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Kapu Reservation Returns to the Political Centre Stage

The demand for reservation for the Kapu community has once again emerged as a significant political issue in Andhra Pradesh. During the recent tributes paid to veteran Kapu leader Mudragada Padmanabham, several speakers revived the long-pending demand for Kapu reservation, arguing that carrying forward the movement would be the most fitting tribute to the leader who spearheaded the agitation in 2015. As a result, the issue has regained political prominence, with different parties attempting to influence the direction of the debate.

The Opposition YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has been actively participating in meetings organised by Kapu leaders, leading to speculation that it is seeking to strengthen the reservation movement while also placing political pressure on the ruling Alliance Government. Political observers believe the party is trying to widen differences between sections of the Kapu community and the government. Another view is that the renewed campaign is aimed at putting Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, one of the most influ-



ential Kapu leaders in the state, in a politically delicate position.

The history of the issue presents an interesting contrast. Mudragada Padmanabham launched a large-scale agitation for Kapu reservation during the previous government led by N. Chandrababu Naidu. At the time, political analysts suggested that the movement received direct or indirect support from the then Opposition YSRCP. However, after Y.S. Jagann Mohan Reddy assumed office in 2019, the issue did not receive the attention many Kapu organisations had antici-

pated. The YSRCP government did not prominently pursue the demand, nor was it a major promise in the party's election manifesto.

Before the 2019 elections, the Chandrababu Naidu government had passed a resolution recommending five per cent reservation for Kapus under the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) quota introduced by the Union Government. However, the proposal was not implemented during the subsequent YSRCP government. At the same time, Mudragada did not launch a major agitation against the government on the

issue. Instead, his political disagreements with Pawan Kalyan became more prominent, while his decision to change his name to Mudragada Padmanabha Reddy also drew widespread political attention.

The issue has once again gained momentum following the custodial death of Sai Krishna in Vijayawada. The participation of YSRCP leaders in meetings organised by Kapu representatives, alongside separate gatherings expressing support for Pawan Kalyan, has brought the reservation issue back into the political spotlight.

As the movement enters a renewed phase, the Alliance Government is likely to face increasing pressure over the demand. While the YSRCP is attempting to associate itself with the campaign, Kapu leaders have maintained that their movement is open to leaders from all political parties. Whether this renewed mobilisation leads to concrete policy action or remains a recurring political issue will depend on the government's response and the strength of public support in the months ahead.



CM Calls for Unity, Vigilance Against Political Divisions

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has urged Telugu Desam Party leaders and cadre to remain united and vigilant against what he described as attempts by the Opposition YSRCP to create social and political divisions in Andhra Pradesh. Stressing that the warning should not be taken lightly, he said the ruling NDA alliance must counter any efforts to incite differences among castes and communi-

ties with responsibility and restraint.

Expressing confidence that the NDA alliance would return to power comfortably in the next elections, Chandrababu Naidu cautioned party workers against complacency. He said electoral success depends not only on public support but also on the party's ability to effectively respond to political challenges and safeguard social harmony.

The Chief Minister's remarks come amid

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Mangrove Restoration Drive Brings Encroachments into Focus

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The observance of the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem has renewed focus on the need to protect Andhra Pradesh's mangrove forests, with environmental conservation emerging as a key concern. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, through a message shared by the Andhra Pradesh Deputy CMO, highlighted the ecological significance of mangroves and reaffirmed the government's commitment to their restora-



tion under the Great Green Wall of Andhra Pradesh initiative.

Pawan Kalyan said mangroves act as the first line of defence along the state's 1,053-km coastline,

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Lokesh Pays Tribute to Pragada Kotaiah on Birth Anniversary

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Minister for HRD and IT Nara Lokesh paid heartfelt tributes to Pragada Kotaiah on his birth anniversary, describing him as the "Father of the Handloom Sector." Lokesh said Kotaiah played a key role in the freedom struggle and devoted his entire life to the development of the handloom sector and the welfare of weavers. He noted that Kotaiah's contribution to establishing handloom cooperative societies was unparalleled. Lokesh said the State Government observes his birth anniversary as a state fes-



