



IMD Forecasts Weaker Monsoon, More Heatwave Days for Telangana

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Telangana may experience lower-than-usual rainfall during the upcoming southwest monsoon season, according to the latest long-range weather forecast issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday. The forecast also indicates that certain parts of the state could witness a higher number of heatwave days during June.

may still receive normal or even above-normal rainfall. Forecast maps released by the department indicate varying rainfall patterns across Telangana and neighboring states, suggesting that precipitation may not be uniform throughout the region.

Apart from rainfall concerns, the IMD has warned that isolated areas in Telangana could experience more heatwave days than usual during June. Both daytime and nighttime temperatures are expected to remain above normal in many parts of the country, potentially increasing heat-related discomfort and health risks.

The IMD stated that South Peninsular India, which includes Telangana, is expected to receive below-normal rainfall between June and September. Rainfall in the region is projected to remain below 94 percent of the Long Period Average (LPA), a benchmark calculated using rainfall data collected over the past five decades up to 2020. The latest outlook suggests that monsoon performance may be weaker not only in Telangana but across much of the country. Nationally, India is expected to receive around 90 percent of the LPA during the monsoon season. According to the weather agency, there is an 84 percent probability that the country could experience below-normal or deficient rainfall this year. For the month of June, the IMD has predicted below-average rainfall across several regions of India. However, some pockets of South Peninsular India

Meteorologists have attributed the anticipated weather pattern partly to the development of El Niño conditions over the equatorial Pacific Ocean. These conditions are expected to strengthen during the southwest monsoon period and could influence rainfall distribution across India. Meanwhile, the Indian Ocean Dipole, another key climate factor affecting monsoon activity, is expected to remain in a neutral phase. Experts advise farmers, water resource managers, and local authorities to closely monitor weather updates and plan accordingly, given the possibility of reduced rainfall and prolonged heat conditions during the season.



Government Sanctions 612.5 Crore Loans for Water Projects

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The Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) Department has approved loans totaling 612.5 crore to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) to support key infrastructure and development projects in the city. According to two separate Government Orders (GOs) issued by the department, the funds have been sanctioned as loans under provisions made in the State Budget.

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Officials stated that both financial approvals were issued following Budget Release Orders sanctioned by the Finance Department under the Debt and Cash Management (DCM) framework. The funds will enable the water board to accelerate project implementation and enhance urban utility services.

Under GO No. 581, the government granted administrative approval for the release of 250 crore to HMWS&SB for the Sunkishala Intake Project, a crucial component of the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project. The project is aimed at strengthening Hyderabad's drinking water infrastructure and ensuring a reliable supply of water to meet the growing needs of the city's population.

The Sunkishala Intake Project is considered a key initiative for augmenting Hyderabad's long-term water security by improving the city's ability to draw and distribute water from the Krishna River. Meanwhile, the additional allocation will help strengthen water distribution networks, sewerage systems, and other essential infrastructure works undertaken by HMWS&SB.

In a separate order, GO No. 582, the government sanctioned an additional 362.5 crore as loans to the water board for the execution of various development and infrastructure works. These funds are expected to support ongoing projects and improve water supply and sewerage services across different parts of

The latest financial support reflects the government's continued focus on expanding urban infrastructure and addressing the increasing demand for reliable water supply and sanitation services in the rapidly growing metropolitan region.

Officials expressed confidence that the sanctioned funds would facilitate timely completion of critical projects and contribute to improving the quality of civic services for residents across Hyderabad.

YISU to Launch BTech and BSc Courses from 2026-27

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced that the Young India Skills University (YISU) will broaden its academic portfolio by introducing BTech and BSc programmes from the 2026-27 academic year. The announcement comes amid growing recognition of the university's industry-oriented training model and its success in securing employment opportunities for students.



The Chief Minister lauded the recent achievement of YISU students, following the recruitment of 11 candidates by Microsoft through campus placements. He described the development as a strong validation of the state government's efforts to equip young people with practical, industry-relevant skills.

In a message shared on social media platform X, Revanth Reddy stated that Telangana's progress story is being shaped by several such success stories. He noted that the placement of students from the university's Data Center Management programme at a leading global technology company reflects the effectiveness of the government's skill-development initiatives.

Expressing satisfaction over the institution's growth, the Chief Minister said the university was fulfilling its vision of preparing students for real-world careers by focusing on hands-on training and industry exposure rather than relying solely on conventional classroom learning.

He also highlighted the rapid development of YISU's permanent campus at Bharat Future City, stating that the state-of-the-art facility is progressing at an impressive pace and will further strengthen the university's capacity to deliver world-class education and training. Earlier, the university announced that 11 out of 14 students enrolled in its specialized Data Center Management course had secured positions at Microsoft, each with an annual salary package of 7 lakh. The successful placements came after intensive industry-focused training provided under the programme. University officials said the

achievement demonstrates the increasing demand for skilled professionals in emerging technology sectors and reinforces the institution's commitment to creating employment-ready talent. They described the placements as a significant milestone in YISU's mission to bridge the gap between education and industry requirements while expanding career opportunities for Telangana's youth.

416-Crore Flyover Approved to Ease Traffic in LB Nagar Zone

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In a major boost to Hyderabad's urban infrastructure, administrative approval has been granted for the construction of a six-lane, two-way flyover at an estimated cost of 416 crore in the LB Nagar Zone of the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC). The proposed flyover will pass through three key traffic junctions—TKR College Junction, Gayathrinagar Junction, and Mandamallamma Junction—which currently witness heavy traffic congestion throughout the day. The project will be executed by KNR Constructions under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) turnkey model as part of the Hyderabad City Innovation and Transformative Infrastructure Project. Officials stated that preliminary activities, including land acquisition and shifting of utility services, will commence shortly. Once completed, the flyover is expected to significantly improve traffic movement between the eastern and southern parts of Hyderabad.

The corridor will provide better connectivity to rapidly developing residential and commercial areas such as Meerpet, Badangpet, and Almasguda. It will also facilitate smoother travel from LB Nagar towards the Old City region, particularly Santoshnagar and surrounding localities. The three junctions covered under the project serve as important access points for numerous residential colonies that have experienced substantial population growth over the past decade. Increasing vehicular movement in these areas has resulted in frequent traffic bottlenecks, especially during peak hours. Civic authorities believe the flyover will help decongest key roads, reduce travel time, and enhance overall traffic management in the region. The project is expected to support the transportation needs of thousands of daily commuters while accommodating future urban expansion. With the sanction now in place, officials are optimistic that construction activities will begin after the completion of land acquisition and utility relocation works.

State Earns 202.56 Crore Extra Through New Maize E-Auction Model

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The Telangana Government has achieved a significant financial gain through a revamped e-auction system for the sale of maize procured during the Vanakalam 2025-26 season. According to Agriculture Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha, the innovative auction process is expected to generate an additional revenue of 202.56 crore compared to the conventional tendering method used in previous years.

while the remaining quantity failed to attract bidders. Later, an e-tender conducted on April 24 fetched an average price of 14,010 per metric tonne.

A total of 3,80,187 metric tonnes of maize procured from 78,916 farmers through Telangana MARKFED was put up for sale. Traditionally, MARKFED conducted warehouse-wise e-auctions, followed by e-tenders under a two-bid system whenever expected prices were not achieved.

In view of the unsatisfactory response, the State Government, acting on the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao, cancelled the earlier tender process and introduced a new strategy. The maize stocks stored across the state were grouped geographically and divided into 25 separate lots. Auction norms were simplified to encourage wider participation from traders and buyers across the country.

Following this procedure, an e-auction held on April 1, 2026, secured an average price of 14,355 per metric tonne for only half the available stock,

The fresh e-auction, conducted on May 29, witnessed intense competition and attracted bidders from several states. As a result, the average sale price rose sharply to 19,337 per metric tonne, an increase of 5,327 per tonne compared to the earlier tender process. Officials stated that if the

previous tender had been finalized, the total revenue from the maize stock would have been around 532.64 crore. However, the latest auction is expected to generate approximately 735.20 crore based on the highest accepted bids. This translates into an additional value realization of 202.56 crore for the state exchequer.

The Agriculture Minister said the improved outcome was achieved due to strategic restructuring of the auction process, which increased competition among bidders. He emphasized that the government's objective is to safeguard public resources while maximizing returns from agricultural produce procured from farmers.

The successful auction is being viewed as a major achievement in agricultural marketing and procurement management, demonstrating how policy reforms and transparent bidding mechanisms can significantly enhance revenue generation for the state.

Kazipet Rail Coach Unit Nears Completion

Kazipet, May 30 | TPN Bureau

The Railway Manufacturing Unit (RMU) being developed at Kazipet is in the final stages of construction, with nearly 95 percent of the project work already completed. Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy announced that the facility is expected to be inaugurated soon and described it as a major milestone for both Indian Railways and Telangana's industrial sector.

ing established at a cost of 521.36 crore and spread across approximately 160 acres. Most of the construction and infrastructure development has been completed, while the remaining works are progressing rapidly toward completion.

pendence on existing manufacturing centers across the country.

The upcoming manufacturing facility is designed to produce a variety of railway coaches, wagons, and modern intercity train components. Once operational, it is expected to significantly enhance the production capabilities of Indian Railways and reduce de-

A key feature of the project is the development of an internal railway network measuring about 13.15 kilometers. This dedicated track system will link the manufacturing unit directly to the main railway line, ensuring smooth movement of raw materials and finished products.

According to Kishan Reddy, the project will play a crucial role in strengthening railway infrastructure while also creating new employment opportunities in

the region. The facility is expected to boost economic activity in and around Kazipet by attracting ancillary industries and supporting industrial growth.

The Minister emphasized that the RMU reflects the Centre's commitment to expanding railway manufacturing capacity and modernizing transport infrastructure. Once inaugurated, the unit is expected to emerge as an important production hub, contributing to the growth of the railway sector and accelerating industrial development in Telangana.



Seethakka Highlights Strengthening of Anganwadi Services During Women's Week Event

Ranga Reddy, May 30 | TPN Bureau

A series of programmes aimed at women's empowerment and child welfare were organized at the Ranga Reddy District Collectorate in Kongara Kalan as part of the Women's Week celebrations. State Minister Seethakka attended the event as the chief guest and participated in several initiatives focused on education, nutrition, and child development.

A Mock Parliament for adolescent girls was conducted to encourage leadership skills, public participation, and awareness of democratic processes among young women. The "Amma Ku Aksharamala" programme was also organized to promote literacy and educational empowerment among women.

Ahead of the reopening of Anganwadi centres, the Minister distributed school uniforms to children and presented Vidayambha Certificates to students who had completed their pre-school education at Anganwadi centres and were preparing to enter Class I.

Addressing the gathering, Seethakka recalled that the foundation for Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) was laid in Telangana when former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi inaugurated

ICDS centres in Mahabubnagar district in 1975. She said the State Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is taking extensive measures to strengthen Anganwadi services and develop them into a model system for the country.

The Minister stated that the government is focusing on child nutrition and care from the prenatal stage until the age of three. She highlighted several initiatives introduced in Anganwadi centres, including the distribution of uniforms, supply of 57 varieties of play materials, provision of breakfast through the "Tholi Mudra" programme, and regular distribution of milk to children. Emphasizing the importance of government-run early childhood education centres, Seethakka noted that Anganwadi centres provide nutritious food, milk, and eggs in addition to education and play-based learning. She encouraged parents to make use of these facilities for the overall development of their children. The programme was attended by Kale Yadaiah, Anita Ramachandran, Divya Devarajan, government officials, women's groups, teachers, and students. The event concluded with messages promoting education, nutrition, and holistic child development.



Education Is the Key to Success: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar

Hyderabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar congratulated meritorious students honored at the Academic Success Meeting organized by the Tribal Welfare Gurukulam Ashram Schools Society at Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan. He said the event was intended not only to recognize outstanding achievers but also to inspire other students to aim higher in their academic pursuits.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister praised the teachers of Tribal Welfare educational institutions for nurturing students with dedication and commitment. He remarked that educators in these institutions work with the same care and responsibility as parents, playing a crucial role in shaping the future of young learners.

Ponnam Prabhakar emphasized that students must strive for excellence in a highly competitive educational environment. Referring to admissions

in premier institutions across the country, he noted that securing seats in reputed colleges often requires exceptionally high academic performance. He encouraged students to set ambitious goals and work diligently toward achieving them.

The Minister stressed that education is a right that belongs to everyone, regardless of social or economic background. Recalling his own journey, he said many successful individuals, including public representatives and professionals, have emerged from government schools. He expressed concern over the perception among some sections of society that government school education is inferior and urged teachers to help change this mindset.

He assured educators that the government remains committed to strengthening public education and providing all necessary support to improve learning outcomes. According to him, education remains the most powerful tool available to governments for transforming lives and creating opportuni-

ties for future generations.

Addressing students from rural, SC, ST, and BC communities, the Minister urged them to recognize the sacrifices made by their parents to provide quality education. He advised students to make the most of available opportunities, warning that negligence toward studies today could result in difficulties later in life.

Ponnam Prabhakar also highlighted recent studies indicating that education is the common factor behind the success of individuals who have risen to prominent positions in various fields. He encouraged students to remain focused, disciplined, and determined in their academic journey.

The Minister further suggested that the achievements of students from government and welfare institutions should receive wider recognition. He proposed that village leaders and local representatives honor successful students in their communities, thereby motivating others to pursue academic excellence and bring pride to their families and villages.



Indiramma Housing Boost for Urban Poor

Hyderabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

State Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has announced that the government is preparing to launch a major housing initiative for the urban poor under the Indiramma Housing programme. He said the beneficiaries will receive modern houses in the same localities where they currently live, ensuring that their livelihoods, employment opportunities and social networks remain unaffected.

Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for an Integrated Sub-Registrar Offices complex at Banjara Hills on Saturday, the Minister stated that construction of one lakh houses sanctioned in the first phase under the CURE (City-level Urban Renewal) project will begin shortly. He added that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is expected to formally launch the programme and that the government aims to complete the construction within one year. Plans are also in place to take up another one lakh houses in the second phase.

The Minister said the government is committed to delivering welfare programmes directly to the people and ensuring that the benefits reach the most deserving sections of society. He emphasized that housing projects would be implemented constituency-wise, allowing beneficiaries to remain within their native areas rather than being relocated to distant locations.

Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy also highlighted the government's efforts to improve public services through the establishment of integrated office complexes. These facilities will bring departments such as Stamps and Registration, Survey, and other related services under one roof, making them more accessible and convenient for citizens.

He noted that 13 Sub-Registrar offices located within the limits of three municipal corporations are being modernized with improved infrastructure and service standards. To reduce the financial burden on the government, construction responsibilities have been entrusted to reputed firms from the real estate and construction sectors.

The upcoming Banjara Hills Integrated Sub-Registrar Complex, spread across nearly 30,000 square feet, is expected to be completed within a few months. The facility will house the Sub-Registrar offices of S.R. Nagar, Banjara Hills and Golconda, along with the DIG Office and the Registrar of Chits office. According to the Minister, the project will enhance administrative efficiency while generating new employment and business opportunities in the area.

The programme was attended by Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Mohammed Azharuddin, local MLA Danam Nagender, MP Sunil Yadav, MLC Addanki Dayakar, MLA Naveen Yadav, Special Secretaries Rajiv Gandhi Hanumanthu, and other officials.

Seethakka Inspires Girls to Dream Big at Sneha Sangham Mock Parliament

Ranga Reddy, May 30 | TPN Bureau

State Minister Seethakka encouraged adolescent girls to set ambitious goals and strive for leadership roles in public life while addressing the Sneha Sangham Mock Parliament programme held at the Ranga Reddy District Collectorate. She urged participants to dream of becoming corporators, mayors, MLAs, MPs, and leaders capable of bringing positive change to society.

Addressing members of Sneha Sanghams, the Minister said adolescence is a crucial phase of life that shapes a person's future. She stressed that education remains the most powerful tool for transformation and quoted former South African President Nelson Mandela's famous observation that education can change the world. She advised girls to cultivate the habit of reading, continuously learn new things, and use knowledge as a means to build successful careers and meaningful lives.

Seethakka also emphasized the importance of values, discipline, and respect for elders. She encouraged students to maintain strong family bonds, assist parents with household responsibilities, and develop social skills alongside academic excellence. According to her, education without humility and good conduct is incomplete.

