However, the controversy has once again placed the franchise under intense public attention during an already disappointing season. With IPL 2026 nearing its conclusion, fans are now waiting to see whether Mumbai Indians make major changes ahead of next season or continue backing Hardik Pandya as their leader.

Shiva Rajkumar's 'Peddi' Glimpse Raises Excitement Ahead Of Trailer Launch

The makers of Ram Charan's upcoming sports action drama Peddi have unveiled a special character glimpse featuring Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar, creating fresh excitement among fans ahead of the film's trailer launch. The newly released video not only introduces his character but also offers several behind-the-scenes moments from the movie's sets, giving audiences a closer look at the intense preparation behind the project. In the film, Shiva Rajkumar plays a powerful character named Gournaidu. According to the glimpse, he appears as a wrestling trainer who plays a major role in transforming Ram Charan's character, Peddi,

from a cricketer into a wrestler. The video showcases emotionally charged training sessions, rugged action visuals, and the strong bond shared between the mentor and his student. The glimpse has been receiving a highly positive response online, especially from fans excited to see Shiva Rajkumar in a raw and commanding role. Many viewers praised his rugged makeover, intense expressions, and screen presence. The behind-the-scenes footage also impressed audiences by revealing the physical effort and realistic training sequences involved in the film.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddi is being promoted

as a rural sports action drama that combines traditional Indian sports with emotional storytelling. Ram Charan appears in a completely transformed avatar for the movie, sporting a muscular wrestler look that has already generated massive buzz through previous teasers and posters. Apart from Ram Charan and Shiva Rajkumar, the film also stars Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead. Actors Divyendu Sharma, Jagapathi Babu, and Boman Irani play important supporting roles. Music for the film is being composed by Oscar-winning musician A.R. Rahman, adding even more anticipation around the project. The makers are now preparing for the grand trailer

launch scheduled for May 18. Fans are expecting the trailer to reveal more details about the film's storyline, action sequences, and emotional conflicts. Social media discussions around Peddi have grown rapidly in recent weeks, with many viewers calling it one of Ram Charan's most promising projects after RRR. The film's rustic setting, sports backdrop, and emotionally driven characters have helped it stand out among upcoming Telugu releases. With Shiva Rajkumar's latest glimpse adding further momentum, expectations surrounding Peddi continue to rise as audiences wait for the full trailer and official release.



Prabhas' Viral 'Spirit' Leak Turns Out To Be Fake, Fans Shocked

A picture claiming to show actor Prabhas from the sets of his upcoming film Spirit recently went viral across social media, creating huge excitement among fans. The image featured Prabhas in a stylish mass avatar, dressed in a white kurta while holding a shotgun, leading many people to believe it was an actual leaked still from the highly anticipated movie directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga.

As the picture spread rapidly online, fans praised Prabhas' intense look and began sharing the image widely across platforms. Many assumed it offered the first glimpse of the actor's character from Spirit, one of the most awaited Indian films currently in production.

However, the excitement soon took an unexpected turn.

According to reports, the viral image was not a real leak from the movie at all. It was actually created using artificial intelligence. Sharp-eyed fans and social media users reportedly noticed several unusual visual details in the photo, which later confirmed that the image had been digitally generated rather than captured from the film's set.

Despite being fake, the image successfully grabbed massive attention online because of how realistic it appeared. Many fans admitted they initially believed it was genuine due to the impressive quality of the AI-generated artwork. The incident once again highlighted how advanced AI image technology has become, making



it increasingly difficult for people to distinguish between real and fabricated visuals.

Even though the viral picture turned out to be fake, it has further increased curiosity surrounding Spirit. The film marks Prabhas' first collaboration with director Sandeep Reddy Vanga, who is known for blockbuster films like Arjun Reddy and Animal. Reports suggest that Prabhas will be seen playing a powerful police officer in the action thriller.

The movie also stars Tripti Dimri as the female lead, while

Vivek Oberoi is expected to play the antagonist. Music for the film is being composed by Harshvardhan Rameshwar. Industry buzz around the project has remained extremely high ever since the film was officially announced.

Meanwhile, fans are now eagerly waiting for the makers to release an official first look or teaser instead of relying on viral leaks and fan-made edits. Until then, filmmakers have advised audiences to follow only official updates related to the movie.

Ram Pothineni Surprises Fans By Turning Director For 'RAPO23'

Tollywood actor Ram Pothineni has given fans a massive birthday surprise by officially announcing his directorial debut with his upcoming film, tentatively titled RAPO23. Known for his energetic screen presence and commercial entertainers, Ram is now stepping behind the camera for the first time in his career, making the project one of the most talked-about announcements in Telugu cinema today.

The announcement was made through a striking first-look poster that introduced Ram's character, Veera. The intense poster showcases the actor in a rugged and stylish avatar, wearing a leather jacket with a sharp new hairstyle. A giant red "V" in the background adds a dark and mysterious tone to the design, while the tagline, "The Story of a Lone Wolf," hints at a psycho-



logically layered protagonist.

According to the makers, RAPO23 will be a psychological action thriller, a genre that is relatively rare in mainstream Telugu cinema. Reports suggest that Ram himself conceived the story and wanted to present himself in a completely different role compared to his previous films. The project is being produced by Krishna

Pothineni under the newly launched RAPO Cinematics banner.

