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Harish Rao Says BRS Will Restore Pharma City Plan

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Senior BRS leader and former minister T. Harish Rao has stated that the Bharat Rashtira Samithi would cancel the proposed "Future City" project if the party returns to power in Telangana and would instead revive the original Pharma City proposal.

Currently on a visit to the United States, Harish Rao made strong remarks against the Congress government's handling of the project. He alleged that the present administration had deviated from the original plan approved for Pharma City and was using the project for commercial and real estate purposes.

According to Harish Rao, the Union Ministry of Environment had granted approval specifically for the Pharma City project. He argued that any major deviation from the approved project structure would legally require the acquired lands to be returned to



farmers. He accused the state government of presenting contradictory positions by informing courts that Pharma City would continue while simultaneously promoting a different model under the "Future City" banner.

The former minister explained that the original Pharma City concept envisioned 75 percent of the land being used for pharmaceutical industries, while the remaining area would accommodate support

infrastructure such as educational institutions, housing and public amenities. However, he alleged that the Congress government had reversed this ratio by prioritizing commercial development and limiting pharmaceutical activity to a much smaller portion of the land.

Harish Rao claimed that the government was attempting to transform the project into a large-scale real estate venture rather than an industrial hub

focused on employment generation and pharmaceutical growth. He maintained that the BRS government had conceived Pharma City with the aim of creating extensive job opportunities and ensuring that pharmaceutical companies remained in Telangana instead of relocating elsewhere.

Criticizing the progress of the current administration, Harish Rao said nearly two and a half years had passed without any substantial development on the ground. He alleged that the government was more interested in distributing land parcels than implementing a meaningful industrial project.

The BRS leader asserted that if his party returns to power, it would revoke the Future City proposal and restore the Pharma City project in line with the original vision. He emphasized that the project was intended to strengthen Telangana's pharmaceutical sector and provide long-term economic benefits to the state.

ACB Raids Former Deputy Collector's Properties

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Officials of the Anti-Corruption Bureau conducted extensive searches on Friday at properties linked to former Medchal-Malkajgiri Deputy Collector Vamsi Mohan in connection with allegations of possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

According to officials, simultaneous raids were carried out at eight locations associated with Vamsi Mohan across Hyderabad and nearby areas. During the inspections, investigators reportedly identified assets worth several hundred crores of rupees. Following the searches, the ACB registered a disproportionate assets case against the former official.

Sources said the investigation was initiated following allegations relating to large-scale irregularities involving government land and misuse of official position during his tenure in the revenue department. Vamsi Mohan had earlier served as Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) in different regions, including Serilingampally.

The inquiry is also focusing on allegations concerning the alleged misappropriation of around eight acres of land in Abdullapurmet and Pigi-

puram areas. Investigators suspect that the land was allegedly registered in the name of the officer's father-in-law before being sold to a real estate developer. Officials are verifying documents and financial transactions connected to the alleged land dealings.

During the raids, ACB officials reportedly discovered documents related to multiple plots allegedly received from a real estate developer through a gift deed arrangement. Preliminary findings suggest that nearly ten plots may have been transferred in this manner, and investigators are examining whether the transactions were linked to misuse of official authority.

Officials stated that financial records, property documents, bank transactions and other materials seized during the searches are currently being scrutinized as part of the investigation. The ACB is also assessing whether additional individuals or developers were involved in the alleged irregularities.

Vamsi Mohan is presently being questioned by ACB officials regarding the assets identified during the searches and the allegations surrounding the land transactions. Further investigation into the case is underway.

NIMS Achieves Landmark of 2,000 Kidney Transplants

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy congratulated the medical team of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) for achieving a remarkable milestone in the field of organ transplantation. The premier healthcare institution has successfully completed 2,000 kidney transplant surgeries, setting a significant record in South India.

According to officials, the Department of Urology at NIMS has emerged as one of the leading centers in the country for kidney transplantation services. With this achievement, NIMS now ranks first in South India in the number of kidney transplants performed. At the national level, the Institute of Kidney Diseases and Research Centre (IKDRC) in



Gujarat holds the top position, while Christian Medical College in Ludhiana occupies the second place. NIMS has secured the third position nationwide.

The Chief Minister praised

the doctors, surgeons, medical staff and supporting teams for their dedication and commitment in providing advanced healthcare services to kidney patients. He described the accomplishment as a proud mo-

ment for Telangana's healthcare sector and appreciated the institution for delivering quality treatment to thousands of patients over the years.

Officials highlighted that out of the 2,000 transplant recipients, nearly 1,900 patients underwent the surgeries free of cost through welfare schemes such as Rajiv Aarogyasri and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. This means that around 95 percent of the beneficiaries received financial support from the government for life-saving treatment.

NIMS has also created another record by completing 500 kidney transplants within a short span of just three years and four months since January 2023. Medical experts noted that the institute has consistently expanded its transplantation capabilities with advanced

surgical techniques, experienced specialists and improved post-operative care.

The achievement reflects the growing strength of public healthcare institutions in Telangana and highlights the increasing accessibility of organ transplantation services for economically weaker sections. Doctors at NIMS stated that the institution remains committed to further strengthening transplant services and providing affordable, high-quality healthcare to patients from across the state and neighboring regions.

The successful completion of 2,000 kidney transplants has brought national recognition to NIMS and reinforced its reputation as one of India's leading government-run super-specialty medical institutions.



BRS Protest Highlights Farmers' Procurement Issues

Adilabad District, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Leaders and activists of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi organized a protest outside the Secretariat on Friday, demanding immediate procurement of farmers' harvested grain and an end to deductions allegedly being imposed in the name of "tare" during the procurement process.

The agitation was led by K. Kavitha along with former MLA and Boath constituency in-charge Rathod Bapurao. A large number of party workers and supporters participated in the dharna, carrying placards and raising slogans in support of farmers and against the state government's handling of procurement operations.

Addressing the gathering, BRS leaders alleged that farmers across Telangana were facing serious difficulties due to delays in the purchase of paddy and other crops at government procurement centres. They claimed that many farmers had been forced to wait for days at procurement yards, leading to financial losses and uncertainty during the ongoing agricultural season.

The party leaders also objected to deductions being made from grain sacks under the pretext of tare and alleged that such practices were placing an additional burden on already struggling farmers. According to them, several farmers were not receiving the full value for their produce be-

cause of arbitrary deductions and delays in weighing and transportation.

During the protest, leaders accused the government of failing to provide adequate facilities at procurement centres, including transportation, storage and timely processing of grain. They stated that procurement delays were causing distress among farming families and affecting their livelihoods.

Kavitha and other speakers demanded that the government immediately accelerate procurement operations and ensure that farmers receive fair payment without unnecessary deductions. They emphasized that protecting the interests of farmers and ensuring smooth procurement was the responsibility of the government.

BRS leaders warned that if the issues faced by farmers were not addressed promptly, the party would intensify its agitation through statewide protests and larger demonstrations in the coming days. They reiterated that the party would continue to stand by the farming community and raise issues affecting farmers both inside and outside the Assembly.

With crop procurement becoming a major political issue in Telangana, the protest once again brought attention to the challenges being faced by farmers at procurement centres across the state during the current season.

India Successfully Conducts Agni Missile Tests

Location as per content, date | TPN Bureau

India achieved another milestone in its strategic defence programme on Friday with the successful test launch of the Agni-1 short-range ballistic missile from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha. According to the Defence Ministry, the launch was carried out under the supervision of the Strategic Forces Command and successfully validated all operational as well as technical parameters.

The Agni missile series, which includes Agni-1 to Agni-4, forms a key component of India's strategic defence capabilities. These missiles possess strike ranges varying from 700 kilometres to 3,500 kilometres and are already operationally deployed by the armed forces.

The latest success comes close on the heels of another major achievement involving the advanced Agni-V missile equipped with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology. Earlier this month, India successfully carried out a flight trial of the Agni-5 missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. The Defence Ministry confirmed that the test met all mission objectives and demonstrated the missile's advanced operational capabilities.

The MIRV-enabled Agni-5 system significantly enhances India's strategic deterrence strength. Unlike conventional

ballistic missiles carrying a single warhead, MIRV technology allows the missile to deploy multiple nuclear warheads aimed at different targets spread across large distances. Powered by a three-stage solid-fuel engine, the Agni-5 missile has a strike range exceeding 5,000 kilometres. Officials stated that during the test, multiple payloads were directed towards geographically dispersed targets in the Indian Ocean Region. Data collected during the flight confirmed the successful functioning of all critical systems and mission parameters. India had first demonstrated the MIRV capability of Agni-5 in March 2024 under the code name Mission Divyastra, a name publicly revealed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. With this advancement, India joined a select group of nations possessing MIRV technology, including the United States, Russia, China, France, and the United Kingdom.

Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, the Agni-5 MIRV system incorporates indigenous avionics and highly accurate sensor technologies. The earlier test in 2024 also drew attention for the leadership role played by women scientists, including a senior woman DRDO scientist who led the mission along with several women researchers contributing to the project.

Heatwave Intensifies Across Telangana

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Telangana continued to reel under intense heatwave conditions on Friday as temperatures soared across several districts, with the mercury crossing 46°C in many regions. While the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted isolated light rain and thundershowers in a few parts of the state, officials clarified that there would be no significant relief from the prevailing heat over the next few days. According to data released by the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs), Sirpur (T) in Komuram Bheem district recorded the highest temperature in the state at 46.5°C. Several other districts, including Jagtial, Karimnagar, Mancherial, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla and Suryapet, registered temperatures of around 46.4°C. Temperatures also remained above 45°C in Khammam, Mulugu, Nirmal, Hanamkonda and Jayashankar Bhupalpally districts. Hyderabad too witnessed extremely hot weather conditions for the second consecutive day. The city recorded an average maximum temperature of around 39°C, while the highest within GHMC limits touched 43.4°C at Asifnagar in the Karwan circle. Areas such as Goshamahall and Begumpet recorded 40.6°C, while Chandrayangutta, Ser-



ilingampally and Amberpet also crossed the 40°C mark. The IMD warned that severe heatwave conditions are likely to continue across northern and eastern Telangana districts. Warm night conditions are also expected in Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Rangareddy districts, causing discomfort even after sunset. An orange alert for severe heatwave conditions was issued for Karimnagar, Peddapalli and Khammam districts. Meanwhile, yellow alerts were sounded for several districts, including Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Mulugu,

Bhadradri Kothagudem, Nalgonda, Mahbubabad, Warangal and Siddipet. Though temperatures are expected to remain high, the weather department forecast isolated rain and thundershowers accompanied by lightning and gusty winds ranging between 40 and 50 kmph in districts such as Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar, Narayanpet and Jogulamba Gadwal. TGDPs forecasts indicated that districts including Khammam, Mulugu, Bhadradri Kothagudem and Suryapet could continue to experience temperatures between 45°C and 47°C over the next two days.

Extensive Preparations for CM's Temple Visit

Yadagirigutta, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Authorities have completed elaborate arrangements for the visit of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to the temple town of Yadagirigutta scheduled for Saturday. Officials from various departments have coordinated security, transportation and ceremonial preparations to ensure the smooth conduct of the Chief Minister's programme.

According to the official itinerary, the Chief Minister is expected to arrive at Yadagirigutta by helicopter at around 8.30 am. Following his arrival, he will

proceed to the renowned Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, where he is scheduled to participate in special religious rituals and pujas between 8.40 am and 9.10 am. After offering prayers at the temple, Revanth Reddy will take part in the foundation stone laying ceremony for the proposed Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Devasthanam Vedapathashala and several other developmental projects connected to the temple town. The programme is scheduled to begin at approximately 9.37 am. Officials stated that the proposed Vedapathashala is

expected to promote Vedic education and strengthen the spiritual and cultural importance of the temple region. In addition to the educational institution, the Chief Minister is also likely to inaugurate or launch works aimed at improving infrastructure and facilities for devotees visiting the temple. Following the official programmes, the Chief Minister will briefly halt at the Presidential Suite before departing for Hyderabad by helicopter at around 10.45 am. Ahead of the visit, Anurag Jayanti personally inspected the arrangements in and around the

temple premises. He reviewed security measures, traffic management plans, seating arrangements and the preparations being made for devotees and dignitaries attending the event.

The Collector confirmed that a special helipad had been prepared for the Chief Minister's arrival and departure. Officials from the police, revenue, endowments and other departments have been instructed to remain on alert and ensure that all arrangements are completed without inconvenience to devotees or the public.



Seethakka Seeks Greater PMGSY Support

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

A regional conference of southern states on the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was held at Marigold Hotel in Hyderabad on Friday. The meeting was attended by senior officials from the Union Ministry of Rural Development along with engineers and representatives from the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development departments of various southern states. Addressing the conference, Telangana Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Dansari Anasuya Seethakka urged the Central Government to sanction additional road works for Telangana under the PMGSY programme. She emphasized the importance of strengthening rural road connectivity, particularly in remote and tribal regions of the state.

The Minister appealed to the Centre to bear the entire financial responsibility for PMGSY projects instead of placing a significant share of the burden on state governments. She stated that the present funding pattern, under which states are required to contribute around 40 percent of project costs, was



creating financial pressure and affecting the pace of development works. Seethakka pointed out that road construction activities in Agency and tribal areas were facing major hurdles because of regulations linked to the Forest Conservation and Wildlife Protection Acts. According to her, obtaining permissions for road projects in forest regions has become a lengthy and difficult process, leading to severe delays in districts such as Mulugu, Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem and Adilabad. The Minister stressed that the development needs of tribal communities

should be given priority and called for amendments to regulations that obstruct basic infrastructure projects in remote villages. She requested the Central authorities to introduce special permissions and simplified procedures for reconstruction and repair of already existing roads in forest regions. Highlighting the initiatives being undertaken by Telangana, Seethakka said the state government was implementing the Hybrid Annuity Model for the maintenance and long-term sustainability of rural roads. She also sought additional allocations and projects under the PMGSY-4 phase to improve rural connectivity across Telangana. Officials from the Union Ministry responded positively to the issues raised during the meeting. Central representatives assured the Minister that the concerns regarding delays caused by forest and wildlife regulations would be brought to the attention of the Union Government for further consideration. The conference focused on improving coordination between states and the Centre to strengthen rural infrastructure and ensure better road connectivity for villages across southern India.

Telangana Targets \$3 Trillion Economy by 2047: Bhatti

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said the Telangana government is working with the vision of transforming the state into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047, while giving equal priority to welfare, infrastructure development, women empowerment and employment generation.

The Deputy CM was addressing the 49th State Level Bankers' Committee meeting held at Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Friday. Ministers, senior bureaucrats, banking officials and representatives from financial institutions attended the meeting, including Tummala Nagewara Rao, RBI Regional Director Chinmaya Mohan and SBI CGM Nilesh Dwivedi.

Bhatti Vikramarka stated that Telangana continues to record rapid economic growth compared to the national average. He said the state's growth rate currently stands at 10.7 percent, while the national growth rate is around 8.2 percent. He also noted that Telan-



gana's per capita income has reached 4.18 lakh, significantly higher than the national average of 2.1 lakh.

Highlighting the state's financial progress, the Deputy CM said bank deposits in Telangana had crossed 9.43 lakh crore, while total advances reached 12.34 lakh crore. He described the state's Credit Deposit ratio of 130.78 percent as a major achievement.

He appreciated banks for surpassing agricultural lend-

ing targets. Against a target of 1.65 lakh crore, banks disbursed over 1.68 lakh crore in farm-related loans. Bhatti Vikramarka said agriculture remains the backbone of Telangana's economy and stressed the importance of extending support to farmers, dairy units, fisheries and allied sectors.

The Deputy CM urged banks to increase lending to micro, small and medium enterprises, as well as women, Dalit and

tribal entrepreneurs. Calling educational loans an "investment in the future," he appealed to banks to adopt a supportive approach toward students seeking financial assistance.

Bhatti Vikramarka also highlighted major development initiatives including the Musi River rejuvenation project, Future City and the Regional Ring Road. He said rapid urbanization in Telangana is creating huge opportunities in the services sector.