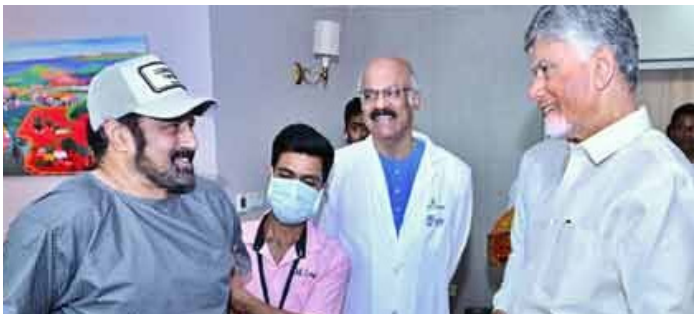
tival in recognition of his efforts to protect the handloom industry. He added that Kotaiah's selfless service continues to inspire future generations.

No Encroachment on Pawan Kalyan's Land, Says YV Ranganath

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

YV Ranganath, former Vice Chairman, clarified that Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan had not encroached upon the Kodikunta tank in Janwada. He said an inquiry was conducted immediately after allegations surfaced. According to Ranganath, Pawan Kalyan purchased 10 acres of land from four farmers in 2015. A draft notification demarcating the tank boundaries was issued in 2016, while the final

notification was released in 2024. Under the final notification, seven acres fall within the tank area and three acres lie outside it. He said the entire land is privately owned patta land and that patta lands can legally exist within tanks and riverbeds. Ranganath asserted that no soil filling or construction had taken place, and therefore no encroachment had occurred. He added that the land remains in its original condition and agricultural activities can continue.



CM Chandrababu Visits Balakrishna at AIG Hospital

Hyderabad, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited AIG Hospital in Hyderabad on Sunday to meet film actor and MLA Nan-

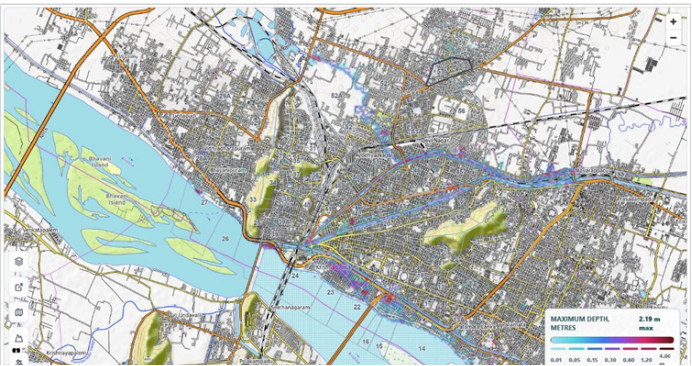
damuri Balakrishna, who is undergoing treatment after sustaining an injury during a film shoot. The Chief Minister enquired about Balakrishna's health and wished him a speedy recovery.

RTGS Launches AI-Powered 'City Flood Alert' To Predict Urban Flood Risks

K Kalyan Krishna Kumar

Amaravati : In a major step towards strengthening climate-resilient urban governance, the Andhra Pradesh Government has launched the 'City Flood Alert', an advanced artificial intelligence-based platform designed to predict urban flooding and enable authorities to take preventive measures before disasters occur.

The platform has been developed by the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) through its AWARE Division in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) and experts from IIT Gandhinagar. The system combines artificial intelligence, satellite-



based terrain mapping, predictive analytics and hydrological modelling to provide accurate flood forecasts and early warnings for urban areas.

The initiative, launched under the vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, aims to transform disaster

management from a reactive approach into a predictive and preventive governance model.

Initially, the platform will be implemented in Vijayawada, a city that has frequently faced flooding challenges, particularly due to the Budameru stream during heavy

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Gold Bonam Offered to Kanaka Durga Amid Grand Ashada Procession

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

A grand Gold Bonam offering to Goddess Sri Kanaka Durga was conducted on Saturday as part of the auspicious Ashada festivities under the aegis of the Hyderabad Joint Temples Procession Committee. The programme began at 11 am with special prayers at the deity's shrine at Jammidoddi. Temple Chairman Bora Radhakrishna, Executive Officer VK Sheena Naik and Shanthacharya V. Siva Prasad Sharma participated in the rit-



uals. The temple authorities accorded a traditional welcome to the Telangana delegation, accompanied by performers in unique costumes and Pothuraju artists. The colourful procession, featuring over 500 artists, drummers and

Kolatam dancers, reached the temple via the Ghat Road. Committee members offered the Gold Bonam, praying for peace, prosperity and rapid development of both Telugu states. Later, the Chairman and Executive Officer presented Vedic blessings, a portrait of the Goddess and prasadam to Joint Temples Procession Committee Chairman Madhusudan Yadav, member Anjaiah and others. The committee appreciated the Andhra Pradesh government for the arrangements made by the Devasthanam.

