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CM Revanth Reddy Extends Telangana Formation Day Greetings, Pays Tribute to Martyrs

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On the occasion of Telangana Formation Day, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy extended heartfelt greetings to the people of the state and paid rich tributes to those who sacrificed their lives during the Telangana statehood movement.

The Chief Minister said that the formation of Telangana was made possible due to the sacrifices of countless martyrs and the long-standing aspirations of the people. He recalled the spirit of the movement and paid homage to those who laid down their lives for the cause of a separate state.

He said Telangana, born out of a historic struggle, is now emerging as a role model for the country in development and welfare sectors. The Chief Minister stated that the "people's government" is committed to taking the state forward on the path of inclusive growth, social justice and economic progress.



Revanth Reddy highlighted that the government is giving priority to farmers' welfare, women's empowerment, youth employment, education, healthcare, and infrastructure development. He said several

initiatives are being implemented with a focus on ensuring that the benefits of development reach every household.

He added that the government is working with transparency and accountability, aiming to transform governance in line with public aspirations. The Chief Minister said the administration is continuously striving to ensure balanced development across all regions of the state.

On the occasion, he called upon people to celebrate Telangana Formation Day with unity and brotherhood and to actively participate in the rebuilding and progress of the state.

The Chief Minister said the spirit of Telangana should continue to inspire collective efforts towards building a stronger, more prosperous future.



CM Revanth Warns of Stir Against Maharashtra's Neglect

Komaram Bheem Asifabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

A. Revanth Reddy has intensified his push on inter-state irrigation issues, warning that Telangana may launch an agitation if Maharashtra continues to delay approvals on key water projects.

In recent remarks, the Chief Minister expressed dissatisfaction over what he described as Maharashtra's "continued neglect" in clearing pending proposals related to irrigation infrastructure, particularly those affecting Telangana's water-sharing interests. He said delays were impacting long-pending projects and urged immediate coordination between the two states to resolve the issue amicably.

According to the Chief Minister, Telangana has been consistently seeking cooperation from Maharashtra on projects linked to the Devendra Fadnis-led government, especially those concerning barrage height revisions and water utilisation plans under inter-state river agreements. He stressed that Telangana is

willing to pursue dialogue but will not hesitate to escalate the matter politically if progress is not made.

The statement comes amid Telangana's broader focus on irrigation expansion, including projects such as the Pranahita-Chevella and Tummidiatti-related proposals, which have been under discussion between the two states for several years. The Chief Minister has repeatedly argued that optimal use of available river water is critical for agricultural stability and drought-proofing Telangana. Officials indicated that renewed correspondence and talks are expected between the two states in the coming days. However, the Chief Minister's warning of agitation signals rising pressure on inter-state negotiations over water resources.

The issue is likely to gain further political momentum as irrigation remains a sensitive subject in Telangana, with competing claims over river water usage continuing to shape state-level policy debates.

Drone Ban Imposed Around Secunderabad Parade Ground Ahead of Telangana Formation Day Celebrations

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In view of the Telangana Formation Day celebrations scheduled at Parade Ground, Secunderabad, on Tuesday, the Malkajgiri Police have imposed a temporary ban on the use of drones and other remotely operated aerial devices in the area as part of heightened security arrangements for the Chief Minister's visit.

The order was issued by Malkajgiri Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Ch. Sridhar, restricting all forms of aerial activity including drones of any capacity, para-gliders, and remotely controlled micro-light aircraft.

According to the notification, the restrictions will be in force on June 2 from 12 noon to 2 pm in areas falling under Begumpet, Bowenpally, and Marredpally police station limits. The move is aimed at ensuring security and maintaining law and order during the official programme.

Officials said the precaution-

ary measure has been taken considering the presence of VVIPs, including the Chief Minister, and the expected large public gathering at the venue.

The police department has warned that any violation of the order will attract strict legal action under relevant provisions of law. The directive has also been circulated to airport authorities, security agencies, local police stations, and media organisations to ensure wider compliance and awareness.

Citizens have been urged to cooperate with the administration and avoid operating any unmanned aerial devices within the restricted zones during the specified time.

Authorities said such restrictions are routine during high-security public events and are essential to prevent potential security risks and ensure smooth conduct of official ceremonies marking Telangana Formation Day.

Chief Minister Assures Full Paddy Procurement and Calls for Centre's Support

Komaram Bheem Asifabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday assured farmers in Telangana that the state government would procure every grain of paddy produced, urging them not to worry about procurement delays or crop conditions. He said that even wet and damaged paddy would be purchased at the minimum support price and stressed that no farmer would be left unsupported.

Addressing a public meeting at Kagaznagar in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district as part of the "Praja Palana - Pragathi Plan" programme, the Chief Minister said the government remains fully committed to buying the entire produce from farmers. He asked farmers not to lose confidence and reiterated that procurement would be completed without exception.



He criticised the Union Government for its approach towards paddy procurement, stating that announcing minimum support prices alone was not sufficient unless the Centre actively participated in purchasing the grain. He alleged that Telangana was not being given the same level of priority as other states in central procurement operations and called for a fair approach.

The Chief Minister also urged Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy to take responsibility and intervene to ensure central agencies procure crops such as paddy, maize, and sunflower from Telangana. He said the Centre must act without delay in supporting farmers and strengthening procurement systems.

Highlighting irrigation and inter-state issues, he referred

to the Pranahita-Chevella project at Tummidiatti and said that discussions with the Maharashtra government over land acquisition had not yielded results. He said nearly 2,000 acres were required for the project and that repeated requests and correspondence had not received a positive response. He stressed that such issues should be resolved through cooperation between states, as recommended by the Prime Minister.

He said Telangana had already procured around 62 lakh metric tonnes of paddy this season and expected the total procurement to reach about 75 lakh metric tonnes. He also noted that maize production stood at nearly 40 lakh tonnes and demanded that central agencies step in to procure all major crops at MSP.

On housing, the Chief Minister directed officials to intensify implementation of the Indiramma Housing Scheme in

tribal and rural areas. He announced additional sanction of houses in Integrated Tribal Development Agency regions and said special drives should be conducted to ensure that every eligible family receives a pucca house.

He instructed officials to complete household surveys through gram sabhas and ensure transparent identification of beneficiaries. He said the government aimed to eliminate hut dwellings in tribal habitations within a year and reaffirmed that welfare programmes would be implemented without discrimination.

He added that the government would prioritise rural development and ensure housing for the poor even under financial constraints. Ministers, public representatives, and senior officials attended the programme.

State Readies Action Plan for Water, Monsoon and Flood Management

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday directed officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan to handle possible water stress, inter-state river issues, and monsoon-related challenges, following weather department warnings of El Nino impact and potential rainfall deficits.

Chairing a high-level review meeting at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister assessed preparedness across agriculture, irrigation, municipal administration, rural development, health, home, HYDRAA, disaster management, and fire services departments. He warned that delayed or inadequate planning during the monsoon season could create serious difficulties for farmers and urban settlements.

He instructed irrigation officials to ensure Telangana receives its rightful share of Krishna and Godavari river waters under the proportional allocation system. He cautioned that upstream states releasing water only after filling reservoirs could affect downstream availability and urged early coordination with Maharashtra and Karnataka authorities.

The Chief Minister also asked officials to explore a



structured arrangement with Maharashtra regarding the use of water from the Koyna Dam for hydroelectric generation, suggesting that Telangana could supply electricity in exchange for water usage agreements.

He highlighted that large volumes of floodwater from the Godavari river continue to flow into the sea every year and called for a long-term plan to divert and utilise surplus floodwaters from both Godavari and Pranahita systems.

Reviewing dam safety, he ordered immediate repair and maintenance of all reservoir gates on a war footing. He referred to past incidents, including issues at the Kadem project, and stressed that there should be zero negligence. Officials informed that 300 crore had already been released for maintenance, and the Chief

Minister said additional funds would be sanctioned without delay if required.

He warned that strict action would be taken against officials in case of any lapses during the monsoon season. He also directed the agriculture department to align crop planning with weather forecasts and promote low-water, climate-resilient crops through awareness campaigns in farmer training centres. He suggested using AI-based educational videos and television outreach to guide farmers. He instructed officials to ensure adequate availability of seeds and fertilizers and said the Centre would be requested to allocate the entire urea production from the Ramagundam fertilizer plant to Telangana. The Chief Minister reviewed flood relief commitments made during last year's monsoon and

sought detailed reports on pending works. He asked for disciplinary action where negligence was found and stressed timely compensation for affected families through proper FIR registration during disasters.

He also directed urban authorities to prevent waterlogging in Hyderabad and identified 141 flood-prone locations for water harvesting structures. Senior official K. Ramakrishna Rao was instructed to monitor pending works closely and ensure inter-departmental coordination.

He further directed district collectors and superintendents of police to hold regular coordination meetings and emphasized unified action among revenue, police, irrigation, electricity, municipal, and health departments to ensure effective governance during the monsoon season.

Bhatti Vikramarka Meets Congress Top Leadership in Delhi, Briefs on Jharkhand Political Situation

New Delhi, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Sunday held a series of meetings in New Delhi with senior Congress leadership, including AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and AICC General Secretary (Organisation) K.C. Venugopal, and briefed them on the latest political developments in Jharkhand.

During his meeting with AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, the Deputy Chief Minister discussed the political situation in Jharkhand ahead of the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections, where coalition dynamics are expected to play a crucial role. Acting on directions from the Congress high command, Bhatti Vikramarka had recently visited Jharkhand to assess the ground-level situation, party organisation, and evolving political equations.

He submitted a detailed report to Kharge covering the internal functioning of the Congress party in the state, feedback from local leaders, and his discussions with Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren. He also highlighted efforts being made to strengthen coordination among INDIA bloc partners and to evolve a unified strategy for the upcoming elections.

The Deputy Chief Minister



emphasised the importance of maintaining close coordination between alliance partners to ensure electoral success and political stability. Sources said Kharge appreciated the detailed inputs and stressed the need for continuous communication between the central leadership and state units.

Later, Bhatti Vikramarka also met K.C. Venugopal and submitted a comprehensive report on his Jharkhand visit. He shared observations on organisational challenges, coordination mechanisms, and preparations for upcoming political developments.

During the discussions, Venugopal is understood to have advised stronger engage-

ment with state leaders and alliance partners to ensure smooth coordination and organisational efficiency. He also reviewed steps being taken to further consolidate the INDIA bloc.

The meetings are part of a broader series of consultations by the Congress high command with senior leaders to review state-wise political strategies and strengthen organisational preparedness ahead of key electoral battles. Bhatti Vikramarka's engagements in Delhi underline the Congress party's continued focus on internal coordination, alliance management, and strengthening its position in crucial states.

Uttam Kumar Reddy Inspects Paddy Procurement Centres in Suryapet

Suryapet, June 01 | TPN Bureau

As part of efforts to sustain the momentum of the large-scale paddy procurement drive in Telangana, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday inspected paddy purchase centres at Tirumalgiri and Phanigiri in Suryapet district.

During the visit, the Minister closely reviewed the progress of procurement operations and assessed the arrangements made for farmers at the centres. He interacted with farmers, procurement staff, and local officials to understand the ground-level situation and address any operational challenges.

Uttam Kumar Reddy emphasised the need for smooth and transparent procurement processes, ensuring that farmers do not face inconvenience while selling their produce. He directed officials to expedite the lifting of procured paddy from the centres to prevent stockpiling and avoid delays that could disrupt ongoing procurement activities.

The Minister also reviewed the availability of basic facilities at the procurement centres, including weighing systems, storage arrangements, and transportation logistics. He instructed officials to ensure that all necessary infrastructure is in place to support uninterrupted operations during the procurement season.

Farmers who interacted with the Minister raised concerns related to delays in transportation and occasional logistical bottlenecks. Responding to their concerns, Uttam Kumar Reddy assured them that the government is committed to resolving issues promptly and safeguarding farmers' interests. He reiterated that timely procurement and payments remain a top priority for the state government.

Highlighting the importance of efficient coordination, the Minister called upon officials from the Civil Supplies and allied departments to work in close coordination to streamline procurement and transportation processes. He stressed that effective planning and monitoring are essential to maintain the pace of procurement across the state.

Thungathurthi MLA Mandula Samuel, along with local public representatives, accompanied the Minister during the inspection. They also interacted with farmers and reviewed the functioning of the procurement centres.

The visit is part of the state government's ongoing monitoring mechanism to ensure that the paddy procurement drive progresses without disruption. With Telangana witnessing significant paddy production, the government is focusing on strengthening procurement infrastructure and logistics to support farmers and maintain efficiency in the system.

Officials present during the inspection assured the Minister that necessary steps are being taken to address the issues raised and further improve the procurement process.



Centre Steps In to Speed Up Urea Supply to Telangana for Kharif

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has intensified its efforts to ensure uninterrupted fertiliser supply for the upcoming Kharif 2026 season, with the Centre stepping in to expedite urea transportation and allocation following requests from State Agriculture Minister Tummalala Nageswara Rao.

The Minister had recently written to Union Ministers for Chemicals and Fertilisers and Ports, Shipping and Waterways, seeking enhanced urea allocation and faster movement of stocks lying at ports. Responding promptly, the Centre has initiated measures to ensure smooth supply and logistics.

Tummalala Nageswara Rao said the Centre has assured full support in meeting Telangana's fertiliser requirements. With the cultivated area expected to increase during the Kharif season, the state has sought to raise its monthly urea allocation from 10 lakh metric tonnes to 11.5 lakh metric tonnes. The Minister also requested a special allocation of 2 lakh metric tonnes from Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited.

While the Centre clarified that exclusive allocation from a single plant is not feasible under the national pooling system, it assured that Telangana's requirements would be met through a combination of domestic production and imports without disruption.

On the logistics front, the Union Ministry of Ports has issued urgent directions to port authorities to prioritise urea shipments meant for Telangana. Stocks that had reached

ports but were facing delays in evacuation are now being transported on a priority basis. Authorities confirmed that urea allocated to Telangana at key ports has been cleared and dispatched.

The state government has also taken additional steps to strengthen coordination. Special officers will be deployed at major ports to monitor loading, unloading, rake allocation, and transportation. These officials will coordinate directly with port authorities, fertiliser companies, and the Railways to prevent delays.

According to the Minister, 10,000 metric tonnes of urea have been dispatched from Gangavaram Port, while 21,000 metric tonnes have been moved from Jaigad Port in Maharashtra. Further shipments are being expedited to ensure timely availability.

To streamline coordination with the Centre, the Managing Director of TG Agros has been designated as a nodal officer to oversee urea allocation, imports, and supply chain management.

At the ground level, officials have been instructed to conduct daily reviews on fertiliser stocks, distribution, and supply. The government has also upgraded its fertiliser booking app and enabled access through Mee Seva centres and a toll-free number to assist farmers facing difficulties.

Reiterating the government's commitment, Tummalala Nageswara Rao assured that all necessary steps are being taken to ensure farmers receive fertilisers on time and without inconvenience during the crucial agricultural season.

Chief Minister Announces Police Medals on Telangana Formation Day

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Ahead of the Telangana Formation Day celebrations on Tuesday, the state government has announced the list of Chief Minister's Police Medal awardees recognising distinguished service and acts of gallantry by police personnel across the state.

TS Genco vigilance and security chief Pratap has been selected for the Chief Minister's Police Medal for his notable service in the department. The announcement highlights recognition for officers serving in both operational and specialised wings of the police system.

In the gallantry category, Bhadradi Kothagudem reserve inspector Ravi and Cherala station house officer Raju



have been honoured for their courage in the line of duty. Intelligence constable Sampath, along with seven other personnel from the elite anti-Maoist Greyhounds unit, have also been awarded gallantry medals for their role in anti-insurgency operations.

In addition, the government has announced a wide range of service honours. Sixteen personnel will receive the Mahanatha Seva Medal for exceptional contribution to public service. This is followed by 94 Uttam Seva Medals, 50 Harsh Seva Medals, and 461 Seva Medals awarded to personnel across various ranks and departments.

Officials indicated that the full and official list of awardees will be formally released during the award ceremony scheduled as part of the Formation Day celebrations. The honours are part of the state's annual recognition programme aimed at boosting morale and acknowledging dedication within the police force.



Congress Must Take Party Ideology to Grassroots Level Says PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud on Sunday called upon party leaders and workers to take the ideology and welfare agenda of the Congress party to the grassroots level across the state.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the TPCC SC Cell State Executive Committee meeting held at Plaza Hotel in Hyderabad. The meeting was chaired by TPCC SC Cell Chairman and Manakondur MLA Dr. Kavampalli Satyanarayana and witnessed the participation of nearly 100 state executive members, district leaders, and party workers from across Telangana.

Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Kumar Goud said that Congress party principles, policies, and welfare programmes should be effectively communicated to people in villages to strengthen public trust in the party. He urged leaders to work at the field level to attract the Dalit community towards the Congress and ensure wider awareness of government welfare schemes.

He further stated that strengthening organisational presence at the grassroots level is essential for consolidating the party's position in the state

and ensuring effective outreach of its programmes.

Speaking on the occasion, TPCC SC Cell Chairman Dr. Kavampalli Satyanarayana announced that the cell will soon launch a large-scale membership drive across Telangana. He said the membership registration process will be fully digitised through a dedicated mobile application, which will help in streamlining data management, organisational structure, and programme implementation.