Highlighting the government's commitment to women's empowerment, the Minister said various programmes are being implemented for adolescent girls across Telangana. Initiatives include bicycle training, education, and

support, health awareness, and opportunities for skill development. She urged girls to stay connected with their Sneha Sangham groups and actively participate in community activities.

The Minister explained that Sneha Sangham stands for Security, Safety, Empowerment, Health, and Nutrition. The platform has been created to help girls between the ages of 15 and 18 express their concerns, continue their education, and build confidence. She encouraged participants to approach district officials with their problems and seek solutions without hesitation.

Speaking about health and nutrition, Seethakka advised students to consume nutritious food, avoid unhealthy habits, and limit excessive dependence on mobile phones. She suggested using digital devices as learning tools by watching educational and motivational content.

SERP CEO Divya Devarajan, who also addressed the gathering, praised the confidence displayed by the girls during the Mock Parliament proceedings. She said Sneha Sanghams provide a valuable platform for young women to raise issues affecting their lives and develop leadership qualities.

Officials noted that 750 Sneha Sanghams are currently functioning across Telangana with more than 6,000 members. The initiative focuses on education, health, nutrition, safety, women's empowerment, and awareness against child marriage, while encouraging girls to pursue higher education and become self-reliant citizens.



Committee Begins Process to Honor Telangana Movement Activists

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The government-appointed committee tasked with identifying and honoring Telangana movement activists held its first meeting on Saturday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat. The meeting was chaired by K. Keshava Rao and attended by committee members and senior government officials.

The committee was constituted following the issuance of Government Order (G.O.Rt. No. 679) earlier this month to formulate a framework for recognizing individuals who contributed to the Telangana statehood movement. During the meeting, members discussed operational guidelines, methods for collecting information, and the process of identifying eligible activists for recognition. Among those present were Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar,

Government Whip Addanki Dayakar, MLC M. Kodandaram, former MLC S. Ramulu Naik, and Mother Shobhan Reddy. The committee decided to convene an all-party meeting on June 4 to gather suggestions and recommendations from representatives of various political parties. The objective is to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive process for identifying those who played a role in the Telangana movement.

Speaking after the meeting, Keshava Rao said the government's intention is to recognize and honor all individuals who contributed directly or indirectly to the struggle for statehood. He directed officials to prepare an action plan for collecting information on martyrs' families and activists who participated at grassroots levels during different phases of the movement. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar stated that the identification process would

cover a wide range of contributors, including intellectuals, artists, writers, employees, journalists, lawyers, students, RTC workers, and Singareni employees. He said factors such as imprisonment, police cases, and active participation in movement-related activities would be considered while framing eligibility criteria.

The Minister added that the committee was established under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to ensure that the sacrifices and contributions of Telangana movement activists receive due recognition.

Senior officials from the Revenue, Finance, Home, General Administration, Cultural Affairs, and Law Departments also participated in the meeting. The committee resolved to develop transparent recommendations to ensure deserving activists are appropriately honored by the government.

Health Minister Inaugurates Wellness Hospital in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

State Medical and Health Minister Damodara Rajanarasimha inaugurated a newly established wellness hospital in Begumpet, Hyderabad, on Saturday and emphasized the importance of providing quality healthcare services through modern medical infrastructure.

During the inauguration ceremony, the Minister toured the facility and interacted with the hospital management to understand the range of medical services and treatment options being offered. He reviewed the infrastructure and enquired about the advanced healthcare technologies being introduced at the hospital.

Addressing the gathering, Damodara Rajanarasimha expressed confidence that the institution would play a significant role in delivering quality medical care to patients. He noted that hospitals equipped with modern technology and qualified medical professionals can contribute greatly to improving healthcare accessibility and treatment outcomes. The Minister appreciated the management for establishing the facility with contemporary medical equipment and patient-care amenities. He said

such initiatives complement the government's efforts to strengthen healthcare services and expand access to quality treatment for citizens.

Highlighting the government's priorities, Rajanarasimha stated that the Telangana Government is giving special importance to the education and health sectors. He said several measures are being implemented to improve public healthcare infrastructure, enhance medical services, and ensure that people receive timely and effective treatment across the state.

The Minister added that strengthening healthcare facilities remains a key objective of the government and that both public and private institutions have an important role in meeting the growing healthcare needs of the population.

Hospital administrators Suman Goud and Asad were present during the inauguration programme and briefed the Minister on the hospital's facilities and future plans.

The event was attended by healthcare professionals, hospital staff, invited guests, and local residents, marking the launch of another healthcare facility aimed at providing advanced medical services in Hyderabad.



BRS Delegation Urges Governor to Protect Cooperative Society Leadership

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A delegation of BRS leaders, led by Legislative Council Opposition Leader Madhusudana Chary, met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan and submitted a memorandum seeking the continuation of existing Cooperative Society and Single Window Chairpersons.

The delegation, which included several chairpersons of cooperative societies, appealed to the Governor to ensure that the elected heads of the societies are allowed to continue in office and that no action is taken to replace them through nominations.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Madhusudana Chary alleged that the State Government was attempting to appoint nominated individuals to key positions in cooperative societies instead of conducting elections. He argued that such a move would be contrary to the provisions of the Cooperative Societies Act and undermine the democratic process within the cooperative sector.

The BRS leader stated that the chairpersons elected in 2020 were entitled to continue in their positions as per the applicable tenure and related provisions. He alleged that rather than initiating the election process, the government was

attempting to install individuals of its choice through nominations.

According to the delegation, a detailed representation outlining these concerns was submitted to the Governor. They requested his intervention and urged him to direct the State Government not to take any hasty decisions regarding the cooperative societies until all legal aspects are thoroughly examined.

Madhusudana Chary further maintained that bypassing elections and appointing nominated individuals would be unlawful and against the spirit of cooperative governance. He described the alleged move as an attempt to gain control over cooperative institutions through non-electoral means.

The delegation said the Governor assured them that any proposal placed before him by the State Government would be examined carefully and that decisions would be taken only after obtaining a legal opinion and reviewing the relevant provisions of law.

BRS leaders expressed hope that the constitutional and legal framework governing cooperative societies would be upheld and that elected representatives would continue to serve until due process is followed.

Kishan Reddy Alleges Government Neglect of Farmers

Hyderabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy criticized the Telangana government over its handling of agricultural issues, alleging that farmers continue to face hardships despite the Congress party completing two-and-a-half years in office.

Addressing a media conference at the BJP State Office in Hyderabad on Saturday, Kishan Reddy said the promise of change made by the Congress before the elections had not translated into improvements in the lives of farmers. He alleged that the government had failed to effectively address key concerns related to crop procurement, marketing, storage, and farmer welfare.

The Union Minister claimed that farmers in Telangana were facing difficulties due to shortcomings in procurement operations and inadequate planning. According to him, delays in procurement, insufficient storage facilities, transportation challenges, and shortages of gunny bags have created hardships for cultivators during the harvest season.

Referring to the BJP's recent "Raitula Gosa - BJP Bharosa" campaign, Kishan Reddy said party leaders visited procurement centres across the state and interacted directly with farmers. He alleged that the government became more active only after these issues were highlighted by BJP representatives.

The BJP leader also responded to criticism directed at the Central Government regarding paddy procurement. He stated that while procurement

targets are decided jointly by the Centre and the State before each crop season, the responsibility for operating procurement centres, collecting paddy, and transporting it to rice mills rests with the State Government.

Kishan Reddy noted that agreements had been reached for the supply of rice to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the current agricultural year and questioned why procurement operations had not been carried out more effectively. He accused the State Government of attempting to shift responsibility for its shortcomings onto the Centre.

The Union Minister further raised concerns about the future of farmers cultivating coarse rice varieties, arguing that the government should develop marketing strategies, provide suitable seed varieties, and guide farmers toward crops with better market demand. He also stressed the need to improve warehouse capacity and strengthen agricultural planning in view of increasing food grain production.

Highlighting the importance of export opportunities, Kishan Reddy said farmers should be encouraged to adopt practices that meet international standards, including reduced pesticide usage and organic farming methods.

He maintained that long-term planning, better infrastructure, and stronger support systems are essential to safeguard the interests of Telangana's farming community and ensure sustainable agricultural growth.

KTR Intensifies Attack on Congress at Contractors' Protest

Hyderabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) launched a strong political offensive against the Congress government while addressing a mega dharna organized by the SC, ST, BC and Minority Contractors Joint Action Committee (JAC) at Indira Park. He accused the ruling party of failing to fulfill its election promises and neglecting the interests of marginalized communities and small contractors.

Speaking at the protest, KTR alleged that Congress had secured power through a series of declarations and guarantees but had failed to deliver meaningful benefits to weaker sections after assuming office. Referring to promises made before the Assembly elections, he claimed that assurances regarding reservations and opportunities in government contracts had not been implemented as expected.

A major focus of his speech was Government Order (GO) No. 17, which he alleged had adversely affected local contractors. According to KTR, the order has reduced opportunities for small-scale suppliers and contractors who depend on government contracts for their livelihood. He asserted that the agitation would continue until the concerns raised by contractors are addressed and adequate opportunities are ensured for disadvantaged communities.

The BRS leader also demanded that the State Government release a white paper detailing



funds allocated to small contractors and the distribution of government tenders. He questioned whether sufficient benefits had reached SC, ST, BC and minority entrepreneurs and called for greater transparency in the tendering process.

KTR further alleged that major contracts were being concentrated among a limited group of individuals and criticized the government's handling of public expenditure. He urged the administration to disclose details of contract awards, spending patterns and financial commitments made during its tenure.

Highlighting the achievements of the previous BRS government, KTR said the administration led by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had focused on welfare, infrastructure development, irrigation projects, education and agriculture. He cited initiatives such as Gurukul schools, Rythu Bandhu, Kalya-

na Lakshmi, KCR Kits, 24-hour power supply and the establishment of medical colleges as examples of development undertaken during the BRS regime.

Addressing a separate meeting of party leaders in Mushaerabad, KTR criticized the Congress government over employment issues and alleged that promises made to unemployed youth had not been fulfilled. He urged young people to question national Congress leaders regarding commitments related to jobs and recruitment.

KTR also called upon party workers to remain vigilant during the upcoming voter list revision process and announced that the BRS membership enrollment drive would begin next month through a fully digital platform. He expressed confidence that the party would continue strengthening its grassroots network and regain power in the future.

BJP Alleges Irregularities in Grain Procurement

Karimnagar, May 30 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao has accused the Congress government of failing to protect the interests of farmers and alleged serious irregularities in grain procurement operations across the state.

Addressing a media conference in Karimnagar during the 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Prashikshan Mahabhiyan' programme, Ramchander Rao claimed that visits conducted by BJP leaders, MPs, MLAs, and MLCs to procurement centres revealed several difficulties being faced by farmers at the grassroots level.

He alleged that farmers are being pressured to divert their produce to private rice millers instead of government procurement centres. According to him, many procurement centres lack basic facilities, including an adequate supply of gunny bags, causing inconvenience to cultivators who have brought their harvested grain

for sale.

The BJP leader further alleged that rice millers are exploiting farmers through excessive deductions in grain weight. He claimed that while procurement standards prescribe a fixed weight, farmers are reportedly facing substantial deductions under various pretexts, resulting in financial losses. Ramchander Rao stated that the Central Government has already fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy and is bearing procurement and transportation costs. Despite this, he alleged that the State Government has failed to ensure smooth procurement operations and adequate protection for farmers.

He also criticized what he described as conflicting statements made by different ministers regarding procurement figures and stock positions. Such contradictions, he said, have created confusion among farmers and raised doubts about the transparency of the procurement process.

The BJP leader expressed concern over the situation faced by maize farmers as well. He noted that large quantities of maize are reportedly lying unsold in several market yards, including Jammikunta. He demanded immediate intervention by agencies such as Marketed to procure the crop and provide relief to farmers.

Referring to recent untimely rains, Ramchander Rao said standing crops, stored grain, and horticultural produce, particularly mango crops, had suffered significant damage in several districts. He urged district administrations to conduct immediate field inspections, assess losses, and provide compensation to affected farmers without delay.

Warning the government against what he termed as neglect of agricultural issues, Ramchander Rao called upon the State administration to address farmers' concerns promptly and ensure fair procurement practices across Telangana.



Vemula Prashanth Reddy Alleges Political Vendetta Against Opposition

Hyderabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

BRS leader and MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy has strongly criticized the Congress government, alleging that it is attempting to suppress opposition voices through politically motivated cases and harassment. He expressed concern that such actions could undermine democratic values and restrict the ability of opposition leaders to raise public issues.

In a statement issued on Saturday, Prashanth Reddy described the case registered against former MLA Balaka Suman as an example of political vendetta. He alleged that the action was taken because Balaka Suman had been actively highlighting the concerns of farmers and questioning the government's handling of issues affecting the agricultural community.

The MLA argued that raising public grievances and criticizing government policies are fundamental aspects of a democratic system. He questioned whether opposition leaders should face legal action simply for strongly voicing concerns on behalf of farmers and other sections of society.

Prashanth Reddy further alleged that the state government is focusing more on targeting political opponents than addressing pressing public issues. According to him, attempts to intimidate dissenting voices and discourage criticism are inconsistent with democratic principles. He maintained that governments should respond to criticism

through dialogue and accountability rather than through legal measures against political rivals.

Drawing a comparison with statements made in the past by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the BRS leader accused the ruling party of adopting double standards when it comes to freedom of expression and political criticism. He argued that opposition leaders should be allowed to express their views without fear of retaliation.

The BRS MLA claimed that the public is closely observing developments and would form its own opinion regarding allegations of political targeting and misuse of power. He warned that repeated action against opposition leaders could create concerns about democratic freedoms and political fairness in the state.

Prashanth Reddy demanded the immediate withdrawal of the case registered against Balaka Suman and called upon the government to refrain from what he termed as politically motivated actions. He urged the administration to focus on resolving public issues, particularly those affecting farmers and rural communities, instead of engaging in confrontations with opposition leaders.

The remarks add to the ongoing political exchanges between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS, with both parties continuing to trade allegations over governance, public welfare, and democratic practices in Telangana.



Congress Steps Up Vigil on Voter List Revision

Hyderabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Congress has intensified its focus on the ongoing voter list revision process amid concerns over possible irregularities in electoral rolls. As part of its efforts, the party conducted a series of review meetings with Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and Social Security Assistants (SSAs) at Indira Bhavan under the leadership of AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud.

The meetings, which continued throughout the day, were organized on a cluster basis covering groups of three parliamentary constituencies at a time. Senior party leaders, including AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant, District Congress Committee presidents, SSA coordinators, and state-level coordinators, participated in the discussions.

Addressing the gathering, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Congress party considers the voter list revision exercise to be an issue of critical importance. He stated that concerns are being expressed in various parts of the country regarding the deletion of voter names from electoral rolls and stressed the need for close monitoring of the process.

According to him, reports from some states have raised questions about large-scale deletions of voter names compounded by the addition of new voters. He alleged that such developments could influence

electoral outcomes and emphasized the importance of ensuring transparency and fairness in the revision process.

Mahesh Kumar Goud claimed that Telangana and Punjab have emerged as key political battlegrounds and said the Congress would maintain constant vigilance to safeguard the integrity of voter rolls in the state. He announced that ministers and party leaders would regularly visit their constituencies to monitor voter verification efforts, review the implementation of welfare schemes, and strengthen the party's grassroots network.

The review meetings also focused on organizational strengthening ahead of future elections. Party leaders discussed strategies to improve coordination at the booth level, increase voter outreach, and ensure that eligible voters are neither omitted from nor wrongly included in electoral rolls.

Congress leaders emphasized that BLAs and SSAs have a crucial role in verifying voter information and assisting citizens during the revision process. They urged party workers to remain alert and actively participate in voter verification activities.

The party leadership stated that these meetings are part of a broader campaign to strengthen the Congress organization across Telangana while ensuring that the voter list revision process is conducted in a transparent and fair manner without any scope for irregularities.



CM Revanth Reddy Extends Birthday Wishes to Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy extended warm birthday greetings to State IT, Industries, and Legislative Affairs Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on the occasion of his birthday.

In his message, the Chief Minister conveyed his best wishes and prayed for Sridhar Babu's long life, good health, and continued success in public service. He expressed confidence that the Minister would continue to play a significant role in the state's progress and development through his dedication and commitment.