APCO, Handloom Cooperative Elections to Be Held Soon: Minister Savitha

Chirala, July 26 | TPN Bureau

State Handlooms and Textiles Minister S. Savitha announced that elections to handloom cooperative societies and APCO would be held soon to strengthen the state's handloom sector. Addressing the state-level birth anniversary celebrations of Pragada Kotaiah at Padmashali Kalyana Mandapam in Chirala, she said the Alliance government, led by Chief Minister N. Chan-



drababu Naidu, is committed to the welfare of weavers.

The minister announced that all eligible weavers would receive annual financial assistance of 25,000 under the

'Nethanna Seva' scheme, which will be launched on National Handloom Day next month. She said the government is also implementing 200 units of free electricity

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PM Modi Urges Youth to Lead India's Development Through Vibrant Village Programme

New Delhi, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday highlighted the government's vision of building a self-confident, self-reliant and capable generation while interacting with participants of the Viksit Vibrant Village (VVV) Programme 2026. He said India's youth are the driving force behind the country's journey towards becoming a developed nation and called upon them to actively contribute to nation-building.



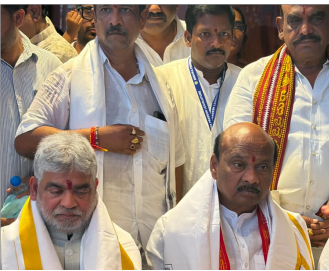
The Prime Minister said the programme enables young people to understand the challenges, culture and opportunities in border villages while fostering leadership and a sense of national responsibility. Conducted from June 4 to June 30, the programme covered 74 Vibrant

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AP, Telangana Assembly Speakers Offer Prayers at Kanaka Durga Temple

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu, Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Speaker Raghu Rama Krishna Raju visited the Sri Kanaka Durga temple in Vijayawada on Sunday and offered special prayers to the presiding deity. The dignitaries were accorded a grand Poorna Kumbham welcome by Endow-



ments Department officials, temple Executive Officer and priests upon their arrival. Following the darshan, Vedic scholars offered Vedic blessings at the

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## Naidu Pays Tribute to Freedom Fighter G. Jayanti

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu paid rich tributes to veteran freedom fighter, social reformer and Gandhian G. Jayanti, recalling his lifelong commitment to public service and social welfare.

In a message shared on social media on Sunday, the Chief Minister said G. Jayanti dedicated his life to the upliftment of the poor, Harijans and the Chenetha community. He described Jayanti as an inspiration for generations, noting that his selfless service and unwavering commitment to society earned him widespread respect.

Naidu said Jayanti spent decades working for the welfare of



the underprivileged in Guntur district and remained a guiding force for social causes. He added that Jayanti's dedication to serving society would continue to inspire future generations and that his legacy would always be remembered with gratitude.

The Chief Minister also offered floral tributes to G. Jayanti's portrait as a mark of respect for his invaluable contribution to society.

## BJP Kisan Morcha Plans Mega Youth Farmers' Meet

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

BJP president P.V.N. Madhav on Sunday called upon farmers to prepare for the challenges posed by a possible Super El Niño while paying tributes to Kargil martyrs on Kargil Vijay Diwas. Addressing the BJP Kisan Morcha State Executive Committee meeting, he said farmers are the nation's "second soldiers" as they safeguard the country's food security.

He urged farmers to adopt climate-resilient crops, conserve groundwater and follow scientific farming practices with guidance from agricultural experts and Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

Madhav highlighted Central government schemes, including the Soil Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, and encouraged value-added agricultural production and natural



farming. He also announced a Youth Farmers' Conference with 5,000 participants to boost youth involvement in agriculture.