He added that the goal is to develop the Telangana SC Cell into a model structure in the country by building a strong organisational network from the village level to the state level. He emphasised that the focus will remain on the empowerment of the Dalit community through continuous political and social engagement.

The meeting also discussed organisational restructuring, membership expansion, Dalit empowerment initiatives, promotion of government welfare schemes, resolution of public issues, and future action plans. Leaders collectively resolved to work in coordination to further strengthen the Congress party across Telangana.

The meeting concluded with a call for unity and renewed commitment to party strengthening efforts.

Husnabad Municipality Wins Best Environmental Performance Award

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar on Sunday expressed happiness over Husnabad Municipality receiving the "Best Environmental Performance Award" from the Telangana Pollution Control Board (TG-PCB) on the occasion of World Environment Day 2026.

Describing it as a proud moment for the people of Husnabad, the Minister said that only two municipalities in the state Husnabad and Suryapet have been selected for this prestigious recognition, highlighting their outstanding efforts in environmental management.

He stated that the award reflects the collective efforts of municipal officials, public representatives, sanitation workers, voluntary organisations, and citizens in implementing effective measures in waste management, sanitation, green development,



and environmental protection. "The recognition at the state level is a testament to the commitment shown by all stakeholders in maintaining cleanliness and promoting sustainable practices in Husnabad," Ponnampalapati Prabhakar said. The award will be formally presented on June 5, 2026, at the Telangana Pollution Control Board office in Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad, as part of the World Environment Day celebrations. The Minister noted that special emphasis has been laid on environmental conservation as part of the development of the Husnabad constituency. He said that

initiatives undertaken in the region have not only improved sanitation standards but also contributed to ecological sustainability.

Congratulating the municipal chairman, councillors, commissioner, staff, sanitation workers, and the residents of Husnabad, he lauded their dedication and teamwork in achieving this milestone. Ponnampalapati Prabhakar also called upon all stakeholders to continue their efforts in maintaining Husnabad as a model municipality in cleanliness and environmental protection. He urged citizens to actively participate in future initiatives to sustain and enhance environmental standards. The Minister expressed confidence that Husnabad would continue to set benchmarks in urban environmental management and serve as an inspiration for other municipalities across Telangana.

Kavitha Alleges Andhra Interference, Calls for Stronger Protection of Telangana Rights

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Sunday alleged that renewed attempts of "Andhra dominance" were being made in Telangana politics and warned that any such efforts would be firmly resisted.

Speaking at the valedictory session of the "Telangana Agitators' Aspirations - Sadhana Round Table Meeting" held in Hyderabad, Kavitha made strong remarks against political parties and leaders from Andhra Pradesh, stating that Telangana's interests would not be compromised under any circumstances.

She alleged that certain Andhra-based parties were attempting to assert influence in the state and criticised the proposal of public meetings by

leaders such as Pawan Kalyan. She said Telangana would strongly oppose any political activity aimed at interfering in the state's internal matters.

"Telangana will not tolerate any attempt to dominate or undermine its interests. We will defeat such political forces," Kavitha said, asserting that the movement for Telangana rights remains strong.

She also questioned the allocation of 80,000 acres of land for capital development in Andhra Pradesh, claiming that such decisions were impacting farmers and local communities. Kavitha said Telangana would continue to stand in support of people's rights across regions.

Referring to past inter-state disputes, she said Telangana had consistently raised concerns over water sharing and

employee allocations. She alleged that regional parties had not treated Telangana fairly in matters of resource distribution.

Kavitha also reiterated that Telangana has no issue with people from Andhra Pradesh living in the state, but objected to what she termed "political interference" by Andhra-based leadership.

Highlighting Telangana's history, she recalled the sacrifices made during the Telangana movement, including the 1969 agitation and the 2009-2014 phase, and called on the youth to remain aware of the state's struggle.

She said the Telangana movement was built on the sacrifices of students and youth and urged the younger generation to understand the historical context of state formation.

The BRS leader also called for greater recognition and welfare measures for Telangana movement participants and martyrs' families. She demanded that promises made to agitators be implemented without delay and criticised what she described as delays in fulfilling commitments.

Kavitha announced that her party would continue to press for the implementation of pending assurances and warned of intensified protests if demands were not met. She urged the government to make a clear announcement on the issue of "Telangana agitators' welfare."

She concluded by reaffirming her commitment to fight for Telangana's rights and said she would continue to work for the interests of the state with the support of the people.



BRS Demands Road Repairs Before Monsoon



Quthbullapur, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Senior leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) have demanded immediate repair of damaged roads in the Jeedimetla area before the onset of the monsoon season. A representation was submitted by BRS senior leader V. Narendra Reddy to Jeedimetla Circle-24 Deputy Commissioner Shankar Singh on Monday.

In the memorandum, Narendra Reddy highlighted that several roads in the 132nd Division under Jeedimetla have been severely damaged and are filled with potholes, causing inconvenience to the public. Areas such as Shivaji Circle-Raghavendra Colony Road, Godavari Homes surroundings, Gayatri Nagar, Durga Estate, and Jeedimetla village were specifically mentioned as being in poor condition.

He stated that motorists, stu-

dents, women, and elderly residents are facing significant difficulties due to the deteriorated roads. With the monsoon approaching, there is a risk of water accumulation in potholes, which could lead to accidents and further inconvenience to the public.

The BRS leader urged authorities to take up immediate patchwork to address the issue and ensure public safety. He also requested that permanent solutions such as the construction of cement concrete (CC) or bitumen (BT) roads be undertaken to prevent recurring problems.

Responding positively, Deputy Commissioner Shankar Singh assured that patchwork works would commence from June 3. BRS leaders Hari Prasad, Kumar, Peddi Mallesh, Murali Goud, Ramachandra Reddy, Ramana Rao, and others were present during the submission of the representation.

CM Revanth Reddy's Visit to Mahabubnagar Region to Mark Key Push for Irrigation Projects Says Minister Vakiti Srihari

Makthal, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Youth Services and Sports Vakiti Srihari on Sunday said that the Congress government is committed to transforming Narayanpet district from a migration-prone region into a developed district through large-scale irrigation and infrastructure projects.

Addressing a press conference in Makthal along with District Collector C.H. Priyanka and SP G. Vineeth, the Minister said that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's upcoming visit to the combined Mahabubnagar district marks a "historic step" towards accelerating development works in the region.

He informed that the Chief Minister, along with Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and officials from Karnataka, will conduct an aerial survey and review key irrigation projects on June 4 and 5.

Srihari highlighted the proposed Makthal-Narayanpet-Kodangal lift irrigation scheme, estimated at Rs. 5,000 crore, which aims to address long-standing drinking and irrigation water needs in the region. The project is designed to draw around 7.1 TMC of water from Bhutpur to Kodangal, benefiting both agriculture and drinking water supply.

He said that rehabilitation measures worth Rs. 100 crore will be taken up for villages affected by the project, including Anugonda, Ankenapally and Dadanpally, with modern resettlement facilities planned for displaced families. He also noted that pending works of the Sangamanda project were completed by the Congress government, ensuring water supply to farmers.

The Minister further said that border barrage projects are being planned in coordination with Karnataka, with agreements in principle already reached between both

state governments. The proposed structures include barrages on the Bheema and Krishna rivers, along with a barrage-cum-bridge at Kolkur-Korthikonda with a storage capacity of 1.8 TMC.

He added that a lift irrigation scheme at Jangamreddypally in Narva mandal has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 175 crore, which will provide irrigation facilities to around 7,500 acres across 13 villages.

Outlining the Chief Minister's itinerary, Srihari said the tour will begin from Begumpet Airport on June 4, followed by aerial inspections of Koilsagar, Jangamreddypally, Jurala, and Nadi Gadda regions, with

Public Anger Rising Against Talasani, Says Marri Shashidhar Reddy



Secunderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

BJP leaders led by former minister Marri Shashidhar Reddy on Sunday met Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) Managing Director Ashok Reddy at the Jal Board headquarters in Khairatabad, seeking immediate action to address drinking water shortage and sewage problems in Sanath Nagar constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Marri Shashidhar Reddy said residents in areas such as Sanath Nagar, BK Guda, SR Nagar, Ameerpet, New Boiguda, New Bholakpur, and Bansilalpet are facing severe drinking water scarcity. He alleged that in several colonies, sewage water is overflowing onto roads, causing inconvenience and health concerns for the public.

He criticised local MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav, stating that the issues of the constituency are being neglected. According to him, the MLA has failed to resolve basic civic problems, leading to growing dissatisfaction among residents.

Shashidhar Reddy claimed that public resentment against Talasani is increasing day by

day and remarked that the days are not far when people will politically send him home. He said the lack of response to essential civic issues has eroded public trust.

The BJP leader urged the Jal Board officials to take immediate steps to resolve the water and sewage issues and provide a permanent solution to the problems faced by the residents.

He emphasised that ensuring access to clean drinking water and proper drainage systems is a fundamental responsibility of the authorities and should be addressed without delay.

Dayakar Hails Telangana Govt's Push for Job Creation

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

TPCC General Secretary Chana-gani Dayakar on Sunday welcomed the Telangana government's continued focus on employment generation, stating that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's administration is committed to providing jobs to unemployed youth in the state.

Marking the Telangana State Formation Day, Dayakar said the government's efforts to create employment opportunities for youth reflect its commitment to inclusive governance and development. He noted that the recruitment drive undertaken by the government demonstrates that job creation is achievable under transparent and people-centric administration.

"Under the present government, we have been able to prove that large-scale recruitment is possible. Filling 60,000 jobs within a year is a significant achievement," Dayakar said, highlighting the administration's proactive approach.

He also welcomed the recent announcement by the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGP-SC) regarding job notifications, calling it a positive step towards fulfilling the aspirations of unemployed youth across the state.

Criticising the opposition, Dayakar said that attempts by the BRS party to spread misinformation among the youth have been firmly rejected. He asserted that young people in Telangana have recognised the government's genuine efforts and are responding positively.

Dayakar further stated that unemployed youth should express their gratitude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for prioritising their future. He called upon them to extend a grand welcome to the Chief Minister in recognition of the government's initiatives in education, employment, and job creation.

Emphasising the broader vision of the government, he said that the Chief Minister is working with a clear focus on strengthening the education system, enhancing employability, and creating sustainable job opportunities for the youth.

The TPCC leader reiterated that the government remains dedicated to addressing unemployment and ensuring that the benefits of governance reach every section of society, particularly young job seekers striving for a better future. He expressed confidence that Telangana would continue to witness progressive reforms in employment and education sectors under the current leadership.

Tirupati Cyclist Completes 680 KM "Shakti Sankalpa Yatra" Reaches Union Minister Bandi Sanjay's Residence

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

A 46-year-old nationalist from Tirupati, Peru Venkateswarlu, has completed a 680-kilometre cycle journey from Tirupati to Hyderabad as part of what he called a "Shakti Sankalpa Yatra", aimed at expressing solidarity with Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar.

Venkateswarlu reached Hyderabad after cycling through multiple towns in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, including Kadapa, Nandyal, Kur-nool, Alampur, Gadwal, Jacherla, Shadnagar and Shamshabad. Covering an average of nearly 85 km per day, he concluded his journey at the residence of Bandi Sanjay in Banjara Hills.

According to him, the journey was undertaken to "protect nationalist leaders from political conspiracies" and to pray for the well-being and mental peace of Bandi Sanjay. He said the Yatra was originally planned up to Karimnagar but was redirected to Hyderabad after learning that the Union Minister was in the city.

On reaching Hyderabad, Venkateswarlu was received by Bandi Sanjay's supporters,



who informed the minister about his arrival. The Union Minister later welcomed him at his residence, interacted with him about the journey, and appreciated his efforts.

Bandi Sanjay Kumar lauded the cyclist's dedication, describing the journey as "commendable", and noted that it reflected strong personal commitment. He also offered hospitality to Venkateswarlu and felicitated him with a shawl.

Speaking on the occasion, Venkateswarlu said he was inspired by Bandi Sanjay's "nationalist ideology and public life". He alleged that the leader had been subjected to "negative campaigns" and expressed concern over it. He further stated that he undertook the cycle yatra after feeling that leaders like Bandi Sanjay were essential for the country.

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BRS, Congress Turn Telangana into Debt-Ridden State Says Former MLA N.V.S.S. Prabhakar

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Senior BJP leader and former MLA N.V.S.S. Prabhakar on Sunday launched a sharp attack on both the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and the Congress government, alleging that successive administrations have pushed Telangana into a debt-ridden state through corruption and administrative failures.

Addressing the media in Hyderabad, Prabhakar said that both parties were "two sides of the same coin" when it comes to corruption, and accused them of continuing irregularities in key sectors such as irrigation, power, municipal administration and civil supplies.

He alleged that the state government's negligence in paddy procurement has allowed middlemen and traders to exploit farmers, while agricultural produce remains stranded in procurement centres without being purchased in time. He warned that unseasonal rains are further worsening the crisis, but claimed the government has failed to respond effectively.

Prabhakar strongly criticised the power sector, stating that Telangana's distribution companies (DISCOMs) are burdened with losses exceeding Rs. 69,000 crore. He



said the lack of proper accounting in domestic, agricultural and industrial power consumption reflects administrative failure. He also accused both the previous BRS regime and the current Congress government of misusing Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and appointing retired officials as advisers, leading to wastage of public funds.

He said repeated allegations and counter-allegations between political parties were only delaying structural reforms in the power sector, while no government had shown genuine commitment to fixing systemic issues.

The BJP leader also attacked the Congress government's flagship welfare initiatives, particularly fee reimbursement and free electricity schemes, claiming that they are being weakened in implementation. He alleged that students are suffering due to delays in fee reimbursement, leading to withheld certificates and disruptions in academic progress.

Describing the present governance model as "Indirama Rajyam", Prabhakar said the promises made to students and farmers were being undermined on the ground. He claimed that Telangana,

which was a financially strong state at the time of its formation, has now been turned into a heavily indebted state due to misgovernance.

He further alleged that while ministers' personal wealth has increased, state assets have declined, indicating large-scale corruption and financial mismanagement.

Prabhakar said the BJP would launch a structured movement in the coming days to expose the failures of both BRS and Congress governments and would stand firmly with farmers and students across the state.

BJP Aims to Strengthen Organisation Nationwide, Targets Telangana Power Return Says Ramachander Rao

New Delhi, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Telangana State President N. Ramachander Rao on Sunday said the party is focusing on strengthening its organisational structure across the country and has set its sights on forming governments in Telangana and Karnataka in the coming years.

Speaking to the media in New Delhi after attending a key meeting of BJP national office bearers and state presidents, Ramachander Rao said the meeting was chaired by the newly appointed BJP national president Nitin Nabin. He said the discussions focused on organisational strengthening, electoral strategies in upcoming states, and expanding the party's footprint in southern India. He said the BJP has already achieved strong electoral results in states like Odisha, Assam and West Bengal, and the party is now working to further expand its influence in southern states, including Telangana.

According to him, the central leadership has identified Telangana as a priority state due to its organisational strength and political

significance.

Ramachander Rao said the meeting provided clear direction for future political and organisational activities and expressed confidence that the party would emerge stronger in upcoming elections.

He also said that on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day on June 2, the BJP will organise a special event in Delhi with Telangana residents. BJP national president Nitin Nabin is expected to attend the programme, along with intellectuals, students and legal experts associated with Telangana's statehood movement.

Responding to criticism by the Telangana government over paddy procurement, Ramachander Rao rejected allegations made by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Congress leaders against the Centre. He clarified that the central government does not directly procure paddy, but reimburses state governments for procurement made under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system. He alleged that the present crisis faced by farmers in Telangana was due to delays and poor planning by the state government. He pointed out that procurement centres

were opened nearly a month late, leading to harvested grain being left exposed, damaged by unseasonal rains, and creating distress among farmers.

He further said that the state government failed to send timely procurement estimates (indents) to the Centre and lacked coordination in assessing crop output and market arrivals. He accused the government of shifting blame onto the Centre instead of addressing administrative lapses.

Ramachander Rao also dismissed allegations linking BJP leaders to recent posters and flex banners targeting Malkajgiri MP Etela Rajender, stating that the party had no involvement. He said a complaint had already been filed with the police and demanded a thorough investigation using CCTV evidence to identify those responsible. He asserted that BJP's popularity in Telangana is rising following recent public programmes and accused rival parties of attempting to create false narratives about internal divisions within the party. He demanded strict action against those spreading misinformation and reiterated that BJP leaders stand united.



Helmet Awareness Drive Launched in Secunderabad

Secunderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

In a bid to reduce fatalities and severe head injuries caused by road accidents, a unique awareness initiative promoting helmet usage was launched in Secunderabad. A giant helmet installation carrying the message "Helmet On, Worries Gone" was unveiled by Medicover Hospitals in association with the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation.

The installation, set up near Medicover Hospitals, aims to serve as a constant reminder to citizens about the importance of road safety and the life-saving role of helmets. Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy, IAS, and Malkajgiri Police Commissioner B. Sumathi, IPS, attended the event as chief guests and formally unveiled the structure.

Addressing the gathering, the officials stressed that wearing a good quality helmet is essential for two-wheeler riders and can significantly reduce deaths caused by head injuries in accidents. They emphasized that following traffic rules and wearing helmets is not just a

legal requirement but also a social responsibility of every citizen.