To strengthen women's economic independence, he announced that interest-free loans for Self Help Groups would be increased from 5 lakh to 10 lakh. He added that the government plans to expand financial assistance to women entrepreneurs, especially in Hyderabad.

The Deputy CM further revealed that new industrial clusters focusing on pharma, Fab City, steel, leather and textiles would soon be developed to attract both domestic and international investments into Telangana.



Tesla Plans EV Sales and Service Centre

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Global electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla is preparing to establish a sales and service centre in Hyderabad, marking a significant step in the company's expansion plans in India. Representatives of Tesla India expressed their interest during a meeting with Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Friday. During the meeting, the Minister stated that Telangana has developed a strong ecosystem equipped with advanced infrastructure and cutting-edge technologies required for electric vehicles and intelligent mobility solutions. He noted that the state has emerged as a major centre for semiconductor design, automotive software, electronics engineering and deep technology industries. Sridhar Babu appreciated the initiative taken by Sharad Agarwal and Rajat to establish Tesla's next sales and service facility in Hyderabad. He expressed satisfaction that Tesla, which has already launched a few showrooms in other parts of the country, is now looking at Hyderabad for further expansion. The Minister remarked that Tesla is no longer viewed solely as an electric vehicle company, but as a global technology-driven enterprise involved in areas such as Artificial Intelligence, robotics, battery innovation, semiconductor systems and advanced manufacturing technologies.

According to him, Telangana's growing technology ecosystem is well aligned with Tesla's long-term goals and future business requirements. He highlighted that semiconductor firms operating in Hyderabad are contributing significantly to the development of chips, sensors and intelligent systems needed for next-generation electric and smart mobility technologies worldwide. Sridhar Babu pointed out that electric vehicles currently account for only a small percentage of India's automobile market, indicating enormous growth potential in the sector. He reiterated that the Telangana government is strongly committed to promoting clean mobility solutions and aims to transform Hyderabad into a leading destination for electric vehicle technology and sustainable transportation. The Minister also encouraged Tesla representatives to explore opportunities for setting up ancillary industries and support units in Telangana. He assured the company that the state government would extend complete cooperation for investments related to technology, manufacturing and industrial development. The meeting was attended by Government IT Advisor Sai Krishna, TGIIC Managing Director Shashanka, Commissioner of Industries Nikhil Chakravarti, Special Secretary Raghurama Sharma and other senior officials.

Telangana Advancing as Digital Transformation Hub: Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Telangana is steadily emerging as a national model in digital transformation through citizen-focused governance and technology-driven growth, according to State IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu.

The Minister was addressing the "Digital Transformation Finance Summit 2026," organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India at Novotel HICC in Hyderabad on Friday. Speaking as the chief guest, Sridhar Babu said the state government is preparing a comprehensive roadmap to deliver public services more efficiently, transparently and conveniently to citizens through digital systems.

He observed that the global economy is rapidly shifting toward digitally driven ecosys-



tems and stated that countries capable of adapting to technological change would shape the future economic order. According to the Minister, India has already become one of the world's largest digital econo-

mies through advancements in digital payments, online governance and digital public infrastructure.

Sridhar Babu noted that Telangana has emerged as a major contributor to India's digital

growth story and is actively building an ecosystem that combines innovation, skilled talent and sustainable economic development. He said the state is working with a long-term vision of contributing 10 percent to India's GDP by the year 2047. Highlighting the changing responsibilities of finance professionals, the Minister said Chartered Accountants today are no longer limited to bookkeeping and auditing, but are increasingly serving as strategic advisors to businesses and industries. He added that modern technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, data analytics and cybersecurity are opening new opportunities in the financial sector while also creating challenges like cyber fraud, deepfake technology, cryptocurrency scams and digital crimes.

The Minister stressed the

need for professionals to strengthen their expertise in cyber assurance, digital risk management and emerging technologies. He also emphasized the importance of continuous skilling, upskilling and reskilling to meet evolving industry requirements.

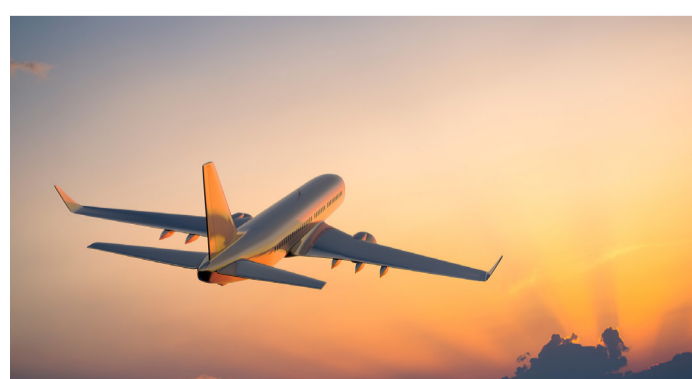
Calling for stronger collaboration between government and professional institutions, Sridhar Babu invited industry experts and financial professionals to partner with the Telangana government in enhancing the state's digital infrastructure and cybersecurity capabilities. Several dignitaries and industry representatives participated in the summit, including Anand Mohan Bajaj, Abhishek Solanki, Rajagopal Sharma, Sahil Malik, Harshavardhan, Shailaja Rani Jampala, Rajesh Thapar and Vinayak Godse.

Flight Reward for Government School Toppers

Nalgonda, May 22 | TPN Bureau

In a unique initiative to encourage academic excellence among students from economically weaker backgrounds, the Komatireddy Pratheek Reddy Foundation organized a special educational and recreational tour for meritorious Class X students from government schools in Thipparthy mandal of Nalgonda district. Fourteen students who secured top marks in the SSC examinations were selected for the tour, which includes a flight journey to Visakhapatnam and a visit to the scenic Araku Valley.

Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy personally handed over flight



tickets to the students during a program held at his camp office in the Ministers' Quarters in Hyderabad on Friday. The foundation, established in memory of the minister's son Komatireddy Pratheek Reddy, has been actively supporting

educational initiatives for deserving students. Earlier, during visits to government schools in Thipparthy mandal, the minister had promised students that those who performed exceptionally well in the Class X examinations

would be rewarded with a memorable educational tour. Fulfilling that assurance, the selected students are now set to experience air travel for the first time while also gaining exposure through the trip.

Speaking at the event, the minister emphasized the transformative power of education and said students should never allow financial difficulties to limit their ambitions. He encouraged them to dream big, work hard, and aim for higher goals in life. He also noted that talent exists in every section of society and that deserving students should be given opportunities to excel. Foundation Chief Executive Officer M.V. Gona Reddy explained that the

students would travel from Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport to Visakhapatnam and participate in a two-day educational tour covering important attractions in Visakhapatnam and Araku Valley. Comfortable accommodation arrangements have been made at a three-star hotel, while teachers and support staff will accompany the students throughout the trip to ensure their safety and convenience. The initiative has drawn appreciation from parents, teachers, and local residents, who described it as a motivating step toward encouraging students in government schools to achieve academic success.

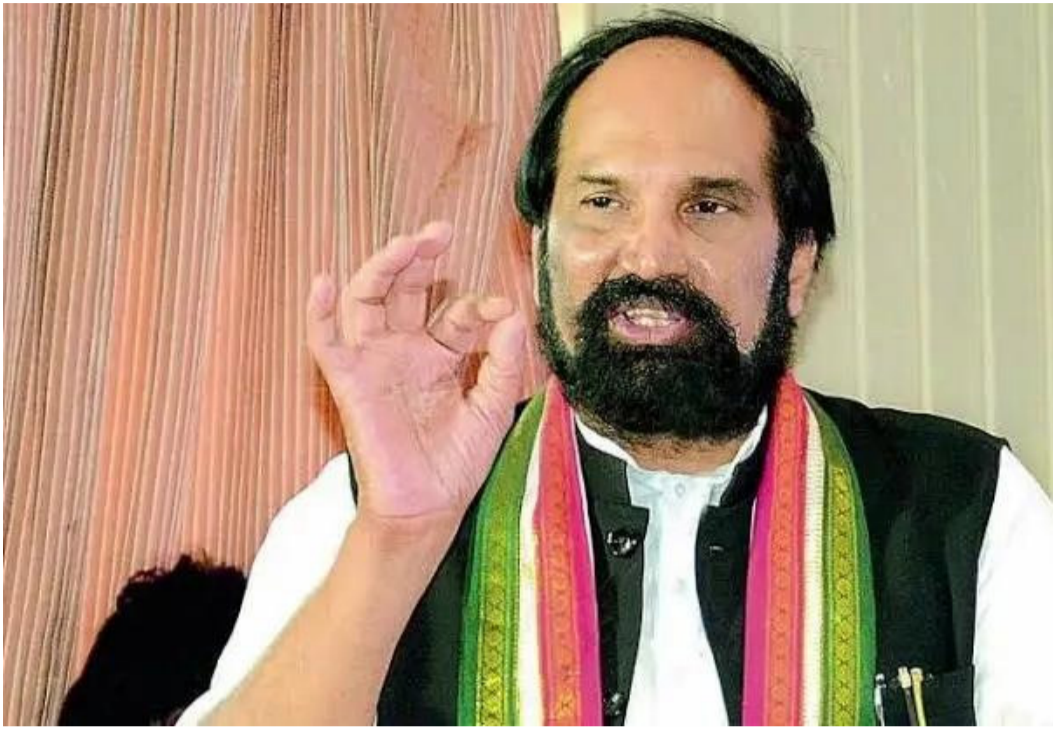
Uttam Kumar Reddy Defends Paddy Procurement Drive

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy strongly refuted allegations made by BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao regarding delays and irregularities in paddy procurement across the state. The minister asserted that the Congress government had achieved procurement figures and farmer payments far exceeding those recorded during previous Rabi seasons under the BRS administration.

Responding to KTR's criticism and open letter addressed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Uttam Kumar Reddy described the allegations as politically motivated and lacking factual basis. He termed the letter a collection of "misleading claims and half-truths" aimed at creating confusion among farmers.

The minister stated that out of the 54.29 lakh metric tonnes (LMTs) of paddy that arrived at procurement centres across Telangana, the government had already procured 46.21 LMTs, achieving nearly 85 per-



cent procurement. He further explained that more than 6.32 lakh farmer transactions had been completed successfully during the ongoing procurement season.

According to Uttam Kumar Reddy procurement operations are currently being conducted on a much larger scale compared to earlier years. He rejected allegations that procure-

ment activity had stalled for two months, clarifying that operations have been continuing uninterrupted through 8,575 procurement centres functioning across the state.

The minister said the government has been continuously monitoring procurement, transportation, milling and payment processes to ensure smooth operations. He also dismissed accusations regarding the shortage of transportation vehicles and delays in dispatching paddy to mills.

Providing figures on transportation activities, Uttam Kumar Reddy stated that 43.29 LMTs of paddy had already been shifted to rice mills, while another 0.71 LMTs had been transported to storage godowns. He added that, on average, over 13,000 vehicles are being deployed daily for transportation work and approximately 2.3 LMTs of paddy are being moved to rice mills every day.

The minister maintained that the state government remains fully committed to supporting farmers and ensuring timely procurement and payments. He accused opposition leaders of attempting to politicize the issue despite the large-scale procurement operations being carried out across Telangana.



Ramchander Rao Offers Prayers at Temple

Yadagirigutta, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao visited the renowned Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple on Friday and offered special prayers for the peace, prosperity and well-being of the people of Telangana.

During his visit, Ramchander Rao had darshan of Lord Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy and participated in temple rituals. The visit gained added spiritual importance as Shankara Vijayendra Saraswati was also present at the temple. Ramchander Rao met the revered seer and received his blessings during the visit.

Later speaking to the media, the BJP leader described the temple visit as a spiritually fulfilling experience. He said Yadagirigutta has emerged as one of the most prominent pilgrimage centres in Telangana, attracting devotees not only from across the state but also from various parts of the country.

Ramchander Rao stated that the presence of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham Shankaracharya made the occasion even more significant. He said he prayed for the prosperity of Telangana and sought divine blessings for the people of the state.

Commenting on temple de-

velopment, he observed that infrastructure and facilities for devotees at Yadagirigutta have been improving steadily over the years. He expressed hope that additional developmental works would be undertaken to provide better amenities and a smoother pilgrimage experience for visiting devotees.

Responding to questions from journalists, Ramchander Rao said the Central Government has been supporting the development of important pilgrimage destinations across India under the PRASAD scheme. He also highlighted that National Highway connectivity in the region had been strengthened by the Centre and mentioned the extension of MMTS services as another important development initiative.

He further recalled that the Bhongir ropeway project had been sanctioned during the tenure of Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy. Ramchander Rao added that the Centre would positively consider any proposals sent by the Telangana government regarding further development of the temple and surrounding infrastructure. However, he clarified that the primary responsibility for temple administration and development lies with the State Endowments Department.

KTR Raises Concerns Over Voter Rights and Crop Procurement

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao on Friday announced that the party would take special measures to safeguard the voting rights of Telangana natives working in Gulf countries during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. He also launched a sharp attack on the state government over the crop procurement crisis, accusing it of neglecting farmers and misleading the public with false claims.

Addressing a review meeting with party leaders and Assembly constituency in-charges from the undivided Nizamabad district, KTR said lakhs of Telangana migrants living in Gulf nations had expressed concern over the possibility of their names being deleted from voter lists during the SIR process being undertaken by the Election Commission. He stated that the party would soon approach the Central Election Commission in Delhi and submit representations seeking protection of the voting rights of Gulf-based Telangana NRIs. According to KTR, several NRIs had already contacted local MLAs and party leaders to express anxiety over the revision process. The BRS leader announced that a delegation comprising senior party leaders, MLAs and MPs would meet Election Commission officials. He also instructed party booth-level agents to identify Gulf-based voters within their areas and coordinate efforts to ensure their names remain on electoral rolls. KTR specifically urged leaders from the erstwhile Nizamabad and Karimnagar districts to actively monitor the process. During the meeting, KTR also reviewed party organizational activities and membership enrollment efforts. He described Nizamabad as a stronghold of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi



and asked party cadres to strengthen the organization through an extensive membership drive as directed by party chief K. Chandrashekar Rao.

Later, at a media conference held at Telangana Bhavan, KTR criticized the Congress government over the ongoing crop procurement situation. He alleged that procurement centres across the state were functioning poorly and accused the administration of failing to provide adequate facilities such as gunny bags, transport vehicles and weighing arrangements. Demanding a crop-wise white paper on procurement figures, KTR challenged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over claims that 80 percent of procurement had been completed. He argued that actual procurement on the ground was far below the figures being presented by the government. KTR alleged that delayed procurement was forcing farmers to sell produce to middlemen at lower prices and claimed that farmers were facing hardships due to shortages of urea, delayed financial assistance and inadequate procurement arrangements. He warned that if the government failed to respond to the concerns of farmers, the BRS would intensify its agitation across the state.

BJP Alleges Failures in Crop Procurement

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Leader of the BJP Legislative Party Yelei Maheshwar Reddy on Friday accused the state government of failing to protect the interests of farmers and alleged serious irregularities in the crop procurement process across Telangana.

Addressing a media conference at the Bharatiya Janata Party state office in Hyderabad, Maheshwar Reddy said farmers were facing severe hardship due to delays in procurement, shortage of trucks and gunny bags, and inadequate functioning of procurement centres. He alleged that paddy, maize and sorghum farmers were struggling to sell their produce despite months of hard work.

The BJP leader criticized the Congress government for allegedly failing to fulfil promises

made to farmers during the elections, including procurement of crops at remunerative prices and implementation of the Rythu Bharosa scheme. He claimed that procurement centres for sorghum had not yet become operational in several areas, forcing farmers to store their produce in market yards under difficult conditions.

Maheshwar Reddy also alleged that deductions of around four kilograms per bag were being imposed during procurement, causing losses to farmers. He questioned the state government over the alleged discrepancies in procurement figures and challenged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over claims that 80 percent of procurement had been completed.

According to him, while the state's total paddy production stood at around 1.41 crore met-

ric tonnes, the actual quantity procured so far was significantly lower than government claims. He accused the administration of attempting to mislead the public regarding the ground situation at procurement centres.