AP BJP Kisan Morcha president Chigurupati Kumaraswamy and National General Secretary Shambhu Kumar stressed the need to improve farmers' incomes, reduce dependence on middlemen and strengthen communication between farmers and the government. National Vice-President Suresh Reddy, Tobacco Board Chairman Yashwant and BJP State Organisation General Secretary Madhukar Ji attended the meeting.

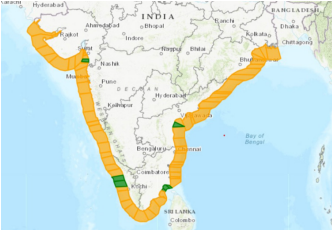
## Deep Depression Intensifies Over Bay, Fishermen Warned

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

A low-pressure system that formed over the northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Odisha-West Bengal coast has intensified into a depression, Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) Managing Director Prakhar Jain said on Sunday.

The system is expected to move northwestwards and strengthen further into a deep depression within the next 24 hours. It is likely to cross the north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Paradip and Sagar Island by Monday morning or afternoon.

Prakhar Jain said the weather system would trigger strong winds with speeds of 55-65 kmph along the north Andhra coast. He



advised people, particularly those living in coastal areas, to remain alert and take necessary precautions.

The sea is expected to remain rough with high waves. Authorities warned that boats less than seven metres in length should not be operated under the prevailing conditions. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea until Wednesday. Coastal residents and fishing communities have also been urged to strictly follow official safety advisories.

## BJP Seeks Stronger Push for Handloom Sector

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

BJP president P.V.N. Madhav on Sunday called for comprehensive measures to strengthen the handloom sector, describing it as a symbol of India's culture, self-reliance and economic pride. Addressing a round-table meeting on handlooms at the BJP State office, he welcomed the Andhra Pradesh government's decision to officially celebrate the birth anniversary of veteran handloom leader Pragada Kotayya and praised his lifelong struggle for the welfare of weavers.

Madhav said India's handloom heritage dates back to the Indus Valley Civilisation and recalled that Indian textiles were once exported across the world. He noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's declaration of August 7 as National Handloom Day in 2015



had given fresh momentum to the sector through initiatives such as Vocal for Local and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

He urged governments to ensure transparent subsidies for electricity, yarn and dyes, continue pensions and welfare schemes for weavers, and promote handloom products through e-commerce and exports. Madhav also welcomed the decision to officially celebrate Markandeya Jayanti and announced that a State-level Handloom Conference would be held in Vijayawada on August 5 to prepare a roadmap for the sector's development.

## Tomato Prices Plunge, Farmers Face Heavy Losses

Sravani Badugu

Madanapalle : Tomato farmers in Andhra Pradesh are facing severe financial distress as prices have witnessed a steep decline in major markets, leaving growers worried about recovering their cultivation expenses. The sudden fall in rates has pushed many farmers into a difficult situation, with several expressing concern over mounting losses.

At the Madanapalle tomato trading centres in the state, prices dropped drastically on Sunday. A 10-kg box of Grade-2 tomatoes was sold for just Rs.70, bringing the market rate to around Rs.7 per kg. Farmers said that the actual amount they receive is even lower after deducting transportation charges, commission fees



and other market-related expenses. In many cases, growers are getting only Rs.3 to Rs.4.50 per kg.

Farmers stated that the present prices are far below their production costs. According to them, cultivating tomatoes on one acre requires an investment of nearly Rs.3 lakh to Rs.4 lakh, including expenses on seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, labour and irrigation. With prices continuing to remain low, they fear that they may not even recover the money spent on cultivation.

## Naidu Pays Tribute to Kargil Heroes

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu paid heartfelt tributes to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in the Kargil War, marking the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas.

In a message shared on social media on Sunday, the Chief Minister said the extraordinary courage and supreme sacrifice of the Indian armed forces secured the nation's victory under the most challenging circum-



stances. He noted that despite formidable terrain and relentless adversity, the soldiers stood firm in defending India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Naidu said the unmatched heroism displayed by the Kargil

## Narayana Family to Distribute 10,000 Free Cycles to Students

Nellore, July 26 | TPN Bureau

A major initiative to improve access to education for government school students will be launched in Nellore with the distribution of 10,000 free bicycles under the "Narayana Vidya Vahanam" programme. Ponguru Sharani, daughter of Municipal Administration Minister Dr Ponguru Narayana, visited the historic VRC School on Sunday to review arrangements for the event and interacted with students. She also rode a bicycle on the school premises, encouraging students ahead of the launch.