Doctors from Medicover Hospitals highlighted that a majority of accident victims admitted to emergency wards suffer from serious head injuries. They noted that wearing a helmet greatly increases the chances of survival and helps in preserving quality of life. They also cautioned that even if lives are saved after brain injuries, victims may suffer from memory loss, permanent disability, or coma in severe cases.

Organisers stated that the giant helmet installation in a prominent city location will remind thousands of commuters daily that wearing a helmet is essential, regardless of the distance travelled.

The programme was conducted as part of the "Aware & Alive" campaign under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives jointly undertaken by Medicover Hospitals and the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation. The initiative aims to promote responsible driving habits, road safety awareness, and preparedness during emergencies.



Padma Rao Goud Urges Success of BRS Meeting

Secunderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

MLA and former Deputy Speaker T. Padma Rao Goud has called upon party leaders and cadre to work collectively to ensure the success of the BRS party's extended-level meeting scheduled to be held on June 3 in Secunderabad constituency.

He reviewed the arrangements for the meeting during a preparatory session held at Sitaphalmandi on Monday. Addressing party leaders, Padma Rao Goud emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts to make the event a grand success.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the democratic system would be further strengthened if the voter list revision process is implemented effectively and transparently. He stressed the need for party workers to actively participate in ensuring that eligible voters

are properly enrolled and the process is carried out without discrepancies.

Padma Rao Goud informed that BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) will attend the representatives' meeting in Sitaphalmandi as the chief guest. He added that former ministers Talasani Srinivas Yadav and Mahmood Ali, along with MLAs Muta Gopal and Kaleru Venkatesh, and several other leaders, are also expected to participate in the programme.

He urged party activists to attend the meeting in large numbers and contribute to its success. The meeting is expected to discuss key organisational matters and strategies related to strengthening the party at the grassroots level.

BRS youth leader Rameshwar Goud, coordinator Raja Sunder, leader Rajender, and others were present at the preparatory meeting.

Congress Targets Centre, State on Key Issues

VIJAYAWADA, June 1 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Vice President (Administration) Kolanukonda Shivaji on Monday criticized both the Central and State governments on a range of issues, including the South Coastal Railway Zone, DSC recruitment controversy, farmers' concerns, and educational policies. Addressing a press conference at Andhra Ratna Bhavan in Vijayawada, Shivaji condemned the vandalism of the statue of former Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara

Reddy in Nandyal district and demanded strict action against those responsible. He claimed that the newly inaugurated South Coastal Railway Zone at Visakhapatnam was a result of provisions included in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, enacted during the Congress-led UPA government, and accused the present governments of taking undue credit for the project. Shivaji also alleged that criticism of the DSC recruitment process was being used as a diversion from issues involving YSRCP leaders.

Bollywood Actresses Unveil Mumbai Rising Star Awards Poster

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

The Film and Television Promotion Council of India (FTPC India) has announced that the prestigious "Mumbai Rising Star Awards - 2026" will be held in Mumbai this July, with the aim of encouraging emerging actors and technical professionals in the film industry.

The announcement was made by FTPC India President Chaitanya Janga and General Secretary Vijay Varma Pakalapati during a poster launch event held in Hyderabad. The event was attended by Country Club Chairman and Managing Director Rajeev Reddy, noted director Veerabhadra Chowdary, and Bollywood actresses Pratima Maurya, Sejal, Sneha Agarwal, and Sharabari Das, who officially unveiled the poster.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajeev Reddy stated that the Mumbai Country Club Hall would be sponsored for the event. He also assured full support as the hospitality partner, emphasizing the importance of encouraging fresh talent in the film industry.

Chaitanya Janga said the organization has been actively conducting programmes at national and international levels



to promote the growth of the film industry. He noted that the "Mumbai Rising Star Awards" would recognize and honour emerging actors and technicians who are striving to establish themselves. Such recognition, he added, would boost their confidence and motivate them to reach greater heights in their careers. Vijay Varma Pakalapati highlighted that the initiative is not limited to a single state, but aims to identify talent from all 29 states across India. He said the event is being designed to attract the attention of leading production houses, thereby opening up

new opportunities for young artists. He extended a special invitation to aspiring actors and technicians from the Telugu states to participate in the event. Director Veerabhadra Chowdary, known for films like Ragada and Poola Rangadu, appreciated FTPC India's efforts, stating that such initiatives provide encouragement and strength to budding artists and technicians.

Fitness guru Anuprasad, IT Wing Chairman Kode Chaitanya, executive members, film personalities, and media representatives were also present at the event.

Suryachandra Award for Social Service

Quthbullapur, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Social workers who have rendered outstanding service to society were honoured with the "Suryachandra Award - 2026" and special recognitions at a programme held in Kukatapally on Monday. The event took place at the Bharat Vikas Parishad office and was attended by President Mohan Chandra, Secretary Anil Kumar, Challa Rajasekhar Reddy, Krishnamacharyulu, Jayanth Reddy, and others.

On the occasion, RR Rajender Pillai of Suraram Colony and Kola Ravinder Mudiraj, who has been actively involved in social and environmental service, were felicitated and presented with awards for their contributions.

Ravinder Mudiraj was recognised for his dedicated efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, where he played a key role in creating awareness and distributing essential supplies to people in need. He has also been consistently organising awareness programmes on environmental protection, visiting schools to educate students on learning swimming, pro-



moting the construction of soak pits at homes, and encouraging the planting of at least two saplings in front of every house.

He has been actively discouraging the use of plastic covers and promoting the use of cloth bags. Setting an example, he avoids using plastic plates and carries a steel plate while attending functions. His initiatives reflect a strong commitment to environmental sustainability.

Apart from environmental efforts, he also assists people

during traffic congestion and removes hazardous waste such as banana peels from roads, demonstrating a sense of civic responsibility.

Speaking after receiving the award, Ravinder Mudiraj said, "This recognition has increased my responsibility. I will continue to serve society with even greater dedication and enthusiasm."

He expressed happiness that his father, retired headmaster Eswaraiah (86), was present at the event, making the occasion more special for him.

Former Corporator Dr Samala Hema Inspects Development Works

Secunderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Former corporator Dr Samala Hema inspected ongoing development works in Annanagar area on Monday and issued directions to officials to ensure timely and quality execution.

During her visit, she reviewed desilting works of drainage canals being carried out as a precautionary measure ahead of the monsoon season. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Hema said the cleaning of drains is being undertaken to prevent inconvenience to residents during heavy rains. She noted that removing accumulated silt and garbage from drains would help smooth flow of rainwater and reduce the chances of water entering residential areas.

She emphasized the need to improve sanitation across all localities and strengthen the drainage system to avoid waterlogging problems. Later, she inspected the ongoing construction of cement concrete (CC) roads in Upper Basti and Brahman Basti areas. She said the completion of CC roads would provide relief to residents from mud and pothole issues, especially during the



rainy season.

Dr Hema directed officials to adhere strictly to quality standards and complete the works without any compromise. She also reviewed water pipeline works being taken up in the area and said the project aims to improve drinking water supply to residents. While acknowledging that the works may cause temporary inconvenience, she stated that they would bring long-term benefits. She reiterated that development activities are being carried out keeping public needs

in mind and that providing better infrastructure remains the primary goal. She said the progress of works is being monitored regularly to ensure completion within the stipulated timeframe.

Later, she interacted with local residents and enquired about their issues, urging them to bring any concerns to her notice. Jal Board Manager Kushal, Work Inspector Srikanth, BRS leaders Lakshmi and Gagana, along with others, were present during the inspection.



Awareness Rally for Plastic-Free Kompally

Quthbullapur, June 01 | TPN Bureau

A special awareness rally was organised in Kompally Circle on Monday to promote the ban on single-use plastics and encourage environmentally responsible practices among the public. The rally was conducted under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner D. Lavanya.

Officials, sanitation workers, municipal staff, and local residents actively participated in the rally, spreading awareness about the harmful effects of plastic usage on the environment and public health. Participants carried messages urging people to avoid single-use plastic and adopt sustainable alternatives.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner D. Lavanya stated that the use, storage, sale, and distribution of single-use plastic items have been prohibited in view of environmental protection and

public health concerns. She urged citizens not to use banned items such as plastic carry bags, cups, plates, glasses, and straws.

She appealed to the public to switch to eco-friendly alternatives like cloth bags, jute bags, and paper bags. The Deputy Commissioner warned that storing or selling banned plastic items is a punishable offence under the law. She added that strict action, including fines and legal measures, would be taken against those violating the rules.

Calling for collective responsibility, she emphasized that every citizen should contribute towards achieving the goal of a "Plastic-Free Kompally" and a cleaner environment.

D. Tirupathi (DEE-SWM), Deputy Commissioner (AEE-SWM), sanitary supervisor Potharedy, municipal staff, public representatives, and others participated in the programme.



Celebrate Telangana Formation Day Grandly, Says Talasani

Secunderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and Sanath Nagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav has called for grand celebrations of Telangana State Formation Day across the constituency on June 2.

He made the appeal during a meeting with key leaders of the Sanath Nagar constituency held at his camp office in West Maredpally on Monday. Addressing party leaders and cadre, Talasani Srinivas Yadav urged them to hoist the national flag in all divisions and organise the celebrations in a festive manner.

He said that after the flag hoisting programmes in the morning, party leaders and workers should attend the main event scheduled at 10:00 AM at Satyam Theatre Circle in Ameerpet. The programme will be conducted under the leadership of former corporator Naman Sheshu Kumari.

Talasani Srinivas Yadav also announced that Telangana

movement activists would be felicitated on the occasion in recognition of their contributions to the statehood struggle. He emphasized the importance of remembering the sacrifices made during the Telangana movement and celebrating the formation day with pride and unity.

Former corporator Naman Sheshu Kumari, division BRS party presidents Kolan Bal Reddy, Attili Srinivas Goud, Gurram Pawan Kumar Goud, Akula Harikrishna, Srinivas Goud, and several other leaders including Srihari, Nagulu, Narendra, Kishore, Esuri Mahesh, Ashok Yadav, Suresh Goud, Kondapuram Mahesh Yadav, Praveen Reddy, Karunakar Reddy, Lakshmi, Koteswar Goud, Ambulance Suresh, Kothuru Narasimha, Areef, Venkataramana, Srikanth Reddy, Prem, Katta Balaram, Anjaneyulu, Gopilal Chauhan, and Gulab Singh were present at the meeting.

Lokesh Meets Maharashtra CM Fadnavis in Mumbai

Mumbai, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Education and IT Nara Lokesh met Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai on Monday and discussed key aspects of governance, investments, and policy initiatives. During the meeting, Devendra Fadnavis extended a warm welcome to Nara Lokesh. The Andhra Pradesh Minister honored the Chief Minister with a Mangalagiri handloom shawl and presented an idol of Lord Venkateswara. In return, Devendra Fadnavis presented Nara

Lokesh with an idol of Lord Ganesha. Nara Lokesh briefed the Maharashtra Chief Minister on the investments being attracted to Andhra Pradesh and highlighted the state's "Speed of Doing Business" initiatives. He also explained the reforms undertaken in the education sector and policies introduced for skill development. The Minister further sought insights into best practices being implemented in Maharashtra's IT and education sectors, aiming to adopt effective models for Andhra Pradesh's growth and development.

Education Key to Achieving Greater Heights Says MLA Sriganesh



Cantonment, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh said that education is the only path to reaching greater heights in life and encouraged students to continue striving for excellence. At a felicitation programme held at Mudford School on Monday under the aegis of Sri Ganesh Foundation, 45 meritorious students from government schools and junior colleges in the constituency were honoured with merit scholarships and appreciation certificates. Addressing the gathering, the MLA praised the students for achieving outstanding results despite studying in government institutions. He said their success is a matter of pride for the constituency and urged them to scale greater heights in the fu-

ture, bringing recognition to their parents, teachers, and the Cantonment area.

He assured students of his continued support in their educational journey. Highlighting the efforts of the Congress government, he said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is giving top priority to education and cited the establishment of a Skill University as part of this vision. He stressed that no poor student should discontinue education due to financial constraints and promised to help deserving students secure admissions in good colleges.

Deputy EO Vishnu Vardhan, Coordinator Shetrack, government school teachers, college lecturers, parents, students, and Congress party leaders and workers from the constituency attended the programme.

Karimnagar Mayor Kolagani Srinivas Invited to Attend All India Council of Mayors Meeting in Uttarakhand

Karimnagar, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Karimnagar Mayor Kolagani Srinivas has been invited to attend the 117th All India Council of Mayors meeting to be held in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, on June 3 and 4.

The invitation has been extended by the Rishikesh Municipal Corporation, which formally sent the invitation letter to Mayor Kolagani Srinivas on Monday. He will be participating in the national-level meeting as a guest of honour.

The two-day conference will be organised under the chairmanship of All India Council of Mayors President Renu Bala Gupta. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami will attend the event as the chief guest. Several Union ministers, Members of Parliament from the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, along with senior officials, are also expected to participate.

According to the organisers, the event is being co-ordinated by AICM Secretary Manoj Gupta and co-hosted by Rishikesh Municipal Corporation Mayor Ranajay Panwar, who extended the invitation to the Karimnagar Mayor.



Mayor Kolagani Srinivas will attend the meeting following the invitation from the Rishikesh civic body and is expected to join discussions along with mayors from various states across the country.

The All India Council of Mayors meeting will focus on key issues related to urban governance, including urban development, municipal administration, improvement of public service delivery, and Smart City initiatives.

BC Gurukul Students Excel in JEE Advanced and IIT Admissions Says Minister Ponnam Prabhakar

Hyderabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Students of the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Telangana BC Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (MJPTBCWREIS) have once again demonstrated outstanding academic performance, Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said on Sunday.

According to a press note issued by the society, 25 students have secured admission eligibility into IIT colleges, while five students have achieved ranks in the JEE Main 2026 results, bringing pride to the institution.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar congratulated the students for their achievement and said that their success at the national-level engineering entrance examinations reflects their hard work as well as the dedication of their teachers. He noted that structured coaching and focused training for competitive examinations played a key role in these results.

He also highlighted that students from BC Gurukuls have consistently performed well in both Class 10 and Intermediate examinations, securing high marks and gaining admission into reputed

higher education institutions across the country.

The Minister said that the BC Gurukul system is committed to providing quality education to students from rural and backward communities, ensuring equal opportunities in higher education and competitive examinations. He expressed happiness that students from these institutions are excelling at the national level.

Ponnam Prabhakar further stated that the government is implementing special initiatives to ensure that more students from BC Gurukuls gain admission into premier institutions such as IITs, IIMs, and other top universities in the future.

He reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening residential education institutions and improving academic outcomes through better training, infrastructure, and academic support systems.

The Minister said these achievements are a matter of pride for Telangana and reflect the success of inclusive education policies aimed at empowering marginalised communities through education.

Free AI and Interview Skills Training Program Launched for Youth in Bhuvanagiri

Bhuvanagiri, June 01 | TPN Bureau

A free training programme on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and interview skills was formally launched at the Government Junior College in Bhuvanagiri for unemployed youth who have completed their graduation in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district.

The initiative is being jointly organised by the District Employment Office (Team Society) and the Magic Bus India Foundation. The 12-day training programme is being conducted with support from Team Society funds, aiming to improve employability skills among educated unemployed youth.

The programme was inaugurated by Bhongir Member of Parliament Chamal Kiran Kumar Reddy along with District Collector Anurag Jayanti. The launch event was held on Sunday at the Government Junior College premises, where a large number of youth participants attended the opening session.

Speaking on the occasion,



MP Chamal Kiran Kumar Reddy said that young people must upgrade their technical skills in line with changing times to secure better employment opportunities. He emphasised that Artificial Intelligence has become an integral part of the modern job market and training in such advanced technologies will greatly benefit rural and semi-urban youth.

He appreciated the initiative of providing free training in AI and interview skills, stating that it would help bridge the gap between academic education and industry require-

ments. He urged the participants to make full use of the 12-day programme and focus on improving their communication skills, confidence levels, and interview preparation techniques.

The MP further noted that structured skill development programmes like these play a crucial role in reducing unemployment and empowering youth with practical knowledge. He said that the government and partner organisations must continue to introduce more such initiatives to support job seekers

across the district.

District officials from the Employment Office, representatives of Team Society, and coordinators from the Magic Bus India Foundation participated in the inaugural session. College staff and a large number of unemployed graduates also attended the programme.

Organisers informed that the training modules will cover basic and advanced concepts of Artificial Intelligence, digital skills, and personality development sessions focused on interview readiness. Practical sessions and mock interviews will also be conducted to enhance confidence among participants.

The initiative is expected to benefit youth by improving their employability in both private and public sector job markets, particularly in emerging technology-driven industries.

Officials expressed confidence that such programmes will help create a skilled workforce and contribute to reducing unemployment in the region.

Indiramma Housing Scheme Fulfilling Dream of Own Houses for Poor Says Nirmala Jaggareddy

Sangareddy, June 01 | TPN Bureau

TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy on Monday said that the Indiramma Housing Scheme launched by the Congress government is fulfilling the long-cherished dream of poor families to own a house.

She participated in a housewarming ceremony of beneficiaries who constructed new Indiramma houses at Kavalampet village in Kandi mandal of Sangareddy district.