The BJP leader announced that party MLAs, MLCs and MPs would undertake a three-day statewide tour of procurement centres beginning Monday to assess the situation faced by farmers. He said the visits would focus on issues such as paddy procurement, delays in maize purchases and the lack of sorghum procurement facilities.

Maheshwar Reddy stated that the BJP would continue to raise farmers' concerns and stand by the agricultural community during the ongoing procurement season.



Congress Leaders Hail Wage Hike for Contract Workers

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Congress Town President Manda Thirumal, District General Secretary Pulluri Lakshman, and All India Yadav Association District President Bandi Sadanandam praised the State Government for enhancing the wages of contract workers across Telangana. They alleged that during the ten-year rule of the previous BRS government, contract employees were denied their rightful benefits and minimum wage revisions were ignored for years.

On Friday, the leaders organized a symbolic Ksheerabhishekam by pouring milk over the portraits of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Minister Vivek Venkat Swamy, and MP Vamshi Krishna along the national highway passing through the town. They described the wage revision as a major relief for lakhs of contract workers and their families. Addressing the gathering, the leaders said the Chief Minister has been working with a commitment to improve the lives of all sections of society, particularly workers and economically weaker communities. They stated that the decision to increase wages for nearly 1.11 crore beneficiaries across the state reflects the

government's focus on social welfare and labor rights.

The Congress leaders noted that implementing such a large-scale wage hike was a significant achievement and credited the Chief Minister for taking the initiative. They further mentioned that the revised wages would officially come into effect from June 1, bringing much-needed financial support to contract workers struggling with rising living costs.

Special appreciation was also extended to Labour Minister Vivek Venkat Swamy, whom they credited for playing a key role in pushing the proposal forward and ensuring its implementation. According to the speakers, workers in the Singareni belt and other industrial regions have welcomed the government's decision with enthusiasm and celebrations.

They added that the wage increase would improve the living standards of thousands of working-class families and restore confidence among contract employees who had long been demanding fair pay and recognition.

Several Congress leaders and activists participated in the program, including Gopathi Banesh, Nomula Upender Goud, Akaram Ramesh, Sotku Sudarshan, Chippakurthi Shashi, and others.

BRS Leaders Target Congress Over 'Future City' Project

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Former MLAs Alla Venkateshwar Reddy and Patnam Narender Reddy on Friday criticized the Congress government and defended statements made by senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao regarding the proposed "Future City" project.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Alla Venkateshwar Reddy alleged that Congress leaders were reacting aggressively whenever opposition leaders questioned government policies. Referring to comments made by MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy against Harish Rao, he termed them baseless and politically motivated.

The BRS leaders claimed that Harish Rao had only reit-



erated concerns over land acquisition linked to the "Future City" proposal and alleged that

nearly 13,500 acres of land had been acquired. They accused Chief Minister A. Revanth

Reddy of encouraging real estate interests under the name of development and stated that the BRS would cancel the project if it returned to power.

Alla Venkateshwar Reddy said the earlier Pharma City proposal under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao was intended to consolidate pharmaceutical industries in one location for planned industrial growth. He alleged that the Congress government was now politicizing the issue and claimed there was growing dissatisfaction among people over the current administration.

Patnam Narender Reddy also defended Harish Rao's remarks and alleged that the Congress government had failed to fulfil promises made

to farmers regarding land issues. He questioned the government over investments and employment generation, demanding a white paper on agreements signed during the Chief Minister's Davos visits and the decline in IT sector jobs in the state.

The BRS leaders further alleged that investors lacked confidence in the government and claimed that several permissions were being delayed. They asserted that the "Future City" project lacked clarity and accused Congress leaders of diverting attention through political rhetoric.

The leaders maintained that the BRS would continue to oppose the project and raise farmers' concerns across the state.



Row Over Journalists' Accreditation Cards Intensifies

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Fresh controversy has erupted in Telangana over the issuance of journalists' accreditation cards, with the Telangana Journalists' Welfare Association (TJSS) leveling serious allegations against Press Academy Chairman Srinivasa Reddy and members of accreditation committees. The association accused the authorities of denying genuine journalists their rightful accreditations while favoring select individuals linked to particular unions and media organizations.

According to TJSS leaders, several district-level and freelance journalists who have worked in the field for many years are facing rejection of their applications on what they describe as unreasonable and baseless grounds. The association alleged that experienced freelance reporters, some of whom have spent decades covering news under difficult conditions, are being ignored, while individuals with little or no professional background are allegedly securing accreditation cards with ease.

The organization claimed that transparency in the accreditation process has completely eroded and accused certain committee members of misusing their positions. Allegations have also surfaced that accreditations are being issued preferentially to journalists associated with unions and publications that maintain close relations with the Press Academy leadership.

TJSS further alleged that district accreditation committees are functioning in a biased manner, causing injustice to reporters working in rural and district-level media. The association questioned the purpose

of the existing government rules on accreditation if deserving journalists are being sidelined despite fulfilling eligibility criteria.

Criticism was also directed at Information Minister Ponugueti Srinivasa Reddy, with journalists alleging that the number of accreditation cards has been reduced and that promises made to provide cards to all eligible reporters have not been fulfilled. Freelance journalists expressed concern that those with political influence or connections within official circles were receiving approvals without obstacles, while independent reporters continued to struggle.

The association also raised concerns over the alleged failure to implement directives issued earlier by the High Court regarding the rights of freelance journalists. Critics argued that despite court observations and repeated appeals from journalist organizations, no major reforms have been introduced in the accreditation system.

Journalist groups accused successive governments of neglecting the welfare of media workers and claimed that the problems faced during the previous administration continue under the present government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

TJSS warned that protests would be organized outside the Press Academy office if eligible journalists continue to be denied accreditation cards. The association demanded immediate reforms, complete transparency in the accreditation process, and equal treatment for all qualified journalists irrespective of affiliations or political connections.



Free Health Camp Conducted at Sai Baba Temple

Secunderabad, May 21 | TPN Bureau

A free medical camp was held on Thursday at the Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple near the New Boiguda railway bridge with the support of Anushree Hospitals. The initiative aimed to provide basic health check-ups and spread awareness about preventive healthcare among devotees and local residents.

The camp was inaugurated by Temple Committee President Boddu Mahesh, who encouraged people to take proper care of their health and undergo regular medical check-ups. He emphasized the importance of early detection and maintaining a healthy lifestyle to prevent common health problems.

As part of the camp, medical staff conducted free blood pressure and blood sugar tests for devotees visiting the temple premises. Doctors and healthcare workers also offered guidance on maintaining good health and managing lifestyle-related conditions.

A large number of devotees and local residents participated in the programme and utilized the free health services provided during the camp. Organizers stated that such initiatives help create awareness among the public and encourage timely medical consultation.

Among those present at the event were Lakshminarayana, Jayanth, Mahesh, Mallesh, Shyam and several other volunteers and temple members.

Governor Praises Telangana Police Academy's Legacy

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Shiv Pratap Shukla attended the valedictory ceremony of the 40th Raising Day celebrations of the Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy Telangana Police Academy in Hyderabad on Friday. The event marked four decades of the academy's contribution to police training and public service in the state.

Addressing senior police officers, trainees, former Directors of the academy, and other dignitaries, the Governor commended the institution for its longstanding commitment to excellence in law enforcement training. He described the academy as a symbol of discipline, dedication, patriotism, and institutional integrity that has consistently produced capable and responsible police personnel over the years.

The Governor praised the academy's role in shaping professional leadership within the police force and highlighted its importance in strengthening public trust in policing systems. He noted that the institution has earned a distinguished reputation over the past four decades through its emphasis on rigorous training, ethical conduct, and service-oriented policing.

Speaking on the changing nature of law enforcement, Shiv Pratap Shukla emphasized the urgent need for fu-



ture-ready policing strategies to address emerging challenges in society. He said modern policing requires officers who are not only physically and mentally prepared but also technologically skilled and socially sensitive.

The Governor stressed that advancements in technology, cybercrime, digital communication, and evolving security threats demand a more adaptable and innovative police force. He called for the development of a citizen-centric policing system that remains responsive to public needs while effectively maintaining law and order. He further observed that police personnel must continue to upgrade their knowledge and capabilities to keep

pace with rapidly changing times. According to him, institutions like the Telangana Police Academy play a crucial role in equipping officers with the expertise needed for modern investigative methods, public engagement, and technological applications in policing. The event also served as an occasion to honor the academy's legacy and the contributions of former directors and trainers who helped build it into one of the prominent police training institutions in the country. Officers and trainees attending the ceremony expressed pride in being associated with an institution that has played a key role in developing professional policing standards in Telangana.



Lambada Leaders Seek Sevalal Corporation

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Public representatives from the Lambada community met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills and submitted several demands related to the welfare and development of tribal communities in the state. During the meeting, the delegation urged the government to establish a separate "Sant Sevalal Corporation" in the name of revered Lambada spiritual leader Sant Sri Sevalal Maharaj. The representatives stated that the proposed corporation would help strengthen welfare programmes and provide focused support for the socio-economic development of the

Lambada community.

The delegation also appealed to the Chief Minister to grant independent status to the ST Commission by separating it from the existing SC/ST Commission framework. They emphasized that an exclusive commission for Scheduled Tribes would help address tribal issues more effectively and ensure better implementation of welfare measures. Among those who met the Chief Minister were Baram Naik, Government Whip Ramachandru Naik, MLAs Murali Naik and Ramdas Naik, MLC Shankar Naik, former MLC Ramulu Naik, Achampet MLA Vamsikrishna and TRICOR Chairman Bellayya Naik.

Crackdown on Illegal Constructions

Quthbullapur, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Authorities in the Dundigal Circle intensified their drive against unauthorized constructions and road encroachments on Thursday, taking strict action at multiple locations within the jurisdiction.

Town Planning officials demolished three structures that were allegedly being constructed without obtaining the required permissions in Survey No. 168 of Dommara Pochampally village. According to officials, the buildings were under construction in violation of municipal regulations and were removed as part of an enforcement operation aimed at curbing illegal development activities.

In a separate action at Gagilapur village, officials cleared a compound wall that had reportedly been built by encroaching onto a public roadway. The encroachment was removed to restore free movement on the road and prevent obstruction to commuters and local residents.

Officials warned that stern measures would continue



against individuals involved in unauthorized constructions or illegal occupation of government land and public roads. They stated that the administration has been closely monitoring violations related to town planning rules and has decided to act firmly to prevent further encroachments.

The enforcement teams emphasized that unauthorized structures not only violate regulations but also create difficulties for civic planning, road access, and public infrastruc-

ture development. Authorities urged residents and property owners to obtain proper approvals before undertaking any construction activity.

Assistant City Planner Srinivas, along with Town Planning staff, participated in the demolition and clearance operations. Officials reiterated that similar drives would be carried out regularly across the Dundigal Circle to ensure adherence to urban planning norms and to safeguard public property.

Mystery Surrounds Young Woman's Death in Lake

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed in Hyderabad after the body of a young woman was found floating in Hussain Sagar on Friday evening. Personnel attached to the Lake Police Station noticed the body in the lake at around 4 pm and immediately retrieved it from the water.

According to preliminary information, the deceased is be-

lieved to be between 20 and 25 years old. Police officials suspect that the woman may have died by suicide, though the exact cause of death is yet to be confirmed. The police stated that the identity of the deceased has not been established so far. Information regarding the incident has been shared with police stations across Hyderabad city in an effort to identify the woman. Officials are also verifying miss-

ing persons complaints registered in recent days to trace her identity. A case has been registered and an investigation is underway. Police said they are examining all possible angles, including suicide, murder and accidental death, before arriving at a conclusion. The body was shifted for post-mortem examination, and further details are expected to emerge after the completion of the investigation.

Man Jailed for Harassing Elderly Parents

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

A local court in Hyderabad sentenced a 44-year-old man to two months of imprisonment for allegedly harassing and mistreating his aged parents in the Narayanguda area. The accused, identified as G. Srinivas, was also fined 50 by the court. According to police officials, the case was registered after the elderly couple approached the Narayanguda Po-

lice Station and lodged a complaint against their son. Based on their complaint, police booked Srinivas under relevant provisions of the City Police Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for allegedly subjecting his parents to continuous harassment and ill-treatment. Police stated that Srinivas, who works in the private sector, was produced before the Fifth Special Judicial Magistrate Court at Nampally after completion of the investi-

gation. Presiding Judge M. Bhasker found him guilty and sentenced him to two months in jail. Officials said the judgment sends a strong message against neglect and abuse of senior citizens. Narayanguda Inspector M. Saideswar reiterated that the police department remains committed to safeguarding elderly citizens and warned that strict legal action would be taken against individuals who harass, abandon or neglect their aged parents.



Worker Injured in Factory Mishap

Quthbullapur, May 22 | TPN Bureau

A serious industrial accident at a structural fabrication unit in Ram Reddy Nagar, under the jurisdiction of the Jeedimetla police station, left a worker critically injured on Thursday. Family members of the victim have alleged that the mishap occurred due to negligence and poor safety practices at the company.

According to information provided by the victim's wife, Gosula Padmavathi, her husband Gosula Ramakrishna has been working in the fabrication sector to support the family. On the morning of May 22, around 8:30 am, Ramakrishna was reportedly engaged in lifting heavy iron beams with the help of a crane at Mammoth Structure Company when a large iron section unexpectedly slipped and crashed onto his leg.

The impact caused severe injuries, with reports indicating that his leg was badly crushed in the incident. Co-workers at the site immediately shifted him to a nearby hospital for

emergency treatment. He is currently undergoing medical care at a private hospital in Shapur Nagar, where doctors are closely monitoring his condition.

Family members alleged that the accident could have been prevented if the management had implemented proper workplace safety measures and ensured strict adherence to industrial safety protocols. They accused the company of failing to provide a secure working environment for labourers handling heavy machinery and materials.

Following a complaint lodged by Padmavathi, the Jeedimetla police registered a case and initiated an investigation into the incident. Police officials stated that they are examining whether any violations of safety regulations or negligence on the part of the company contributed to the accident.

The incident has once again raised concerns over worker safety standards in industrial units operating in the city outskirts.



MP Seeks Better Railway Facilities

Bhuvanagiri, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has urged officials of South Central Railway to address several pending railway-related issues in the constituency and improve passenger amenities at important railway stations.

On Friday, the MP met Srinivas Malladi, who is serving as Secretary to the General Manager and DGM (Coordination) of South Central Railway, at Rail Nilayam in Secunderabad and submitted a memorandum outlining various public demands.

The MP requested immediate improvement of facilities at Bhuvanagiri Railway Station, pointing out that thousands of passengers, including students, employees and devotees, use the station daily. He stressed the need for better infrastructure and passenger amenities to ensure convenience for commuters.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy also sought stoppages for several important express trains at Bhuvanagiri station in response to long-pending demands from local residents. The trains for which halts were requested include Padmavathi

Express, Konark Express, Satavahana Express, Bhadrachalam-Machilipatnam Express and Telangana Express.

The MP further raised concerns regarding families affected by the MMTS railway extension works between Secunderabad and Yadagirigutta. He appealed to railway authorities to ensure justice and proper support for around 70 families in BB Nagar who reportedly lost their homes due to the project.

Another key issue highlighted during the meeting was the need for a railway underpass between Vangapalli and Yadagirigutta in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. The MP stated that the absence of an underpass has been causing regular traffic congestion and accidents in the area. He requested sanction and construction of a modern two-way underpass to improve road safety and traffic movement.

Responding positively, Srinivas Malladi assured the MP that the concerns raised would be brought to the attention of higher railway authorities and necessary steps would be taken on a priority basis in the interest of passengers and residents of the constituency.



Youth Begins Nationwide Rally for Girl Child Awareness

Medchal, May 22 | TPN Bureau

Promoting the message of "Beti Bachao - Beti Padhao," a young man from Medchal has set out on an ambitious nationwide bike rally aimed at spreading awareness about the importance of protecting and educating girl children.

D. Vishnuvardhan, a resident of Medchal, began his journey on Friday riding a Suzuki Access 125 scooter provided by Nagappa Motors. The rally was formally flagged off by Medchal Inspector Satyanarayana in the presence of local residents and supporters.