Revanth Reddy stated that Sridhar Babu has been actively contributing to various sectors, particularly in the fields

of information technology, industrial development, and governance. He wished him many more years of service to the people of Telangana and hoped that he would continue working tirelessly for the welfare and advancement of the state.

The Chief Minister also prayed that Sridhar Babu would be blessed with strength and good health to carry forward his responsibilities effectively and remain committed to public welfare initiatives.

Several political leaders, public representatives, party workers, and well-wishers also conveyed their greetings to the Minister on his birthday, wishing him success in his future endeavors and continued service to the people of Telangana.

Constable Killed in Highway Accident, Family Injured

Khammam, May 30 | TPN Bureau

A police constable from Hyderabad lost his life, while his wife and two children sustained injuries, after their car overturned on the Greenfield Highway near Ramanujavaram village in Thallada mandal of Khammam district on Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Swarnakanti Jaswanth (36), a constable belonging to the 2021 batch and currently serving at the Bolarum Police Station in Hyderabad. According to police officials, the accident occurred while the family was returning to Hyderabad after visiting the famous temple at Annavaram in Andhra Pradesh.

Jaswanth was travelling with his wife Mounika, four-year-old son Kalyan Ram, and six-year-old daughter Manya when the vehicle reportedly lost control and overturned on the highway. The impact of the crash resulted in fatal injuries to the constable.

Local residents and police personnel rushed to the spot and shifted the injured family members to a hospital in

Khammam for treatment. Doctors stated that Mounika and the two children suffered injuries but are currently in stable condition and receiving medical care.

Following the incident, Thallada police reached the accident site, registered a case, and launched an investigation into the circumstances that led to the crash. The damaged vehicle was removed from the roadway to restore traffic movement.

Police shifted Jaswanth's body to the mortuary of the Government General Hospital in Khammam for post-mortem examination. Further legal formalities are being completed.

The tragic accident has cast a shadow over the police fraternity, with colleagues and well-wishers expressing grief over the untimely death of the young constable. Authorities are examining whether factors such as speeding, driver fatigue, or road conditions contributed to the accident.

The incident serves as a reminder of the importance of road safety and caution during long-distance travel, especially on highways.

Drainage Solution Efforts Gain Pace

Quthbullapur, May 30 | TPN Bureau

Efforts to address a long-standing drainage problem in Suraram Colony have gained momentum, with BRS leaders taking steps to secure the necessary approvals for the construction of a drainage channel benefiting residents of Dayanand Nagar and Rajula Swamy Nagar.

Following the directions of Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekananda, a delegation led by senior BRS leader Varala Vinod Kumar met Forest Department officials to discuss the issue and seek a practical solution. The drainage project, which has been pending for years, requires a portion of the proposed channel to pass through forest land, making official permissions essential for its execution.

During the meeting, the delegation explained the difficulties faced by local residents due to the inadequate drainage infrastructure. They highlighted how the unresolved issue has been causing inconven-



ience and sought immediate intervention from the department to facilitate the project.

The leaders submitted a formal representation to senior Forest Department officials, including Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Venumadhav, Forest Range Officer (FRO) Lakshman, and Forest Section Officer (FSO) Praveen. The memorandum requested the necessary clearances to enable the commencement of drainage works in the affected localities.

According to the delegation, the officials responded positively after being informed about the hardships faced by residents. They assured the representatives that the matter would be examined carefully

and that efforts would be made to identify a suitable and speedy resolution within the framework of existing regulations.

Local leaders expressed optimism that the discussions would pave the way for the early completion of the drainage project, bringing relief to hundreds of families in the area. They stated that the initiative reflects the commitment of MLA Vivekananda and BRS leadership to resolving civic issues and improving living conditions in the constituency.

Among those who participated in the meeting were Rajkumar, Kavali Ravi, Maisa Goud, Venu, Anil, and several other local representatives.

Commissioner Reviews Maheshwaram Police Station

Maheshwaram, May 30 | TPN Bureau

Future City Police Commissioner Tarun Joshi conducted an inspection of the Maheshwaram Police Station on Saturday and reviewed its day-to-day functioning and administrative performance. During the visit, the Commissioner interacted with police officials and sought detailed information regarding the number of cases being registered, the status of ongoing investigations, and the disposal of pending cases. He emphasized the importance of conducting prompt and efficient investigations to ensure effective law enforcement and public confidence in the police system.

Tarun Joshi directed officers

to give priority to public grievances and ensure that complaints received at the police station are addressed without unnecessary delay. He stressed that victims should receive timely support and justice through a transparent and responsive policing system.

The Commissioner also instructed the staff to maintain a people-friendly approach while dealing with visitors and complainants. He advised police personnel to treat every individual visiting the station with respect, patience, and professionalism, thereby strengthening trust between the police department and the public.

During the review, officials discussed various aspects of policing, including case monitoring, public service delivery,

and measures to improve operational efficiency. The Commissioner encouraged the staff to remain committed to their duties and uphold high standards of service.

Among those present during the inspection were DCP Narayana Reddy, Circle Inspector Raghavender Reddy, Sub-Inspectors Prasad, Raghavender, Dhanunjay, and other police personnel. The officers briefed the Commissioner on the functioning of the station and the steps being taken to maintain law and order in the region. The visit formed part of the department's ongoing efforts to strengthen policing standards, improve public service, and ensure the speedy resolution of cases and complaints.

Food Safety Raid Uncovers Violations at Snack Manufacturing Unit

Hyderabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Food Safety Department conducted an inspection at a Balaji Pheni and Namkeen manufacturing unit in Nagole and identified multiple violations related to food safety standards.

During the surprise inspection, the department's flying squad examined the facility and found several irregularities in the production and storage processes. As part of the enforcement action, officials seized substantial quantities of food products and raw materials, including 150 kilograms of cooking oil, 720 kilograms of sev, and 120 kilograms of potato chips. According to Food Safety Department officials, the seized items were taken into custody after deviations from prescribed food safety regulations were de-

tected during the inspection. The department has initiated further action against the unit in accordance with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act.

Officials stated that notices are being issued to the management of the establishment, and adjudication proceedings will be undertaken to determine the extent of the violations and impose appropriate penalties where necessary.

The Food Safety Department reiterated its commitment to ensuring that food products sold to consumers meet the required safety and quality standards. Regular inspections are being carried out across the state to identify violations and safeguard public health.

In an advisory issued following the inspection, officials urged consumers to exercise

caution while purchasing snacks, namkeen, and other packaged food items. They advised the public to buy food products only from licensed and authorized establishments and to carefully verify packaging quality, manufacturing details, and expiry dates before consumption. The department also encouraged citizens to report any suspected food safety violations or concerns regarding food quality to the relevant authorities. Officials emphasized that public cooperation plays a crucial role in maintaining food safety standards and preventing the sale of unsafe or substandard food products. The inspection forms part of the department's ongoing drive to strengthen food safety compliance and ensure that consumers have access to safe and hygienic food across Telangana.



Chain Snatchers Held Within Four Days

Quthbullapur, May 30 | TPN Bureau

In a major breakthrough, the Jeedimetla Police, in coordination with the Quthbullapur CCS team, arrested an interstate gang involved in chain snatching and robbery incidents targeting women during morning walks. The police recovered stolen property worth nearly 5 lakh, including a two-tola gold chain, a mobile phone belonging to the victim, and the motorcycle and auto-rickshaw used in the crime.

According to police officials, the incident occurred on May 26 near the GHMC Circle Office in Jeedimetla. A woman identified as Srilatha was out for her routine morning walk when unidentified miscreants snatched her gold chain and mobile phone before fleeing the scene. Following her complaint, Jeedimetla Police registered a case and launched an intensive investigation.

Investigators examined CCTV footage from the surrounding area and gathered technical evidence to trace the suspects. During the probe, police discovered that the gang had first stolen a motorcycle from the Yellammabanda area and later commandeered an auto-rickshaw, which was subsequently used to execute the

chain-snatching operation.

The extensive analysis of surveillance footage and other technical clues enabled the police to identify and track down the accused. The arrested individuals were identified as Govind Singh (24), Karan Singh (21), and Hardeep Singh (19). Police officials stated that the trio are repeat offenders with a history of criminal activities.

Authorities further revealed that another member of the gang is a juvenile, while one suspect remains absconding. Efforts are underway to apprehend the remaining accused. Quthbullapur DCP Koti Reddy stated that the arrested individuals have been produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody.

The DCP appreciated the swift and coordinated efforts of the police teams that solved the case within four days. He commended the contributions of officers from the Quthbullapur and Cyberabad CCS units, along with the Jeedimetla Police Station staff.

A media briefing regarding the case was attended by ACP Bala Gangireddy, CCS ACP Nageswara Rao, CI Gaddam Malleshham, CI Dali Naidu, DI Dhanunjaya, SI Shyambabu, and other officials.

Temple Visit by State Election Commission Secretary

Malkajigiri, May 30 | TPN Bureau

State Election Commission Secretary G. Lingya Naik, IAS, paid a visit to the Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Anand Bagh on Saturday and offered special prayers.

During the visit, temple priests conducted traditional rituals and blessed the dignitary with Vedic prayers. Following the religious ceremonies, Temple Executive Officer A.B. Ravindra Reddy honored Lingya Naik with a ceremonial shawl and presented him with Teertha Prasad as a mark of respect. The visit witnessed the participation of temple priests Mudumbai Venkata Ramana Charyulu and Dr. Tulasi Venkata Ramana Charyulu, who oversaw the religious proceedings. Temple staff members also extended their sup-

port in organizing the event.

Several devotees attended the occasion and took part in the spiritual activities held at the temple premises. Among those present were Sandra Sudhakar, Murthy, Sridevi, Tulasi, Vijaya Lakshmi, Parthasarathy, and other devotees.

The temple authorities expressed their gratitude for the visit and highlighted the importance of preserving spiritual and cultural traditions through such engagements. The occasion was marked by devotion and reverence, with devotees joining in prayers for peace, prosperity, and public welfare. The visit concluded with the distribution of prasadam and blessings to all attendees, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere at the temple.

Telugu-Origin Student Ananya Goli Earns State Honourable Mention at Minnesota Computing Awards

Minnesota, May 30 | TPN Bureau

Young talents of Telugu origin continue to make their mark on the global stage, with Ananya Goli earning a prestigious recognition at the 2026 Minnesota Aspirations in Computing Awards. She received the "State Honourable Mention," an honour presented to students in the United States who demonstrate exceptional promise in computer science and technology.

The competition is jointly organized by the Minnesota Technology Foundation and the National Center for Women & Information Technology. Ananya, a sophomore at Eden

Prairie High School, was selected among a limited group of high-achieving students across the state, bringing pride to the global Telugu community.

Beyond her academic excellence, Ananya Goli has actively contributed to promoting inclusivity in the technology sector. At her school, she co-founded a 'Technovation' chapter aimed at encouraging young women to explore careers in technology. Through this initiative, she has been mentoring fellow students, fostering innovation, and supporting the development of digital solutions among girls.

Her achievements extend beyond academics into profes-

sional exposure. During the previous summer, she secured three prestigious job shadowing opportunities, enabling her to gain insights into the corporate technology environment. In addition, she has been selected to work under the guidance of a professional mentor from the IT industry, further strengthening her technical and leadership skills.

Ananya has also participated in several prominent technology conferences across the United States, where she interacted with global experts and expanded her knowledge and professional network.

Alongside Ananya, several other students from Eden Prairie High School were recog-



nized. Thrayi Kopparapu received the State Winner award, while Himaja Guntur and Sarayu Kacham also earned State Honourable Mention distinc-

tions. Cecilia Rathemo, Aisha Alam, Brooke-Lynn Byfield, and Shagun Srivastava were among the other award recipients.

Jessica Brent, Computer Science teacher at Eden Prairie High School, praised Ananya's accomplishment, noting that the award recognizes not only academic performance but also passion for technology, leadership, and commitment to community development.

As the world advances deeper into the era of artificial intelligence, Ananya Goli's journey stands as an inspiring example of how young minds can use technology as a tool for innovation and societal progress.



Girls Voice Concerns at Sneha Sangham Mock Parliament

Ranga Reddy, May 30 | TPN Bureau

The Sneha Sangham Mock Parliament held at the Ranga Reddy District Collectorate provided adolescent girls with an opportunity to raise concerns related to education, safety, health, and empowerment while learning about democratic processes and governance.

The session was presided over by Bhagyalakshmi, who served as the Speaker. During the interactive programme, participants posed a series of questions regarding issues affecting girls and young women, while officials and organizers explained the measures being undertaken by the government.

Responding to questions on educational support for girls, representatives highlighted initiatives such as scholarships, safety measures, and free transportation facilities aimed at encouraging continued education. They stated that efforts are also being made to increase the availability of female teachers in schools so that girl students can learn in a more comfortable and supportive environment.

When concerns were raised about cyber harassment, participants were informed that awareness campaigns and preventive measures are being implemented in coordination with the Police Department to ensure the safety of young girls in the digital space.

The issue of menstrual hygiene was also discussed. Organizers explained that sanitary pads are being distributed free of cost to support students from economically weaker

backgrounds. Concerns regarding anemia among adolescent girls were addressed by highlighting awareness programmes on nutrition, along with the provision of nutritious meals through government schemes.

Transportation challenges faced by students from remote areas were another major topic of discussion. Officials noted that free bus travel facilities have been introduced to support girls' education. In addition, bicycle distribution programmes have been implemented to improve mobility and reduce barriers to school attendance.

Participants also drew attention to inadequate school infrastructure in some areas. In response, assurances were given that efforts are underway to improve school buildings, provide safe drinking water, and strengthen basic amenities in educational institutions.

The programme further emphasized the role of Sneha Sanghams in promoting leadership skills, self-confidence, awareness of rights, and self-reliance among adolescent girls. Organizers acknowledged that not all eligible girls have joined the groups and stated that steps would be taken to expand membership and reach more young women across villages.

The Mock Parliament concluded with an encouragement to participants to continue raising their concerns, actively engage in community issues, and use platforms such as Sneha Sanghams to contribute to their personal growth and empowerment.

Minister Calls for Stronger District Healthcare Services

Sangareddy, May 30 | TPN Bureau

State Medical and Health Minister Damodara Rajanarasimha has directed officials to ensure that nearly 90 percent of medical services required by patients are made available within district government hospitals, minimizing the need for referrals to other regions except in critical emergencies.

The Minister issued the directions during a comprehensive review meeting held at the Collectorate mini-conference hall in Sangareddy on Saturday. The meeting was attended by District Collector Prateek Jain and senior officials from the Medical and Health Department.

Reviewing the performance of government hospitals across the district, the Minister examined outpatient and inpatient services, maternity care, speciality treatments, major surgeries, infrastructure facilities, and the implementation of the Digital Health Card initiative. He stressed that the State government is committed to providing quality healthcare and strengthening public confidence in government medical institutions.

Rajanarasimha emphasized that medical personnel must make optimal use of the facilities available in hospitals and ensure timely treatment for



every patient. He stated that improving healthcare standards at the district level remains a key priority of the government.

The Minister also directed officials to launch a focused campaign to ensure that all girls between the ages of 14 and 15 receive the HPV vaccine. He instructed the Medical and Health Department to work in coordination with education officials, welfare departments, and women's groups to achieve complete coverage of eligible beneficiaries.

Taking stock of infrastructure projects, the Minister reviewed the status of the newly constructed Primary Health Centres at Kankol and Singitham, along with the Sangareddy Nursing College. He

instructed officials to complete all pending arrangements and make the facilities ready for inauguration at the earliest.

During the meeting, Government General Hospital Superintendent Dr. Anil Kumar requested an additional CT scanner for the hospital. The Minister immediately asked officials to submit proposals for its sanction. He also directed the submission of proposals for three additional RBSK teams to strengthen child healthcare services in the district.

Additional Collectors Sangareddy and Pandu, district health officials, hospital superintendents, programme officers, and doctors from various departments attended the review meeting.

VH Backs Caste Census, Urges Vigilance on Voter List Revision

Khammam, May 30 | TPN Bureau

Former Telangana PCC President and BC Welfare Department Advisor V. Hanumantha Rao (VH) called for the implementation of a nationwide caste census and urged Congress leaders to remain alert during the ongoing voter list revision process.