Speaking on the occasion, Nirmala Jaggareddy said that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the implementation of the Indiramma Housing Scheme is helping economically weaker sections achieve their aspiration of owning a permanent home. She said that the scheme reflects the government's commitment to improving the living standards of the poor. She expressed happiness that another 10,000 Indiramma houses have been sanctioned for Sangareddy district, and described it as a major step towards addressing housing needs in the region.



The TGIIC Chairperson urged eligible beneficiaries who have not yet applied for Indiramma houses to submit their applications without delay, so that they can benefit from the scheme. She reiterated that the government is giving top priority to welfare programmes aimed at providing basic necessities such as housing to underprivileged sections of society.

Several local Congress leaders, including Sangareddy constituency party convener Julakanti Anjaneyulu, Market Committee Chairman Ramchander Naik, Kavalampet Sarpanch Kummari Swathi Sreelam, and Kandi mandal Congress president Mogulayya, participated in the programme. Officials and beneficiaries also attended the event.

Indiramma Housing Scheme Brings Dignity to Tribal Families Says Minister Seethakka

Komaram Bheem Asifabad, June 01 | TPN Bureau

Minister Seethakka on Sunday said that the Indiramma Housing Scheme has brought dignity and security to tribal families in remote habitations, after participating in a housewarming ceremony of beneficiaries at Kothari village in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district along with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Speaking on the occasion after the inauguration of newly constructed houses, the Minister thanked the Chief Minister for extending Indiramma houses to tribal hamlets in far-flung areas. She said that tribal communities often face severe financial difficulties in constructing even small houses, and the government has addressed this long-standing challenge by providing housing support.

Seethakka noted that houses built at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 lakh under the scheme are transforming the living conditions of tribal families. She said that the initiative is particularly significant for Primitive Tribal Groups, as providing permanent housing to such communities would remain a memorable and life-changing development.

The Minister said that the government's focus on inclusive development is ensuring that even the most remote trib-



al habitations receive essential infrastructure and welfare support. She added that housing is a key step towards improving the dignity and socioeconomic conditions of tribal families.

During the programme, Seethakka also directed officials to immediately initiate the recruitment process for Anganwadi teachers and helpers. She instructed the district Collector to ensure that local candidates are given priority in these appointments.

She further announced that funds from the gram panchayat would be utilised to improve

drinking water supply in the village, assuring residents that the government would address basic infrastructure needs on priority.

The Minister reiterated that the state government is committed to strengthening welfare delivery in tribal regions and ensuring that development reaches the last mile. She said that continuous efforts are being made to improve health, education, housing, and drinking water facilities in tribal areas. Local public representatives, officials, and villagers participated in the programme.

Indiramma Housing Inaugurations Held in Festive Atmosphere in Sangareddy

Sangareddy, June 01 | TPN Bureau

The inauguration of Indiramma houses was held in a festive atmosphere across Sangareddy district on Monday, marking a significant milestone under the state government's flagship housing programme aimed at fulfilling the dream of homeownership for the poor.

Following the launch of Indiramma houses by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in Asifabad, inauguration ceremonies were organised across all assembly constituencies in the district. Public representatives and officials jointly participated in the events and facilitated housewarming ceremonies for beneficiaries who had completed construction under the scheme.

In Andole mandal of Mansanpally village, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Damodar Rajanarsimha formally inaugurated Indiramma houses and performed housewarming rituals along with beneficiaries. Houses belonging to beneficiaries Neerudi Jyothi, Golla Lavanya, and Vanga Sujatha were inaugurated during the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that provid-



ing dignified housing to the poor is one of the core priorities of the state government. He stated that the Indiramma Housing Scheme is being implemented on a large scale to ensure secure and respectable living conditions for economically weaker families who have been waiting for housing support for decades.

He emphasised that a house is not just a physical structure but a foundation for security, confidence, and social dignity. The government, under the

leadership of the Chief Minister, is committed to ensuring that every eligible family in the state receives a permanent house, he added.

Beneficiaries expressed happiness over receiving their own houses, describing it as a memorable moment in their lives. They said the government has provided them with long-term security and dignity, enabling them to live with self-respect in society. They thanked the Chief Minister, the district Minister,

and the government for making their dream a reality.

District Collector Prateek Jain, Additional Collector Pandu, local public representatives, constituency special officers, tahsildars, MPDOs, and other officials participated in the programme.

The events across the district reflected a celebratory mood, with beneficiaries and officials jointly marking the successful completion of housing works under the Indiramma scheme.

India Opens New Gulf Gateway for workers, farmers, MSMEs



The India-Oman Free Trade Agreement that comes into force from June 1 is a defining milestone in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission to create global pathways to prosperity for India's students, artisans, women, farmers, fishermen and MSMEs by opening new markets and accelerating job creation.

India has a deep economic and people-to-people connection with Oman, home to nearly 7 lakh Indians, including merchant families whose roots there go back 200-300 years. Indian remittances from Oman amount to about \$2 billion annually, while more than 6,000 Indian enterprises operate there.

The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the two countries significantly deepens economic and strategic ties. It immediately gives 100 per cent duty-free market access in Oman to 98% of tariff lines covering 99.38 per cent of exports.

This marks a dramatic improvement over the pre-CEPA system, which allowed only 15.3 per cent of India's exports to enter Oman at zero duty. Goods from India that currently face a 5 per cent import duty in Oman, worth about \$3.64 billion in exports, will become substantially more competitive.

For India's MSMEs, the agreement could be transformative as many sectors that gain from CEPA are dominated by small businesses. Iron & steel, textiles, leather, auto components and indus-

trial equipment are some of the sectors where MSMEs are expected to get large international orders, which will boost production, investment and hiring.

In an era of growing global instability, the CEPA offers Indian exporters a crucial opportunity to diversify markets and reduce dependence on traditional destinations facing economic slowdown and rising trade barriers.

Job Creation - The trade pact benefits labour-intensive sectors such as textiles & apparel, leather & footwear, food processing, marine products, gems & jewellery, and select engineering segments, which are major employers in India.

Increased textiles exports to Oman will boost production and create jobs across major clusters such as Tirupur, Surat, Ludhiana, Panipat, Coimbatore, Karur, Bhadohi, Moradabad, Jaipur, and Ahmedabad. Artisans and weavers across India will also gain from higher international demand for their products.

Numerous jobs will also be created in major leather and footwear hubs across India, particularly in Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, as well as parts of Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh, among others.

The gems and jewellery sector is another example of how the CEPA will accelerate employment growth. India already has strong capabilities in cut and polished diamonds, gold and silver jewellery, and handmade jewellery production. With tariff barriers re-

moved, Indian exporters will get a decisive competitive edge over European and Asian rivals. The industry estimates that exports to Oman could grow by as much as USD 150 million over the next three years. This is expected to create substantial employment opportunities in jewellery-making clusters across West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.

Farmers and Fishermen - To safeguard domestic farmers and sensitive agricultural interests, India has given no tariff concession for major products such as wheat, rice, maize, millets, dairy, fruits, vegetables, edible oils, oilseeds, tea, coffee and honey.

India will get a competitive advantage over rivals in butter, honey, sweet biscuits, eggs and some confectionery products, which will increase demand for the country's farm produce and boost rural incomes.

The agreement also provides for acceptance and recognition of India's National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) certification, which will give enormous opportunities for Indian farmers to sell organic output to Oman, which is a major food importer.

Marine products also have huge untapped potential. Oman's imports of marine products were about \$119 million between 2022 and 2024. Imports from India stood at only \$7.75 million, giving enormous opportunities for Indian seafood exports such as shrimp and frozen cuttlefish. The labour-intensive marine products industry is

likely to generate additional jobs in fishing, processing, packaging, cold-chain logistics, and export operations.

Pharma and Traditional Medicine - Indian medicines approved by regulators such as USFDA, EMA, UK MHRA and TGA will receive automatic marketing authorisation in Oman within 90 days - a major win for Indian pharma exporters. Significantly, CEPA creates opportunities for India's traditional medicine services. It provides for joint research in traditional medicine.

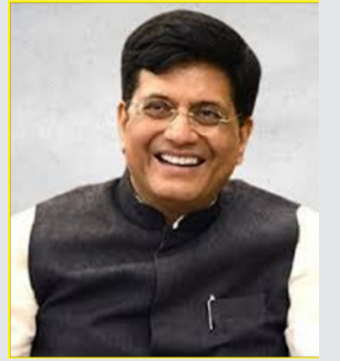
Services and Mobility - Another important dimension of the agreement lies in services and mobility. Oman has undertaken commercially

meaningful commitments in sectors of major export interest to India, including professional services, computer and IT services, education, healthcare, tourism, research and development, and environmental services. Indian professionals in areas such as accounting, engineering, medicine, construction, education, and consulting are expected to benefit from improved market access.

Crucially, Oman has agreed to enhanced mobility commitments for Indian professionals and workers. Intra-corporate transferees and contractual service suppliers will be allowed stays of up to four years, while business visitors and independent pro-

professionals will receive easier temporary entry provisions. It has raised the ceiling for intra-corporate transferees from 20 per cent to 50 per cent.

The Modi government's initiatives to sign trade pacts with developed countries is part of the Prime Minister's mission to improve the life of every Indian. The agreement with Oman is a reminder that trade is a powerful instrument of growth, job creation and shared prosperity. In a fragmented and protectionist world, PM Modi is sending a clear message that the new, confident India will not retreat behind walls. It will rise through partnerships, competitiveness and global engagement.



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Supreme Court Puts Victims First in Landmark Anti-Trafficking Verdict

In a landmark ruling that could reshape India's fight against human trafficking, the Supreme Court has declared that victims of trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) are entitled not just to rescue, but to dignity, protection and rehabilitation as constitutional rights.

The judgment in Prajwala vs Union of India concludes over two decades of litigation that began in 2004, when Hyderabad-based anti-trafficking organisation Prajwala approached the apex court, highlighting serious gaps in India's rescue and rehabilitation systems. The petition pointed out that survivors were often treated as offenders rather than victims, while the absence of structured protection left many vulnerable to re-trafficking.

Despite consultations involving the Centre, National Legal Services Authority, National Commission for Women and State governments, and promises of legal reforms, implementation remained weak. Revisiting the case, the Supreme Court observed that India still lacks a clear and enforceable "Victim Protection Plan" despite existing laws and welfare schemes.

The Court held that the right to rehabilitation flows from Articles 21 and 23 of the Constitution and extends far beyond temporary shelter. It emphasised that rehabilitation must include food, healthcare, psychological support, legal aid, livelihood opportunities and pathways to independent living, while also addressing stigma and respecting survivors' agency and choices.

Invoking Articles 32 and 142, the Court issued comprehensive directions in the form of a nationwide Victim Protection Plan. The framework centres on human dignity and stresses non-criminalisation, informed consent, privacy and protection from further harm. Authorities have been directed to strengthen Anti-Human Trafficking Units, improve shelter standards, ensure legal aid and



support rehabilitation and reintegration, sensitive to survivors' realities.

The Court also flagged the growing threat of cyber-enabled trafficking, noting that digital platforms are increasingly used for recruitment, exploitation and circulation of abuse material. It urged governments to develop specialised advisories and training to tackle such emerging challenges.

While declining to mandate the creation of an Organised Crime Investigation Agency, the Court left the option open and strongly recommended policy reforms. These include safeguards against prosecuting trafficked persons, protection from police abuse, recognition of the rights of voluntary adult sex workers and reconsideration of a comprehensive anti-trafficking law.

The verdict has generated hope among survivors and grassroots collectives. Apurva, President of VIMUKTHI Survivors Collective, called it historic, saying the Court has recognised survivors as rights-holders deserving dignity, safety and rehabilitation, ensuring that rescue leads to meaningful reintegration.

Lakshmi, Secretary of the collective, noted that rescue often marked the beginning of another struggle due to lack of shelter, livelihood and social acceptance. The judgment, she said, reinforces that rehabilitation is not charity but a constitutional obligation.

Shanthi, Vice-President of VIMUKTHI, welcomed the Court's nuanced approach in

acknowledging consent and agency, distinguishing trafficked victims from voluntary adult sex workers and enabling more humane, rights-based interventions.

Prasanna, State Representative of ILFAT - National Survivors Collective, highlighted the importance of dignity and non-criminalisation, noting that survivors and sex workers have long faced stigma and insensitive policing. The Court's emphasis on privacy and rights, she said, is a significant shift.

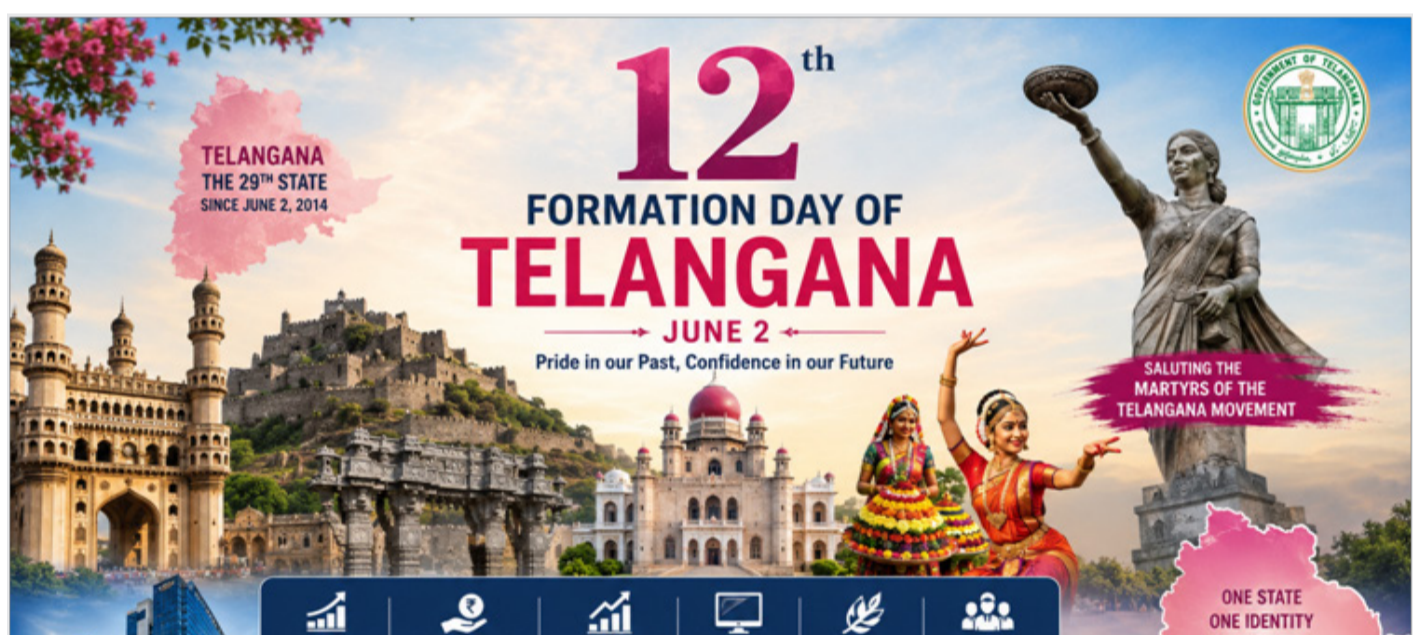
Samrajyam of Swetha Sex Workers Collective also welcomed the recognition of adult sex workers' rights within the existing legal framework, calling it a move towards a human rights-based approach rather than moral judgment.

More than twenty years after the litigation began, the Prajwala verdict marks a decisive shift in India's anti-trafficking discourse—from viewing victims as passive subjects of rescue to recognising them as individuals with rights to dignity, agency and justice.



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Telangana State Formation Day Telangana - An Emerging State of South India

In southern India, bordered by Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, Telangana was formed on June 2, 2014, after decades of struggle and the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. Spread across 1,12,077 sq km with a population of about 3.86 crore, the state has Hyderabad as its capital and 33 districts. With a literacy rate of 66.54 per cent, Telangana has grown as a hub of cultural heritage, handlooms, agro-based economy, historic monuments and a strong IT sector. The Congress government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy continues to pursue development-focused governance.

Telangana Emerges as the 29th State

Before Independence, the Hyderabad State under the Nizam merged with India in 1948 through Operation Polo. Telangana later merged with the Andhra region in 1956 to form Andhra Pradesh on a linguistic basis. Over time, dissatisfaction grew due to alleged discrimination in water sharing, funds allocation, jobs, infrastructure and cultural identity. The Gentlemen's Agreement was seen as violated, deepening regional imbalance. The demand for a separate

Telangana gained momentum in 1969 under leaders like Marri Chenna Reddy and Konda Laxman Babuji. The movement intensified after 2001 with the formation of Telangana Rashtra Samithi under K Chandrashekar Rao and later the Joint Action Committee led by Professor Kodandaram. Key protests like KCR's fast, Million March and Sakal Janula Samme mobilised mass participation. The prolonged movement from 1969 to 2014 claimed over 1,500 lives.

The Sri Krishna Committee was formed in 2010 to examine the issue. The Congress Working Committee passed a resolution for Telangana on July 30, 2013, followed by Union Cabinet approval on October 3, 2013. The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill was passed in Parliament in February 2014 and received Presidential assent on March 1, 2014. Telangana officially became India's 29th state on June 2, 2014, despite opposition from sections in Andhra Pradesh.