Speaking on the occasion, CI Satyanarayana appreciated Vishnuvardhan's dedication and said such awareness campaigns by youth help inspire society and encourage positive social change. He noted that initiatives promoting the welfare and education of girl chil-

dren are essential for the country's progress.

Nagappa, who sponsored the rally, explained that the journey would cover a vast route across the country. The rider is expected to travel from Medchal to Siachen, continue towards Kashmir, and finally conclude the expedition at Kanyakumari. According to Vishnuvardhan, the rally will last for 18 days and span nearly 7,000 kilometers.

The event drew participation from several local youths and community members from Medchal. Political and social leaders, including Narsinga Rao Goud, Venkatesh Goud and Ramana Reddy, attended the flag-off ceremony and extended their support to the awareness initiative.

Organizers expressed hope that the rally would inspire more people to support the education and empowerment of girls across the country.

Assistive Devices Distributed to Differently-Abled

Narayanpet, May 22 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Sports, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry, Youth Services and Fisheries Vakiti Srihari distributed assistive equipment and mobility devices to differently-abled persons in Narayanpet under the programme organized by the Telangana State Disabled Persons' Cooperative Corporation.

During the event, the Minister handed over 34 retro-fitted motorized vehicles free of cost along with nine battery-operated wheelchairs, eight laptops and several tricycles to beneficiaries. The initiative was aimed at supporting persons with disabilities and helping them achieve greater mobility, independence and access to education and employment opportunities.

After the distribution programme, Vakiti Srihari visited exhibition stalls arranged by various government departments at the venue. He interacted with officials and gathered information about the



activities and welfare programmes being implemented by different departments.

At a fish stall organized by SERP, the Minister tasted fried fish prepared as part of the exhibition. He also inspected stalls set up by the Horticulture and Sericulture departments and reviewed details related to palm oil cultivation and agricultural development initiatives.

During his visit, the Minis-

ter instructed officials to ensure that palm oil procurement centres are established and kept operational in every mandal so that farmers cultivating oil palm crops receive timely support and marketing facilities. The programme was attended by Priyanka, Additional Collector Sridhar, local public representatives, government officials and several beneficiaries from across the district.

Region Set for Green and Prosperous Transformation: Minister Srihari

Narayanpet, May 22 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Sports, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry, Youth Services and Fisheries Vakiti Srihari said the state government is committed to the welfare of poor and marginalized sections and is implementing development and welfare programmes across Telangana without political discrimination.

Addressing a district-level programme held in Narayanpet under the "99 Days of People's Administration - Progress Plan" initiative, the Minister stated that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched the Makthal-Narayanpet-Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme with an estimated investment of nearly 5,000 crore to transform the drought-prone Palamuru region into a fertile and prosperous belt.

Srihari said the project, which had remained unresolved for decades despite repeated demands, finally gained momentum after the Congress-led government came to power. He expressed confidence that once completed, the irrigation scheme would completely change the face of Narayanpet and end the migration problems that historically affected the district. He remarked that the region would eventually develop into a lush and prosperous area comparable to Konaseema.

The Minister highlighted



several welfare initiatives undertaken by the government, including the construction of Indiramma houses for the poor. He stated that housing projects were progressing in villages and assured that every eligible homeless family would receive support under the scheme. He urged village representatives and public officials to work collectively for rural development.

Referring to agriculture, Srihari said farmers were now receiving remunerative prices and bonus payments for paddy procurement. He also noted that poor families were being supplied six kilograms of quality rice every month through ration shops and instructed officials to ensure uninterrupted public distribution and drinking water supply in villages.

Emphasizing women's em-

powerment, the Minister said free bus travel for women had improved financial independence, while women's self-help groups under Mahila Samakhya were successfully operating petrol bunks and RTC buses on a rental basis.

Later, under the Telangana State Disabled Persons' Cooperative Corporation programme, the Minister distributed 34 retro-fitted motor vehicles, battery-operated wheelchairs, laptops and tricycles to persons with disabilities. He also visited departmental stalls set up at the venue and reviewed activities related to fisheries, horticulture and palm oil cultivation.

District Collector Priyanka, Additional Collector Sridhar, public representatives and government officials attended the programme.

Government Assures Complete Procurement of Farmers' Produce

Gollapalli, May 22 | TPN Bureau

TGIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy assured farmers that the state government is committed to purchasing every grain brought to procurement centres. On Friday, she inaugurated sorghum procurement centres in Gollapalli and Kondapur villages within the mandal limits.

Addressing farmers and local leaders, Nirmala Jaggareddy said the government had announced a support price of 2,699 for sorghum, describing it as one of the highest prices offered for the crop so far. She stated that the government under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is implementing several welfare initiatives aimed at strengthening the farming sector and supporting cultivators.

She advised farmers not to rely on middlemen while selling their produce and encouraged them to bring their crops directly to authorized procurement centres to ensure fair



prices and transparent transactions. She also informed farmers about the necessary documents required during procurement, including a crop cultivation certificate issued by the Agriculture Extension Officer, along with copies of the Pattadar Passbook, Aadhaar Card and Bank Passbook.

Nirmala Jaggareddy instructed officials to ensure that payments are credited to farmers' bank accounts within 72 hours after procurement. She further directed authorities to

make adequate arrangements at all centres so that farmers do not face inconvenience while delivering their produce. She specifically emphasized the need to maintain sufficient stocks of gunny bags at procurement locations.

Several local leaders and public representatives attended the programme, including ATMA Committee Chairman Prabhu, Society Chairmen Srikanth Reddy and Manik Reddy, Congress Mandal President Mallareddy and other local leaders.



KTR Extends Financial Aid to MBBS Student

Hyderabad, May 22 | TPN Bureau

K. T. Rama Rao once again extended financial assistance to a medical student from a financially struggling family, helping her continue her education without interruption.

Borelli Gouri, daughter of Borelli Narsimha and a resident of Kalvarala village in Veepanagandla mandal of the Kollapur constituency, had secured admission to the MBBS course at Maheshwara Medical College, Patancheru. Despite achieving her dream of entering the medical field, her family found it difficult to bear the heavy educational expenses due to poor financial conditions. After learning about the family's situation through social media platform Twitter in 2024, KTR had stepped forward and paid Gouri's first-year tuition fee in October last year, enabling

her to continue her studies.

Continuing his support for the student, KTR on Friday personally handed over a cheque of 1.30 lakh at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad to cover her second-year MBBS tuition fees. The financial assistance was provided to ensure that her education progresses smoothly without any financial hurdles. Speaking on the occasion, Gouri's family members expressed heartfelt gratitude to KTR for supporting their daughter's education during difficult times. They said his timely assistance had given new hope to their family and helped Gouri move closer to achieving her ambition of becoming a doctor. The family stated that they would always remain thankful for the encouragement and support extended toward their daughter's higher education.

Seven Held in Major Ganja Bust

Bhadradi Kothagudem, May 22 | TPN Bureau

In a major anti-drug operation, police in Aswaraopeta constituency of Bhadradi Kothagudem district seized nearly 300 kilograms of dry ganja and arrested seven persons involved in its transportation. The seizure was made during routine vehicle inspections at the Aswaraopeta border check-post.

District Superintendent of Police Rohit Raj said police personnel became suspicious after intercepting a container truck and a Baleno car during checking operations. A thorough inspection of the vehicles led to the discovery of large quantities of ganja hidden inside.

During questioning, the accused reportedly admitted that the contraband was being transported illegally from Odisha to Rajasthan. Police immediately seized the ganja along with the vehicles used for smuggling. The seven accused were taken into custody, and cases were registered against them before being remanded to judicial custody.

According to police estimates, the seized ganja is val-

ued at nearly 1.5 crore in the illegal market. Officials described the operation as one of the significant narcotics seizures in the region in recent months.

Addressing the media, SP Rohit Raj stated that Telangana police have intensified their crackdown on ganja smuggling, especially in the erstwhile Khammam district, which has witnessed a high number of narcotics-related cases. He said law enforcement agencies are maintaining strict surveillance to curb the transportation and sale of banned substances across the state.

The SP further revealed that over the last two years, police in the erstwhile Khammam district have seized around 15,293 kilograms of ganja, with an estimated market value of nearly 670 crore. He warned smugglers that stringent action would continue against those involved in narcotics trafficking.

SP Rohit Raj also appreciated the efforts of the Aswaraopeta police team for successfully carrying out the operation and making the large-scale seizure.

Man Arrested for Setting In-Laws' House on Fire

Sangareddy, May 22 | TPN Bureau

A shocking incident of attempted murder has come to light in Daulapur village of Hathnoora mandal in Sangareddy district, where a man allegedly set his in-laws' house on fire after his wife refused to return to their marital home. The incident, which reportedly occurred recently following a police investigation.

According to police, Nagaraju, a resident of Nayini Jalapur village in Kolcharam mandal of Medak district, married Lavanya of Daulapur in 2018. The couple initially led a peaceful family life and had two children. However, family members alleged that Nagaraju later became addicted to alcohol and began harassing his wife for additional dowry.

Unable to bear the alleged harassment, Lavanya left the marital home a few months ago and began living with her parents along with her children. Police said Nagaraju repeatedly pressured her to return and allegedly threatened to kill

her if she refused.

On the night of May 14, Nagaraju reportedly went to his in-laws' residence in Daulapur village. Investigators said he locked the doors of the house from the outside, poured petrol around the structure and set it ablaze while his wife, children and in-laws were inside.

Police further stated that the accused made a video call to his wife after setting the fire, informing her about his actions. The incident created panic among the family members trapped inside the burning house.

Local residents who noticed the flames rushed to the spot, extinguished the fire and rescued the family members safely. Based on a complaint, the Hathnoora Police registered a case and launched an investigation.

During the inquiry, police confirmed Nagaraju's involvement in the crime. He was subsequently arrested and remanded to judicial custody. The incident has triggered widespread concern and shock in the local area.

The Cockroach Manifesto: Systemic Suffocation and Ascendance of India's Underemployed

Why India's 'Cockroach' Rebellion is a Generational Reckoning, Not a Meme

On May 15, 2026, the elite bubble protecting India's ruling class burst from the inside. During a high-profile Supreme Court hearing, a derogatory remark was aimed squarely at the country's struggling youth demographic. Frustrated youngsters who pivot into independent digital journalism, social media activism, or Right to Information (RTI) campaigns were casually branded as "cockroaches" and "parasites" who attack the system because they cannot find space in traditional professions.

The establishment intended it as a calculated, status-driven insult to silence dissent. Instead, they handed a traumatized, exhausted generation its ultimate revolutionary battle cry.

Within forty-eight hours, the satirical Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) erupted across the digital landscape. Founded as an absurdist parody by 30-year-old communication strategist Abhijeet Dipke, the movement has shattered every metric of digital engagement. By May 22, 2026, its Instagram handle exploded past 20 million followers, completely eclipsing the official digital footprints of both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Indian National Congress.

Over 350,000 young citizens have formally filled out membership forms.

But dismiss this as just another viral social media trend at your own peril. The internet was merely the incubator. What India is staring at right now is a volatile, deep-seated threshold where systemic, macroeconomic rot meets a massive generation that has officially run out of patience.

The Metaphor of the Rotten Kitchen

The establishment's aggressive panic over the CJP—including a rush by mainstream media houses to mock, discredit, and intimidate its supporters—proves that the "cockroach" metaphor cuts

too close to the bone.

An architectural truth remains absolute: You do not find cockroaches in a clean, pristine, well-maintained household. You only find them when there is something deeply, fundamentally rotting beneath the kitchen floorboards.

For over a decade, India's top-heavy governance system has operated on an alternate agenda. It has relied on manufactured cultural polarization and social divisions to keep the public continuously distracted. While the masses were engaged in these engineered identity battles, the structural foundations of the country's future were allowed to entirely hollow out.

The education sector was turned into an unregulated corporate cartel. Nationwide competitive testing infrastructures became lucrative playgrounds for paper-leak syndicates. The formal job market shriveled, leaving an economy supported primarily by underpaid gig work. The youth did not create this decay; a triple-corrupt alliance of bureaucratic indifference, political amnesia, and institutionalized greed did. The cockroaches are simply showing up because the house is filthy.

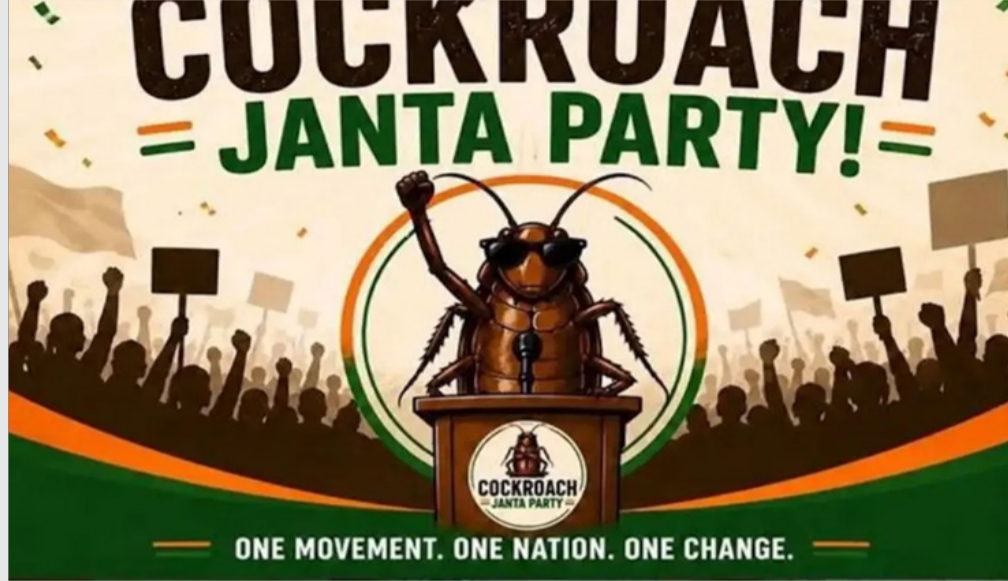
Mortgaged Futures and the Education Cartel

To understand why this digital rebellion is rapidly transitioning into a physical crisis, look at the sheer desperation of India's domestic economy. For the poor, working-class, and middle-class families of this nation, higher education is the only ticket out of intergenerational poverty.

To fund this desperate dream, parents make catastrophic financial choices. They liquidate their life savings, sell off ancestral agricultural land, and mortgage their only residential homes to local moneylenders just to pay the exorbitant fees demanded by private medical colleges, engineering institutes, and hyper-competitive

The Tamil Nadu Paradox & The Independence Debate

This deep generational disconnect is perfectly illustrated by the changing political tide among first-time voters in Tamil Nadu. By every standard macroeconomic indicator, the state is an unmiti-



gated success story. Per capita income has risen sharply, and tax revenue generation has developed drastically across core industrial, infrastructural, and technological domains.

Yet, the state's youth are aggressively demanding a complete overhaul of the regional political status quo.

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Instructions to the Swarm: From the Screen to the Pavement

For decades, the political syndicate has relied on a comfortable math problem: "The 5-Year Immunity Card." Once an election concludes, politicians relax in their chairs, confident that no one can touch them for the next sixty months. They assume that youth frustration will remain individualized—leading to quiet despair or tragic student suicides.

But across South Asia, the rules have changed. The youth have realized that waiting five years to politely vote out a corrupt structure means allowing five years of their prime youth to be permanently stolen. Democracy must be a daily, ruthless audit, not a five-year voting ritual. The bureaucracy must understand that every single rupee collected from taxpayers must be held strictly accountable.

The time for online containment is officially over. Mainstream political machinery knows how to manage a digital trend through algorithmic suppression and internet bans, but they have no template for managing millions of hyper-educated, economically betrayed citizens occupying physical space.

To transform this from a social media trend into an unyielding historical cleansing, the youth must execute a precise, disciplined transition from the digital matrix onto the physical pavement:

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This Saturday that is on May 23, 2026 represents the definitive tipping point. When the youth step out of their screens and onto the streets, the old political playbook becomes instantly obsolete. When the pillars of a nation's foundation collectively refuse to hold up a corrupt, rotting ceiling, the entire top-heavy house of cards has no choice but to face a total, unyielding collapse. Step out of your cells. The future cannot be given; it must be taken.