Addressing a press conference at the Khammam Congress office on Saturday, VH said that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had consistently advocated for reservations and welfare measures based on population data. He recalled that during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul Gandhi interacted with people from various communities across the country and gained firsthand insight into the social and economic challenges faced by marginalized sections.

VH stated that, in line with Rahul Gandhi's vision, the Telangana government under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy initiated a caste-based socio-economic survey after coming to power. According to him, the exercise was aimed at gathering accurate demographic data to ensure equitable distribution of opportunities and welfare benefits.

He noted that the Congress party has long demanded that the Union Government include caste enumeration as part of the national census. VH further pointed out that recent observations by the Supreme Court had renewed discussions

on the importance of collecting caste-related data. He urged the Centre to take immediate steps to incorporate caste enumeration into the upcoming census process.

The senior Congress leader also expressed concern over the ongoing Special Summary Revision (SSR) of electoral rolls. He alleged that there are apprehensions in some quarters regarding the deletion of voter names during the revision process. In this context, he called upon Congress workers and local leaders to actively participate in voter verification activities and ensure that eligible voters are not deprived of their voting rights.

VH emphasized that protecting the democratic rights of citizens is as important as ensuring social justice through accurate population data. He said party workers should assist people during the voter list revision exercise and help create awareness about the process.

District Congress Committee President Nuthi Satyanarayana, District IN-TUC President Seetharam, former PCC General Secretary R. Laxman Yadav and other party leaders attended the press conference.

VH also informed that he, along with several Congress leaders, would attend the Chelumu ceremony of former Khammam DCC President Javed on Sunday and pay tribute to the late leader.

Farmer Advocates Eco-Friendly Crop Residue Management

Adilabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

Progressive farmer Gaikwad Rameshwar of Navegaon village in Ichoda Mandal has appealed to farmers to avoid burning crop residues after harvest and instead incorporate them into the soil to improve fertility and protect the environment.

Addressing concerns over increasing environmental challenges in agriculture, Rameshwar said the practice of setting fire to crop stubble has become common in many farming areas as a quick way to clear fields. However, he warned that this method causes serious environmental damage and negatively affects soil health.

According to him, burning agricultural residues releases large quantities of smoke, carbon dioxide, and other harmful pollutants into the atmosphere, contributing to air pollution and creating health risks for people. He also pointed out that the heat generated from stubble burning destroys beneficial microorganisms and organic matter present in the soil, gradually reducing its productivity and fertility.

Rameshwar emphasized that crop residues should be viewed as a valuable resource rather than waste. By ploughing the residues back into the soil, farmers can allow them to de-



compose naturally and enrich the land with organic nutrients. This process increases the organic carbon content of the soil, improves moisture retention, and enhances overall soil structure.

He explained that healthier soil helps crops absorb nutrients more effectively and can reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers over time. Such practices not only lower input costs but also support sustainable agricultural production.

Highlighting the importance of environmentally responsible farming, Rameshwar said agriculture and environmental conservation are closely connected. He stressed that adopting nature-friendly methods today will help preserve fertile

land, clean air, and a healthier ecosystem for future generations.

The farmer urged cultivators across the region to abandon the traditional practice of burning crop residues and embrace sustainable alternatives. He noted that every effort made toward environmental protection benefits not only individual farmers but also society as a whole.

"Crop residue should not be treated as waste. When mixed into the soil, it becomes a natural source of nutrition and improves land productivity. Protecting the environment and maintaining soil health should be a shared responsibility of every farmer," Rameshwar said.

Farmers Stage Noose Protest Against Power Meter Installation

Adilabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

Farmers of Mukra-K village in Adilabad district staged an unusual protest on Saturday against the proposed installation of electricity meters on agricultural pump sets. Gathering near a power transformer with nooses in their hands, the farmers symbolically expressed their frustration and warned that additional financial burdens on the farming community would push them into deeper distress.

The protesters said that free electricity has been a crucial support for farmers and argued that introducing meters on agricultural pump sets could eventually lead to increased costs for cultivators. They maintained that agriculture is already facing multiple challenges and that any move perceived as adding to farmers' expenses would have serious consequences for rural livelihoods.

During the demonstration, several farmers recalled that under the previous BRS government led by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, uninterrupted free power was provided to the agricultural sector. They claimed that the former government had resisted pressure to install meters on farm pump sets in order to protect the interests of farmers.

The protesters alleged that there are growing concerns among cultivators that efforts are being made to introduce metering systems in Telangana. They expressed fears that such a move could eventually result in higher electricity-related expenses and place additional strain on already struggling farming households.

Farmers also highlighted other issues affecting the agricultural community, including delays in the implementation of the farm loan waiver scheme, pending assistance under the Rythu Bharosa programme, and concerns regarding the timely procurement of crops. They said these unresolved issues have already created uncertainty among cultivators.

As part of the protest, participants urged the government to safeguard the interests of farmers and ensure that free electricity continues without any conditions. They called for immediate attention to the challenges faced by the agricultural sector and demanded measures to strengthen support for cultivators.

Former Sarpanch Gadge Meenakshi, former MPPTC Gadge Subhash, and farmers including Datta, Marothi, Pralahad, Venkati, Tulasiram, Tirupati, and Vittal took part in the demonstration.

Gannavaram Murder Case Cracked; Gold, Cash Worth 56 Lakh Recovered

Gannavaram, May 30 | TPN Bureau

Krishna District Police have solved a sensational murder-for-gain case in Gannavaram, arresting two accused and recovering gold, cash, and property worth around 56 lakh.

Addressing a press conference, District SP V. Vidyasagar Naidu said the victim, Kaja Rajitha Kumari (55), was living alone in an apartment at GKR Paradise in Gannavaram after her husband's death. She managed a flour mill in Srinagar Colony, while her daughters are settled in the United States.

On the night of May 24, Rajitha Kumari was speaking to her daughter over the phone when she mentioned someone ringing the doorbell before disconnecting. When she could not be contacted later, her domestic helper found her dead

under suspicious circumstances the next morning and alerted police.

Initially registered as a suspicious death, the case took a turn after CCTV footage revealed that Polavarapu Sushma and her son Ajay Kumar had entered the flat late at night and left after about an hour. Police then treated it as a murder-for-gain case.

Special teams led by Gannavaram In-charge DSP Pala Srinivas and CI L. Ramesh traced and arrested the accused near Konayya Cheruvu. During interrogation, they reportedly confessed to the crime. Police recovered about 390 grams of gold, 1.6 lakh in cash, and a scooter used in the offence. The SP said the motive was financial distress and commended the team for swiftly solving the case.

RIMS Emerges as Healthcare Lifeline

Adilabad, May 30 | TPN Bureau

The Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Adilabad has undergone a remarkable transformation, emerging as a trusted destination for quality healthcare and bringing advanced medical services closer to the people of the district. Under the leadership of Director Dr. Rathod Jaisingh, the government-run institution is steadily shedding the traditional image associated with public hospitals and setting new standards in patient care.

For years, residents of Adilabad and surrounding regions were forced to travel to major cities such as Hyderabad, Nizamabad, and Nagpur for specialized treatment. The situation was particularly challenging for rural and tribal communities, who often struggled with the financial and logistical burden of seeking healthcare outside the district. Today, RIMS is addressing that gap by providing modern medical facilities and specialized treatment locally.

Since taking charge, Dr. Jaisingh has focused on strengthening hospital infrastructure, expanding medical services, and introducing advanced technologies. Several diagnostic and treatment facilities that were once available only in metropolitan centers are now accessible within the hospital, reducing the need for patients to travel long distances.

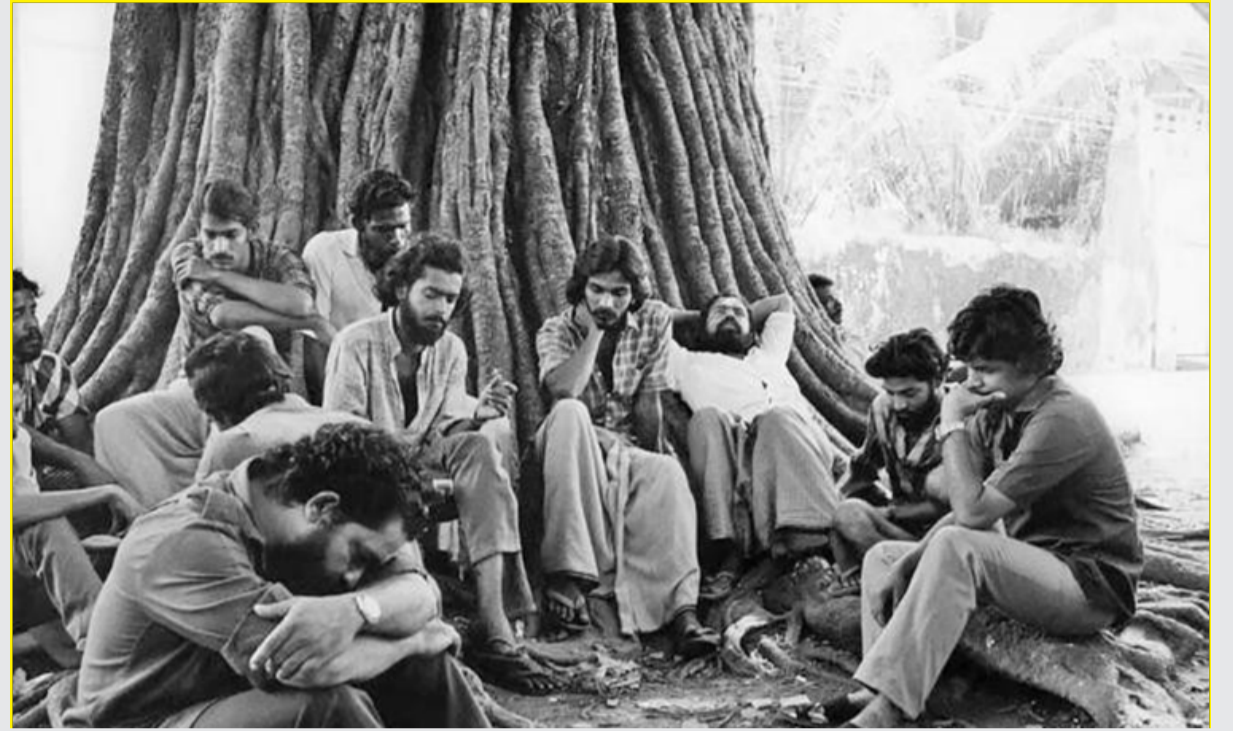
The institution has also enhanced emergency care services and strengthened various specialty departments, ensuring timely treatment and improved patient outcomes. Modern equipment, better clinical practices, and efficient service delivery have significantly improved the overall healthcare experience.

One of the most notable achievements has been the growing trust among patients. Clean surroundings, prompt medical attention, availability of medicines, experienced doctors, and supportive staff have contributed to a positive public perception. As a result, RIMS now attracts patients not only from Adilabad but also from neighboring districts including Nirmal, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, and Mancheril.

Apart from healthcare services, the hospital is also emphasizing medical education and professional training. Continuous skill-development programs for doctors, nurses, and support staff are helping improve service quality while preparing future healthcare professionals for modern medical challenges.

Driven by a vision of accessible and affordable healthcare for all, Dr. Rathod Jaisingh continues to guide RIMS toward becoming a model government medical institution. With its patient-centric approach and expanding capabilities, the hospital has become a symbol of hope and trust for thousands of families across northern Telangana.



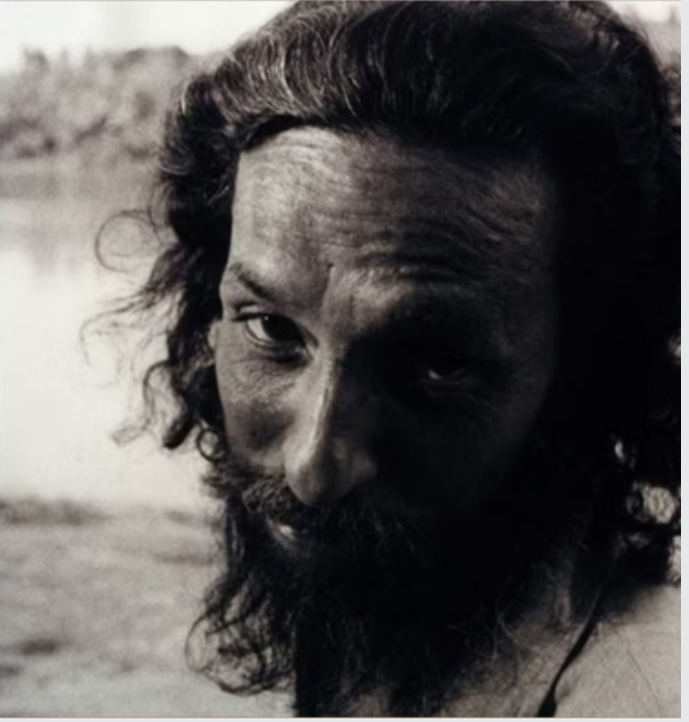


Amma Ariyan – The Eternal Political Poem of Cinema

Amma Ariyan (Report to Mother) directed by John Abraham, was released in 1986. It remains one of the most revolutionary works in the history of Indian parallel cinema. More than a film, it is a tragic chronicle of a generation whose dreams were shattered. Political idealism, failed revolutions, the confusion of youth, death, and motherhood all these are woven together through a deeply poetic visual language, making Amma Ariyan a rare cinematic experience. The film opens with a corpse. In the Wayanad region, a young man named Purushan discovers the body of a youth hanging from a tree and suspects that it may be Hari, a tabla artist. Along with his friends, he sets out to inform Hari's mother about the death. Yet the journey gradually transcends the act of delivering tragic news. It becomes an inward exploration of an era, a revolutionary generation, and the collapse of its dreams. In this film, the journey matters more than the story itself. Students, workers, political activists, and artists encountered along the way echo the history of an entire period through their conversations. The despair, exhaustion, and directionless experienced by Indian youth after

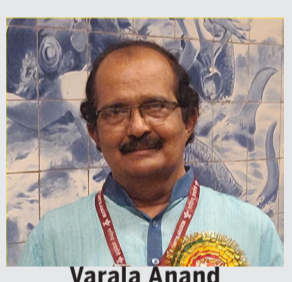
the intense Left movements of the 1970s resonate profoundly throughout the film. John Abraham pushed cinematic language into an entirely new dimension in Amma Ariyan. Documentary realism merges seamlessly with poetic imagery and political commentary. Rather than merely watching a film, the viewer feels as though they are walking through a collective pilgrimage under the shadow of memories. What makes the film truly extraordinary is also the manner in which it was made. Born in Kerala in 1937, John Abraham studied at the Film and Television Institute in Pune, where he came deeply under the influence of great filmmakers like Ritwik Ghatak. Like Ghatak, Abraham viewed cinema as a social and political intervention. Though he directed only a handful of films, each one was a radical experiment. Films such as Vidarthikale Ithile Ithile, Agraharathil Kazhuthai, Cheriayachante Kroorakrithyangal, and Amma Ariyan introduced a new language to Indian parallel cinema. Among them, Amma Ariyan stands as his artistic summit. One of the most remarkable ideas in John Abraham's life was the "Odessa Collective," a people's film movement he founded. Through this collective, Amma Ariyan was pro-

duced by traveling through villages and collecting small contributions from ordinary people. As a result, it became one of India's earliest truly "people-funded" films. Abraham believed cinema belonged to the people, and that conviction is reflected in every frame of the film. The black-and-white cinematography creates an atmosphere of immense political intensity. The camera does not merely portray the landscapes of Kerala as beautiful scenery; it reveals the buried histories, struggles, and silences embedded within the land itself. More than dialogue, it is the faces, walks, pauses, and silences that speak. Ultimately, Amma Ariyan remains as a haunting question: when young people who dedicated their lives to revolution die, what do we tell their mothers? Who is responsible for the failure of those dreams? How does society lose its children? In the history of Indian political cinema, Amma Ariyan stands as an unparalleled milestone. It is not merely a film but a visual embodiment of a generation's anguish. Even today, watching it does not simply evoke the past, it interrogates our contemporary society as well. But with time, film reels decay. Images fade, sound deteriorates, and some films dis-



appear altogether. Film restoration grants such masterpieces a digital rebirth through modern technology. Because of restoration, today's audiences can once again experience classics like Pather Panchali and Maya Bazaar. This revival of old cinema is what we call film restoration. Film restoration reconnects newer generations with their artistic heritage. The visual language, music, performance, and narrative styles of classic cinema deepen and en-

rich cinematic consciousness. Like many great films lost to time, Amma Ariyan too had deteriorated over the years. Film prints were damaged, negatives decayed, and visual quality faded. A film that carried the political anguish of an entire generation faced the danger of vanishing into obscurity. The Film Heritage Foundation undertook a 4K restoration project for the film under the leadership of renowned film preservationist Shivendra Singh