Special Features of Telangana

Telangana has emerged as one of India's fastest-growing states with the 8th largest economy, per capita income of 3.08 lakh and an average growth rate of 12.8 per cent.

The state has witnessed rapid expansion in IT, industry, agriculture and horticulture, supported by rich mineral resources. It is known for its vibrant cultural heritage, including Perini, Kuchipudi, Lambadi and Gussadi dances, along with traditional handicrafts.

Festivals such as Bathukamma, Bonalu, Sankranti, Ugadi and Dussehra reflect its cultural diversity, while Hyderabad biryani and rural cuisines showcase its culinary richness. Telangana's state symbols include the deer as the state animal, Indian roller (Palapitta) as the state bird, Jamma tree and Tangedu flower.

The state is home to iconic historical monuments such as Charminar, Golconda Fort, Qutub Shahi Tombs, Warangal Fort, Thousand Pillar Temple, Ramappa Temple, Mecca Masjid, Chowmahalla Palace and Basara Saraswati Temple. It also has several wildlife sanctuaries including Eturnagar, Pocharam, Pranahita, Kinnersani and Manjira, along with national parks like Mrugavani, Mahavir Harina Vanasthali and KBR Park.

State Formation Day Celebrations
On June 2, 2026, Telangana

celebrates 12 years of statehood with grand events across the state. From Hyderabad to rural areas, celebrations include cultural programmes, official ceremonies, school activities, public meetings and tributes to martyrs of the movement. Fireworks, community events and awareness programmes are being organised widely.

The state continues to focus on sustainable and inclusive development, honouring the sacrifices made for its formation while working towards future growth and prosperity.



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Suvendu Adhikari Expands Bengal Cabinet, 35 BJP MLAs Take Oath as Ministers

West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Monday expanded his cabinet, with 35 BJP legislators taking oath as ministers in a major exercise aimed at strengthening the newly formed BJP government in the state. Governor R.N. Ravi administered the oath of office and secrecy at a ceremony held in Kolkata.



The cabinet expansion comes just weeks after Adhikari was sworn in as the first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal following the party's landmark victory in the 2026 Assembly elections. The BJP secured a decisive mandate, ending the Trinamool Congress's long rule in the state and paving the way for a new political chapter.

With the induction of 35 new ministers, the strength of the Council of Ministers has risen to 41, bringing it close to the constitutional limit for the state. The move is being viewed as an effort to ensure broader representation from different regions and communities while enhancing administrative efficiency. Several senior BJP leaders and first-time legislators were among those inducted into the ministry. The cabinet includes a mix of experienced

politicians and younger faces, reflecting the party's attempt to balance governance experience with fresh leadership. A number of ministers were assigned cabinet rank, while others took oath as Ministers of State and Ministers of State with Independent Charge. The expansion followed extensive consultations between the Chief Minister, state BJP leaders and the party's central leadership. Discussions reportedly focused on achieving regional, social and political balance in the ministry while accommodating leaders who played key roles in the party's electoral success. When Adhikari first assumed office, only a small group of ministers had been sworn in alongside him. The latest expansion has transformed the administration into a near full-fledged government capable of handling a broad

range of responsibilities across departments.

The BJP leadership has described the move as a crucial step toward delivering on its election promises and accelerating development initiatives across West Bengal. The expanded cabinet is expected to focus on governance reforms, infrastructure development, employment generation and the implementation of welfare schemes promised during the election campaign. Political observers see the cabinet expansion as an important milestone for the BJP government as it seeks to establish its administrative credentials and consolidate its position in a state where it achieved a historic breakthrough. The formation of a larger ministry is expected to provide greater stability and momentum to the government's agenda in the coming years.

Rajya Sabha Elections: NDA Eyes Stronger Position Amid Cross-Voting Concerns

The upcoming Rajya Sabha elections have sparked intense political activity as the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) seeks to strengthen its position in the Upper House of Parliament. With 25 seats set to go to the polls, the NDA is expected to make significant gains and move closer to the crucial 150-seat mark, further consolidating its legislative strength.



Currently, the NDA enjoys a comfortable advantage in the Rajya Sabha and is projected to win a majority of the seats being contested. A stronger presence in the Upper House would make it easier for the ruling alliance to advance key legislation and policy initiatives, particularly those requiring broader parliamentary support.

However, the elections are not without challenges. Political parties across the spectrum are wary of possible cross-voting, a phenomenon that has often produced unexpected results in Rajya Sabha contests. Since members of state legislative assemblies elect Rajya Sabha representa-

tives, maintaining party discipline is critical. As a result, several parties have intensified efforts to keep their legislators united and prevent defections or voting surprises.

A major point of concern for the opposition, particularly the Congress, is the situation in Gujarat. The party has faced setbacks in the state due to defections and internal challenges, weakening its position ahead of the elections. These developments have im-

proved the BJP's prospects and added to the Congress party's difficulties in retaining influence in key states.

The elections also highlight the growing importance of regional parties in national politics. In several states, regional outfits hold the balance of power and could influence the outcome of closely contested seats. Their support or opposition may prove decisive in determining the final composition of the Up-

per House.

Political observers believe the NDA is likely to emerge stronger after the elections, though the final outcome will depend on state-specific equations and party strategies. With concerns over cross-voting, shifting loyalties and regional alliances, the Rajya Sabha polls are expected to be closely watched as a significant test of political strength ahead of future electoral battles.

Kerala High Court Grants Interim Relief to CMRL, ED Probe Against Veena Vijayan Continues



The Kerala High Court on Monday granted temporary relief to Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited (CMRL), directing the Enforcement Directorate (ED) not to initiate any fresh action against the company until June 5. The court reserved its verdict on CMRL's petition challenging the ongoing money laundering investigation.

The case centres on allegations that CMRL made payments to Exalogic Solutions, an IT firm owned by Veena Vijayan, without receiving corresponding services. Investigating agencies are examining whether the transactions were genuine business arrangements or part of an irregular financial arrangement. The ED launched its probe under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) based on findings from earlier investigations into the company's financial dealings.

A division bench heard the matter and decided to defer its final decision until later this week. While providing interim protection to the company, the court clarified that the relief applies only to CMRL. The ED has been allowed to continue its investigation against other individuals linked to the case, including Veena Vijayan, daughter of former Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

CMRL approached the High Court seeking to quash the ED proceedings, arguing that the agency lacked the legal basis to continue its investigation. However, an earlier ruling by a single judge had dismissed the company's plea, observing that

the challenge was premature and noting that related proceedings were already underway under the Companies Act.

During the latest hearing, lawyers representing CMRL argued that the ED could not proceed without a formal First Information Report (FIR) in the case. The ED countered that it was empowered to investigate potential money laundering offences based on available evidence and was not required to wait for the registration of an FIR before initiating action.

The matter has generated considerable political attention in Kerala because of the involvement of Veena Vijayan and the scrutiny of transactions linked to her company. The investigation has also become a subject of political debate, with opposition parties demanding greater accountability and transparency.

The High Court's final verdict, expected on June 5, will be closely watched as it could have significant implications for the future of the investigation and the legal questions surrounding the ED's powers in the case. Meanwhile, the agency is expected to continue examining financial records and other evidence as part of its ongoing probe.

Trinamool Faces Internal Crisis as Signature Forgery Row Deepens in West Bengal

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) is facing a major internal crisis after allegations of signature forgery triggered a fresh political controversy in West Bengal. The dispute has exposed growing divisions within the party at a time when it is struggling to recover from its recent electoral setback.



The controversy erupted after allegations surfaced that the signatures of two Trinamool MLAs were forged on a letter endorsing senior leader Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay as the Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly. The issue gained momentum when Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari publicly named the two legislators who had allegedly complained about the forgery.

The MLAs, Ritabrata Banerjee and Sandipan Saha, were later expelled from the Trinamool Congress. The party accused them of engaging in anti-party activities, repeatedly skipping party meetings and making statements that allegedly harmed the organi-

sation's interests.

The signature forgery allegations have now become the focus of a formal investigation. The West Bengal Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is probing the matter and has reportedly issued notices to several Trinamool leaders. The controversy has also drawn attention to senior party figures, intensifying political pressure on the leadership.

Expelled MLA Sandipan Saha claimed that serious mis-

takes were made in the preparation and submission of documents related to the opposition leadership process. His remarks have added to the embarrassment faced by the party and fueled speculation about internal disagreements among its leaders.

The development comes at a sensitive time for the Trinamool Congress, which has been dealing with growing dissatisfaction within its ranks following its loss of power in West Bengal. Several

leaders have openly expressed concerns over the party's functioning, leading to reports of factionalism and unrest.

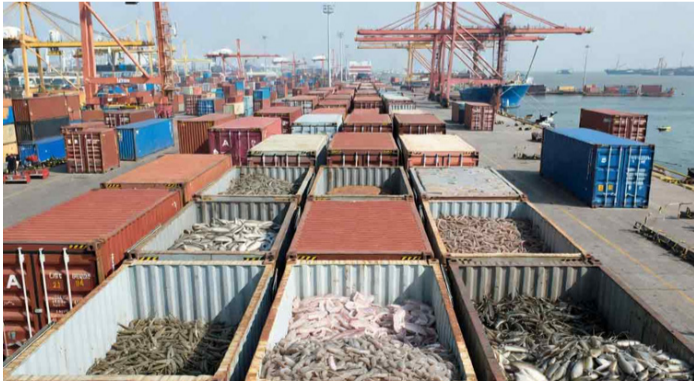
Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee has accused the BJP of attempting to weaken her party by pressuring and influencing legislators. She alleged that some of her MLAs faced intimidation before attending party meetings and claimed that efforts were being made to create divisions within the organisation.

Political observers believe the controversy has highlighted deeper tensions inside the Trinamool Congress. While the party leadership has attempted to contain the fallout through disciplinary action, the signature forgery row has brought internal disputes into public view.

As the investigation continues, the episode is expected to remain a major political issue in West Bengal, with both the ruling BJP and the opposition Trinamool using the controversy to strengthen their respective political narratives.

India's Seafood Exports Reach Record High of \$8.46 Billion in FY 2025-26

India's seafood exports achieved a record high in both volume and value during the financial year 2025-26, despite challenging global market conditions. According to the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), the country exported 19.72 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of seafood worth 73,890.46 crore (\$8.46 billion), marking the highest-ever performance for the sector.



The United States and China remained the leading destinations for Indian seafood exports, while frozen shrimp continued to dominate the export basket. Frozen shrimp exports generated 49,037.93 crore (\$5.62 billion), accounting for over 40 per cent of total export volume and nearly two-thirds of total export earnings in dollar terms. India exported 7.93 lakh MT of frozen shrimp during the year, recording strong growth in both volume and value.

Exports of frozen squid reached 1.02 lakh MT and earned 4,493.80 crore (\$513.84 million), while frozen cuttlefish exports also recorded significant gains in both volume and value. Chilled seafood products contributed 622.31 crore (\$71.27 million), while live seafood exports grew by over 11 per cent to reach \$62.43

million. In terms of overall export destinations, the United States remained India's largest seafood market by value, importing seafood worth \$2.33 billion. China emerged as the largest destination by volume, importing nearly 4.9 lakh MT valued at \$1.61 billion. The European Union, Southeast Asia, Japan and the Middle East also remained major markets for Indian seafood products.

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CJP Founder Abhijeet Dipke to Return to India, Launch Protest Seeking Dharmendra Pradhan's Resignation

Abhijeet Dipke, founder of the viral social media movement Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), has announced that he will return to India on June 6 to lead a protest demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET paper leak controversy and other examination-related issues.



In a video message shared online, Dipke called on students and young people across the country to join a peaceful and democratic movement seeking accountability in the education system. He said he plans to arrive in Delhi and seek official permission to hold a protest at Jantar Mantar, a traditional venue for public demonstrations in the national capital.

Dipke alleged that repeated controversies surrounding competitive examinations have affected the future of millions of students. He argued that examination irregularities, including the NEET-UG paper leak controversy, have undermined confidence in the system and created uncertainty among aspirants preparing for crucial entrance tests. According to him, accountability must be fixed at the highest level, and he has called for the Education Minister's resignation.

The CJP founder said a

growing number of students and supporters have backed online campaigns demanding action over examination-related concerns. He claimed that public frustration has been increasing due to repeated allegations of mismanagement and irregularities in various recruitment and entrance examinations across the country.

The announcement comes amid the rapid rise of the Cockroach Janta Party, a satirical social media movement that has gained significant popularity among young Indians. Through memes, videos

and political commentary, the movement has attracted a large following by highlighting issues related to governance, employment and education.

In recent weeks, Dipke has also been involved in legal proceedings concerning restrictions imposed on some of the movement's social media accounts. He has maintained that the campaign is committed to peaceful democratic engagement and the right to express public concerns.

Despite speculation about possible action against him upon his return, Dipke ex-

pressed confidence that democratic institutions would allow citizens to voice their opinions through lawful means. He urged supporters, particularly students, to participate in the planned protest and raise their concerns about the future of education and examination reforms.

The proposed demonstration is expected to draw attention from student groups and political observers, as demands for greater transparency and accountability in the conduct of national examinations continue to remain a major public issue.

India-Oman Trade Pact Opens Strategic Alternative To Gulf Route Beyond Strait Of Hormuz

India's newly operational trade agreement with Oman is being seen as a major strategic and economic milestone, offering the country an alternative gateway to the Gulf region at a time of growing geopolitical uncertainty. While the India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) is primarily aimed at boosting trade and investment, experts believe its significance extends far beyond economics.

The agreement came into effect on June 1 and is expected to strengthen bilateral ties by reducing trade barriers and providing Indian exporters with greater access to the Omani market. However, one of its biggest advantages lies in Oman's strategic geographical location, which could help India reduce risks associated with disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important

maritime routes, handling a significant portion of global oil and gas shipments. For India, which imports a large share of its energy requirements from Gulf nations, any disruption in this narrow waterway can have serious consequences. Regional tensions, conflicts, and security concerns have repeatedly highlighted the vulnerability of this crucial trade corridor.

This is where Oman's importance becomes evident. Unlike several Gulf countries that rely heavily on ports located inside the Persian Gulf, Oman has key ports situated outside the Strait of Hormuz along the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman. Major ports such as Duqm and Salalah can remain operational and accessible even if traffic through the strait faces disruptions.

Industry experts believe these ports could serve as alternative logistics hubs for India

during periods of regional instability. The arrangement would provide Indian businesses with more flexibility in transporting goods and energy supplies while reducing dependence on a single maritime route.

The economic benefits of the agreement are also substantial. Indian exporters are expected to gain duty-free access to a vast majority of products entering Oman. Sectors likely to benefit include textiles, engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, food products, agriculture, and small and medium enterprises. The agreement is also expected to encourage investment flows and strengthen cooperation in services and digital trade.

For India, the pact arrives at a crucial time. Global supply chains are undergoing significant changes due to geopolitical tensions, rising shipping costs,

and concerns over energy security. Strengthening ties with Oman helps India diversify trade routes and improve resilience against external shocks.

Beyond trade, the agreement enhances India's strategic presence in the Gulf region. Oman has long been regarded as a stable and balanced partner with strong diplomatic relationships across the Middle East. Closer economic cooperation could open new opportunities for India in regional connectivity projects and international trade corridors.

As global trade patterns continue to evolve, the India-Oman CEPA represents more than a commercial arrangement. It is a strategic partnership that could strengthen India's economic security, improve access to global markets, and provide a valuable alternative route in one of the world's most sensitive geopolitical regions.



Trump Defends Iran Talks, Attacks Critics For 'Negatively Chirping' About Negotiations

US President Donald Trump has strongly defended the ongoing negotiations with Iran, insisting that diplomatic efforts are moving in the right direction while criticizing political opponents for what he described as constant interference and negativity.

In a post on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump claimed that Iran is eager to reach an agreement with the United States and expressed confidence that the final outcome would benefit both America and its allies. He maintained that progress is being made despite growing skepticism from political rivals and sections of the media.

Trump directed particular criticism toward Democrats and what he called "unpatriotic Republicans," accusing them of repeatedly questioning the pace and direction of the negotiations. According to him, constant public commentary about whether he should accelerate talks, slow them down, pursue military action, or avoid conflict altogether has complicated the diplomatic process. He urged critics to "sit back and relax," expressing confidence that the situation would eventually work out in America's favor.

The remarks come at a sensitive moment in US-Iran rela-



tions. Diplomatic efforts to secure a broader agreement have continued alongside rising military tensions in the region. Recent days have witnessed fresh exchanges between American and Iranian forces, with both sides accusing each other of carrying out strikes on military targets. These developments have added urgency to ongoing negotiations while also increasing political pressure on the White House.

Trump has repeatedly argued that Iran wants a deal and suggested that negotiations are closer to a breakthrough than many observers believe.

He has also emphasized that any agreement reached under his leadership would differ significantly from previous arrangements, particularly the 2015 nuclear deal that he has long criticized.

However, Iranian officials have offered a more cautious assessment of the talks. Tehran has stated that progress has been slowed by a lack of trust, changing American positions, and what it views as contradictory demands from Washington. Iranian officials have argued that these factors have complicated efforts to move negotiations forward.