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Freedom of the Press or Freedom Under Control?

A Legal Examination of India's Media Law Framework (From Legal Forum)

This is the second part of a series examining the scope of press freedom in India and the legal consequences that arise from its exercise. While the first part set out the constitutional foundations of media freedom under Article 19(1)(a) and the permissible restrictions under Article 19(2), this instalment builds upon that framework to analyse how those constitutional principles are operationalised through statutory and regulatory mechanisms. It focuses in particular on the legal architecture that governs media speech in India, with emphasis on how law defines, restricts, and conditions journalistic expression in practice across print, broadcast, and digital platforms.

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Quad Foreign Ministers To Meet In Delhi, Marco Rubio To Visit India



India is set to host the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting in New Delhi on May 26, with top diplomats from the United States, Japan, and Australia expected to participate in high-level discussions focused on the Indo-Pacific region, regional security, trade, and strategic cooperation.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will visit India from May 23 to 26 to attend the Quad meeting and hold bilateral talks with Indian leaders. The visit will mark Rubio's first official trip to India as America's top diplomat and is being viewed as an important step in strengthening India-US relations.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will host the meeting, which will also be attend-

ed by Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong and Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi. The discussions are expected to focus on Indo-Pacific strategy, maritime security, supply chain resilience, critical minerals, emerging technologies, and broader regional developments.

The Quad grouping — comprising India, the US, Japan, and Australia — has increasingly emerged as a major strategic platform in the Indo-Pacific region. The alliance focuses on strengthening cooperation in areas such as defence, trade, technology, infrastructure, and regional security.

Reports suggest that Rubio's India visit will also include discussions on energy coopera-

tion, defence partnerships, and trade ties between New Delhi and Washington. Officials from both countries are expected to review ongoing negotiations and strategic collaborations during the visit.

The upcoming meeting comes amid rising geopolitical tensions in the Indo-Pacific and growing global concerns regarding supply chains, maritime security, and China's expanding influence in the region. Analysts believe the Quad countries are aiming to strengthen coordination on these issues while reinforcing the vision of a "free and open Indo-Pacific."

Diplomatic observers also note that the Delhi meeting gains additional significance because it follows recent international developments involving the US, China, and West Asia. The Quad members are expected to exchange views on broader international challenges and regional security concerns.

During his India visit, Rubio is also expected to travel to cities including Kolkata, Agra, and Jaipur apart from New Delhi. The visit reflects continued high-level engagement between India and the United States as both countries look to deepen cooperation across strategic and economic sectors.

PM Modi Chairs Council Of Ministers Meeting, Focuses On Reforms And Viksit Bharat Vision



Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the Council of Ministers where discussions focused on improving 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Doing Business' across the country.

Sharing details about the meeting, the Prime Minister described the discussions as fruitful and said ministers exchanged valuable perspectives and best practices aimed at accelerating governance reforms and improving public services.

According to PM Modi, the meeting mainly concentrated on identifying ways to make daily life easier for citizens while also creating a more business-friendly environment to support economic growth and investment.

The Prime Minister stressed the importance of continuing reforms to achieve the government's long-term vision of building a "Viksit Bharat" or developed India. The discussions reportedly covered strategies to improve administrative efficiency, strengthen infrastructure, simplify processes, and encourage innovation across sectors.

In a post shared on social media platform X, PM Modi said the Council of Ministers exchanged ideas on boosting both ease of living and ease of

doing business while exploring further reforms necessary for achieving the shared national vision.

The meeting comes at a time when the government is focusing heavily on economic expansion, digital governance, infrastructure development, manufacturing growth, and investment promotion. Over the past few years, the Centre has introduced multiple policy reforms aimed at improving India's global business competitiveness and simplifying regulatory

procedures.

Government officials have repeatedly highlighted that reducing bureaucratic hurdles and improving citizen services remain key priorities under the administration's governance model. Initiatives linked to digitisation, direct benefit transfers, startup promotion, and faster approvals have been promoted as major steps toward that objective.

The concept of "Viksit Bharat" has become a central theme of the government's long-term development agen-

da, with emphasis on economic growth, infrastructure modernisation, technological advancement, employment generation, and improved quality of life.

Political observers believe such meetings help align ministries on policy priorities and ensure coordinated implementation of reforms across departments. The government is expected to continue focusing on governance efficiency and economic reforms as part of its broader development roadmap.

Centre Launches 'JEEVAN' App And 'SHATAYU' Dashboard For Senior Citizens

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched two major digital initiatives — the "JEEVAN" mobile application and the "SHATAYU" geriatric caregiver dashboard — aimed at improving support systems and care services for senior citizens across India.

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar unveiled the platforms during a national workshop focused on building a stronger care economy and enhancing elderly welfare through technology-driven solutions.

The JEEVAN app, short for Joint Elderly Empowerment & Virtual Assistance Network, has been developed as a dedicated digital platform to improve the safety, healthcare access, welfare support, and social inclusion of senior citizens.

The application offers several important features designed specifically for elderly users. It provides information about government welfare schemes, social support services, emergency assis-



tance systems, and senior citizen homes supported by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Officials said the app has been designed with a simple and user-friendly interface, including easy navigation and accessibility-focused features to ensure that senior citizens can use it comfortably.

Alongside the app, the ministry also launched SHATAYU — Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training For Your

Utility — a digital dashboard created to strengthen caregiving services for the elderly across the country.

The SHATAYU platform allows users to access information regarding the availability of trained geriatric caregivers in different districts and states. The dashboard is expected to support families, healthcare providers, and senior citizens in finding suitable caregiving assistance more efficiently.

According to the ministry, both plat-

forms are part of broader efforts to build a technology-enabled elder care ecosystem in India. The government aims to improve dignity, safety, healthcare support, and quality of life for the country's growing elderly population.

Officials highlighted that the increasing number of senior citizens in India has created a rising demand for accessible healthcare, caregiving services, and welfare support systems. Digital platforms like JEEVAN and SHATAYU are expected to help bridge gaps in information and service delivery.

The launch also reflects the government's focus on integrating technology into social welfare programmes to improve accessibility and strengthen outreach among vulnerable sections of society.

Experts attending the workshop reportedly emphasized the importance of developing a structured care economy, including trained caregivers, support networks, and digital infrastructure to meet the future needs of India's ageing population.

PM Modi To Distribute Over 51,000 Appointment Letters At 19th Rozgar Mela

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly recruited candidates in various government departments and organisations during the 19th edition of the Rozgar Mela on May 23.

The event will be conducted through video conferencing at 11 AM, during which the Prime Minister will also address the newly appointed youth and interact with participants across multiple locations.

The Rozgar Mela is part of the government's larger employment generation initiative aimed at accelerating recruitment across central government ministries and departments. The programme was launched to provide job opportunities to young people and speed up the filling of vacant posts in government institutions.

According to official information, nearly 12 lakh appoint-

ment letters have already been distributed through 18 Rozgar Melas conducted across the country since the initiative began.

The 19th Rozgar Mela will be organised at 47 locations nationwide, with selected candidates joining various ministries and departments of the Government of India.

The newly recruited candidates will take up positions in departments including the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Financial Services, and Department of Higher Education, among others.

Officials stated that candidates selected from different parts of the country will participate in the programme, reflecting the nationwide scale of the recruitment drive.

The government has repeatedly highlighted em-

ployment generation as one of its key priorities, with special focus on improving recruitment processes and reducing delays in filling vacancies across departments.

The Rozgar Mela initiative has also been positioned as part of the Centre's broader strategy to strengthen public service delivery by ensuring timely appointments in important sectors such as railways, healthcare, education, finance, and administration.

The Prime Minister has previously said that providing employment opportunities to youth remains central to the vision of building a developed and self-reliant India.

The event is expected to witness participation from senior officials, newly recruited candidates, and representatives from multiple ministries and departments connected virtually from different cities across the country.

Voting For 26 Rajya Sabha Seats Scheduled On June 18



The Election Commission has announced polling for 26 Rajya Sabha seats across multiple states, with voting scheduled to take place on June 18. The elections are being conducted due to the completion of terms of several sitting members, while two seats will also be filled through bypolls.

Several prominent political leaders are set to complete their terms in the Upper House, including former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh, Union Minister George Kurian, and BJP leader Ravnesh Singh Bittu.

The Rajya Sabha elections will cover seats from states including Andhra Pradesh, Guja-

rat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Manipur. In addition, bypolls will be held in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu following resignations by sitting members.

In Karnataka, the terms of HD Deve Gowda and Mallikarjun Kharge are ending, making the state one of the key battlegrounds to watch during the elections. Political observers are closely monitoring whether major parties will retain their current strength in the Upper House.

The upcoming elections are also expected to impact the balance of power in the Rajya Sabha. Reports suggest the BJP-led NDA could face a slight

reduction in numbers, while the Congress-led opposition alliance may improve its tally.

Political attention is also focused on Tamil Nadu, where actor-politician Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) is being closely watched amid speculation about a possible Rajya Sabha debut. Analysts believe the party's stance during the election could influence opposition coordination in the state.

The Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of Parliament, plays a crucial role in the legislative process, and these elections are considered politically significant because they can influence the government's ability to pass key legislation smoothly.

BJP Eyes Political Opportunity Amid Congress-DMK Rift

The BJP is reportedly exploring political opportunities emerging from the growing strain between the Congress and the DMK following recent political developments in Tamil Nadu.

According to reports, the BJP believes the tensions within the opposition alliance could help the party strengthen its position in Parliament and expand its influence in southern politics. The developments come after visible disagreements between the Congress and DMK over political alignments and power-sharing issues in Tamil Nadu.

Political observers say the relationship between the two parties has become increasingly uneasy after the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections and the rise of actor-turned-politician Vijay's TVK. The changing political landscape has reportedly altered traditional alliance dynamics in the state.

Sources indicated that the BJP is now examining whether the DMK could cooperate more closely with it on certain national issues inside Parliament, even if no formal alliance emerges. The party is believed to be assessing how divisions within the opposi-



tion bloc may affect parliamentary strategies in the coming months.

The Congress and DMK have shared a long-standing alliance in Tamil Nadu politics, but recent events have exposed friction between the partners. Political disagreements reportedly intensified after Congress became part of the Vijay-led government in Tamil Nadu, creating discomfort within sections of the DMK leadership.

Recent controversies during ministerial oath-taking ceremonies and public political exchanges have further highlighted the tension between regional and national political

narratives in the state. Analysts believe these developments have opened space for rival parties to recalibrate their strategies.

The BJP has been trying to expand its footprint in Tamil Nadu for several years, though the state has traditionally remained dominated by Dravidian parties. The emergence of new political equations following the assembly elections is now being closely watched by national parties.

Political experts say the BJP's strategy may not necessarily involve a formal partnership but rather issue-based cooperation in Parliament where political interests over-

lap. Such a move could become significant during key legislative debates and voting scenarios in the Rajya Sabha.

The situation has also sparked broader discussions about the future of opposition unity at the national level. With regional parties increasingly asserting independent political positions, maintaining cohesion within anti-BJP alliances could become more challenging ahead of future elections.

For now, all major parties appear to be carefully monitoring the evolving political dynamics in Tamil Nadu and their possible impact on national politics.

Iran-Oman Strait Of Hormuz Toll Plan Triggers Global Concern

Fresh tensions have emerged around the strategically crucial Strait of Hormuz after reports revealed that Iran and Oman are discussing a possible toll-based maritime system for ships passing through the waterway. The development has sparked sharp reactions from the United States and raised fears of further disruption to global trade and energy supplies.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important shipping routes, carrying a significant portion of global oil and gas exports. Any disruption or additional charges imposed on vessels using the route could directly affect global energy prices, shipping costs, and supply chains.

According to recent reports, Iran and Oman have been discussing a framework under which ships may be charged fees linked to maritime services and passage management in the strait. While Iranian officials reportedly view the proposal as part of a broader regional security arrangement, the United States has strongly opposed the idea.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio warned that implementing a tolling system in the Strait of Hormuz could derail ongoing diplomatic efforts with Iran. Rubio reportedly described the proposal as unacceptable and argued that international waterways should remain free from unilateral transit charges.

US President Donald Trump also publicly opposed the move, stating that the Strait of Hormuz is an international waterway and should not be subjected to tolls. Trump further claimed that the US would not allow Iran to use control over the region as leverage during negotiations.

The issue comes amid continuing tensions linked to the wider US-Iran conflict and ongoing disputes over maritime access in the Gulf region. Shipping traffic through the strait has reportedly fallen sharply in recent months due to military tensions, naval blockades, and fears of at-

tacks on commercial vessels. Several reports indicate that only a limited number of ships are currently crossing the strait daily compared to normal traffic levels before the crisis intensified. Energy markets and shipping companies remain highly sensitive to any developments affecting the passage because nearly one-fifth of global oil trade depends on the route. International observers and maritime agencies have also expressed concern that a toll system could set a controversial precedent for global shipping routes. Experts warn that further escalation in the region could increase freight costs, insurance premiums, and geopolitical instability.



Report Claims Chinese Military Officer Posed As Waitress To Spy On Elon Musk



A sensational espionage claim involving Elon Musk and China has sparked intense debate online after independent blogger Jennifer Zeng alleged that a woman serving at a Chinese state banquet was actually a senior military officer assigned to monitor American delegates.

The controversy is linked to a high-profile state dinner hosted in Beijing during US President Donald Trump's recent visit to China. Several top American business leaders, including Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang, and Apple CEO Tim Cook, attended the event alongside senior political figures.

According to Jennifer Zeng, one of the women seen serving guests at the banquet was not an ordinary waitress but an active-duty member of China's People's Liberation Army Honor Guard Ceremonial Brigade.

She claimed the woman standing near Musk was a battalion commander and member of the Chinese Communist Party. Zeng shared photographs of the server at the banquet with images of a woman in military uniform, alleging they were the same person. The posts quickly went viral and fueled speculation about whether Chinese authorities used disguised personnel to monitor foreign dignitaries and executives during the summit.

However, no official evidence has been presented to independently verify the claims. Chinese authorities have not responded publicly to the allegations, and there has been no confirmation from the US government or Elon Musk regarding the incident.

The claims emerged amid already heightened tensions between Washington and Beijing over trade, artificial intelligence, technology competition, and geopolitical influence. Trump's China visit itself attracted massive global attention because it included several influential American CEOs participating in high-level discussions with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Social media reactions to the allegations have been sharply divided. Some users described the claims as believable given China's reputation for extensive state surveillance and intelligence operations. Others dismissed the accusations as speculative and lacking credible proof.

The incident has also reignited broader conversations around espionage, diplomatic security, and the role of corporate leaders in sensitive geopolitical environments. Analysts note that major international summits involving political and business elites are often surrounded by intense security and intelligence monitoring by host nations.

Elon Musk himself has not commented publicly on the controversy so far. The billionaire entrepreneur, who maintains major business interests in China through Tesla's Shanghai operations, has often found himself at the center of geopolitical discussions involving both the US and China.

US, Russia Vote Against UN Climate Resolution As India Abstains

The United States and Russia voted against a United Nations climate resolution focused on greenhouse gas emissions, while India chose to abstain during the voting process. The development has drawn global attention as countries continue debating climate responsibility, energy policies, and international environmental commitments.

The resolution reportedly aimed to strengthen global efforts to tackle greenhouse gas emissions and encourage stronger climate-related actions from member nations. Supporters argued that urgent international cooperation is necessary to address rising global temperatures, extreme weather events, and long-term environmental risks.

However, the United States and Russia opposed the proposal, citing concerns over language, implementation mechanisms, and broader geopolitical implications. Both countries reportedly argued that climate resolutions should avoid measures that could negatively affect national economic interests or energy security.

India, meanwhile, abstained from the vote rather than supporting or opposing the resolution outright. Reports sug-

gest India raised concerns regarding climate equity, financial support for developing nations, and the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities," which has long been a central issue in global climate negotiations.

Indian representatives have consistently argued that developed countries, being historically larger contributors to global emissions, should bear greater responsibility in funding climate transition efforts and supporting developing economies.