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When Love Becomes a Marketplace: Rethinking Art, Desire, and Human Dignity

In recent times, public discourse around controversial songs has often been reduced to a simplistic binary—either defending or condemning a lyricist. Yet, this narrow framing misses the larger, more pressing question: what is the line between romance and vulgarity, and how should art represent human beings? Art has always drawn from mythology, literature, and lived experience. References to Shringara—romantic and sensual expression—are deeply embedded in classical traditions. From ancient poetry to devotional compositions, expressions of love, longing, and desire have been celebrated as integral to human experience. However, to invoke mythology as a blanket justification for all modern representations is both intellectually lazy and culturally misleading. The past must be understood in its context, not blindly replicated in the present. Classical expressions of Shringara were never merely about the body; they were about emotion, connection, and the complexity of human relationships. Desire was portrayed with sensitivity, often intertwined with longing, separation, and emotional depth. In contrast, much of today's controversial content appears to strip away this depth, reducing individuals—especially women—to objects of consumption. This is where the real concern lies. The issue is not the presence of sensuality, nor the mention of the human body. The problem arises when a person is reduced to mere utility—when relationships are depicted as transactions rather than emotional bonds. Romance seeks connection;



vulgarity seeks consumption. The distinction is subtle yet profound. Critics of such content are often dismissed as regressive or overly sensitive. However, their objections are not merely about offensive words. They point to a deeper ideological shift—one that normalizes the commodification of human beings. When songs portray relationships as casual exchanges, akin to a marketplace, they subtly reshape so-

cial perceptions. A striking example from the current controversy is the lyric: "Idikudaa antero.. prati vaaram santero," which loosely evokes the idea of something becoming as routine and transactional as a weekly market. Such expressions risk reducing intimacy and human connection to repetitive, commercial activity. It is also important to recognize that a song is not the product of a single individual. Lyricists, composers, directors, producers, and performers collectively shape the final output. Responsibility, therefore, is shared. While creative freedom is essential, it cannot exist in isolation from social accountability. Art does not operate in a vacuum; it influences thought, behavior, and cultural norms. Another critical dimension of this debate is the evolving consciousness of women in contemporary society. As conversations around equality, agency, and respect gain momentum, representations that reduce women to objects become increasingly discordant. The question is not about restricting artistic expression but about aligning it with a more humane and respectful worldview. Defenders of controversial content often argue that "it's just a song." While a single piece of art may not transform society, culture is shaped cumulatively. What we repeatedly see and hear becomes normalized. Over time, the extraordinary becomes ordinary, and the unacceptable becomes acceptable. Perhaps the most troubling aspect of this trend is the portrayal of deeply complex and often painful realities—such as prostitution—as casual or entertainment. Such representa-

tions risk trivializing issues like exploitation and human trafficking, obscuring the harsh truths behind them. When human experiences are reduced to price tags and transactions, empathy is replaced by indifference. This debate, therefore, is not about censorship or moral policing. It is about introspection. It is about asking whether our art elevates human dignity or diminishes it—whether it fosters understanding or encourages objectification. Romance, in its truest sense, celebrates the entirety of a human being—their emotions, vulnerabilities, and individuality. When art loses sight of this, it risks becoming hollow, driven not by expression but by exploitation. Eventually, the question is simple yet urgent: Are we creating a culture that sees people as individuals, or one that sees them as commodities? The answer will define not just our art, but the society we become.



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Political Turmoil in West Bengal: Is TMC Facing a Major Internal Crisis?

Ravi Podili
West Bengal politics has been stirred by a series of developments that have fueled speculation about growing unrest within the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC). The controversy began after BJP MP Soumitra Khan claimed that nearly 50 TMC MLAs and 20 MPs are unhappy with the party leadership and are prepared to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) if the party's central leadership gives its approval.

According to Khan, if the BJP decides to induct these leaders, the Trinamool Congress could face a severe setback and may even struggle to retain its position as a major political force in the state. His remarks have intensified political discussions ahead of crucial electoral battles in West Bengal.

However, senior TMC leader and MP Saugata Roy strongly rejected

these claims, describing them as completely false and politically motivated. He accused the BJP of deliberately spreading misinformation to create confusion and project an image of instability within the ruling party.

Soumitra Khan also launched a sharp attack on TMC National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee. Referring to him as a "sinner," Khan alleged that those involved in wrongdoing would eventually face legal consequences. He further claimed that a "bulldozer is waiting" outside Banerjee's residence, suggesting that action would be taken against those responsible for targeting BJP workers in the past.

Meanwhile, signs of internal friction within the TMC have continued to attract attention. The recent appearance of Barasat MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar at an official review meeting led by Leader

of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari sparked widespread speculation. The development gained significance because Kakoli was recently removed from her position as the TMC's Chief Whip in the Lok Sabha. Reports that the Centre has provided her with Y-category security have further fueled political rumors.

Adding to the party's concerns, a wave of resignations by municipal councillors has raised questions about TMC's grassroots strength. Nearly 100 councillors from various municipalities across the state have reportedly stepped down in recent weeks. In Bhatpara Municipality, 30 of the 35 councillors, including Chairperson Reba Raha, resigned from the party. Similar resignations have been reported from Halisahar and Kancharapara municipalities.

Reports suggesting that Kolkata

Mayor Firhad Hakim may also consider stepping down from his position have further intensified speculation. In response, Municipal Affairs Minister Agnimitra Paul has indicated that administrators may be appointed in municipalities where councillor positions remain vacant.

The TMC is also facing pressure from corruption investigations. The arrest of former minister Sujit Bose in a municipal recruitment scam and ongoing scrutiny of several party leaders by central investigative agencies have added to the challenges confronting the ruling party.

While TMC leaders insist that the party remains united and strong, the recent developments have given the opposition an opportunity to question the party's stability and future political prospects in West Bengal.



DK Shivakumar Likely to Take Oath as Karnataka Chief Minister on June 3



Karnataka is likely to witness a significant political transition, with senior Congress leader and current Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar expected to take oath as the state's next Chief Minister on June 3, according to sources.

The swearing-in ceremony is expected to be held in Bengaluru and is likely to be a relatively simple affair. Preparations are reportedly underway, while the Congress Legislature Party is expected to formally approve Shivakumar's elevation to the top post.

The anticipated leadership change comes after extensive discussions within the Congress high command regarding the future leadership of the state. Party leaders are reportedly focused on ensuring a smooth transfer of power and maintaining unity within the

Karnataka Congress unit.

D.K. Shivakumar has been one of the most influential Congress leaders in Karnataka over the past several years. Widely recognized for his organizational abilities and political strategy, he played a crucial role in strengthening the party ahead of the Assembly elections and has been instrumental in managing key political challenges.

His elevation to the Chief Minister's post is being viewed as a major milestone in his long political career. Having served as a legislator multiple times and held several important ministerial portfolios, Shivakumar has built a reputation as one of the Congress party's strongest leaders in southern India.

Political observers believe the leadership transition is

part of the party's broader strategy to balance internal interests and ensure stability in the state government. The move is also expected to strengthen the Congress ahead of future electoral contests.

Attention is now turning to the formation of the new Cabinet. Discussions are reportedly underway regarding ministerial appointments, with the party leadership considering factors such as regional representation, social balance, administrative experience, and generational leadership.

Sources suggest that only a limited number of ministers may be sworn in initially, while a larger Cabinet expansion could take place at a later stage. The final composition of the Cabinet is expected to reflect the party's effort to maintain political equilibrium across various regions and communities in Karnataka.

Shivakumar's expected appointment has generated considerable interest among party workers and political observers, many of whom see him as a leader capable of consolidating the Congress government and steering it through the next phase of governance.

With an official announcement anticipated soon, all eyes are now on Bengaluru as the state prepares for a new chapter in its political journey under D.K. Shivakumar's leadership.

Tiffany Trump, Husband Michael Boulos Visit Delhi's Akshardham Temple During India Tour

Tiffany Trump, daughter of US President Donald Trump, and her husband Michael Boulos recently visited the iconic Akshardham Temple in New Delhi as part of their private trip to India. The visit attracted considerable attention after photographs and videos from the temple complex surfaced online.

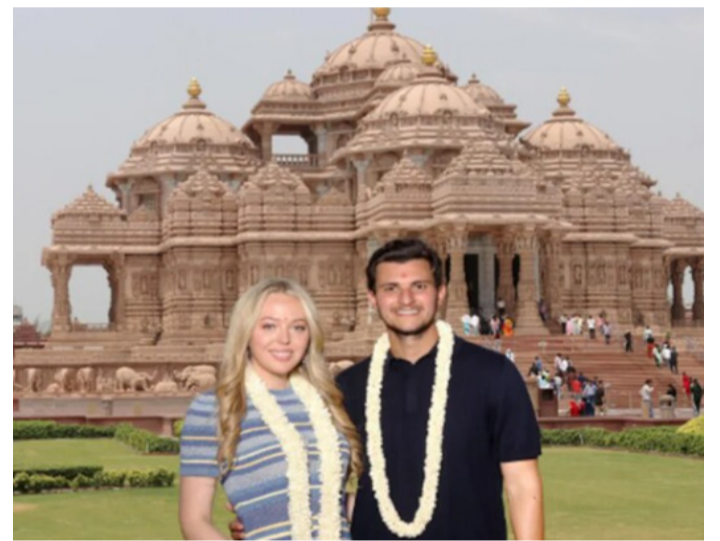
Tiffany described the experience as "incredible" and expressed admiration for India's rich cultural and spiritual heritage. Accompanied by friends, the couple spent time exploring the sprawling temple complex, which is renowned for its magnificent architecture, intricate stone carvings, and exhibitions that showcase Indian history, traditions, and values.

The Akshardham Temple administration also welcomed the visitors and highlighted their interest in learning about Indian culture and spirituality. During their visit, Tiffany and Michael toured various sections of the temple and interacted with officials associated with the complex.

Their India tour is understood to be entirely private, with no official diplomatic engagements. Following their visit to New Delhi, the couple traveled to Agra to see the Taj Mahal, one of India's most celebrated monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Reports suggest that they are also expected to visit Rajasthan, including popular tourist destinations such as Jaisalmer.

The visit has generated significant public interest because of Tiffany Trump's association with one of America's most prominent political families. Security arrangements were reportedly heightened during the trip, although officials emphasized that the visit was personal in nature.

Tiffany Trump is the daughter of Donald Trump and his former wife Marla Maples. A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, she has maintained a relatively low public profile compared to some other members of the Trump family. She married businessman Michael Boulos



in 2022, and the couple has frequently attended major family and public events together.

Their visit to Akshardham Temple highlights the growing appeal of India's cultural, spiritual, and historical landmarks among international visitors. Over the years, the temple has welcomed numerous global dignitaries, celebrities, and public figures who have come

to experience its architectural grandeur and learn about India's rich heritage.

As Tiffany Trump and Michael Boulos continue their India tour, their visits to some of the country's most iconic destinations have drawn attention both in India and abroad, further showcasing the nation's cultural and tourism appeal on the global stage.

Rabri Devi Asked to Vacate Iconic Patna Bungalow, Political Storm Brews in Bihar

A fresh political controversy has erupted in Bihar after former Chief Minister and RJD leader Rabri Devi was issued a notice to vacate the government bungalow at 10 Circular Road in Patna, a residence closely associated with the Lalu Prasad Yadav family for nearly two decades.

The Bihar government has reportedly allotted the bungalow to state minister Nand Kishore Ram, prompting strong opposition from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). The development has quickly turned into a political flashpoint, with both sides accusing each other of playing politics over the issue.

According to the notice issued by the state's Building Construction Department, Rabri Devi has been asked to move to another government residence at 39 Harding Road, which was previously allotted to her in her capacity as the Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Legislative Council. Officials claim that despite having an alternative accommodation, she continued to occupy the Circular Road residence.

Reacting sharply to the eviction notice, Rabri Devi made it clear that she has no intention of vacating the bungalow voluntarily. She stated that authorities could take whatever action they deemed necessary, but she would not leave the residence on her own. Her remarks have further escalated the po-



litical confrontation between the ruling NDA government and the opposition RJD.

The bungalow at 10 Circular Road holds significant political importance in Bihar. It served as Rabri Devi's official residence during her tenure as Chief Minister and later became a key political hub for the Lalu Prasad Yadav family. Over the years, several important political meetings, discussions, and party strategies have been associated with the property.

The RJD has strongly criticized the government's move, alleging that the decision is politically motivated. Party leaders argue that the timing of the notice raises questions and claim that the government is attempting to target a senior opposition leader. They have described the action as an effort to politically harass Rabri Devi and the Yadav family.

Meanwhile, government

officials insist that the decision is purely administrative and in accordance with established rules governing government accommodation. They maintain that once an alternative residence has been allotted, occupants are expected to vacate properties assigned for official use.

The dispute has added fresh tension to Bihar's political landscape at a time when political parties are already gearing up for future electoral battles. With Rabri Devi refusing to leave the bungalow and the government standing by its decision, the issue is likely to remain at the center of political debate in the state.

As the standoff continues, the fate of one of Bihar's most prominent political addresses remains uncertain, ensuring that the controversy will stay in the headlines for the foreseeable future.

9 Terror Suspects Linked to Pakistan's ISI, Dawood Network Arrested; Delhi Attacks Allegedly Planned

In a major counter-terror operation, security agencies have arrested nine suspected terrorists with alleged links to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's network. Investigators believe the group was planning a series of terror attacks in Delhi and other parts of northern India.

According to officials, the arrests were made following a coordinated operation carried out by multiple intelligence and law enforcement agencies after receiving specific inputs about suspicious activities and possible terror plots. The accused were reportedly operating as part of a larger network with cross-border connections.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the suspects were in touch with handlers based in Pakistan and were allegedly receiving instructions, logistical support, and funding

through various channels. Security agencies believe the group was attempting to establish sleeper-cell operations and recruit local operatives for future attacks.

Officials stated that the arrested individuals were allegedly planning to target crowded public places, important government installations, and sensitive locations in the national capital. Investigators are examining whether reconnaissance activities had already been conducted at potential targets.

During the operation, agencies reportedly recovered a significant quantity of incriminating material, including communication devices, documents, digital evidence, and items suspected to be linked to terror activities. The seized material is currently being examined by forensic and intelligence experts.

Authorities have also alleged

that the network had connections to individuals associated with Dawood Ibrahim's criminal syndicate. Investigators believe these links may have been used to facilitate financial transactions, logistical arrangements, and movement of operatives across different locations.

Security officials say the operation prevented what could have been a serious threat to public safety. They emphasized that the arrests highlight continued efforts by hostile elements to destabilize the country through coordinated terror activities.

The accused are currently being interrogated, and agencies are working to identify additional members of the network. Investigators are also trying to determine the full extent of the alleged conspiracy, including possible international connections and funding sources.

The arrests come amid heightened security concerns and increased vigilance by intelligence agencies across the country. Authorities have intensified surveillance and monitoring of suspected terror modules following recent intelligence inputs regarding potential threats.

Officials stated that the investigation remains ongoing and that further arrests cannot be ruled out. Security agencies are also coordinating with other state police units and central intelligence organizations to trace possible links to broader terror networks operating across the region.

The operation is being viewed as a significant breakthrough in India's counter-terror efforts, with agencies claiming that timely intelligence and coordinated action helped thwart a potentially dangerous plot before it could be executed.



Trump's Doctor Advises Weight Loss and More Exercise Despite 'Excellent Health' Report

US President Donald Trump has been declared to be in "excellent health" following a comprehensive medical examination, though his physician has recommended that he lose weight and increase physical activity to maintain his long-term well-being.

The health assessment was conducted at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and involved a series of detailed evaluations, including cardiovascular, neurological, and general health screenings. According to the report, the 79-year-old president remains fully capable of carrying out the demanding responsibilities of his office.