Iran's Foreign Ministry has

also stressed that regional issues remain closely linked to any potential agreement. Officials have indicated that broader security concerns, including ongoing tensions involving Israel and Lebanon, continue to influence Tehran's position during negotiations.

Despite the challenges, Trump has continued projecting optimism. He insists that Iran remains interested in reaching a settlement and believes a successful agreement is achievable. At the same time, he has made it clear that military options remain available if diplomacy ultimately fails.

As negotiations continue amid heightened regional tensions, the outcome of the talks could have major implications for Middle East stability, global energy markets, and US foreign policy. For now, Trump appears determined to defend the diplomatic process while pushing back against critics he believes are undermining progress.

The coming weeks are expected to be crucial, as both Washington and Tehran attempt to bridge longstanding differences and determine whether diplomacy can deliver a lasting agreement in one of the world's most volatile regions.

Iran Denies Reports Of President Pezeshkian's Resignation Amid Alleged IRGC Dispute

Iranian authorities have strongly rejected reports claiming that President Masoud Pezeshkian submitted his resignation following disagreements with the powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), dismissing the claims as false and politically motivated.

The controversy began after reports emerged from a UK-based media outlet alleging that Pezeshkian had sent a resignation letter to Iran's Supreme Leader, arguing that his administration had been sidelined from major national decisions. According to the report, the president was reportedly concerned that hardline factions within the IRGC had gained overwhelming influence over key state affairs, limiting the elected government's authority.

The claims quickly attracted international attention because they suggested a serious power struggle within Iran's leadership structure. However, Iranian officials moved swiftly to deny the reports.

Government sources stated that President Pezeshkian has not resigned and continues to carry out his official responsibilities. Officials described the resignation story as fabricated and accused foreign media organizations of spreading misinformation aimed at creating confusion and weakening national unity.

The president's office also issued a strong response, rejecting the allegations and insisting that Pezeshkian remains committed to serving the country. Officials argued that the reports were part of a broader campaign to create the impres-



sion of divisions within Iran's political system.

Despite the denials, the reports have reignited discussions about the balance of power inside Iran. For years, political analysts have pointed to tensions between elected civilian institutions and the IRGC, which holds significant influence over military, security, and strategic matters.

The IRGC has long been considered one of the most powerful institutions in Iran. While the country's president oversees the government and economic administration, major decisions related to national security, defense, and foreign policy often involve other influential centers of power, including the Supreme Leader and the Revolutionary Guard.

Recent regional conflicts and security challenges have further increased the prominence of military and security institutions, leading to speculation that civilian leaders may have less influence over key decisions than before. Reports of disagreements between reformist politicians and

hardline factions have surfaced periodically, although Iranian authorities consistently deny claims of major internal divisions.

The latest controversy comes at a particularly sensitive time for Iran, which is facing economic pressures, diplomatic negotiations, and ongoing regional tensions. Any perception of instability within the country's leadership could have significant political and international consequences.

For now, there is no official evidence that President Pezeshkian has resigned. Iranian authorities maintain that he remains fully engaged in his duties and that the reports are baseless rumors. However, the episode has once again drawn attention to the complex power dynamics within Iran and the continuing debate over the influence of the IRGC in the country's political system.

As speculation continues, observers will closely watch developments in Tehran for any signs of deeper political disagreements or shifts in Iran's leadership structure.

Nepal PM Balen Shah's 'India Encroached Nepal Too' Remark Sparks Political Controversy



A fresh political controversy has erupted in Nepal after Kathmandu Mayor Balen Shah made a statement suggesting that India had also encroached on Nepalese territory. His remarks, made while commenting on regional border issues, triggered strong reactions from political leaders, government officials, and sections of the public within Nepal.

The controversy began when Balen Shah responded to discussions surrounding territorial disputes and sovereignty concerns. During his comments, he stated that Nepal too had experienced encroachment by India, a remark that

quickly gained attention on social media and in political circles. The statement sparked intense debate, with critics accusing him of making sensitive foreign policy observations that could affect diplomatic relations.

Several political leaders questioned whether the mayor should be making comments on complex international and border-related matters. Critics argued that issues involving national sovereignty, territorial disputes, and foreign relations fall under the authority of Nepal's federal government rather than local officials.

The remarks also revived

longstanding discussions regarding border disputes between Nepal and India. Over the years, disagreements have surfaced over areas such as Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiyadhura, regions claimed by both countries. These disputes have periodically created tensions, although both governments have generally emphasized dialogue and diplomatic engagement as the preferred path toward resolution.

Supporters of Balen Shah, however, defended his comments, arguing that he merely reflected concerns that have been part of Nepal's public and political discourse for years. They maintained that raising questions about territorial claims should not automatically be viewed as controversial.

The issue quickly evolved into a larger domestic political debate. Some leaders accused Shah of seeking attention through provocative statements, while others argued that the backlash against him was politically motivated. The controversy has further highlighted the increasingly influential role that the Kathmandu mayor plays in Nepal's public discussions, often extending beyond municipal governance.

Nepal's central government has not indicated any change in its diplomatic approach toward India following the remarks. Officials continue to

maintain that bilateral issues should be addressed through established diplomatic channels and dialogue between the two countries.

India and Nepal share deep cultural, historical, economic, and people-to-people ties. The two neighboring nations maintain close cooperation across trade, infrastructure, energy, and security sectors. Despite occasional disagreements over border issues, both countries have repeatedly emphasized the importance of maintaining strong bilateral relations.

The latest controversy comes at a time when Nepal's domestic political landscape remains highly active, with public figures increasingly using social media and public platforms to express views on national issues. As a result, comments from influential leaders often generate widespread political debate.

While Balen Shah's statement has drawn criticism and support in equal measure, it has once again brought attention to the sensitive nature of India-Nepal border discussions. The episode also reflects how territorial issues continue to remain emotionally and politically significant within Nepal.

As reactions continue, the focus is likely to remain on whether the controversy fades as a domestic political debate or develops into a broader discussion about Nepal's foreign policy and national identity.

Five Ebola Patients Recover in Congo, Offering Hope Amid Growing Outbreak

The Democratic Republic of Congo has reported a positive development in its fight against the ongoing Ebola outbreak, with five patients infected by the Bundibugyo strain of the virus making full recoveries. The announcement was made by World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus during the inauguration of a new Ebola treatment centre in Bunia, the capital of Ituri province, which remains at the centre of the outbreak.

According to health officials, four patients were discharged from the treatment facility on Sunday, while another had recovered and left earlier. Their recovery is considered a significant breakthrough because there is currently no approved vaccine or specific treatment for the Bundibugyo strain. Medical experts say the cases highlight the importance of early diagnosis, supportive care and prompt medical intervention in improving survival rates among Ebola patients.

One of the survivors, Baraka Bulambululu, spoke about the fear and isolation experi-

enced by those infected with the disease. He said many people were afraid to come near them due to uncertainty surrounding the illness. Recovering from Ebola, he explained, felt like a second chance after witnessing the suffering of other patients.

Another survivor, nurse Ezo Etienne, described his ordeal with symptoms including dizziness, vomiting, severe diarrhoea, itching and extreme weakness. After several medical tests, he was finally diagnosed with Ebola and received treatment focused on managing symptoms, maintaining hydration and strengthening his condition. His recovery has become a symbol of hope for both healthcare workers and patients battling the disease.

The outbreak, caused by the rare Bundibugyo virus, has raised concern among health authorities across Central Africa. More than 130 confirmed cases and several deaths have been reported in Congo and neighbouring Uganda. The situation has prompted intensified surveillance and response measures to prevent further spread of the disease.

Efforts to contain the outbreak continue to face significant challenges. Healthcare teams are dealing with shortages of medical supplies, difficult working conditions and mistrust among some local communities. In parts of eastern Congo, insecurity linked to armed groups has further complicated response efforts. Health facilities and workers have also encountered resistance from residents who oppose certain containment measures, including restrictions on movement and burial practices.

Despite these obstacles, health officials remain hopeful. The successful recovery of five patients demonstrates that Ebola is not always fatal when detected and treated early. Authorities are urging people to seek medical attention immediately if symptoms appear and to cooperate with health teams working to contain the outbreak. The recent recoveries have provided a much-needed boost to ongoing efforts, offering hope that the outbreak can be controlled through timely treatment, public awareness and continued international support.

Dabur Shares Drop 4% Despite Company's Response to US FDA Observations at Silvassa Facility

Shares of Dabur India came under pressure in the stock market, falling nearly 4% after the company disclosed that the United States Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) had issued observations following an inspection of its manufacturing facility in Silvassa. Despite the company assuring investors that it was actively engaging with the regulator, market sentiment remained cautious.



The decline in Dabur's share price reflected investor concerns over regulatory scrutiny and the potential impact on the company's international business operations. The stock witnessed selling pressure as traders reacted to the development and assessed the possible implications of the FDA's observations.

In an official statement, Dabur clarified that it is working closely with the US FDA and has already initiated corrective and preventive actions to address the issues highlighted during the inspection. The company stressed that it remains committed to maintaining high standards of quality, compliance, and manufacturing practices across its facilities.

According to the company, the observations were issued after a routine inspection at the Silvassa manufacturing unit. Such observations are typically documented in a Form 483, which is issued when FDA inspectors identify conditions that may require corrective action. However, the issuance of observations does not automatically imply regulatory action or restrictions on operations.

Dabur emphasized that it is preparing a comprehensive response to the regulator and is taking all necessary steps to resolve the concerns raised during the inspection. The company also noted that it has been maintaining continuous communication with the FDA throughout the process.

Despite these assurances, investors appeared concerned about the potential effect on exports and future regulatory approvals. Market participants often react negatively to FDA-related developments because they can create uncertainty regarding compliance standards, product approvals, and international business performance.

Analysts noted that while FDA observations are not uncommon in the pharmaceutical and consumer goods industries, the market tends to respond cautiously until there is greater clarity on the nature of the observations and the company's corrective

measures. Investors are expected to closely monitor further updates from both Dabur and the US regulator in the coming weeks.

The broader market environment also remained weak, adding to the pressure on the stock. Several FMCG companies witnessed mixed trading activity as investors weighed valuation concerns and sector-specific developments.

Industry experts believe the long-term impact on Dabur will depend largely on how quickly and effectively the company addresses the FDA's observations. If the regulator is satisfied with the corrective actions, the issue may have limited long-term consequences.

For now, however, the development has introduced an element of uncertainty, prompting investors to adopt a cautious approach. The company's future updates regarding its engagement with the US FDA are likely to remain a key focus area for the market.

Markets Extend Losing Streak As Nifty Slips Below 23,400, Sensex Falls Over 508 Points

Indian equity benchmarks continued their downward journey, extending losses for another session as weak global cues, foreign investor selling, and geopolitical uncertainty weighed heavily on market sentiment. The Sensex declined by more than 508 points, while the Nifty slipped below the crucial 23,400 mark during the trading session.

The market opened on a cautious note and remained under pressure throughout the day. Investors stayed on the sidelines amid concerns over rising crude oil prices, continued foreign institutional investor (FII) outflows, and uncertainty surrounding global geopolitical developments. These factors triggered broad-based selling across several sectors.

Among the major laggards were banking, auto, and consumer-focused stocks, which witnessed significant profit-taking after recent gains. Market participants also remained wary of elevated valuations and the possibility of further volatility in global markets.

Analysts pointed out that uncertainty surrounding developments in West Asia and fluctuations in crude oil prices have emerged as major concerns for investors. Higher oil prices could increase India's import bill and put pressure on inflation, which may affect economic growth and corporate



earnings going forward.

Foreign investors continued to remain net sellers, adding to the pressure on domestic equities. Persistent FII outflows have been one of the key reasons behind the recent weakness in the market. Investors are increasingly shifting focus toward global macroeconomic trends, including interest rate expectations and geopolitical risks.

Despite the overall weakness, some defensive sectors such as healthcare and select technology stocks showed resilience and managed to limit losses. However, the broader market sentiment remained negative, with declining stocks significantly outnumbering advancing shares on the

exchanges.

Market experts noted that the Nifty is currently trading near an important support zone. According to technical analysts, the index needs to reclaim higher levels to regain positive momentum. Failure to hold key support levels could result in further downside pressure in the coming sessions.

The broader market also reflected caution among investors. Midcap and smallcap stocks witnessed mixed performance as traders preferred to reduce risk exposure amid uncertain conditions.

Globally, investors remained focused on geopolitical developments and movements in commodity prices. Concerns

over global growth, inflation trends, and foreign fund flows continue to influence market direction.

While short-term volatility is expected to persist, analysts believe long-term investors should remain focused on quality stocks and avoid making decisions based solely on daily market fluctuations. They suggest that market participants closely monitor global cues, crude oil prices, and institutional investment trends for indications of the market's next move.

For now, the bearish sentiment remains intact as Dalal Street struggles to find strong buying support amid a challenging global environment.

Temple Bonds: Can Faith-Based Financing Become India's Next Big Investment Experiment?

Madhya Pradesh's proposal to raise 200 crore through "temple bonds" for the redevelopment of major religious sites around Ujjain has sparked interest among policymakers, investors, and market experts. If implemented successfully, the initiative could create a completely new category of fundraising in India—one that combines faith, infrastructure development, and investment returns.

The proposed bond issue is part of a larger 1,100-crore project aimed at upgrading 11 important religious destinations ahead of the Simhashta Kumbh Mela in 2028. The state government plans to use the funds for temple restoration, improved pilgrim facilities, road connectivity, parking infrastructure,

security systems, and tourism-related development.

While temple bonds may appear unique in the Indian context, similar models have been used internationally for decades. Governments and religious institutions across the world have successfully raised billions of dollars by appealing to investors who are motivated not only by financial returns but also by emotional, cultural, or religious connections.

One of the most successful examples is Israel Bonds, launched in 1951 to raise funds from Jewish communities around the world. The programme has reportedly raised more than \$50 billion over the years. Investors purchase government-backed bonds because of their connection to Israel,



while repayment is guaranteed by the country's sovereign finances. The programme has maintained investor confidence by consistently meeting its repayment obligations.

Another model comes from

the United States, where churches have long raised capital through church bonds. These bonds are generally used to finance construction projects, schools, community centres, and expansion plans. Un-

like sovereign-backed bonds, repayments depend on church revenues, donations, and operating cash flows. Although some church bonds have experienced defaults, many have remained successful due to

strong community support and asset backing.

Experts believe Madhya Pradesh's proposal could follow one of several paths. The bonds may be backed directly by state finances, linked to temple-generated revenues, or structured around the broader tourism economy created by pilgrimage centres. Since detailed bond documents have not yet been released, investors are waiting for clarity on repayment mechanisms, interest rates, and risk factors.

The larger significance of the proposal lies in its potential to transform how religious infrastructure is financed in India. Major pilgrimage destinations attract millions of visitors annually and generate significant economic activity

through tourism, hospitality, retail, and transportation services. If temple bonds are structured effectively, they could provide a sustainable funding model for future religious and tourism projects across the country.

However, analysts caution that the success of such instruments will depend less on religious sentiment and more on investor confidence. As with any bond, buyers will ultimately want clear answers about repayment sources, financial sustainability, and long-term returns.

Faith may attract attention, but credibility and cash flow will determine whether temple bonds become a lasting asset class in India's financial markets.

Drone Stocks Are Soaring, But Investors May Need To Stay Grounded

India's drone industry is witnessing a period of rapid growth, attracting significant investor attention as government support, defence demand, and technological innovation fuel optimism about the sector's future. However, market experts are increasingly warning that investors may be getting ahead of themselves as stock valuations race far ahead of current business fundamentals.

The excitement surrounding drone companies has intensified in recent years, driven by policy reforms, rising defence spending, and growing commercial applications across industries such as agriculture, logistics, surveillance, infrastructure monitoring, and disaster management. The government's Drone Rules 2021 and production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes have further accelerated the growth of the ecosystem.

India's drone startup landscape has expanded rapidly. According to industry data, the number of drone startups has more than doubled over the past three years, making India one of the fastest-growing drone markets globally. Investors view the sector as a potential long-term beneficiary of both domestic demand and export opportunities.

The optimism has also translated into strong market performance for several listed drone-related companies. Stocks linked to drone manufacturing, training, services, and defence



applications have seen substantial gains, particularly during periods of heightened geopolitical tensions and increased military spending expectations.

However, analysts caution that the sector remains at an early stage of development. While growth prospects are significant, many companies are still building scale, investing heavily in technology, and working toward sustainable profitability. Revenue visibility, execution risks, and regulatory uncertainties remain key challenges.

One major concern is valuation. Several drone-focused companies are trading at premium multiples despite relatively modest earnings and limited operating histories. Market observers note that investor enthusiasm is increasingly being driven by future expectations rather than current financial

performance. Similar patterns have previously been seen in emerging sectors such as fintech, edtech, and electric mobility, where excessive optimism sometimes resulted in sharp corrections.

The industry itself undoubtedly offers substantial opportunities. Drones are being deployed for crop monitoring, precision agriculture, infrastructure inspections, mining operations, security surveillance, logistics, and defence applications. India's ambition to become a global drone manufacturing hub further strengthens the long-term growth narrative.

Yet experts argue that investors should distinguish between the long-term potential of the industry and the near-term performance of individual companies. Not every participant in a rapidly growing sector automat-

ically becomes a successful investment. Competitive pressures, technological disruption, funding requirements, and policy changes can significantly influence outcomes.