The vote comes at a time when climate change remains one of the most divisive issues in international diplomacy. While many countries are pushing for aggressive emission reduction targets, others continue balancing environmental goals with economic growth, industrial development, and energy needs.

The disagreement also reflects growing geopolitical tensions influencing global climate discussions. Energy security concerns, conflicts affecting fuel supply chains, and rising economic pressures have complicated consensus-building at international climate forums.

Environmental groups criticized the opposition to the resolution, warning that delays in coordinated climate action could worsen the impact of global warming. Activists have repeatedly stressed the need for stronger commitments from major economies to reduce emissions and accelerate clean energy adoption.

At the same time, some policy experts argued that climate agreements must account for differences in economic development and energy dependence among nations. Developing countries, including India, continue emphasizing that climate transition policies should not hinder poverty reduction and industrial growth.

The UN vote once again highlighted the complex divide between developed and developing nations on climate policy. As global negotiations continue, disagreements over financing, accountability, and responsibility-sharing are expected to remain central challenges in achieving broad international climate consensus.



Trump Announces 5,000 More US Troops For Poland Amid NATO Confusion

US President Donald Trump has announced that America will deploy an additional 5,000 troops to Poland, a move that has triggered fresh debate over Washington's military strategy in Europe.

The announcement came despite earlier signals from the Trump administration and the Pentagon suggesting a reduction in US troop presence across Europe. Trump said the decision was influenced by the election of Poland's new President Karol Nawrocki, whom he had publicly supported.

The move has created confusion among NATO allies because the US had recently discussed scaling back military deployments in Europe as part of a broader strategic reassessment. Earlier reports indicated that around 4,000 American soldiers from a planned armored brigade deployment would no longer be sent to Poland.

Trump's latest decision appears to reverse or complicate those earlier plans. While the administration has not fully clarified whether the new deployment will replace previously halted troop rotations or increase the overall US military presence in the region, the announcement has already drawn strong reactions internationally.

Poland welcomed the development, with leaders viewing the additional troops as a sign of strong US support and commitment to Eastern European security. Poland has consistently pushed for a larger American military presence due to ongoing tensions involving Russia and the war in Ukraine.

At the same time, several NATO members remain uncertain about the broader direction of US policy in Europe. Critics argue that mixed signals from Washington could weaken alliance unity during a period of heightened geopolitical tension.

The Pentagon had earlier indicated plans to reduce the number of US brigade combat teams stationed in Europe from four to three. Some American lawmakers also criticized the earlier troop reduction plans, warning that scaling back military commitments could send the wrong message to Russia.

The latest troop announcement comes amid growing concerns about regional security across Eastern Europe. Poland has emerged as one of NATO's most strategically important countries because of its proximity to Ukraine and Russia's sphere of influence.

Political analysts say Trump's decision reflects both military and political calculations. Strengthening ties with Poland aligns with the administration's emphasis on rewarding NATO allies that increase defense spending and maintain strong strategic partnerships with Washington.

However, experts also note that frequent policy shifts have raised questions about long-term US military planning in Europe. NATO officials and allied governments are expected to seek further clarification from Washington regarding future troop deployments and America's broader security commitments on the continent.



Bangladesh Faces Severe Measles Crisis Amid Vaccination Concerns

Bangladesh is battling one of its worst measles outbreaks in decades, with thousands of infections and hundreds of child deaths reported across the country. Health officials and international agencies have raised alarm over the rapid spread of the disease, particularly among young children.

According to reports, the outbreak has affected most districts in Bangladesh, with a large number of cases concentrated in densely populated urban areas. Children under the age of five have been the worst affected, accounting for the majority of infections and fatalities.

The World Health Organization stated that tens of thousands of suspected measles cases have been reported since March 2026, with widespread transmission seen across multiple divisions of the country. Health authorities warned that low immunisation coverage and immunity gaps among children significantly worsened the outbreak.

Reports suggest that vaccination shortages and disruptions in routine immunisation programs contributed to the crisis. Several media outlets and political observers claimed that administrative issues and changes in vaccine procurement systems may have delayed vaccine availability during a critical period.

Bangladesh authorities have since launched emergency measles-rubella vaccination drives in hotspot districts to contain the spread. The campaign reportedly targeted millions of children aged between six months and five years. International agencies including UNICEF and WHO have also stepped in to support vaccination efforts and disease surveillance.

Medical experts say measles spreads rapidly in areas with low vaccination coverage and overcrowded living conditions. Many affected regions in Bangladesh include densely populated settlements where healthcare access remains limited.

The outbreak has also triggered political controversy inside Bangladesh. Opposition voices and public interest groups have demanded investigations into vaccine shortages and government preparedness. Some reports claimed petitions were filed seeking accountability from officials linked to earlier policy decisions regarding vaccine procurement and distribution.

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Sun Pharma Q4 Results: Net Profit Jumps 26% To 2,714 Crore, 5 Dividend Announced



Sun Pharmaceutical Industries reported a strong performance for the fourth quarter of FY26, with consolidated net profit rising 26 percent year-on-year to 2,714 crore. The company's robust earnings were driven by healthy growth across domestic and global markets, along with improved specialty business performance.

Revenue from operations for the quarter also witnessed solid growth, increasing to around 13,675 crore compared to the same period last year. The pharmaceutical giant benefited from strong sales in India, better traction in the US market, and continued momentum in its specialty drug portfolio.

Following the earnings announcement, the company's board recommended a final dividend of 5 per equity share for the financial year. The dividend proposal is subject to shareholder approval at the upcoming annual general

meeting.

Sun Pharma's India business remained one of the key growth drivers during the quarter. The company continued strengthening its position in chronic therapies and specialty segments, while also expanding its product portfolio across multiple therapeutic categories.

Its global specialty business also delivered encouraging numbers, supported by products focused on dermatology, ophthalmology, and other niche treatment areas. Management stated that innovation and specialty expansion remain central to the company's long-term growth strategy.

The US business, which remains a critical revenue contributor for Indian pharmaceutical companies, showed signs of improvement despite pricing pressures and regulatory challenges faced by the sector. Analysts noted that Sun Pharma's diversified product

mix and specialty focus helped cushion margin pressures seen across the broader pharma industry.

Operationally, the company maintained healthy profitability levels during the quarter. EBITDA margins improved due to better product mix, cost efficiencies, and strong performance from high-margin specialty products.

Following the results, market participants reacted positively, with investors viewing the earnings as a sign of stable growth momentum. Analysts also highlighted the dividend announcement and consistent operational performance as positives for long-term investors.

Company management expressed confidence about future growth prospects, citing expanding specialty operations, strong domestic demand, and ongoing investments in research and development. The company also indicated that it remains focused on launching differentiated products and strengthening its global presence.

Sun Pharma continues to remain India's largest pharmaceutical company by market capitalization and one of the leading players in the global generics and specialty medicine market. With improving earnings, expanding specialty operations, and stable demand across major markets, the company appears well-positioned for continued growth in the coming quarters.

Sensex rises 232 pts, Nifty settles above 23,700 as banking stocks rally



Indian stock markets ended Friday's session on a positive note, with benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty posting gains amid strong buying in banking and IT stocks. Positive global cues, easing concerns around crude oil prices, and optimism over international developments supported investor sentiment throughout the trading session.

The BSE Sensex closed over 232 points higher at around 75,415, while the NSE Nifty settled above the 23,700 mark. Both indices also recorded weekly gains despite continued volatility linked to geopolitical tensions and foreign investor activity.

Banking and financial stocks emerged as the biggest contributors to the rally. ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, and HDFC Bank witnessed strong buying interest as investors returned to large-cap financial counters after recent corrections. Analysts noted that banking stocks helped stabilize the broader market even as global uncertainty remained high.

IT shares also supported the market rebound. The sector recovered after recent weakness caused by concerns over global technology spending and AI-related disruptions. Wipro outperformed several peers during the session, while broader IT sentiment improved across the market.

Several individual stocks saw sharp movements following quarterly earnings announcements. Honasa Consumer surged after reporting strong Q4 results, while Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers jumped significantly on improved profits. Shares of DEE Development Engineers and

GNG Electronics also attracted strong investor attention during the day. Global cues remained an important factor influencing Indian equities. Reports of progress in US-Iran discussions helped reduce fears around crude oil supply disruptions, leading to improved risk appetite across Asian markets. Falling bond yields and a recovery in the Indian rupee further supported domestic sentiment.

Broader markets also participated in the rally, with mid-cap and small-cap indices ending in positive territory. Market experts believe investor confidence has improved slightly after the Nifty moved above key technical resistance levels during the week. However, analysts continue to warn that volatility may remain elevated due to geopolitical uncertainty and fluctuations in oil prices. Investors are now expected to closely monitor upcoming corporate earnings, crude oil trends, global central bank signals, and foreign institutional investor activity for further direction in the markets.

TTK Prestige Q4 Profit Rises As Demand For Induction Appliances Surges

Kitchen appliances maker TTK Prestige reported a strong performance in the fourth quarter of FY26, driven by rising demand for induction cooktops and electrical cooking appliances amid ongoing LPG supply concerns.

The company posted a sharp rise in profit during the March quarter, benefiting from increased domestic demand as consumers increasingly shifted toward alternative cooking solutions. Revenue from operations also recorded healthy growth, supported by strong sales across key product categories.

TTK Prestige's profit before tax and exceptional items rose nearly 29 percent year-on-year during the quarter. The company's operational performance also improved, with margins expanding due to better product mix and stronger appliance demand.

One of the biggest growth drivers was the surge in demand for induction cooktops and electric cooking appliances. Supply constraints and rising concerns around LPG availability pushed many households and commercial users toward electrical alternatives, significantly boosting sales for appliance manufacturers.

Domestic sales witnessed strong



double-digit growth during the quarter, while export performance remained under pressure due to global shipping disruptions and tariff-related challenges in overseas markets.

The company also announced a dividend for shareholders following the earnings report. TTK Prestige's board recommended a dividend payout of 7.50 per equity share for FY26, subject to shareholder approval.

Investor sentiment remained positive after the results announcement, with the company's shares gaining during the trading session. Market participants viewed the earnings as a sign of improving consumer demand and strong positioning in the kitchen appliances segment.

Analysts noted that the broader kitchen appliance industry has

benefited from the recent shift toward induction-based cooking. Several retailers and e-commerce platforms have reported sharp increases in demand for induction cooktops over the past few months, with some products witnessing temporary shortages due to high sales volumes.

TTK Prestige has remained one of the key beneficiaries of this trend because of its strong brand presence and wide distribution network across India. The company continues to expand its product portfolio in pressure cookers, induction stoves, cookware, and electrical kitchen appliances.

Despite the strong quarter, the company continues to face challenges in export markets and rising input costs. However, management remains optimistic about future demand trends, especially in the domestic market where consumers are increasingly adopting energy-efficient cooking solutions.

With improving profitability, rising demand for induction appliances, and growing consumer preference for electric cooking alternatives, TTK Prestige appears well-positioned to benefit from changing kitchen consumption trends in India.

Shares of MTAR Technologies surged to an all-time high after the company announced fresh orders worth 467 crore, triggering strong buying interest among investors. The stock continued its sharp upward rally and has gained nearly 22 percent over the last three trading sessions.

The latest order boost significantly strengthened investor confidence in the precision engineering and manufacturing company, which operates across high-growth sectors such as clean energy, aerospace, defence, and nuclear technology.

According to the company, the newly secured orders include major contracts from the clean energy and industrial segments. Market participants viewed the development as a strong indicator of MTAR Tech's expanding business opportunities and growing order pipeline.

Following the announcement, the company's shares witnessed heavy trading volumes as investors rushed to accumulate the stock. Analysts noted that the fresh order inflow improves revenue visibility for the coming quarters and reflects strong demand for the company's engineering capabilities.

The rally also comes amid increasing market optimism around India's manufacturing



and defence ecosystem. Companies involved in precision engineering, energy transition technologies, and strategic sectors have attracted significant investor attention in recent months.

MTAR Technologies has built a strong reputation for manufacturing highly complex and precision-based components used in critical industries. The company supplies products to leading organizations involved in nuclear energy, space research, fuel cells, and defence systems.

Investors have also remained optimistic about the company's long-term growth

potential due to its exposure to emerging sectors like hydrogen energy and clean technology. Analysts believe rising government focus on indigenous manufacturing and energy transition could continue supporting demand for specialized engineering companies.

Apart from the strong order book, improving execution capabilities and expanding customer relationships have also contributed to positive sentiment around the stock. Several brokerage firms reportedly remain bullish on the company's long-term prospects.

Despite the sharp rally, some

market experts advised caution, noting that volatility could remain high after such rapid gains. However, many investors continue viewing MTAR Tech as a strong long-term play in India's advanced manufacturing and strategic technology sectors.

The latest surge has once again highlighted growing investor appetite for companies linked to India's infrastructure, defence, and clean energy growth story. With a healthy order pipeline and increasing participation in high-value industries, MTAR Technologies appears well-positioned for future expansion.

Info Edge Shares Jump 6% After Strong Q4 Profit Growth

Shares of Info Edge India climbed nearly 6 percent after the company reported a strong set of fourth-quarter earnings, supported by healthy growth across its recruitment and digital businesses.

The parent company of Naukri.com posted a 22 percent year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit for the March quarter, boosting investor confidence and driving strong buying interest in the stock.

Revenue from operations also witnessed steady growth during the quarter, aided by improved performance in recruitment services and continued traction across online platforms. Analysts noted that the company benefited from stable hiring activity and growing demand for digital services despite a challenging macroeconomic environment.

One of the key con-

tributors to the strong performance was Naukri.com, which continues to remain the company's largest business segment. Recruitment activity in sectors such as technology, BFSI, healthcare, and manufacturing reportedly supported billing growth during the quarter.

Apart from recruitment, Info Edge's real estate platform 99acres and matrimonial platform Jeevansathi also showed operational improvement. Investors remained encouraged by the company's focus on strengthening profitability while continuing investments in technology and platform expansion.

Market participants also reacted positively to management commentary regarding future growth prospects. The company reportedly remains optimistic

about long-term digital adoption trends and improving demand conditions across online recruitment and internet-based services.

The earnings announcement triggered heavy trading volumes as investors accumulated the stock following the results. Analysts said the strong profit growth, combined with improving operational metrics, reinforced confidence in Info Edge's business model.

Info Edge is widely regarded as one of India's leading internet-based businesses with strategic investments across several technology startups and digital platforms. The company has also benefited over the years from value creation through its investments in successful startups and emerging online businesses.

Despite global con-

cerns surrounding hiring slowdowns and economic uncertainty, analysts believe India's long-term employment and digital growth trends continue to favor companies like Info Edge. Its diversified digital portfolio and strong brand positioning remain key strengths.

Brokerages tracking the company reportedly maintained positive views after the results, citing healthy cash generation, improving operating leverage, and sustained leadership in the online recruitment market.

With strong quarterly earnings, improving investor sentiment, and continued growth across its digital ecosystem, Info Edge has once again strengthened its position as one of the key internet and technology-focused companies in the Indian stock market.



From 3.5 Lakh to 27 Lakh: How a Tier-3 College Graduate Cracked the Tech Salary Game

A software engineer from a tier-3 college has inspired thousands online after revealing how he increased his salary from 3.5 lakh per annum to 27 lakh within a few years in the tech industry. His story, shared on social media, highlights how consistency, self-learning, and smart career decisions can outweigh college reputation in today's competitive job market.

The engineer explained that he began his career with a modest package of 3.5 lakh after graduating from a lesser-known college. Like many fresh graduates, he struggled with limited opportunities and intense competition from candidates from premier institutions. However, instead of feeling discouraged, he focused on

improving his technical abilities and industry knowledge.

According to him, the turning point came when he stopped depending solely on his day job for learning. He dedicated several hours every day to mastering coding, data structures, system design, and problem-solving skills. He also regularly practiced on coding platforms and worked on real-world projects to strengthen his portfolio.

One of the key lessons he shared was the importance of switching jobs strategically. Rather than staying in one company for too long with minimal salary growth, he prepared thoroughly for interviews and explored better opportunities in the market. Each switch helped him secure

significant salary hikes and better roles.