Doctors found that Trump's heart, lungs, and neurological functions were all in good condition. The report also noted that he performed exceptionally well in cognitive testing, reinforcing the conclusion that he remains mentally fit and capable of handling the pressures associated with the presidency.

Despite the largely positive findings, medical experts advised the president to focus on lifestyle improvements, particularly in relation to weight management and physical fitness. Trump currently weighs approximately 238 pounds (108 kilograms), placing him close to the obesity threshold based on body mass index measurements. Physicians suggested that regular exercise and a healthier lifestyle could further improve his overall health profile and reduce future risks.



The examination also identified a few minor health issues. Doctors noted slight swelling in his lower legs, which was linked to chronic venous insufficiency, a condition that affects blood circulation in the veins. However, they reported that the condition has improved compared to previous evaluations and is being effectively managed.

In addition, the report mentioned minor bruising on Trump's hands, which doctors attributed to frequent handshakes and the use of aspirin. Medical professionals described the bruising as harmless and not a cause for concern.

The release of the health report comes as public interest in the president's physical condition remains high. With

Trump approaching his 80th birthday, questions about age, fitness, and stamina continue to attract attention from both supporters and critics.

Throughout his political career, Trump has frequently emphasized his energy levels and active lifestyle. He has often pointed to his busy work schedule and regular participation in golf as evidence of his physical fitness.

While the latest medical evaluation includes recommendations for weight loss and increased exercise, the overall conclusion was overwhelmingly positive. Doctors stated that Trump remains in strong physical and mental condition and is fully capable of continuing to perform his duties as President of the United States.

US Defence Secretary Calls India 'Powerful', Praises Military Modernisation at Shangri-La Dialogue

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has praised India's growing military strength and modernization efforts, describing the country as a "powerful" nation that is rapidly enhancing its defence capabilities. His remarks came during the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, one of Asia's most influential security and defence forums.

Addressing delegates at the event, Hegseth highlighted India's expanding military infrastructure, defence manufacturing capabilities, and strategic logistics network. He noted that India is steadily building the capacity required to support advanced military operations while strengthening its role as a key security player in the Indo-Pacific region.

The US defence chief also emphasized the deepening strategic partnership between India and the United States. He pointed to ongoing collaboration in defence technology, military training, and co-production initiatives, describing the relationship as an important pillar of regional security and stability.

Hegseth's comments came amid broader discussions on

the evolving security landscape in Asia and growing concerns over China's expanding military influence. While discussing regional challenges, he stressed the importance of maintaining a free, open, and stable Indo-Pacific and warned against any attempts to establish dominance over the region.

He also urged countries across Asia to increase their defence spending and strengthen their military preparedness. According to Hegseth, regional security requires a collective effort, with nations taking greater responsibility for safeguarding their interests in an increasingly complex geopolitical environment.

The Shangri-La Dialogue this year has focused extensively on defence cooperation, military readiness, and shifting power dynamics across the Indo-Pacific. Against this backdrop, Hegseth's remarks underscored the growing importance Washington places on India as a strategic partner.

India has significantly accelerated its military modernization efforts in recent years, investing in advanced defence



technologies, indigenous weapons systems, and enhanced operational capabilities across its armed forces. These initiatives have strengthened the country's ability to respond to emerging security challenges while expanding its influence in the region.

The praise from the US defence secretary reflects the increasingly close ties between New Delhi and Washington, particularly in areas such as defence cooperation, maritime security, intelligence

sharing, and joint military exercises.

As geopolitical competition intensifies across the Indo-Pacific, India's growing military capabilities and strategic importance are expected to play an increasingly significant role in shaping the region's security architecture. Hegseth's comments serve as another indication of the expanding partnership between the two democracies and their shared interest in maintaining stability and security in the region.

Ukraine Uses AI-Powered Drones to Disrupt Russian Supply Networks

Ukraine is increasingly deploying artificial intelligence-powered drones to target Russian supply routes, logistics hubs, ammunition depots, and military infrastructure, highlighting the growing role of advanced technology in modern warfare.

Military analysts say these next-generation drones are being used not only to destroy strategic assets but also to disrupt Russia's ability to move troops, fuel, weapons, and supplies to the front lines. By attacking critical logistical networks, Ukraine aims to weaken operational efficiency and create challenges for Russian military planning.

The drones are capable of operating deep behind the battlefield, striking targets located far from active combat zones. Their enhanced capabilities allow them to identify targets more effectively, navigate complex environments, and carry out missions with greater precision than many traditional unmanned systems.

A key objective of Ukraine's strategy is to make Russian supply chains increasingly vulnerable. Repeated attacks on transport corridors, storage facilities, fuel depots, and command centers force military planners to relocate assets and adjust logistics routes, often resulting in longer delivery times and increased operational costs.

Ukrainian authorities have reportedly expanded investment in drone technology over the past



year, recognizing its growing importance on the battlefield. The use of artificial intelligence has improved the effectiveness of these systems by enabling faster data processing, improved target recognition, and more coordinated operations.

Experts note that AI-assisted drones can help operators make quicker decisions and, in some cases, allow groups of drones to work together more efficiently. This capability has become particularly valuable in an environment where speed and adaptability are critical to battlefield success.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict has increasingly become a testing ground for drone warfare. Both sides have integrated unmanned systems into their military operations on an unprecedented scale, using them for surveillance, reconnaissance, precision strikes, and tactical support.

At the same time, Russia has also accelerated the development

and deployment of its own drone technologies, creating a rapidly evolving technological competition. As each side seeks to gain an advantage, innovation in unmanned systems has become a defining feature of the conflict.

Military observers believe the growing use of AI-powered drones marks a significant shift in how wars are fought. Rather than relying solely on conventional weapons and large-scale troop movements, modern militaries are increasingly using intelligent autonomous systems to gather information, strike targets, and disrupt enemy operations.

Ukraine's expanding drone campaign demonstrates how emerging technologies are reshaping the battlefield, with logistics and supply networks becoming as important a target as frontline military positions. The trend is expected to influence military strategies worldwide as nations study the lessons emerging from the conflict.

The United States and Iran appear to be edging closer to a potential diplomatic breakthrough, with President Donald Trump reportedly reviewing a draft agreement that could extend the current ceasefire and pave the way for broader negotiations between the two countries.

According to reports, negotiators from both sides have reached a preliminary understanding on a proposed 60-day extension of the ceasefire. However, the agreement is yet to receive final approval from Trump, whose decision is expected to determine the next phase of relations between Washington and Tehran.

The US president recently convened a high-level meeting at the White House to assess the proposed framework. Trump has repeatedly emphasized that any agreement must ensure that Iran does not develop nuclear weapons and that international shipping through the Strait of Hormuz remains uninterrupted.

The Strait of Hormuz continues to be one of the most sensitive issues in the negotiations. As a vital global energy corridor through which a significant portion of the world's oil supply passes, any disruption in the region has immediate implications for international energy markets. Negotiators have reportedly focused on restoring maritime stability, reducing military tensions, and creating conditions for wider discussions on security and nuclear-related concerns.

Despite progress in talks, several differences remain



unresolved. Iranian officials have reportedly expressed reservations about certain aspects of the proposed arrangement and have rejected some claims made by US officials regarding the terms of the agreement. Tehran continues to maintain that its nuclear programme is intended for peaceful purposes and insists on protecting its national interests during negotiations.

The conflict between the two nations has witnessed periods of heightened tension over recent months, including military confrontations, naval incidents, and accusa-

tions of ceasefire violations. These developments have complicated efforts to establish lasting peace and have underscored the fragile nature of the current truce.

At the same time, US officials have made it clear that while diplomacy remains their preferred option, military measures remain on the table if negotiations fail. This dual-track approach reflects Washington's effort to maintain pressure while pursuing a political solution.

Global financial markets have responded positively to signs of progress. Oil prices have eased from recent highs,

and investors have welcomed indications that stability could return to one of the world's most strategically important regions.

As discussions continue, international attention remains focused on whether the proposed ceasefire extension can evolve into a broader agreement addressing longstanding disputes over regional security and Iran's nuclear programme. Trump's final decision is expected to play a crucial role in determining whether the current momentum leads to lasting diplomatic progress or renewed tensions.

Satellite Images Show China Expanding Infrastructure Near Nuclear Missile Silos

New satellite images have revealed that China is constructing extensive military infrastructure near several of its nuclear missile silo fields, highlighting the country's ongoing efforts to modernize and strengthen its strategic nuclear capabilities.

According to analysts who reviewed the images, the construction includes launch pads, fortified bunkers, command-and-control facilities, communications centers, and support infrastructure located near key missile sites in remote desert regions. The developments are seen as part of a broader effort to enhance the effectiveness and survivability of China's nuclear forces.

The satellite photographs

reportedly show more than 80 launch pads spread across the area. Experts believe these sites could support a range of military operations, including the deployment of mobile missile launchers, air-defense systems, surveillance equipment, and electronic warfare assets. The facilities are connected through a growing network of roads and logistical infrastructure designed to support rapid military operations.

One of the most notable findings is the presence of several large octagon-shaped military complexes near the missile fields. These installations appear to contain reinforced bunkers, operational headquarters, weapons storage facilities, and accommodation

for personnel. Analysts suggest that these complexes may serve as critical command hubs responsible for coordinating strategic missile activities.

The scale and pace of construction have attracted international attention because they indicate a significant expansion of China's nuclear-related infrastructure. While China has traditionally maintained a relatively smaller nuclear arsenal compared to some other major powers, recent developments suggest an increasing focus on strengthening its strategic deterrence capabilities.

Defence experts believe the new infrastructure is designed to improve the sur-

vivability of China's missile forces and ensure that they remain operational even during a potential conflict. By dispersing assets and building protected facilities, the military can reduce vulnerability to enemy attacks and maintain a credible retaliatory capability.

China has consistently maintained that its nuclear policy is defensive in nature and that it adheres to a "no first use" doctrine, meaning it would not initiate a nuclear strike. However, the rapid expansion of missile silos, launch facilities, and supporting infrastructure has led to growing scrutiny from security analysts and governments around the world.

The construction activity comes at a time of increasing geopolitical competition, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region. Issues involving regional security, military modernization, and strategic deterrence have become central topics in global defence discussions.

As satellite technology continues to provide detailed insights into military developments, China's expanding nuclear infrastructure is likely to remain a key focus for international observers. The latest images suggest that Beijing is investing heavily in strengthening its long-term strategic capabilities, potentially reshaping the balance of power in the years ahead.



NSE Extends F&O Trading Hours: Market Closing Time Revised from August 3



The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has announced a change in trading hours for the equity derivatives (Futures & Options or F&O) segment, extending the market closing time by 10 minutes. From August 3, 2026, the F&O segment will now close at 3:40 pm instead of the current 3:30 pm. The move slightly lengthens the regular trading session and is aimed at improving trading efficiency and price discovery in the derivatives market.

According to the revised structure, while the main trading hours will continue as usual for most of the day, the final phase of trading will now extend into a 10-minute additional window. This change will apply specifically to the F&O segment and will not significantly alter the broader market schedule. The pre-open session, regular trading hours, and post-market operations will remain largely unchanged. The adjustment only affects the

closing time of the derivatives segment, ensuring that traders get a slightly longer window for executing end-of-day positions.

Market experts note that even small timing adjustments in the derivatives segment can influence trading strategies, particularly for high-frequency traders and institutional participants who rely on last-hour price movements. The extension is expected to provide better alignment with end-session price discovery mechanisms.

The NSE has implemented several structural changes in recent years to improve market efficiency, transparency, and liquidity. This latest adjustment continues that trend by refining trading timelines without disrupting overall market functioning.

With the new timing, the final half-hour of trading—often considered crucial for volatility and price settlement—will now extend a little further, potentially allowing smoother order flow and better closing price formation.

The revised schedule will come into effect from August 3, 2026, marking a minor but notable change for India's derivatives trading ecosystem.

Markets End Weak Amid FII Selling; Rupee Extends Weekly Gains



Indian equity markets ended the week on a subdued note, with benchmarks closing lower amid sustained foreign institutional investor (FII) selling and profit-booking in heavyweight stocks. Investor sentiment remained cautious due to global uncertainties, including ongoing geopolitical concerns and fluctuating crude oil prices.

During the holiday-shortened trading week, both the Sensex and Nifty remained under pressure as selling by foreign investors

continued to weigh on market momentum. Despite intermittent buying support from domestic institutional investors, overall sentiment stayed fragile, leading to a weak close for the major indices.

Broader markets showed mixed performance. While benchmark indices declined, midcap stocks managed to outperform slightly, even touching fresh highs during the week. Smallcap indices also saw selective buying interest, indicating

that participation was not entirely absent but remained stock-specific rather than broad-based.

Sectorally, the week witnessed a mixed trend. Certain segments such as capital goods, power, and telecom saw gains, while sectors like FMCG, healthcare, and energy came under pressure. This rotation reflected cautious positioning by investors amid uncertainty over global cues and domestic earnings visibility.

A key highlight of the week

was continued FII outflows, which added to market volatility. Foreign investors remained net sellers, booking profits in Indian equities, while domestic institutional investors continued to provide partial support through sustained buying activity. However, the imbalance between foreign selling and domestic buying kept overall indices under pressure.

In contrast to the equity market weakness, the Indian rupee continued to show relative strength, extending its gains for the second consecutive week. The currency appreciated against the US dollar, supported by easing crude oil prices, softer global dollar strength, and improved risk sentiment. This divergence between equity weakness and currency strength highlighted the mixed signals in the broader financial markets.

Overall, the week reflected a cautious trading environment driven by external pressures and selective sector participation. While equities struggled under FII selling and profit-taking, the rupee's resilience offered a positive counterbalance, suggesting that macroeconomic sentiment remained stable even as short-term market volatility persisted.

Mahindra Manulife Mutual Fund Enters SIF Space with "MPOWER SIF" Platform

Mahindra Manulife Mutual Fund has announced its entry into the newly introduced Specialized Investment Fund (SIF) category with the launch of its "MPOWER SIF" platform, marking a strategic expansion beyond traditional mutual fund offerings.

The move places the fund house among early participants in India's evolving SIF ecosystem, which has been designed to bridge the gap between conventional mutual funds and more advanced investment structures such as portfolio management services. The SIF framework allows fund managers greater flexibility to use a wider range of strategies, including derivatives-based and hybrid approaches, while still operating under SEBI regulation.

With the MPOWER SIF platform, Mahindra Manulife aims to introduce a suite of differentiated investment strategies across equity, debt, and hybrid segments. These strategies are expected to go



beyond standard long-only mutual fund structures and may include long-short positions, sector-focused allocations, and dynamic asset management approaches depending on market conditions.

According to the fund house, the launch is intended to meet the needs of investors seeking more tailored and outcome-

oriented investment solutions. The idea is to offer products that can adapt more actively to changing market cycles while maintaining a structured risk management framework.

Industry observers note that the SIF category itself is positioned as a middle layer between mutual funds and high-net-worth investment products, offering relatively

higher flexibility but also carrying higher risk compared to traditional funds. The minimum investment threshold for SIFs is significantly higher than regular mutual funds, targeting more experienced and financially aware investors.

Mahindra Manulife's move reflects a broader trend in the asset management industry, where fund houses are increasingly looking to diversify their product offerings in response to evolving investor expectations and regulatory innovation. The MPOWER SIF platform is expected to roll out multiple strategies over time, covering a mix of equity-driven and debt-oriented approaches.

With this launch, the company strengthens its presence in India's actively evolving investment landscape, signaling a shift toward more sophisticated and strategy-driven fund offerings aimed at investors seeking beyond-vanilla market exposure.

Companies Can Now Use Part of CSR Funds via Social Stock Exchange

The Indian government has introduced a new reform allowing companies to deploy a portion of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds through the Social Stock Exchange (SSE), marking a significant shift in how corporate philanthropy can be channelled.

Under the revised framework, companies will now be permitted to allocate up to 10% of their annual CSR expenditure into instruments issued by non-profit organisations that are listed on recognised Social Stock Exchanges. These instruments are typically structured as zero-coupon, zero-principal securities designed to support social impact projects rather than generate financial returns.