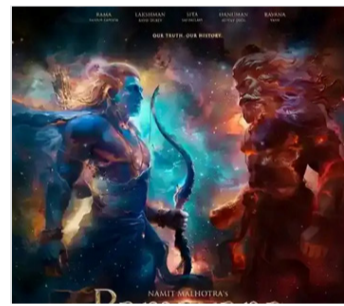
The announcement has generated huge excitement among fans because Ram recently explored multiple creative roles beyond acting. Earlier, he surprised audiences by working as a lyricist and singer for Andhra King Taluka. With RAPO23, he has now taken an even bigger leap by handling direction as well. Social media reactions have been mixed but highly energetic. While many fans praised Ram's ambition and appreciated the stylish first-look poster, others expressed curiosity about how he would manage both acting and directing responsibilities. Some users compared the film's dark aesthetic to international crime dramas and action thrillers, while a few advised audiences to wait for the final prod-

uct before building expectations.

Industry observers say the move places Ram among the select Telugu stars who have ventured into filmmaking themselves. Actors like NTR, Krishna, and Pawan Kalyan have previously explored direction, and Ram now joins that list with an ambitious psychological thriller. Reports indicate that regular shooting for RAPO23 is expected to begin in June, with the makers targeting a theatrical release in December 2026. Details regarding the supporting cast and technical crew are likely to be revealed in the coming months. For now, the announcement has successfully grabbed attention across social media, with fans eagerly waiting to see how Ram Pothineni reinvents himself as both actor and director in this ambitious new project.

Is 'Ramayana' Causing Delays For Yash's 'Toxic'?

Speculation surrounding Yash's much-awaited film Toxic continues to grow as fresh rumours suggest that the movie's release may be getting delayed because of Ramayana. The buzz has now become a major talking point among fans, especially since both projects are among the biggest Indian films currently in production. According to reports circulating in industry circles, the makers of Ramayana are allegedly pressuring the team behind Toxic to postpone the film further and avoid scheduling conflicts. While there has been no official confirmation regarding these claims, the rumours have already triggered intense discussions on social media. Interestingly, Yash is deeply connected to both films. Apart from starring in Toxic, the KGF star is also playing the role of Ravana in Nitesh Tiwari's ambitious mythological



epic Ramayana. In addition, he is reportedly co-producing Ramayana along with producer Namit Malhotra under Monster Mind Creations.

Reports indicate that Ramayana is planned as a massive two-part franchise, with releases expected during Diwali 2026 and Diwali 2027. Because of the scale and global expectations surrounding the project, industry insiders believe the makers may want complete audience focus on the mythological epic without interference



from another large Yash release. At the same time, Toxic itself is one of the most awaited pan-Indian films in recent years. Directed by Geetu Mohandas, the action drama has already created huge hype through its posters, teaser visuals, and Yash's intense makeover. The film was reportedly delayed earlier as well due to production schedules and large-scale planning. Social media users remain divided over the latest rumours. Some fans believe the delay could actually

help Toxic more time to perfect the film's visual effects and promotions. Others, however, are frustrated with the repeated postponements and want an official release date announcement soon. Online discussions have also focused on Yash's busy schedule. The actor is currently balancing two giant productions simultaneously, and he recently admitted that the demanding workload has been physically and mentally exhausting. Reports even suggest he may take a short break after completing both projects. Despite all the speculation, neither the makers of Toxic nor Ramayana have officially commented on the rumours. For now, fans continue waiting for clarity regarding the release plans of both films, while excitement surrounding Yash's upcoming projects keeps growing stronger.

Telugu Film Industry Crisis, Producers And Exhibitors Hold Crucial Meeting

The Telugu film industry is currently facing a major internal crisis as producers and exhibitors continue to clash over revenue-sharing models, theatre rentals, and OTT release policies. In an attempt to resolve the growing tensions, the Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce held an important meeting today involving representatives from both sides.

The discussions were led by Film Chamber President D. Suresh Babu and focused mainly on replacing the traditional fixed rental system with a percentage-based revenue-sharing model. Exhibitors have been demanding this change for several months, arguing that the current rental structure is making it increasingly difficult for single-screen theatres to survive.

According to exhibitors, theatre owners are struggling because of rising operational costs, poor occupancy rates, and inconsistent box office collections. Many claim that the fixed rental system puts heavy financial pressure on theatres, especially when smaller films



fail to attract audiences. They believe a percentage-sharing model would reduce risk and help theatres remain financially stable.

Another major topic discussed during the meeting was the OTT release window. Exhibitors are reportedly requesting a longer gap between theatrical releases and OTT premieres. Theatre owners argue that early digital releases are affecting box office collections by reducing audience interest in watching films in cinemas.

Representatives from the Producers Guild, however, believe the issue is more complicated. Producers and distribu-

tors have also faced significant losses in recent years due to rising production costs, high actor remunerations, piracy, and changing audience habits. Some producers reportedly expressed disappointment over exhibitors publicly criticising the industry instead of resolving issues through internal discussions.

Senior producer C. Kalyan described the situation as highly sensitive and stressed the need for immediate cooperation between all sectors of the industry. Reports suggest both sides are now trying to find a balanced solution that protects the interests of producers, distributors, and theatre owners

alike.

The issue has gained even more attention after a few industry personalities exchanged sharp public comments regarding theatre operations and revenue models. Social media discussions around the controversy have also intensified, with fans and trade analysts debating whether the Telugu film industry needs major structural reforms.

Following today's meeting, reports indicate that the Film Chamber may form a special committee involving producers, distributors, and exhibitors to continue discussions and suggest long-term solutions. Industry insiders believe the outcome of these talks could significantly impact the release strategies of several upcoming Telugu films.

With many big-budget movies scheduled for release in the coming months, the industry is hoping for a quick resolution to avoid disruptions and ensure smoother business operations across theatres and production houses.