He also advised young professionals to focus on communication skills and networking. Technical knowledge alone is often not enough, especially during interviews and team collaborations. Building confidence, presenting ideas clearly, and maintaining a strong LinkedIn profile can open unexpected doors, he said.

Another important tip was staying updated with industry trends. The tech industry changes rapidly, and professionals who continuously learn new tools and technologies have better chances of career growth. He encouraged aspirants to invest time in learning in-demand skills

such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and backend development.

His story resonated widely because it reflects the reality of many Indian students who come from non-elite colleges but dream of building successful careers in technology. Social media users praised his honesty and practical advice, noting that dedication and persistence can often overcome institutional disadvantages.

The engineer concluded by reminding job seekers that career growth is a marathon, not a sprint. While the journey may begin with a low-paying role, consistent effort, continuous learning, and smart career moves can eventually lead to impressive success.



Bengaluru Flat Owner Shares Harsh Reality Of Buying Home In City

A Bengaluru homeowner has gone viral after candidly sharing the less glamorous side of owning a flat in India's tech capital. While buying a home is often considered a major life achievement, the resident explained that the experience quickly turned stressful after moving into the apartment.

In a detailed Reddit post, the homeowner described several unexpected problems that came with flat ownership. According to the resident, the buying process itself involved corruption and confusing paperwork. The user alleged that some builders manipulate property values to reduce stamp duty charges, which can create legal and financial complications for first-time buyers.

The homeowner also highlighted day-to-day maintenance struggles inside the apartment complex. One major issue involved water supply management. Residents reportedly argued over paying water tanker bills, with many expecting all costs to be covered under the monthly maintenance fee. This created repeated disputes among apartment owners.

Another challenge was infrastructure failure inside the building. The resident claimed that monkeys frequently damaged water pipes, leading to temporary water shortages until repairs were completed. Electricity problems also became a major concern. According to the post, the transformer installed in the apartment complex could not



handle the power demands of all residents simultaneously. Replacing it would cost lakhs of rupees, but disagreements among residents delayed the decision.

Beyond maintenance troubles, the homeowner spoke about the emotional burden of paying home loan EMIs every month. Even with a manageable interest rate, the resident described the EMI as feeling like "a loose noose around the neck," explaining how long-term debt creates constant pressure and anxiety.

Despite the frustrations, the resident admitted that owning a house still brought some emotional comfort, especially knowing it could provide stability for aging parents in the future. However, the person said these realities are rarely discussed openly when people talk about buying property in big cities.

The post triggered widespread reactions online, with

many social media users agreeing that apartment ownership in metro cities often comes with hidden costs and stress. Several people blamed greedy builders, poor infrastructure planning, and rising living expenses for making homeownership increasingly difficult.

Others suggested that buyers should carefully research builders, maintenance systems, and community management before investing in flats. Some users even argued that renting may sometimes offer greater flexibility and peace of mind compared to committing to decades-long home loans.

The viral discussion has once again highlighted the growing concerns around urban housing, especially in rapidly expanding cities like Bengaluru, where soaring property prices and infrastructure challenges continue to affect residents' quality of life.

Lithuanian Woman Says Europe Can Learn These 5 Important Values From India

A Lithuanian woman living in India has gone viral on social media after sharing five Indian values that she believes Europeans should adopt. Her observations, based on years of living in India, sparked widespread discussion online and earned praise from many users who appreciated her positive perspective on Indian culture.

The woman, Monika Kunjeswari Dasi, explained that while many Europeans view life in Indian villages and small towns as "simple," she feels these communities preserve values that much of the Western world is gradually losing. According to her, India continues to hold onto traditions of warmth, togetherness, and joy that are becoming rare in many modern societies.

The first value she highlighted was hospitality. She admired the Indian belief of "Atithi Devo Bhava," meaning "The guest is like God." Dasi said she was deeply impressed by how warmly guests are welcomed and cared for in Indian homes. She noted that hospital-



ity in India feels genuine and deeply rooted in culture rather than being treated as a social obligation.

The second value was community bonding. She explained that in many European countries, people are becoming increasingly isolated, while Indian families and neighborhoods still maintain strong social connections. According to her, Indians often support each other during difficult times, and neighbors remain actively involved in one another's lives.

Dasi also praised India's food culture. She appreciated

how families continue to prioritize home-cooked meals and spend time eating together. In contrast, she said many Western societies are becoming too dependent on convenience food and rushed lifestyles, leaving little room for meaningful family interaction.

Another point she mentioned was personal cleanliness and hygiene. She observed that many Indians take personal grooming seriously, which reflects respect for themselves and the people around them.

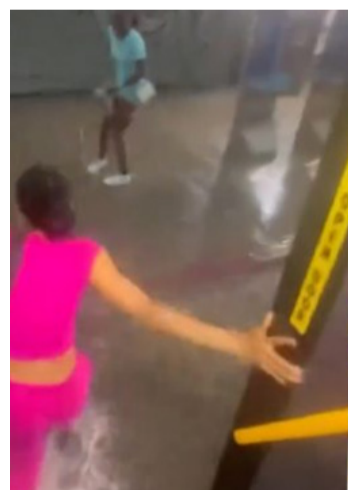
She believed this everyday discipline contributes

positively to social interactions.

Finally, she admired the sense of joy and celebration in Indian life. According to Dasi, Indians often find happiness in ordinary moments without needing special occasions. She felt that Europe has become overly serious and stressed, while India still values simple happiness and emotional connection.

Her comments resonated with many users online, who said her observations highlighted the emotional and cultural strengths that continue to define Indian society.

Woman Swept Away By Floodwaters After Stepping Off Bus In New York



A shocking video from New York City has gone viral after showing a woman being swept away by powerful floodwaters moments after stepping off a bus during severe rainfall.

The incident occurred amid intense flash flooding that disrupted several parts of the city. In the now widely shared 15-second clip, the woman can be seen exiting a bus that was unable to stop near the curb because roads were submerged under fast-moving water. As passengers attempted to jump from the bus directly onto the footpath, the woman lost her balance after misjudging the distance.

The strong current immedi-

ately dragged her away as terrified bystanders rushed to help. People nearby were seen running after her while others shouted in panic. The dramatic visuals quickly spread across social media, sparking concern over the dangerous weather conditions in New York.

Reports said the city witnessed heavy rain and thunderstorms that caused flash floods across multiple neighborhoods. Roads were submerged, public transport services were disrupted, and several commuters found themselves stranded during the sudden downpour. In some areas, vehicles were partially underwater while emergency teams responded to flooding-related incidents.

The viral video also reignited conversations about urban flooding and public safety during extreme weather events. Many users criticized the city's drainage infrastructure and questioned why buses continued operating in deeply flooded streets. Others pointed out the risks faced daily by commuters during climate-related emergencies. Several social media users expressed relief after reports suggested the woman survived the incident. Many praised nearby people who immediately attempted to rescue her despite the dangerous conditions.

Experts have repeatedly warned that extreme rainfall events are becoming more frequent in major cities due to climate change and aging urban infrastructure. Flash floods, especially in densely populated cities like New York, can become life-threatening within minutes because water levels rise rapidly and currents become unexpectedly strong. The incident has become yet another reminder of how dangerous floodwaters can be, even in highly developed cities. Authorities continue urging residents to avoid walking or driving through flooded roads during severe weather, as even shallow moving water can easily knock people off their feet.

Gamer Pays Emotional Tribute To Online Friend Of 15 Years

A heartfelt post by a gamer mourning the loss of his online friend of 15 years has deeply moved social media users across the internet. The emotional tribute, shared on Reddit, highlighted the powerful bonds that can form through online gaming and virtual friendships.

The man revealed that he had been gaming alongside his friend for over a decade and a half. Although they had never met in person, the two spent countless hours together playing games, chatting daily, and supporting each other through different stages of life. Referring to his friend as his "duo," he described the friendship as one of the most meaningful relationships he had ever experienced.

In the post, the gamer ex-

plained that his friend had recently passed away unexpectedly. Struggling to process the loss, he shared screenshots and memories from their years of gaming together. He wrote that logging into games now feels empty because the person who was always there beside him is suddenly gone.

The emotional message resonated strongly with people online, especially within the gaming community. Many users said the story reflected how online friendships are often underestimated by outsiders, despite being just as real and emotionally significant as offline relationships.

Several commenters shared their own experiences of forming deep friendships through multiplayer games. Discord servers, and

gaming communities. Some admitted they had also lost online friends over the years and understood the unique grief that comes with losing someone you may never have met physically but spoke to almost every day.

Others pointed out how gaming creates shared experiences that strengthen emotional connections. Whether through late-night conversations, competitive matches, or simply spending time together virtually, these friendships often become an important part of people's lives.

The phrase "lost my duo" particularly struck a chord with readers, as it captured both the gaming terminology and the emotional pain of losing a close companion. Many users described the tribute as heartbreaking yet beautiful, praising the gamer

for openly expressing his emotions.

The story also sparked conversations about mental health, loneliness, and digital relationships in modern life. Users noted that in today's connected world, friendships formed online can sometimes become even stronger than traditional social relationships because they are built on years of communication, trust, and shared interests.

As the post continued gaining attention, thousands of people offered condolences and messages of support. For many readers, the tribute served as a reminder that meaningful human connections can form anywhere — even through a headset, a keyboard, and years of gaming sessions shared across screens.



Sunrisers Crush RCB but Settle for Eliminator Spot

Sunrisers Hyderabad signed off their IPL 2026 league campaign with a commanding 55-run victory over Royal Challengers Bengaluru at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad. Despite the emphatic win, Hyderabad could only finish third on the points table and will now have to take the tougher Eliminator route in the playoffs.

Batting first after winning the toss, Sunrisers produced a breathtaking display of power-hitting to pile up a massive 255 for 4 in 20 overs. The top order attacked from the very beginning, leaving the Bengaluru bowlers with no answers on a batting-friendly surface.

Ishan Kishan led the charge with a sparkling 79 off 46 balls, mixing elegant strokeplay with fearless aggression. Abhishek Sharma provided explosive momentum at the top with a 22-

ball 56 packed with boundaries and towering sixes. Heinrich Klaasen continued the assault in the middle overs, smashing 51 off just 24 deliveries. In the final overs, Nitish Kumar Reddy added the finishing touches with an unbeaten 29 from 12 balls as Hyderabad crossed the 250-mark with ease. Chasing a daunting target, Bengaluru began aggressively through opener Venkatesh Iyer, who blasted 44 off 19 balls with four fours and four sixes. His attacking approach pushed RCB to 60 within the first five overs and briefly raised hopes of a remarkable chase. However, the momentum shifted after Eshan Malinga dismissed Iyer. Soon after, Virat Kohli departed for 15, while Devdutt Padikkal also fell cheaply, leaving Bengaluru under pressure.

RCB captain Rajat Patidar fought hard with a determined

56 off 39 balls and tried to rebuild alongside Krunal Pandya. But the ever-rising required run rate proved too much. Patidar's dismissal ended Bengaluru's realistic hopes, though Krunal remained unbeaten on 41 alongside Tim David.

For Hyderabad, Malinga starred with two wickets, while Saqib Hussain and Travis Head chipped in with a wicket each.

The victory helped Sunrisers finish with nine wins from 14 matches, level on 18 points with both Bengaluru and Gujarat Titans. However, net run rate pushed RCB to the top spot and Gujarat to second, forcing Hyderabad into third place. Sunrisers will now play the Eliminator on May 27 in Mulanpur against the team finishing fourth, with their title hopes depending on surviving the knockout clash.



Entire CSK Team Penalised After Final IPL 2026 Match Against Gujarat Titans

Chennai Super Kings faced disciplinary action from the IPL Governing Council after their final league match of IPL 2026 against Gujarat Titans. The punishment came following a code of conduct breach related to maintaining a slow over-rate during the game.

CSK captain Ruturaj Gaikwad was handed a hefty fine after the team failed to complete their overs within the stipulated time. Since it was the team's repeated offence of the season under the IPL's over-rate regulations, stricter penalties were imposed. Along with the captain, every member of the playing XI, including the impact player, was also fined.

Reports stated that Gaikwad received a fine of 24 lakh, while the remaining players were penalised either 25 percent of their match fees or 6 lakh, whichever amount was lower. The punishment followed CSK's crushing 89-run defeat against Gujarat Titans in Ahmedabad.

The match turned out to be a disappointing end to Chennai's IPL 2026 campaign. Gujarat Titans posted a massive total of 229/4, powered by strong performances from Sai Sudharsan,



Shubman Gill, and Jos Buttler. In reply, CSK collapsed for 140 runs and were officially knocked out of the tournament.

The slow over-rate issue has become a recurring concern in IPL 2026, with multiple captains and teams facing fines throughout the season. The IPL governing body has been strictly enforcing match-timing rules to ensure games finish on schedule and maintain broadcast commitments.

For CSK fans, the defeat and subsequent punishment added to an already difficult season. The franchise struggled with inconsistency throughout the tournament and failed to qualify for the playoffs. Adding to fan disappointment, MS Dhoni did

not play a single match this season due to fitness concerns, making it the first IPL edition without his on-field presence for Chennai.

Social media reactions to the punishment were mixed. While some fans criticised the team's poor performance and slow over-rate issues, others felt the penalties were too harsh considering the emotional end to a disappointing campaign.

Despite the difficult season, supporters continue backing the franchise and hope CSK can rebuild strongly for IPL 2027. The focus will now shift towards possible squad changes, auction strategies, and whether the team can return to its dominant form in the coming years.

Calls Grow To Include Auqib Nabi In Indian Team, Ajit Agarkar Faces Criticism

The exclusion of Jammu & Kashmir pacer Auqib Nabi from India's squad for the Afghanistan series has triggered strong reactions from cricket fans and former players, with many questioning the selectors' decision despite the youngster's impressive domestic performances.

Several cricket observers criticised chief selector Ajit Agarkar and the selection committee for overlooking one of the top performers in the recent domestic season. Nabi had emerged as a standout bowler in the Ranji Trophy, consistently delivering match-winning spells and attracting attention for his pace, control, and ability to swing the ball in difficult conditions.

The controversy intensified after social media users pointed out that players with comparatively modest domestic records were considered ahead of Nabi. Many fans argued that Indian cricket often fails to reward strong Ranji Trophy performances, leading to frustration among domestic cricketers who spend years proving them-



selves in first-class cricket.

Some former cricketers and analysts even claimed that India's domestic red-ball structure is slowly losing importance in team selection. A few angry reactions online sarcastically suggested that the BCCI should "scrap the Ranji Trophy" altogether if standout performers continue to be ignored during national team selections.

Auqib Nabi's performances this season were among the best by any young fast bowler in the domestic circuit. Representing Jammu & Kashmir, he regularly troubled top batting line-ups with disciplined bowling and crucial breakthroughs. His rise was seen as an inspiring story, especially because players from smaller cricketing regions often struggle for national recognition.

The debate has once again highlighted the long-standing issue surrounding India's selection process — balancing IPL performances with traditional domestic cricket achievements. Many fans believe T20 leagues now influ-

ence selections more heavily than Ranji Trophy consistency, particularly when it comes to identifying young talent.

Supporters of the selection committee, however, argued that team combinations, current form, fitness, and future planning all play a role in squad selection. Some also pointed out that strong domestic performances do not always guarantee immediate national call-ups.

Despite missing out this time, many cricket experts feel Auqib Nabi remains firmly on the selectors' radar and could receive opportunities in the near future if he maintains his current form. His ability to generate movement with the new ball and bowl long spells has already earned praise across the domestic cricket circuit.

The controversy surrounding his omission has nevertheless reignited discussions about how India values first-class cricket and whether Ranji Trophy performances still hold enough weight in the modern selection system.

CSK Coach Gives Major Hint On MS Dhoni's IPL Future

Speculation surrounding MS Dhoni's future in the IPL continues to dominate cricket discussions, and Chennai Super Kings' coaching staff has now added fresh intrigue with their latest comments on whether the legendary cricketer could return for IPL 2027.

Following CSK's disappointing IPL 2026 campaign, questions about Dhoni's future once again surfaced during post-match interactions. Responding to repeated queries, CSK bowling coach Eric Simons stated that only Dhoni himself knows the answer regarding his playing future. His response has fueled fresh excitement among fans who still hope to see the former India captain return next season.