For investors, the key question is not whether drones represent a promising industry—they almost certainly do. The more important question is whether current stock prices already reflect years of future growth. As excitement around the sector continues to build, analysts suggest maintaining a balanced approach and focusing on business fundamentals rather than momentum-driven optimism.

The drone industry may indeed be preparing for a major take-off, but investors who chase soaring valuations without assessing risks could find that expectations have climbed faster than reality.

Bharat Coking Coal Shares Sink Nearly 8% After Sharp Drop in May Coal Production

Shares of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) came under heavy selling pressure, falling nearly 8% after the company reported a significant decline in coal production for May. Investors reacted negatively to the weak operational performance, raising concerns about production trends and near-term business momentum.

According to the company's provisional operational data, raw coal production dropped 25.5% year-on-year to 2.28 million tonnes in May, compared to 3.06 million tonnes during the same period last year. The sharp fall in output triggered concerns among market participants, leading to a steep decline in the stock price during trading.

The weakness was visible across both major production categories. Coking coal output, which forms the core of BCCL's business, declined 25.8% to 2.13 million tonnes. Non-coking coal production also fell 21.9% year-on-year to 0.15 million tonnes, reflecting broad-based pressure on overall mining operations.

A closer look at the production figures revealed challenges across mining segments. Output from opencast mines declined 25.7% to 2.23 million tonnes, while underground mine production fell 18% to 0.05 million tonnes during the month. These numbers suggest that operational difficulties were not limited to a single mining category.

Another indicator that wor-



ried investors was the steep decline in overburden removal, a critical activity in mining operations. During May, overburden removal dropped 43% year-on-year to 10.17 million cubic metres. Analysts often view this metric as an important signal because lower overburden removal can affect future mining capacity and production efficiency.

The weakness was also reflected in cumulative performance. During the April-May period, raw coal production stood at 4.27 million tonnes, down 33.8% from 6.45 million tonnes recorded during the corresponding period last year. Meanwhile, raw coal offtake declined 15.7% to 2.71 million tonnes in May, indicating softer dispatch activity as well.

The latest production setback comes at a time when investors are already monitoring BCCL's financial performance closely. Earlier this year, the

company reported weaker quarterly earnings, with declining revenue and profitability adding to concerns about operational efficiency and growth prospects.

Market experts note that coal companies remain highly sensitive to production volumes, commodity cycles, and operational execution. Any prolonged weakness in output can affect revenue generation, profitability, and investor sentiment. At the same time, BCCL continues to play a crucial role in India's steel sector as one of the country's largest producers of coking coal. For investors, the key focus going forward will be whether the company can stabilise production levels and improve operational performance in the coming months. Until then, the sharp fall in output has introduced fresh uncertainty, resulting in a cautious market response and a significant decline in the stock.

Gurgaon's Air-Conditioned Auto-Rickshaw Leaves Internet Amazed



In a city known for its fast-paced lifestyle and scorching summer heat, an unusual auto-rickshaw has become the latest sensation on social media. A woman recently spotted an air-conditioned auto-rickshaw on the streets of Gurgaon, and the sight quickly captured the attention of thousands online.

The viral video, shared on Instagram, shows a blue electric auto-rickshaw equipped with a fully functional air-conditioning unit. At a time when temperatures across several parts of India continue to soar, the

idea of enjoying a cool ride in a vehicle traditionally associated with open-air travel struck a chord with commuters and social media users alike.

The clip immediately gained traction, with many viewers expressing surprise and admiration for the innovative upgrade. The video's caption humorously suggested that Gurgaon was living in the future, while several internet users agreed that the city seemed years ahead when it came to adapting to extreme weather conditions.

For many Indians, travelling in an auto-rickshaw during peak summer hours can be an uncomfortable experience due to the intense heat. The introduction of an AC-equipped auto offers a glimpse into how public transport could evolve to provide greater comfort for passengers. The vehicle featured in the video also carried a green number plate, indicating that it is an electric vehicle, which added another layer of interest for viewers concerned about sustainable transportation.

Social media users flooded the comments section with witty reactions. Some called the vehicle the "future of public transport," while others joked that India had already entered the year 2050. A few users even suggested that such air-conditioned autos should be introduced across the country to make daily commuting more pleasant during the summer months.

Others speculated about the purpose of the vehicle, with some claiming it might be part of a corporate employee transportation service. Regardless of its origin, the upgraded auto-rickshaw became a symbol of innovation and practicality in a season marked by relentless heat.

The viral post highlights how simple yet effective modifications can transform everyday travel experiences. As Indian cities continue to grapple with rising temperatures, creative solutions like air-conditioned auto-rickshaws may become increasingly popular. Whether it remains a unique Gurgaon attraction or inspires a wider trend, the vehicle has certainly succeeded in sparking conversation and capturing the imagination of internet users across the country.

Indian Tourist Shocked After Receiving 1.5 Lakh Swiss Traffic Fine Nearly a Year Later



A vacation in Switzerland turned into an expensive surprise for an Indian tourist after she received a traffic violation notice worth nearly 1.5 lakh almost a year after returning home. The unexpected fine has sparked widespread discussion online, with many travellers sharing similar experiences of receiving delayed traffic penalties from European countries.

The woman, identified on social media platform X as Poan Sapdi, revealed that the challan arrived months after her trip, leaving her stunned. In a post that quickly went viral, she asked whether anyone else had faced a similar situation and sought guidance on how to deal with the hefty penalty.

"Has anyone here received a traffic violation fine from Switzerland months after returning from a vacation?" she wrote. Initially, she believed the fine was close to 1 lakh, but later clarified that the total amount exceeded 1.5 lakh.

Seeking advice from fellow travellers, she said she wanted to understand whether there was any possibility of appealing the penalty, reducing the amount, or having part of it waived. The post attracted significant attention, generating thousands of reactions and comments from people who had encountered comparable situations abroad.

Several users shared their own stories of receiving traffic fines from countries such as Germany, Italy, and Switzerland long after their vacations had ended. One traveller recalled receiving a speeding ticket from Germany months after returning home, while another said they were still struggling to pay an Italian traffic fine due to complicated payment procedures.

Many commenters warned that Switzerland enforces traffic regulations very strictly and advised the tourist to settle the fine promptly. Some pointed out that unpaid penalties could accumulate additional charges and potentially create complications during future visits to Schengen countries. Others suggested reviewing the official documents carefully to determine whether

there were valid grounds to contest late fees or administrative charges.

The tourist later clarified that she intended to pay the fine but was exploring the possibility of challenging the delay in communication, as the notice arrived nearly a year after the alleged violation.

The incident has served as a reminder for international travellers to remain cautious while driving abroad and to familiarise themselves with local traffic laws. It also highlights how advanced traffic monitoring systems in many European countries can track violations and issue penalties long after a trip has ended, ensuring that offenders are held accountable regardless of where they live.

911 Dispatcher Helps Woman Deliver Baby on Roadside, Discovers Newborn Shares Daughter's Birthday



A routine shift turned into a life-changing moment for an Iowa emergency dispatcher after she helped a woman give birth on the side of a highway and later discovered that the newborn shared a birthday with her own daughter.

Andrea Ring, a veteran 911 dispatcher with 26 years of experience, was recently recognised for her remarkable role in assisting a roadside childbirth. The incident occurred on March 5, just 23 minutes after Ring began her shift, when she received an urgent call from a man whose girlfriend had gone into labour while travelling along Highway 18 near Dickens, Iowa.

The couple realised they would not be able to reach the hospital in time and pulled over on the roadside as the woman's contractions intensified. Faced with an emergency situation, they dialled 911 seeking immediate help.

Ring stayed on the phone and calmly guided the couple through every step of the delivery process. Drawing on her

years of experience handling high-pressure emergency calls, she provided clear instructions and reassurance while helping them prepare for the baby's arrival.

Speaking later about the incident, Ring said remaining calm is one of the most important parts of her job. She explained that after decades in emergency dispatching, she knew exactly what information and guidance the couple needed during those critical moments.

Thanks to her assistance, the woman safely delivered a healthy baby boy named Parker Ray on the roadside before emergency responders arrived. Both the mother and newborn were later transported safely to Spencer Hospital, where medical staff confirmed they were in good health.

What made the story even more special was an unexpected coincidence. Ring later learned that baby Parker was born on the exact same day as her own daughter's birthday. The discovery added an emo-

tional touch to an already memorable event.

Dispatch Supervisor Mel Peterson praised Ring's actions, noting that there are no formal instructions specifically designed for emergency childbirth situations. He credited Ring's professionalism, quick thinking, and personal experience as a mother of five for helping ensure a successful outcome.

In recognition of her efforts, Ring was awarded a Stork Pin, a special honour in emergency medical services presented to individuals who assist during childbirth emergencies. She said the award was meaningful because it came from colleagues who understand the challenges of the profession.

The heartwarming story has attracted attention online, with many people applauding Ring's calm response and dedication. For the grateful family, her voice on the other end of the phone made all the difference during one of the most important moments of their lives.

Woman Praises New Zealand's Work Culture, Says Work-Life Balance Feels "Healthy"



A Colombian woman living in New Zealand has gone viral on social media after sharing how the country's work culture completely changed her understanding of work-life balance. Her observations about shorter work hours, clear boundaries, and a healthier approach to professional life have sparked widespread discussion online.

Dani Castillo, who has been living in New Zealand for the past three years, shared an Instagram video describing the workplace habits that continue to surprise her even today. Comparing her experiences in New Zealand with her life in Colombia, she said the difference in attitude toward work was one of the biggest cultural shifts she had experienced.

According to Castillo, people in Colombia often work

around 48 hours a week, and employees who stay beyond those hours are generally viewed as hardworking and dedicated. She explained that work is frequently considered the centre of life, with many people feeling pressure to constantly prove their commitment through long working hours.

However, her experience in New Zealand was dramatically different.

Castillo said she was surprised to see that once the workday ends, employees genuinely disconnect from work and focus on their personal lives. Instead of staying late at the office or remaining available after hours, many people spend time with family, friends, or hobbies.

She noted that there is far less pressure to impress employers by working overtime.

In her view, the culture places greater importance on productivity and efficiency rather than the number of hours spent at a desk.

One aspect she particularly appreciates is the ability to completely switch off during weekends. Castillo explained that after completing her standard 40-hour work week, she closes her laptop knowing she will not be disturbed by work-related calls or messages. She described this sense of separation between work and personal life as one of the most refreshing parts of living in New Zealand.

In the caption accompanying her video, Castillo said she was amazed by how seriously people in the country protect their time outside work. She wrote that employees generally stop working at the end of the day without

feeling pressured to stay late or compete with colleagues over who works harder.

What impressed her most was that productivity did not seem to suffer despite the reduced emphasis on overtime. According to Castillo, people still complete their tasks effectively while maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

The video quickly gained attention online, with many users praising New Zealand's approach to work-life balance. While some pointed out that experiences can vary depending on profession and industry, many agreed that creating healthier boundaries between work and personal life should be a priority in modern workplaces.

For Castillo, New Zealand's culture offers an important reminder that work should support life, not dominate it.

Jensen Huang's Dance Performance at Nvidia Event in Taiwan Wins Internet's Heart

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang has once again captured the internet's attention, but this time it was not for artificial intelligence, billion-dollar investments, or groundbreaking technology announcements. Instead, the tech leader went viral after videos showed him dancing enthusiastically with employees during a company celebration event in Taipei, Taiwan.

The widely shared clips were recorded during Nvidia's "Constellation All-Employee Celebration," an event organised for staff members in Taipei. Huang, known globally for leading one of the world's most influential technology companies, surprised many by stepping onto the stage and joining employees in a lively dance performance.

The videos quickly spread across social media platforms, in-

cluding Instagram and X, where users praised the CEO's relaxed attitude and approachable personality. Dressed casually and smiling throughout the performance, Huang appeared completely at ease as he matched dance moves with colleagues and interacted with the cheering crowd.

Many internet users remarked that it was refreshing to see the head of a company valued in the trillions sharing such an unscripted and fun moment with employees. Several comments highlighted how different the scene looked compared to the formal corporate image usually associated with top executives.

One social media user described Huang's dance as "relaxed and natural," while others called him a "legendary CEO" who knows how to connect with people beyond the workplace. Some view-



ers joked that it was hard to believe the energetic performer on stage was the same person who regularly delivers presentations about advanced AI chips and cutting-edge computing technology.

Huang has built a reputation for maintaining a close connection with Nvidia employees and fans. Over the years, he has become one of the most recognisable figures in the technology industry, often drawing crowds wherever he travels. His popularity is especially strong in Taiwan, where he was born before later moving to the United States.

The viral dance video comes during a high-profile visit to Taiwan, where Huang has been attending company events and making major announcements related to Nvidia's future plans. Recent appearances have attracted significant public attention, reflect-

ing his growing celebrity status in the global tech community.

While Nvidia continues to dominate headlines for its leadership in artificial intelligence and semiconductor technology, the latest viral moment showcased a different side of its CEO. Instead of discussing processors and AI models, Huang's carefree dance moves reminded many people that even leaders of the world's largest companies can enjoy celebrating with their teams.

The heartwarming clips have generated millions of views online, with users praising not only Huang's enthusiasm but also the positive workplace culture the event appeared to reflect. For many viewers, the dance performance offered a rare and entertaining glimpse into the human side of one of technology's most influential figures.

Virat Kohli Explains What Makes RCB Different After Historic Back-To-Back IPL Titles

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) continued their dream run in the Indian Premier League by winning their second consecutive title, and once again, Virat Kohli stood at the centre of the celebration. After guiding the team to victory in the IPL 2026 final against Gujarat Titans, Kohli reflected on the culture that has transformed RCB from perennial underachievers into back-to-back champions.

RCB defeated Gujarat Titans by five wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium, successfully defending the title they won in 2025. Kohli played a match-winning knock of an unbeaten 75 runs and fulfilled what he described as a long-held dream by hitting the winning runs himself.

Speaking after the victory, Kohli highlighted a key principle that he believes sets the Ben-

galuru franchise apart from others. "We don't poke any team," he said while discussing the squad's mindset. According to him, RCB focus on respecting opponents rather than engaging in unnecessary rivalries or verbal battles. He added that the team's experienced professionals understand how to stay composed under pressure and concentrate solely on performance.

Kohli explained that RCB's primary objective throughout the tournament was to finish at the top of the points table. Once they achieved that, the team concentrated only on playing good cricket, regardless of the opposition standing in front of them. He stressed that maturity, experience, and mutual respect have become defining features of the current RCB setup.

The former captain also praised

the squad's depth, noting that the team is no longer dependent on one or two individuals to deliver victories. One of the biggest positives for him was that multiple players stepped up during crucial moments across the season. Kohli pointed out that several different RCB players earned Player of the Match awards, reflecting the balanced nature of the squad.

He reserved special praise for bowlers such as Josh Hazlewood, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jacob Duffy, Krunal Pandya, and Raskh Salam Dar, crediting them for providing consistency and confidence throughout the campaign. According to Kohli, having reliable match-winners across departments allowed him to play with greater freedom and reduced the pressure that had often rested on his shoulders in previous seasons.

Another interesting aspect of Kohli's comments involved the influence of younger cricketers. While discussing his aggressive approach in the final, where he scored the fastest T20 half-century of his career, he admitted that the rise of fearless young players has pushed senior cricketers to evolve. He said modern T20 cricket demands constant adaptation and a willingness to take greater risks.

The victory marked another milestone in Kohli's remarkable IPL journey. After waiting 18 years for his first title, he now has two championships in consecutive seasons. More importantly, the latest triumph reinforced the belief that RCB's success is no longer built around individual brilliance alone but around a collective team culture based on trust, discipline, and respect.



Virat Kohli's Reaction To Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's Orange Cap Win Revealed By AB de Villiers



Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's dream IPL 2026 season ended with yet another major achievement as the teenage sensation finished as the tournament's highest run-scorer and secured the prestigious Orange Cap. While cricket fans celebrated the remarkable rise of the 15-year-old batter, one reaction in particular grabbed attention — Virat Kohli's response after seeing the youngster receive the award.

The details were revealed by former South African star and Royal Challengers Bengaluru legend AB de Villiers following the IPL 2026 final. According to de Villiers, Kohli was deeply impressed by Sooryavanshi's extraordinary season and openly praised the teenager's talent.

De Villiers disclosed that Kohli described Sooryavanshi as the best T20 player in the world at the moment and even urged Indian cricket authorities to seriously consider him for national selection. The comments reflected the immense impact the Rajasthan Royals youngster made during his breakthrough campaign.

Sooryavanshi finished

the season with a staggering 776 runs in 16 innings, outperforming several established international stars, including Shubman Gill, Sai Sudharsan, Virat Kohli, and Heinrich Klaasen. His performances were defined by fearless stroke play, remarkable consistency, and an astonishing strike rate of 237.31, making him one of the most explosive batters in IPL history.

What made his achievement even more remarkable was his age. At just 15 years old, Sooryavanshi not only competed against some of the biggest names in world cricket but finished ahead of them in the race for the Orange Cap. Throughout the tournament, he repeatedly displayed maturity and confidence beyond his years, earning admiration from players, experts, and fans alike.

Following RCB's title-winning victory over Gujarat Titans in the final, Kohli was also seen meeting Sooryavanshi on the field. The interaction between the veteran superstar and the young batting sensation quickly became one of the most talked-about moments after the match.