The move is aimed at strengthening the Social Stock Exchange ecosystem, which was created to connect social enterprises and non-profits with funding sources in a more structured and transparent manner. By allowing CSR participation through SSE-listed instruments, the government hopes to improve funding access for organi-

sations working in areas such as education, healthcare, rural development, environmental protection, and livelihood generation. Officials believe this change will help formalise and scale up philanthropic capital flows in India. Instead of CSR spending being limited to direct donations or standalone projects, companies will now have an additional regulated channel that links their mandatory CSR obligations with measurable social impact investments.

The reform is also expected to bring greater accountability and traceability to CSR spending. Since Social Stock Exchange listings require disclosure and compliance standards, funds routed through this mechanism are likely to be monitored more closely compared to traditional CSR allocations. Experts view this development as an important step toward integrating capital markets with social impact financing.

It may encourage more non-profit organisations to formalise their operations and seek listing on the SSE, thereby expanding the overall ecosys-



tem of impact-driven investing in the country.

At the same time, the policy introduces a new layer of responsibility for companies, which will need to evaluate both compliance requirements and the effectiveness of social instruments before allocating CSR funds through this route. Overall, the initiative reflects a broader effort to make CSR spending more structured, transparent, and outcome-oriented, while also giving the Social Stock Exchange a stronger role in India's development finance landscape.

Dr. Reddy's Marks 25 Years on NYSE with Closing Bell Ceremony

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has been invited to ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) to commemorate 25 years since its listing on the exchange, marking a major milestone in the company's global journey.

The Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical company first listed on the NYSE in April 2001, becoming the first Asian pharmaceutical firm (outside Japan) to be listed on the prestigious US exchange. Since then, the company has expanded its presence across major global markets, including the United States, Europe, and emerging regions, building a strong international footprint in generics, biosimilars, and active pharmaceutical ingredients.

The symbolic closing bell ceremony, scheduled at the NYSE headquarters in New York, is a recognition of the company's long-standing performance, governance standards, and sustained global growth over a quarter century. Senior leadership from Dr. Reddy's, including top executives and board members, is expected to attend the event.

The company has stated that



the milestone reflects not only its successful listing history but also its continued commitment to delivering affordable medicines and expanding access to healthcare worldwide. Over the years, Dr. Reddy's has evolved from a domestic pharmaceutical player into a globally integrated healthcare company with operations spanning multiple continents.

The NYSE closing bell is often used to honor major corporate achievements, anniversaries, and market milestones. For Dr. Reddy's, the event underscores its position as one of India's prominent multina-

tional pharmaceutical companies with a long-standing presence in global capital markets.

The celebration comes at a time when the company continues to focus on growth in complex generics, specialty medicines, and expansion in regulated markets, reinforcing its strategy of innovation-led international growth.

Overall, the ceremony highlights Dr. Reddy's 25-year journey on Wall Street and its evolution into a globally recognized pharmaceutical brand with sustained investor trust and operational reach across the world.

Wall Street Dumps Crash Hedges as Most-Shorted Stocks Surge 30%

Wall Street witnessed a sharp and unusual market shift as investors rapidly unwound protective positions against a potential market crash, while heavily shorted stocks rallied strongly, in some cases jumping as much as 30%.

According to market reports, the cost of protecting portfolios against a routine market decline has fallen to its lowest level since early 2025. At the same time, insurance against a sudden market crash has also dropped to its lowest point this year, signaling growing confidence among traders that extreme downside risks have eased in the near term.

As investors rushed to exit so-called "crash hedges," volatility-linked strategies and protective derivatives saw reduced demand. This unwinding of defensive positions contributed to unusual price movements across certain segments of the market.

In contrast, stocks that are heavily shorted—those that traders had bet would fall in value—experienced a strong



upward move, with gains reaching up to 30% in some cases. This rally suggests a short squeeze-like environment, where rising prices force short sellers to buy back shares to cover their positions, further amplifying the upward momentum.

Market analysts note that such sharp moves often occur when positioning becomes crowded on one side of the trade. When too many investors are betting on downside protection or falling stock

prices, even a modest shift in sentiment can trigger rapid reversals.

The broader backdrop includes ongoing volatility in global markets, where investors have been balancing concerns about economic growth, interest rates, and geopolitical risks against strong corporate earnings and resilient liquidity conditions. However, the latest moves suggest that near-term fear has eased, prompting traders to reduce hedges and take on more risk.

At the same time, the surge in shorted stocks highlights the risks of over-concentrated bearish bets. When sentiment shifts unexpectedly, short positions can become costly, forcing rapid covering that accelerates price spikes.

Overall, the episode reflects a market in transition—moving away from defensive positioning and toward increased risk appetite, even as underlying uncertainties remain in the global financial landscape.

American Couple's 10 Lakh, 30-Day Indian Odyssey Across 13 Cities Wins Hearts Online

An American couple's month-long journey through India has recently drawn attention online for its scale, planning, and the cultural depth they experienced along the way. Spending nearly 10 lakh, the duo travelled across 13 cities in 30 days, capturing the diversity of India's landscapes, traditions, food, and heritage in a single continuous trip.

The couple reportedly planned the journey as an immersive cultural experience rather than a typical holiday. Instead of limiting themselves to a single region, they designed an extensive itinerary that allowed them to explore India from north to south and east to

west, covering both metropolitan hubs and culturally rich smaller towns.

Their travel route included a mix of popular tourist destinations as well as lesser-explored cities. Each stop added a different layer to their understanding of the country—ranging from historic monuments and spiritual centers to bustling markets and modern urban landscapes. This blend of experiences gave them a broad perspective on India's contrasts and unity.

One of the highlights of their journey was the variety of regional cuisines they sampled along the way. From street food in busy city lanes to traditional meals in local households and

restaurants, the couple embraced India's culinary diversity. They also interacted with locals frequently, often sharing that these conversations became some of the most memorable parts of their trip.

Traveling across such a wide geographic range in a short span of time came with its challenges. Constant movement, long travel hours, and adjusting to different climates and environments tested their endurance. However, they reportedly viewed these challenges as part of the adventure rather than obstacles. The estimated cost of around 10 lakh covered transportation, accommodation, food, guided experiences, and

internal travel between cities. Despite the budget, the couple emphasized that the richness of experiences far outweighed the expenses involved. Their journey has since gained attention on social media, where many users praised their curiosity and willingness to explore India beyond conventional tourist routes. Others highlighted how such trips help showcase the country's diversity to a global audience. Ultimately, their 30-day expedition stands out as an example of experiential travel—where the focus is not just on destinations, but on the stories, people, and cultures encountered along the way.



“January Took My Job, May Gave Me My Confidence Back”: Techie Celebrates First Salary After Layoff



A tech professional's emotional post about receiving his first salary after being laid off in January has gone viral on social media, striking a chord with many users who have faced similar career setbacks.

The developer shared his experience on Reddit, revealing that the last few months had been extremely challenging after he unexpectedly lost his job. What followed, he said, was a difficult phase filled with intense interview preparation, repeated rejections, and constant self-doubt. Despite the setbacks, he continued preparing through

coding practice, system design learning, and technical interview rounds. According to his post, the breakthrough came when he finally secured a role at a product-based company. The opportunity not only ended his months of uncertainty but also came with a salary hike higher than what he had expected earlier in his career journey.

The most emotional moment for him, however, was not just getting the job offer—but seeing his first salary credited after months of unemployment. He described the moment as more than financial relief, calling it

proof that persistence and consistency eventually pay off.

“Today, this salary isn't just money. It's proof that consistency pays off,” he wrote, reflecting on how the difficult period ultimately helped him grow both professionally and personally. He also credited the online developer community for supporting him during the toughest phase of his job search. Since he had not shared his layoff openly with friends or extended family, he relied heavily on anonymous online discussions for advice, motivation, and emotional support. The post quickly gained traction, with many users congratulating him and sharing similar stories of layoffs, recovery, and career comebacks. Several commenters highlighted how common job insecurity has become in the tech industry and how resilience plays a key role in bouncing back.

Ending his post on a hopeful note, the techie summed up his journey with a powerful line: “January took away my job. May gave me my confidence back.” The story continues to resonate online as an example of how setbacks—though painful—can sometimes lead to stronger opportunities and renewed self-belief.

From IT Desk to Auto Driver: Woman Earns 60,000 a Month After Quitting Corporate Job

In a story that is resonating widely on social media, a woman's bold career switch from a high-pressure IT job to driving an auto-rickshaw has sparked conversations about success, happiness, and work-life balance.

According to reports, the woman had worked in the IT sector for around nine years, holding a managerial position in a corporate environment. Despite the stability and prestige that came with the role, she reportedly experienced constant stress and mental pressure due to work demands and corporate expectations. Over time, this dissatisfaction led her to rethink her career path.

Eventually, she made the unconventional decision to leave her IT job and start driving an auto-rickshaw. What makes her story particularly striking is not just the career shift itself, but the financial independence she has maintained after the change. She now reportedly earns around 60,000 per month through her work as an auto driver. Her journey came into the spotlight after a Dubai-based entrepreneur shared a chance encounter with her during a ride. The entrepreneur described the woman as confident, well-dressed, and content with her life choices. During their conversation, the driver spoke



about her past experience in IT and the reasons behind her decision to quit. She explained that while her corporate job offered good pay and status, it also came with long hours, constant pressure, and stress that affected her overall well-being. In contrast, driving an auto has given her a sense of independence, flexibility, and peace of mind. She emphasized that her current life, though unconventional by societal standards, feels

far more satisfying. The story quickly went viral on social media, with users sharing mixed reactions. Many praised her courage to step away from a secure job in pursuit of mental peace, while others viewed her journey as an example of how definitions of success are changing in modern times. Her experience has also reignited discussions about burnout in corporate jobs, especially in high-pressure sectors like IT, where

long working hours and mental strain are common concerns. Many users related to her story, saying it reflects a growing desire among professionals to prioritize mental health over traditional career ambitions. Ultimately, her journey highlights a powerful message: success is not defined solely by job titles or salaries, but also by personal happiness, peace of mind, and the freedom to choose a life that feels right.

“Senior Adobe Director Seeks Job Referrals for Son After Campus Offer Is Revoked”

A senior executive at Adobe has drawn widespread attention online after seeking job referrals for his son, whose campus placement offer was recently revoked by a tech company. According to a social media post that went viral, the Adobe director explained that his son, a computer engineering graduate, had initially secured a job through campus recruitment at a leading technology firm. However, the offer was later withdrawn as part of broader cancellations affecting multiple students. Following the setback, the father turned to his professional network for support, requesting referrals and job opportunities for his son. He mentioned that his son is actively looking for a full-time software engineering role in India and is open to opportunities across companies. He also offered to share his son's resume and connect directly with po-

tential recruiters.

The post highlighted the uncertainty currently faced by fresh engineering graduates, many of whom rely heavily on campus placements to begin their careers. With several companies reportedly revoking or delaying offers due to restructuring and changing business conditions, job security for new entrants has become increasingly fragile. The director's appeal struck a chord on social media, where users expressed a mix of empathy and concern. Many professionals acknowledged the difficulty of the current job market, especially in the tech sector, where hiring cycles have become unpredictable. Some users also offered to help or connect the candidate with available opportunities.

At the same time, the post sparked a broader discussion about the challenges of campus placements in India. While cam-

pus recruitment has traditionally been seen as a reliable entry point into the tech industry, recent trends show increasing volatility, with companies revising hiring plans even after issuing offers. The situation has also raised questions about how students and families cope when expected job opportunities suddenly disappear, especially after years of academic preparation aimed at securing such roles. Despite the disappointment, the post reflects a growing reality in the tech ecosystem—where adaptability, networking, and continuous skill development are becoming as important as formal campus placements in building a career. The story continues to resonate widely, highlighting both the pressures faced by fresh graduates and the lengths to which families and professionals go to support them in an uncertain job landscape.

“America Taught Us Time Management”: Expat Compares Work Culture in US and India



An Indian professional living in the United States has sparked online discussion after sharing his observations on the differences between work culture in America and India, particularly in relation to discipline, productivity, and time management.

In a social media post, the expat explained that working in the US significantly changed how he views effi-

ciency at the workplace. He described how American offices often begin very early in the morning, with many employees starting work around 6:30 am. By the middle of the day, a large portion of scheduled tasks is usually completed, allowing for an early wrap-up in many cases.

He contrasted this with India's work environment, where the day typically starts

later and gradually picks up pace. According to him, while US employees are often nearing the end of their workday, many Indian offices are still actively engaged in meetings, discussions, and ongoing tasks well into the later hours. The professional clarified that his comparison was not meant as criticism of either country, but rather as an observation of different

working styles. He said that while the US helped him develop a strong sense of discipline and structured time management, India contributed to his understanding of flexibility, adaptability, and interpersonal relationships at work. His comments quickly went viral, drawing mixed reactions from social media users. Some agreed that the American work culture promotes better productivity through fixed schedules and early starts, while others defended the Indian system, pointing out that its flexibility and informal work environment also have their own advantages. The post has also reignited a broader conversation about global workplace cultures, especially among professionals who have worked in multiple countries. Many users noted that experiences vary widely depending on the industry, company, and role, making it difficult to generalize any one system as superior. Ultimately, the discussion highlights how exposure to different cultures shapes professional outlooks. Rather than ranking one system above another, the comparison reflects how both India and the United States offer distinct lessons in balancing productivity, structure, and human connection at work.



“Best Batting Pair in IPL History”: Ex-India Star Hails Gill–Sudharsan Partnership

Gujarat Titans' opening duo Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan are once again in the spotlight after receiving high praise from former India cricketer Irfan Pathan, who described them as the “best batting pair in IPL history.”

Pathan's remarks come amid an outstanding IPL 2026 season for the Gujarat Titans pair, who have consistently delivered strong starts at the top of the order. Their ability to build long partnerships, rotate strike efficiently, and accelerate when needed has made them one of the most reliable opening combinations in the tournament.

The duo's latest performance in the playoffs further strengthened their reputation, as they stitched together another impactful partnership while guiding Gujarat Titans into the final. Their understanding between the wickets and complementary playing styles—Gill's controlled stroke play alongside Sudharsan's steady accumulation—has been a key factor in GT's batting dominance.

According to Pathan, what sets them apart is their consistency across multiple seasons and their ability to convert starts into match-defining partnerships. He highlighted that the pair has repeatedly delivered 50-plus and 100-run



stands, often laying the foundation for big team totals under pressure situations.

Their record has placed them alongside some of the most celebrated batting combinations in IPL history. However, Pathan emphasized that Gill and Sudharsan stand out due to the frequency and reliability of their partnerships rather than just isolated performances.

The discussion around their greatness has intensified as Gujarat Titans continue their strong run in IPL 2026. The franchise has benefited significantly from their stability at the top, allowing the middle order to play with freedom and the bowling attack to defend competitive totals.

Cricket analysts have also noted that the pair's success is built on balance rather than aggression alone. Gill often anchors the innings while Sudharsan provides controlled aggression, making them effective across different match situations and conditions.

As Gujarat Titans prepare for the final, expectations remain high on the opening pair to once again provide a solid foundation. Their form will be crucial if GT are to secure another IPL title.

With praise pouring in from former players and consistent performances on the field, the Gill–Sudharsan partnership continues to be one of the defining stories of IPL 2026.

RCB vs GT IPL 2026 Final: Aggressive RCB Aim to Tame Strong Gujarat Titans in Title Clash

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) are set to face Gujarat Titans (GT) in the IPL 2026 final in what promises to be a high-intensity battle between two of the tournament's most consistent teams this season.

RCB enter the final with an aggressive and dominant approach, riding high on confidence after a commanding performance in the playoffs. Their explosive batting lineup and improved bowling attack have played a key role in their journey to the summit clash. Under captain Rajat Patidar, the team has shown a fearless mindset, especially in the powerplay and death overs, making them one of the most dangerous sides in the competition.

A standout feature of RCB's campaign has been their ability to post and chase big totals. Their top order, featuring experienced match-winners and in-form batters, has consistently provided strong starts, allowing the middle order to accelerate without pressure. Their bowling unit has also stepped up at crucial moments, delivering breakthroughs in high-pressure situations.

On the other hand, Gujarat Titans have once again proven their consistency and resilience. Led by Shubman Gill, GT have combined solid top-



order batting with a disciplined bowling attack. Their ability to recover from setbacks and dominate in key matches has helped them reach yet another IPL final in a short span of time since their introduction into the league.