Dhoni did not play a single match during IPL 2026 due to ongoing fitness and injury concerns, marking the first season in IPL history where he remained absent throughout the league stage. Reports earlier in the season revealed that Dhoni had been recovering from a calf injury and suffered setbacks during rehabilitation, preventing his return to competitive action.

Despite not featuring on the field, Dhoni continued travelling with the squad for portions of the season and remained actively involved



behind the scenes. His presence around the dressing room and training sessions reportedly played a key mentoring role for younger players in the CSK camp.

The uncertainty surrounding his future has only increased emotional reactions among fans. Many supporters

were disappointed after Dhoni missed CSK's final league match against Gujarat Titans, especially after reports emerged that he had travelled back to Ranchi while still recovering from injury.

CSK captain Ruturaj Gaikwad also addressed the team after the team's elimination

from the tournament. While avoiding a direct confirmation, he hinted that fans would likely get clarity only next year, keeping hopes alive for one final comeback season.

Social media has been flooded with emotional reactions ever since the season ended. Some fans believe Dhoni may quietly step away from the game without a formal farewell season, while others are convinced he will return for IPL 2027 if his fitness improves. Former cricketers and analysts have also weighed in, with several suggesting that Dhoni's influence on CSK extends far beyond just playing matches.

Over the years, Dhoni has become synonymous with Chennai Super Kings, leading the franchise to multiple IPL titles and transforming it into one of the league's most successful teams. His calm leadership, tactical brilliance, and connection with fans have made him one of the defining figures in IPL history.

For now, however, the mystery remains unresolved. As CSK's coaches, players, and fans continue waiting for clarity, the cricket world remains focused on one question — will MS Dhoni return for IPL 2027?

Rashid Khan Credits Shubman Gill And Sai Sudharsan For Gujarat Titans' IPL 2026 Success

Gujarat Titans star Rashid Khan has praised captain Shubman Gill and young batter Sai Sudharsan for playing key roles in the franchise's impressive IPL 2026 campaign. Following GT's dominant performances this season, Rashid highlighted how the duo's consistency and leadership helped transform the team into one of the strongest sides in the tournament.

According to Rashid, Shubman Gill's growth as a captain has been one of the biggest positives for Gujarat Titans this year. The Afghan spinner said Gill has handled pressure maturely, made smart tactical decisions, and led from the front with the bat. His calm approach and ability to motivate the team reportedly created a strong atmosphere inside the dressing room.

Gill enjoyed another outstanding season with the bat, consistently providing solid starts and anchoring important chases for Gujarat. His performances not only strengthened GT's batting lineup but also reinforced his reputation as one of India's leading young captains in franchise cricket.

Rashid Khan also showered praise on Sai Sudharsan, calling him one of the most dependable batters in the squad. Sudharsan continued his remarkable rise in IPL cricket with several impactful innings throughout the season. Rashid reportedly admired the youngster's composure, shot selec-



tion, and ability to perform under pressure despite his age.

The left-handed batter formed a highly successful opening partnership with Gill, giving Gujarat Titans stability at the top order in multiple matches. Their chemistry and consistency became one of the major reasons behind GT's strong run in IPL 2026.

Apart from individual performances, Rashid highlighted the team culture within Gujarat Titans. He credited the management and coaching staff for maintaining clarity in player roles and creating a positive environment where youngsters could perform fearlessly.

GT's balanced combination of experienced internationals and emerging Indian talent once again made them one of the toughest teams in the competition. Players like Jos But-

ler, Rashid Khan, Mohammed Siraj, and Rahul Tewatia also contributed significantly during crucial moments of the campaign. Social media users reacted positively to Rashid's comments, with many fans praising the leadership partnership between Gill and coach Ashish Nehra. Several cricket followers also pointed out that Sai Sudharsan's consistency this season has strengthened his case for a bigger role in India's future white-ball plans.

The praise from a senior international cricketer like Rashid Khan further reflects the growing reputation of both Gill and Sudharsan in world cricket. As Gujarat Titans continue building a strong core for the future, the franchise appears well-positioned to remain one of the IPL's most competitive teams in the coming years.

Peddi's "Hellallallo" Promo Creates Massive Buzz Online

The makers of Peddi have finally unveiled the much-awaited promo of the special song "Hellallallo," and it has instantly become a talking point among movie lovers and Ram Charan fans. Featuring Ram Charan, ShrutiHaasan, and Janhvi Kapoor; the energetic promo promises a visually grand and high-voltage dance number packed with mass appeal. Directed by BuchiBabu Sana, Peddi is one of the most anticipated Telugu films of 2026. The rural sports drama stars Ram Charan in the lead role, alongside Janhvi Kapoor, while ShrutiHaasan

makes a special appearance in the newly released song. The promo showcases colorful visuals, festive vibes, and energetic choreography that has already started trending across social media platforms. One of the biggest highlights of the promo is the screen presence of Ram Charan and ShrutiHaasan. Fans praised their chemistry and energetic dance moves, while Janhvi Kapoor's glamorous appearance also grabbed attention. Many viewers noted that the visuals carry the grand commercial style often associated with big Telugu entertainers.

The song has been composed by legendary music director A. R. Rahman, with lyrics written by AnanthaSriram and vocals by Rakshitha Suresh. The fast-paced beats and festive atmosphere suggest that "Hellallallo" could become another chartbuster from the film's album. The full song is scheduled to be launched at a grand musical event in Bhopal. Social media reactions to the promo have been mixed but highly active. While many fans loved the energy, visuals, and Ram Charan's dance performance, others debated

the choreography and overall presentation. Several viewers particularly appreciated ShrutiHaasan's appearance in the song, with some calling her the standout element of the promo. The buzz surrounding Peddi has continued to grow ever since the trailer release and promotional campaign began. The film also stars Shiva Rajkumar, JagapathiBabu, Divyendu Sharma, and BomanIrani in key roles. Backed by Vriddhi Cinemas, the movie is slated for a worldwide theatrical release on June 4, 2026.



Can Peddi Change Janhvi Kapoor's Glamorous Image?

Janhvi Kapoor has long been associated with glamorous roles and stylish screen appearances, especially in commercial entertainers and social media culture. However, her upcoming Telugu film Peddi could mark a major turning point in her career by presenting her in a far more rooted and performance-oriented role.

Directed by BuchiBabu Sana, Peddi stars Ram Charan in the lead and is being positioned as an intense rural sports drama with strong emotional depth. Unlike Janhvi's previous glamorous appearances in Bollywood films and public events, her look and characterization in Peddi appear to be deeply connected to the rustic setting of the story.

Ever since the first posters and promotional glimpses were released, fans noticed a visible transformation in Janhvi's styling. She appears in traditional attire with minimal glamour, natural makeup, and a grounded village-based look. This has sparked discussions among movie lovers about whether Peddi could finally help her break away from the "glam doll" image often attached to her career.

Industry observers believe the film may offer Janhvi an opportunity to prove herself as a performer beyond fashion and screen presence. Telugu cinema audiences, especially in emotionally driven rural dramas, often expect strong acting performances and authentic character portrayals. If Janhvi manages to connect emotionally with audiences in Peddi, the film could significantly reshape perceptions

about her acting abilities.

The actress herself has previously expressed interest in taking on challenging and content-driven roles rather than being limited to glamorous characters. In recent years, she has attempted more serious performances in films like Mili, GunjanSaxena, and Bawaal, receiving praise for showing improvement as an actor. However, Peddi may become her biggest test yet because of the scale of the project and the expectations surrounding a Ram Charan film. Another factor working in her favor is director BuchiBabu Sana's storytelling style. Known for emotionally intense narratives and strong character arcs, the filmmaker is expected to give Janhvi a meaningful role rather than using her merely as a commercial element.

Social media reactions have already been encouraging. Many fans feel that Janhvi looks surprisingly convincing in the rustic setup and believe the film could help her earn wider acceptance among Telugu audiences. Others are curious to see whether she can match the emotional intensity and screen energy of Ram Charan. With A. R. Rahman composing the music and the film carrying massive pan-India expectations, Peddi is shaping up to be one of the most important projects in Janhvi Kapoor's career. If her performance resonates with audiences, the film could redefine her image from a glamorous star to a serious actress capable of handling emotionally demanding roles.

Salaar 2 To Begin After Dragon, Confirms Prashanth Neel

Director Prashanth Neel has finally given a major update about the much-awaited sequel Salaar 2, bringing excitement to Prabhas fans across the country. The filmmaker confirmed that he will begin work on Salaar: Part 2 - ShouryaangaParvam immediately after completing his ongoing project Dragon starring Jr NTR.

The confirmation comes after months of speculation surrounding the future of Salaar 2. Ever since Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire ended on a massive cliffhanger, fans have been eagerly waiting for updates regarding the sequel. Rumors about delays, scheduling conflicts, and even possible cancellation had been circulating online due to the busy commitments of both Prashanth Neel and Prabhas.

In a recent interaction, Prashanth Neel reportedly clarified that Dragon will be completed first, after which he plans to immediately shift fo-

cus to Salaar 2. The statement has reassured fans who were worried about the project's status following the director's recent comments about moving away from his signature action-drama style.

Currently, Neel is busy shooting Dragon, a high-budget action film featuring Jr NTR in a rugged new avatar. The movie has already created huge buzz after the release of its teaser, which showcased intense visuals and Neel's trademark mass-action storytelling.

Meanwhile, Prabhas also has a packed lineup with multiple pan-India projects under production. Despite his hectic schedule, reports suggest that the actor remains committed to returning as Deva in Salaar 2. Actor Prithviraj Sukumaran had earlier confirmed that the sequel is very much happening and that the team intends to continue the story established in the first film.



The first Salaar film emerged as a massive box-office success and developed a strong fan following for its action sequences, emotional conflict, and world-building centered around Khansaar. Many fans continue to discuss the unresolved storyline and the relationship between Deva and Varadha, which is expected to become

the emotional core of the sequel. Social media reactions to the latest update have been overwhelmingly positive. Fans celebrated the confirmation and expressed excitement about witnessing the next chapter in the Salaar universe. Some viewers also speculated about possible connections between

Neel's cinematic worlds, including KGF and Salaar, though the director has not officially confirmed any crossover plans. With Dragon progressing rapidly and Salaar 2 now officially lined up next, anticipation around Prashanth Neel's upcoming films has reached another level among Telugu cinema audiences.

Shah Rukh Khan's King Becomes A Grand Reunion Fest For Bollywood Fans

Shah Rukh Khan's upcoming action entertainer King is creating huge excitement not only because of its scale and star cast, but also due to the many iconic reunions it brings to the big screen. The film has now become a nostalgic celebration for Bollywood fans, reuniting SRK with several actors after many years.

Directed by SiddhantAnand, King is one of the most anticipated Hindi films of 2026. The movie stars Shah Rukh Khan in the lead role alongside Suhana Khan, marking their first full-fledged collaboration on the big screen. However, what has caught fans' attention even more is the return of several legendary actors alongside SRK after long gaps.

One of the biggest highlights is Shah Rukh Khan reuniting with Anil Kapoor and Jackie Shroff after more than three decades. The trio had previously shared screen space in the 1995 film Trimurti, which became a memorable multi-

starrer of the 90s. Their reunion in King has already sparked massive nostalgia among long-time Bollywood fans.

The film also marks Shah Rukh Khan's reunion with Rani Mukerji after nearly two decades. The duo delivered several memorable films together in the early 2000s, including KabhiAlvidaNaaKehna, Paehli, Veer-Zaara, and ChalteChalte. Fans are excited to once again see their chemistry on screen.

Apart from these reunions, King boasts a star-studded ensemble cast featuring DeepikaPadukone, Abhishek Bachchan, Arshad Warsi, JaideepAhlawat, AbhayVerma, and others in key roles. Reports suggest that Abhishek Bachchan will play the primary antagonist in the film, adding another layer of excitement.

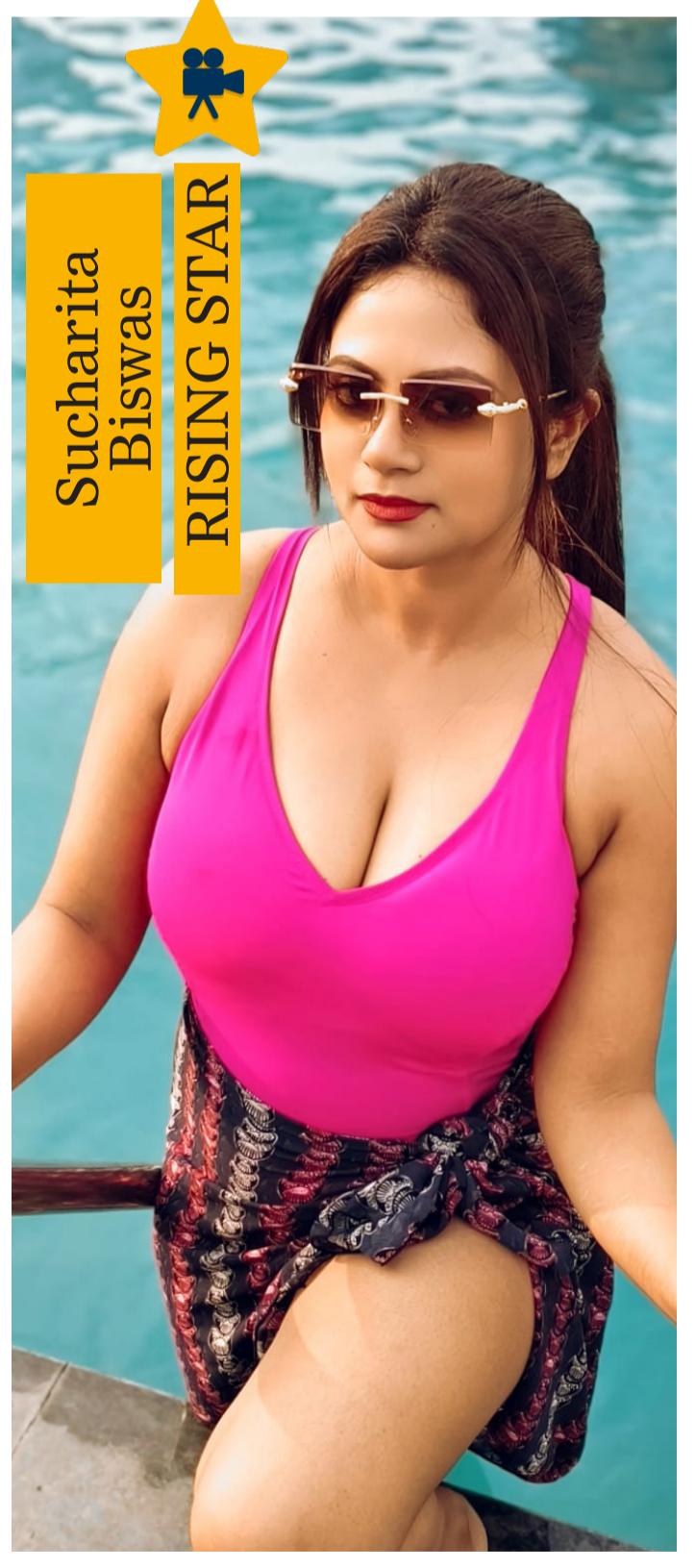
The movie is being mounted on a lavish scale with high-octane action sequences, international shooting schedules, and grand production values. Sid-

dhantAnand, known for directing blockbuster action films like Pathaan and War, is reportedly designing King as a stylish action thriller with emotional depth and strong character arcs.

Another major talking point surrounding the project is Suhana Khan's role. While she made her acting debut earlier through OTT, King is considered her big-screen launch alongside her father. Fans are eager to witness the father-daughter duo sharing screen space for the first time in a full-scale commercial entertainer.

Social media reactions to the film's updates have been overwhelmingly positive. Many fans believe King could become one of Bollywood's biggest cinematic events in recent years due to its combination of nostalgia, star power, action, and emotional storytelling.

Scheduled for a grand Christmas 2026 release, King continues to build enormous anticipation with every new update surrounding the project.



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