Many fans viewed it as a symbolic meeting between one of Indian cricket's greatest modern icons and a player widely considered part of the sport's future.

Kohli's praise carries significant weight given his own legacy in the IPL. The former RCB captain remains one of the tournament's greatest performers and is himself a multiple Orange Cap winner. His endorsement of Sooryavanshi has only strengthened growing calls for the youngster to be considered for higher honours in Indian cricket.

Although selectors are expected to manage the teenager's development carefully, IPL 2026 has firmly established Vaibhav Sooryavanshi as one of the brightest young talents in world cricket. With endorsements coming from legends like Kohli and de Villiers, expectations surrounding his future continue to rise.

For now, Sooryavanshi's Orange Cap triumph stands as one of the defining stories of the season, and Kohli's glowing reaction has only added another memorable chapter to the teenager's extraordinary journey.

BCCI Secretary Hints At India Debut For Vaibhav Sooryavanshi After Sensational IPL Rise

Teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi may be closer to an India debut than many expected. Following his remarkable performances in IPL 2026, BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia has made a significant statement that has further intensified discussions around the young cricketer's future with the national team.

Sooryavanshi emerged as one of the biggest discoveries of the IPL season with his fearless batting and maturity beyond his age. Representing Rajasthan Royals, the youngster consistently impressed cricket fans and experts alike with his aggressive stroke play, composure under pressure, and ability to perform against some of the world's top bowlers. His performances quickly turned him into one of the most talked-about names in Indian cricket.

Speaking about the teenager's rapid rise, BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia acknowl-

edged Sooryavanshi's immense talent and praised his achievements during the tournament. While stopping short of making any official announcement, Saikia suggested that the youngster's progress is being closely monitored and indicated that strong performances at the domestic and IPL levels naturally place players in contention for national selection.

According to Saikia, the Indian team management and selectors continue to focus on players who consistently deliver results and demonstrate the temperament required for international cricket. His comments were widely interpreted as a positive signal for Sooryavanshi, whose name has increasingly been mentioned in conversations about India's future batting lineup.

The young batter's IPL campaign attracted attention not only because of the runs he scored but also because of the manner in which he scored

them. Throughout the season, Sooryavanshi displayed an attacking approach, taking on experienced international bowlers without hesitation. His confidence and shot selection drew comparisons with some of India's most successful modern-day batters.

Cricket experts have repeatedly stressed that India's selection process remains highly competitive, particularly given the depth of talent available across formats. However, many believe Sooryavanshi has already shown enough potential to be considered for future tours, especially in white-ball cricket. His performances have strengthened the argument that exceptional young talents should be fast-tracked when they consistently prove themselves against high-quality opposition.

Despite the growing hype, Sooryavanshi himself has remained grounded. In recent interactions, he stated

that his primary focus remains on improving his game and continuing to perform whenever given opportunities. He has repeatedly emphasised that representing India is a dream, but he prefers to concentrate on the process rather than becoming distracted by speculation about national selection.

Saikia's latest remarks have only increased anticipation surrounding the teenager's future. While there is no official timeline for his international debut, the message from the BCCI appears clear: outstanding performances will not go unnoticed. If Sooryavanshi continues his current trajectory, an India call-up may be a matter of when, not if.

For now, Indian cricket fans will be watching closely as one of the country's brightest young prospects attempts to turn a breakthrough IPL season into the next major chapter of his career.



Virat Kohli's Trophy-Hunting Mindset Sets Him Apart As Rohit Sharma Falls Behind In IPL Legacy Debate



Virat Kohli's long wait for IPL glory once defined much of the conversation around his career. Despite being one of the league's greatest performers, the absence of a title often became the biggest argument used against him in comparisons with other cricketing legends. But after leading Royal Challengers Bengaluru to back-to-back IPL titles, that narrative has changed dramatically.

RCB's latest championship triumph has not only strengthened Kohli's legacy but also reignited comparisons between him and Mumbai Indians star Rohit Sharma. For years, Rohit held a significant advantage in IPL discussions because of his success as a captain and multiple title victories with Mumbai Indians. While Kohli accumulated runs and records, Rohit's trophy cabinet often gave him the upper hand in debates surrounding IPL greatness.

However, the balance has started to shift.

Kohli's performances during

RCB's title-winning campaigns have reinforced his reputation as a player who continues to evolve and chase success relentlessly. Rather than becoming satisfied after finally winning the IPL trophy, he has remained driven to add more silverware to his career. That hunger has become one of the defining features of his cricketing journey.

The latest season showcased that mentality once again. Kohli played a major role in RCB's successful title defence, delivering crucial runs throughout the tournament and stepping up in important matches. His consistency, fitness, and competitive spirit remained central to the team's success.

What stands out is Kohli's ability to maintain elite performance standards even after more than a decade at the highest level. While many players begin slowing down during the later stages of their careers, Kohli continues to adapt his game and find new ways to dominate. His aggressive approach, combined with experience, has allowed

him to remain one of the most feared batters in franchise cricket.

The discussion around Rohit Sharma has become more complicated in comparison. Although Rohit remains one of the most successful captains in IPL history and a modern-day great, his recent seasons have not had the same impact as Kohli's. Questions about consistency and influence have increasingly entered the conversation, especially as younger stars continue to emerge across the league.

Kohli's renewed success has also changed perceptions about leadership and legacy. Earlier criticism focused heavily on his inability to secure an IPL trophy despite years of excellence. With consecutive championships now attached to his name, many of those arguments have lost their strength.

Another important factor is Kohli's continued hunger for achievements. His emotional celebrations after winning titles suggest that success has not reduced his motivation. Instead, it appears to have

strengthened his desire to keep building a legacy that extends beyond records and statistics.

The IPL has always been a tournament where trophies carry enormous weight in shaping reputations. For years, that reality worked in Rohit Sharma's favour. Now, with RCB emerging as a dominant force and Kohli collecting titles alongside records, the conversation has become far more balanced.

Whether one values Rohit's captaincy achievements or Kohli's unmatched consistency, the debate remains subjective. But one thing is increasingly clear: Kohli's relentless pursuit of trophies has transformed his IPL story. What was once considered the biggest gap in his legacy has now become one of its strongest pillars.

As RCB celebrate another championship and Kohli continues adding new milestones to his career, his trophy-hunting mentality is ensuring that his place among the IPL's greatest icons remains stronger than ever.

Ram Charan Turns Vijayawada Event Into Emotional Celebration for Peddi Pre Release

Ram Charan turned the pre-release event of his upcoming rural sports drama Peddi into an emotional spectacle in Vijayawada on Monday, with the star declaring that the gathering felt more like a post-release success meet than a promotional function. The grand event witnessed a massive turnout of fans who gathered under intense heat to catch a glimpse of the Global Star. The programme was attended by AP Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh and Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) as chief guests, adding political prominence to the cinematic celebration. Expressing heartfelt gratitude, Ram

Charan said Vijayawada has always been a "lucky city" for his family. He recalled that several blockbuster celebrations of his father Chiranjeevi were held in the city. "We came here to carry that sentiment forward," he said, receiving loud cheers from the crowd. Speaking about Peddi, Charan described the film as a landmark in his career. He credited director Buchi Babu Sana and thanked filmmaker Sukumar for introducing the project. Calling it a "once-in-a-decade story," he said the film will remain a permanent asset in his film journey. He explained that Peddi revolves around the emotional rise of a

fallen man who struggles to reclaim dignity and strength. Comparing his excitement for the project to his earlier films, he said only titles like Magadheera, Rangasthalam and RRR had given him similar anticipation for daily shoots. Ram Charan also praised actress Janhvi Kapoor, describing her performance and presence as luminous. He said veteran actress Sridevi would be proud of her daughter's growth and expressed hope that Janhvi would surpass her legacy in the future. In an emotional moment, the actor reaffirmed his commitment to audiences, stating that cinema is his life and he would continue to entertain

fans till his last breath. Director Buchi Babu Sana, in his speech, called Peddi a deeply emotional sports drama rather than a routine commercial film. He revealed that the final 40 minutes of the film's second half carry powerful emotional weight and feature a performance from Ram Charan that would move audiences to tears. "If I have to define this film in ten years, I will say only one thing: Ram Charan," he said. The film features music composed by A. R. Rahman and is produced by Satish Kilaru. Peddi is scheduled for theatrical release on June 4, with expectations running high following the energetic Vijayawada event.



Prabhas Heads To Iconic 45-Year-Old Hyderabad Theatre For Key 'Spirit' Shoot

Prabhas has officially resumed work on Spirit, one of the most anticipated pan-Indian films currently in production, and the latest shooting update has created major excitement among fans. According to recent reports, a crucial schedule of the film is being shot at Hyderabad's historic Vimal Theatre, a single-screen cinema that has been entertaining audiences for over 45 years. Directed by Animal filmmaker Sandeep Reddy Vanga, Spirit is an intense action drama that marks the first collaboration between the director and Prabhas. The film has already generated enormous buzz because it is expected to present the star in a powerful and rugged police officer role, a character that fans are eager to see on the big screen. The latest update confirms that filming is taking place at the iconic Vimal Theatre in Hyderabad, a venue that holds nostalgic value for many movie lovers. The theatre has long been regarded as one of the city's most popular single-screen cinemas, making it a unique location choice for the production team. Reports suggest that the current schedule could continue for nearly two days, with Prabhas actively participating in the shoot. As news of the shoot spread, large numbers of fans reportedly gathered outside the theatre hoping to catch a glimpse of the actor. The production team is said to have made special arrangements to manage the crowd and ensure that filming proceeds smoothly. The excitement surrounding the schedule highlights the immense popularity Prabhas continues to enjoy among audiences. Spirit stars Bollywood actress Triptii Dimri as the female lead. The film also features Vivek Oberoi, who is making his Telugu cinema debut as the primary antagonist. Veteran actress Kanchana and Aishwarya

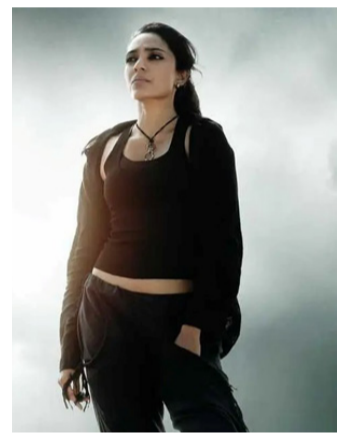
Desai are also expected to play important roles in the project. The Hyderabad schedule comes shortly after reports that the production had been filming scenes in locations such as Aziz Nagar and Women's College in Koti. With shooting progressing steadily, the makers appear to be moving forward with an extensive production plan designed on a grand scale. Produced jointly by T-Series and Bhadrakali Pictures, Spirit features music by Harshavardhan Rameshwar. The film is planned as a multilingual release and will arrive in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada, along with international versions in several foreign languages. The makers have officially locked March 5, 2027, as the worldwide theatrical release date. With Prabhas returning to the sets and filming now underway at one of Hyderabad's most iconic theatres, anticipation for Spirit

continues to grow. Fans are eagerly waiting for more updates, including the first teaser and a closer look at Prabhas' much-talked-about character in the action-packed entertainer.



Sobhita Dhulipala Excited About Upcoming Big-Budget Film, Calls It "Incredible"

Actress Sobhita Dhulipala has raised excitement among fans after opening up about one of her upcoming projects, describing it as an "incredible film" and hinting that audiences will get to see her in a completely new avatar. The actress, known for choosing unconventional and performance-driven roles, is currently working on filmmaker Pa Ranjith's much-awaited project Vettuvam, which she believes could become a major milestone in her career. In a recent interaction, Sobhita expressed immense confidence in the film and revealed that it is unlike anything she has done before. She stated that she considers it her best performance to date and said she is extremely eager for audiences to watch the movie. Her comments have quickly generated buzz across social media platforms, with fans curious about the role she will be playing in the ambitious venture. According to reports, Vettuvam is being directed by acclaimed filmmaker Pa Ranjith and is described as an apocalyptic science-fiction drama. The project reportedly spans multiple timelines and blends action, emotion, and large-scale storytelling elements. Sobhita hinted that the film will feature a "crazy avatar," suggesting that viewers can expect a dramatic transformation in her character. The actress recently received additional attention when the



makers unveiled her first-look poster from the film as a special birthday surprise. The poster immediately sparked curiosity among movie enthusiasts and added to the growing anticipation surrounding the project. While the filmmakers have chosen to keep most plot details under wraps, the visual glimpse suggested a bold and intriguing character arc for Sobhita. Over the years, Sobhita has built a reputation for taking on diverse roles across Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, and international projects. From her acclaimed performances in Made in Heaven and The Night Manager to her recent Telugu thriller Cheekatilo, she has consistently explored characters that challenge conventional storytelling norms. Industry observers believe Vettuvam could mark another significant turning point in her career, particularly because of Pa Ranjith's reputation for delivering visually striking and socially layered films. The combination of Ranjith's filmmaking style and Sobhita's performance-oriented approach has already generated strong expectations among cinema lovers. Fans have also reacted positively to Sobhita's confidence in the project, viewing her comments as a sign that the film may offer something unique and ambitious. While the makers are yet to reveal a teaser or release date, the actress's enthusiastic remarks have successfully increased curiosity around the film. As anticipation continues to build, audiences are now eagerly waiting for more updates on Vettuvam. If Sobhita's description is any indication, the film could showcase a completely different side of the actress and become one of the most talked-about projects in her filmography.

Ravi Teja's 'Irumudi' First Glimpse To Arrive Soon, Release Date Announced

Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja's upcoming film Irumudi is steadily building strong buzz among fans, and the makers have now unveiled an exciting update regarding the movie's promotional campaign. The team has officially announced the release date for the film's first glimpse, raising expectations around one of the most anticipated Telugu projects currently in production. Directed by Shiva Nirvana, Irumudi marks the first collaboration between the filmmaker and Ravi Teja. Ever since the project was announced, the film has generated curiosity because it promises to present the actor in a completely different avatar from his recent commercial entertainers. The movie is expected to blend emotional storytelling with devotional elements, making it one of the most unique projects in Ravi Teja's career. The makers revealed that the first glimpse of Irumudi will be released soon, giving audiences their first substantial look at the film's world and Ravi Teja's character. The announcement has already sparked excitement on social media, where fans have been eagerly waiting for updates from the project. The glimpse is expected to offer a clearer picture of the film's tone, visual style, and emotional core. Earlier, the film's title and first-look poster created significant attention. The post-

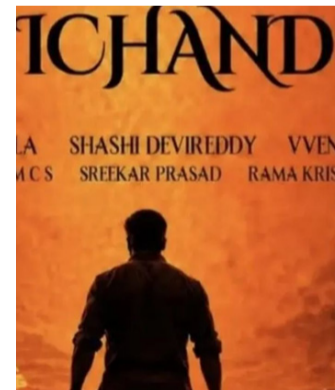


er showcased Ravi Teja in the role of an Ayyappa Swamy devotee, carrying the sacred Irumudi, a symbol associated with the pilgrimage to Sabarimala. The striking image suggested that the film would feature strong spiritual and emotional themes while retaining the mass appeal associated with the actor. Reports indicate that Irumudi revolves around a heartfelt father-daughter relationship, with devotional elements woven into the narrative. Director Shiva Nirvana, known for emotional dramas such as Majili, is expected to bring his signature storytelling style to the project. Industry observers believe the film could offer Ravi Teja an opportunity to showcase a more mature and emotionally

driven performance. Priya Bhavani Shankar plays the female lead in the movie, while music is being composed by G. V. Prakash Kumar. The film is being produced by Mythri Movie Makers, one of the leading production houses in Telugu cinema. With shooting progressing steadily and promotional activities beginning to gather momentum, the makers are reportedly targeting a theatrical release later this year. Fans are hoping that Irumudi will mark a major comeback for Ravi Teja and deliver both emotional depth and commercial success. The upcoming first glimpse is expected to play a crucial role in building anticipation and setting the stage for the film's eventual release.

Gopichand's 34th Film Officially Goes On Floors, Shooting Begins

Macho Star Gopichand is continuing his busy schedule with back-to-back projects. While he is already occupied with the ambitious period action drama Bharata Varsha: Saga of Shula, the actor has now officially started work on another exciting venture, tentatively titled Gopichand 34. The latest update from the makers confirms that the film has officially commenced shooting, creating fresh excitement among fans. The project marks the 34th film in Gopichand's career and carries added significance because it introduces popular stunt choreographer V. Venkat as a director. Known for designing action sequences for several successful Telugu films, Venkat is now stepping into direction for the first time with what is being described as a high-scale action entertainer. The film was formally launched in Hyderabad in early May with a traditional pooja ceremony attended by several notable personalities from the Telugu film industry. After completing pre-production work, the makers have now moved into the regular shoot-



edly mounting the movie on a grand scale with high production values. Earlier announcement posters hinted at an intense and visually rich action-driven world, sparking speculation about the film's storyline and genre. The technical crew includes several experienced names from the industry. Acclaimed composer Sam C. S. is handling the music, while National Award-winning editor Sreekar Prasad has come on board for editing responsibilities. Cinematography is being handled by Shamdat, whose visual style is expected to add scale and depth to the film. Production design duties are entrusted to the renowned duo Ramakrishna and Monika. The producers are report-