GT's strength lies in their balanced squad composition. Their batting unit has been anchored by consistent performers from their top-order

players, while their bowling attack has been effective in controlling runs during the middle overs. The Titans have also shown the ability to chase down challenging targets, making them a formidable opponent in any conditions.

The final is expected to be a tactical battle between RCB's aggressive style and GT's structured, all-round stability. While RCB will rely on momentum and explosive batting,

GT will look to counter with disciplined bowling and calculated batting partnerships.

Both teams have already faced each other in high-stakes matches this season, adding further intensity to the final showdown. With form, strategy, and temperament all playing crucial roles, the IPL 2026 final sets the stage for a thrilling contest as RCB aim for glory and GT look to reclaim the title.

“IPL Bias” Row Around Ajit Agarkar After India Squad Selection for Afghanistan Series



A fresh controversy has erupted around the Indian cricket selection committee headed by Ajit Agarkar, with allegations of “IPL bias” surfacing after the announcement of India's squad for the upcoming series against Afghanistan. The debate has been triggered by former cricketers and analysts who have questioned some of the key inclusions and exclusions in the team.

The criticism mainly revolves around the omission of several in-form domestic performers and the continued backing of players with strong IPL reputations. One former India player expressed frustration over the selection calls, suggesting that the committee is placing too much weight on IPL performances while over-

looking consistent performers from domestic cricket.

The discussion intensified after India named a squad featuring senior players such as Rohit Sharma alongside younger names like Shubman Gill, while leaving out several promising youngsters and domestic standouts. Critics argue that this approach sends mixed signals about selection priorities, especially when players performing well in the IPL or domestic circuit are left out without clear explanation.

The former cricketer also questioned whether the selection process is being influenced by IPL visibility, suggesting that consistent domestic performers are not being rewarded equally. This sentiment has been echoed in

broader cricket circles, where debates over “IPL vs domestic cricket weightage” have persisted for years.

Supporters of the selection committee, however, argue that team selection is based on a combination of form, experience, fitness, and long-term planning rather than IPL performance alone. They also point out that India's squad for the Afghanistan series includes a mix of established players and new faces, indicating an attempt to balance stability with transition.

The controversy comes at a time when Ajit Agarkar, as chief selector, has already faced scrutiny for several bold calls in recent months. These include the omission of certain experienced players and the inclusion of relatively new names based on recent form and team strategy.

Despite the criticism, the selection committee has maintained that decisions are made collectively with the coaching staff and are aligned with India's long-term cricketing roadmap. As debates continue to grow on social media and among former players, the “IPL bias” discussion has once again highlighted the ongoing tension in Indian cricket between domestic consistency and IPL-driven reputation, with no clear consensus on the ideal selection balance.

Sangakkara's Blunt Reply to Riyan Parag's Post-Match Comment Sparks Buzz

Kumar Sangakkara's sharp and straightforward response to Riyan Parag's post-match remark has become a talking point in IPL 2026, after a moment of on-field candour led to an unexpected reaction from the Rajasthan Royals' head coach.

The incident reportedly took place after Rajasthan Royals' recent playoff match, where emotions were running high following a hard-fought contest. Riyan Parag, speaking in the post-match interaction, made a remark that caught attention in the dressing room and among viewers for its unusual tone and timing.

When the comment reached team management, Sangakkara responded in his characteristic calm but firm manner. His “unfiltered” reply, as described by those familiar with the exchange, left players and support staff momentarily surprised, with many interpreting it as a direct reminder about discipline and communication standards within the team environment.

Known for his composed leadership style, Sangakkara did not escalate the situation publicly but addressed the matter internally, reinforcing the importance of measured



statements after matches—especially during high-pressure knockout games where emotions often run high.

The exchange has since gone viral among fans, with social media users debating both Parag's comment and Sangakkara's response. While some viewed it as a light-hearted misunderstanding born out of competitive intensity, others felt it reflected the pressure cooker atmosphere of IPL playoffs, where every word is closely scrutinized.

This is not the first time Sang-

gakkara has been in the spotlight this season for his candid views on team matters. The former Sri Lanka captain has previously addressed issues related to player discipline, communication, and professionalism, often emphasizing accountability within the Rajasthan Royals setup.

Riyan Parag, who has had a notable season as captain, continues to be a central figure for the franchise, both for his on-field performances and leadership role. Moments like these, while controversial, highlight

the growing responsibilities on younger captains navigating high-stakes tournaments.

As Rajasthan Royals progress through the season, the focus is expected to remain firmly on team performance, with management likely keen to ensure that internal discussions remain private and do not distract from on-field goals.

The exchange, while brief, has added another layer of drama to IPL 2026—where even post-match comments are now capable of sparking widespread debate.

Zee Nears Cut-Price Deal With FIFA for 2026 World Cup Broadcast Rights in India

Zee Entertainment is reportedly close to finalising a deal with FIFA to acquire the media rights for broadcasting the 2026 FIFA World Cup in India, marking a major development in the long-pending negotiations over one of the world's biggest sporting events.

According to sources, the agreement is now in its final stages and is expected to be announced soon. The deal is believed to be valued at around USD 30–35 million, significantly lower than earlier expectations, reflecting the muted bidding environment in the Indian market for global football rights.

If finalised, Zee will broadcast and stream all World Cup matches in India through its television sports network as well as its digital platform, with multi-language coverage expected to cater to a wide audience across the country. The arrangement would ensure that Indian football fans fi-

nally have a confirmed platform to watch the tournament, after months of uncertainty regarding broadcast availability.

The development comes after other major players, including Reliance-Disney's JioStar and Sony Pictures Networks India, either withdrew from the bidding process or chose not to submit final offers. This left Zee as the frontrunner in the race for India's World Cup media rights.

Industry reports suggest that FIFA initially sought much higher valuations for the Indian market, but declining broadcaster interest, cost concerns, and weaker advertising projections led to revised expectations. As a result, the final deal value is far below historical benchmarks for such a marquee global tournament.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup, scheduled to be held across the United States, Canada,

and Mexico, will feature an expanded format with 48 teams and 104 matches, making it one of the largest editions in the tournament's history. For broadcasters, securing rights to such an event is considered strategically important despite the financial challenges.

If the agreement is officially confirmed, it will mark Zee's return to major global sports broadcasting and strengthen its push into sports content in India. The company has already been expanding its sports portfolio, and the World Cup rights would significantly boost its visibility in the competitive Indian media landscape.

With the announcement expected soon, the deal could end months of speculation and ensure a clear viewing path for millions of football fans across India for the 2026 World Cup.





AP Government Approves Temporary Ticket Hike for Ram Charan's 'Peddi' Ahead of Release

The Andhra Pradesh government has officially approved a temporary increase in cinema ticket prices for Ram Charan's upcoming film Peddi, along with permission for paid premiere shows ahead of its release. The decision has been welcomed by the film's team and exhibitors, as it is expected to boost early box office collections for one of the most anticipated Telugu releases of the year.

As per the government order, Peddi will have special paid premiere shows scheduled on June 3 at 8 PM, a day before its worldwide theatrical release on June 4. The ticket price for these premiere shows has been fixed at 600, inclusive of GST. These early screenings are expected to generate strong pre-release buzz and help gauge audience response before the official release.

In addition to the premiere shows, the government has also granted permission for an increased ticket pricing structure during the initial release period. This revised pricing



will remain in effect for the first 10 days of the film's theatrical run.

Under the new structure, single-screen theatres are allowed to increase ticket prices by 100 per ticket, while multiplexes can raise prices by 125 per ticket, both inclusive of GST. The temporary hike is aimed at helping producers and distributors maximize revenue during the crucial opening phase, which is often con-

sidered vital for big-budget films with high expectations.

The order further allows theatres to conduct up to five shows per day during the promotional pricing period. This additional flexibility is expected to help exhibitors accommodate higher demand, especially during weekends and peak viewing hours when audience turnout is typically stronger.

Peddi, directed by Buchi Babu Sana, is a sports action dra-

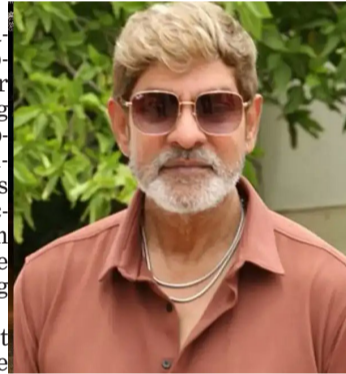
ma featuring Ram Charan in the lead role, with Janhvi Kapoor playing the female lead. The film also includes a notable supporting cast and is being produced on a large scale with significant investment in production values, action sequences, and technical quality. Industry analysts point out that such temporary ticket hikes are commonly approved for major star-led films in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, particularly when there is strong anticipation and advance booking demand. However, these hikes are strictly time-bound and revert to standard pricing after the initial release window.

With the government's approval now in place, the makers are expected to intensify promotional activities and open advance bookings shortly. The announcement has further heightened expectations around the film, which is already generating considerable attention in the Telugu film industry and among fans of Ram Charan.

JagapathiBabu Confirms Return in 'Pushpa 3', Reveals Sukumar's Promise

Veteran actor JagapathiBabu has given an exciting update about the blockbuster Pushpa franchise, confirming that he will be seen in the upcoming Pushpa 3: The Rampage. The actor revealed this during recent media interactions while promoting his film Peddi, where he also spoke about his experience working with director Sukumar.

JagapathiBabu shared that his role in Pushpa 2: The Rule was reduced due to runtime constraints, which limited his screen presence despite being part of the high-profile project. However, he said director Sukumar personally assured him that his character would be given greater importance in the next installment of the franchise.



According to the actor, Sukumar had promised to "make it up" to him in the third part, which led to his confirmation that he will continue his role in Pushpa 3. This statement has effectively confirmed his return to the franchise, which stars Allu Arjun in the lead role as Pushpa Raj.

The Pushpa series, directed by Sukumar, has become one of the biggest pan-India film franchises in recent years. The first film, Pushpa: The Rise, released in 2021 and became a massive success, followed by Pushpa 2: The Rule in 2024, which continued the story of PushpaRaj's rise in the red sandalwood smuggling world. The third installment, titled Pushpa 3: The Rampage, is already in development and is expected to conclude the planned trilogy.

Industry reports and earlier confirmations from the film's team suggest that Pushpa 3 will further expand the storyline, focusing on the continuation of PushpaRaj's journey after the events of the second film. The franchise has consist-

ently featured a strong ensemble cast, with JagapathiBabu playing a significant supporting role in the second part.

JagapathiBabu's confirmation has further increased anticipation around the film, especially among fans who are eager to see how Sukumar plans to conclude the high-octane action saga. While production timelines are yet to be officially announced, expectations for Pushpa 3 remain extremely high following the record-breaking success of the earlier films.

With this update, the Pushpa universe continues to expand, strengthening its position as one of the most popular and commercially successful franchises in Indian cinema.

Sree Vishnu-Ram Abbaraju's Second Film Racing Ahead

After the successful collaboration on Samajavaragana, actor Sree Vishnu and director Ram Abbaraju have reunited for their second project, which is now progressing at a fast pace. The duo, known for delivering entertaining comedy-driven content, is once again aiming to recreate the same magic with this new venture.

The film's shoot is currently moving forward briskly, with two major schedules already completed. The production team is said to be working on an efficient timeline, ensuring that filming continues without major delays. The cast and crew are reportedly enjoying the process, and the on-set atmosphere is described as lively, with the team confident about the film's entertainment value. The project has been written by BhanuBhogavarapu and NanduSavirigana, who also contributed to the writing of Samajavaragana. Their involvement has further raised expectations, as the earlier collaboration between the writers, director Ram Abbaraju, and Sree Vishnu re-



sulted in a well-received comedy entertainer. The film is being produced under the banner of Mythri Movie Makers, one of the leading production houses in Telugu cinema, known for backing big-budget and content-driven films. Producers Naveen Yerneni and Y. Ravi Shankar are overseeing the project. Apart from Sree Vishnu, the film also features Vennela Kishore and Sudarshan in key roles, both of whom are popular for their comic timing and supporting performances in Telugu films. Their inclusion suggests that the film will lean heavily into the comedy genre, aiming for a fun-filled theatrical experience.

While the makers have not yet



revealed the title or full cast details, they have confirmed that more updates will be shared soon. The production team is expected to continue filming in the coming months, with additional schedules planned to complete the shoot on time. Given the success of Sree Vishnu and Ram Abbaraju's previous collaboration, there is considerable anticipation surrounding this project. Fans are expecting another light-hearted entertainer packed with humor and engaging storytelling. With the shoot progressing steadily and key schedules already wrapped up, the film is shaping up to be one of the more anticipated comedy entertainers in Telugu cinema's upcoming lineup.

SS Rajamouli's Silence on 'Varanasi' Leak Sparks Buzz Among Fans

Reports surrounding SS Rajamouli's upcoming big-budget film Varanasi have once again grabbed attention after new visuals and set details from the film allegedly surfaced online, triggering widespread discussion on social media. Amid the growing chatter, fans have noticed that the filmmaker has maintained complete silence, choosing not to react publicly to the latest round of leaks.

Varanasi, starring Mahesh Babu in the lead along with Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran, has been one of the most closely guarded Indian film productions in recent times. Despite strict security measures, several behind-the-scenes images and set glimpses have repeatedly made their way online in recent months, revealing portions of massive set pieces and high-end visual effects work.



The latest leak reportedly showcases parts of a large-scale sequence being shot for the film, adding to the curiosity around its storyline and production design. Earlier leaks have already hinted at elabo-

rate cave sequences, mythological references, and extensive use of VFX-heavy environments, which have fueled speculation about the film's time-travel and myth-inspired narrative structure.

What has further intensified fan discussions is Rajamouli's noticeable silence on the matter. Known for expressing strong reactions in the past when major leaks occurred during his projects, the director has not issued any public statement this time, leading to debates about whether the production team is deliberately choosing to ignore the leaks or handling them internally.

Industry observers believe that maintaining silence could be a strategic decision to avoid amplifying the leaked content and to keep focus on official promotional material. Rajamouli, who is known for care-

fully controlling the marketing of his films, may prefer to address the situation only when the team is ready with an official update. Meanwhile, anticipation around Varanasi continues to grow, with the film already being positioned as one of the most ambitious Indian cinematic projects ever made.

The combination of a high-profile cast, large-scale international production values, and Rajamouli's track record with epics like Baahubali and RRR has kept audience expectations extremely high. As leaks continue to surface, fans remain divided between excitement over the glimpses and concern about spoilers. However, the filmmaker's silence has only added another layer of mystery around the project, keeping Varanasi firmly in the spotlight ahead of its much-awaited release.

Big Stars Reportedly Reject Cameo in 'Jailer 2'; Hrithik Roshan Now in Talks

Buzz around Rajinikanth's upcoming film Jailer 2 has intensified after reports suggested that several top Bollywood and South Indian stars have turned down a high-profile cameo role in the film, originally planned as a major surprise element.

According to industry chatter, the makers of the Nelson Dilipkumar directorial were aiming to include a powerful special appearance by a major star to elevate key moments in the sequel, similar to the impactful cameos seen in the first Jailer film. However, initial choices did not materialize due to scheduling conflicts and other commitments.

Reports indicate that some of the biggest names in Indian cinema were approached for the role, but declined the offer for various reasons, including packed shooting schedules and prior film commitments. This has reportedly led the team to explore alternative options to fill the cameo slot.

The latest speculation suggests that Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan is now being considered for the role. Discussions are said to be underway, though there has been no official confirmation from either the actor or the production team so far. If finalized, the cameo would mark a ma-

major on-screen collaboration between Hrithik Roshan and Rajinikanth, creating significant excitement among fans across industries.

Interestingly, Jailer 2 has already been in the spotlight for its rumored lineup of multiple cameo appearances, a signature element of the franchise. The original Jailer was widely praised for its surprise star moments, which contributed heavily to its box office success and audience appeal.

The sequel, directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, continues to generate strong anticipation as it builds on the universe established in the first film. With Rajinikanth reprising

his iconic role, expectations are high for a larger, more ambitious cinematic experience. While the makers have remained tight-lipped about casting updates, the ongoing speculation around rejected cameos and potential replacements has only added to the film's hype. Fans are actively debating possible combinations of stars who could appear alongside Rajinikanth in key sequences. For now, the involvement of Hrithik Roshan remains unconfirmed, but the possibility alone has amplified interest in Jailer 2, which is already one of the most awaited Indian films in production.