Sharani announced that the bicycles, worth nearly Rs.6 crore and funded entirely through the family's personal resources, would be distributed in two phases to students of 23 government and municipal high schools in the Nellore Assembly constituency. The first phase will see 7,000 bicycles distributed at VRC Grounds on Monday,

## RLSSAP to Launch Water Safety Awareness Drive

Visakhapatnam, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Marking World Drowning Prevention Day, Rashtriya Life Saving Society (RLSS) President B. Balaram Naidu stressed that drowning is preventable through awareness, education and water safety training. He said the organisation would launch Water Safety Awareness Programmes in schools and colleges across Andhra Pradesh to educate children about safe practices around rivers, lakes, canals, beaches and



other water bodies.

Balaram Naidu said the initiative aims to equip students with essential water safety knowledge and help reduce drowning incidents across the State. He noted that as Andhra Pradesh expands ocean-based tourism, inland wa-

## CMRF Aid Brings Relief to Poor Families

Salur, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Minister Gummidi Sandhya Rani distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques worth 2,30,044 to beneficiaries in Salur of Parvathipuram Manyam district on Sunday.

The minister handed over financial assistance of 1,77,044 to Gandipalli Hemalatha of Jeegiravillage in Salur mandal and 53,000 to Kolli Geetha of Kur-



marajupeta in Salur. The beneficiaries thanked Minister Sandhya Rani for extending support during their health-related financial difficulties. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the Chief Minister's Relief Fund

## TNUS Seeks OD Facility for Teachers Appearing TET

Amaravati, July 25 | TPN Bureau

The Telugu Nadu United Teachers (TNUS) has requested the Commissioner of School Education (CSE) to provide On Duty (OD) facility for in-service teachers appearing for the AP TET - June 2026 examination. TNUS state president Mannam Srinivas and state general

secretary Ramishetti Venkateswarlu urged the authorities to grant OD permission to teaching staff attending the Teacher Eligibility Test scheduled from August 5 to 21, 2026.

The union leaders stated that many in-service teachers are appearing for the TET examination to meet the eligibility criteria prescribed by the government. They

The situation has caused disappointment among tomato growers, who said that repeated price crashes are affecting their livelihoods. Many farmers are now worried about their future cultivation plans, as continuous losses could force them to reduce tomato farming in the coming seasons.

Farmers have appealed to the state government to take immediate steps to support them by ensuring minimum remunerative prices, strengthening market intervention mechanisms and providing relief during periods of extreme price fluctuations. They urged authorities to implement measures that would safeguard farmers from recurring financial hardships and protect the interests of the farming community.

## Minister Satya Kumar Reviews Treatment of Ailing Child

Hyderabad, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Minister Satyakumar Yadav on Sunday visited six-year-old S. Chandrika, who is undergoing treatment at the Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Research Centre in Hyderabad, and assured her family of the government's full support. The child, from Mulakalacheruvu in Annamayya district, is scheduled to undergo a wide excision of the lesion with microvascular reconstruction within the next two days.

The Minister had taken personal interest in Chandrika's treatment since learning of her condition earlier this month. Following preliminary examinations by specialists, doctors suspected the rare genetic disorder Xeroderma Pigmentosum (XP), prompting her immediate transfer to Tirupati's Government Ruia Hospital. After advanced investigations,



doctors recommended higher treatment at the Hyderabad hospital.

During his visit, Satyakumar reviewed Chandrika's condition with doctors and directed that treatment worth Rs.1,37,339 be provided free of cost under the Dr NTR Vaidya Seva Trust. He also extended financial assistance for other medical needs, presented a nutrition kit and assured the child's parents that the government would ensure there were no obstacles in her treatment. The family expressed gratitude to the state government and the Minister for the continued support.

## Pragada Kotayya's Legacy Honoured

Chirala, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The 111th birth anniversary of former Minister and renowned champion of the handloom sector Pragada Kotayya was celebrated in Chirala on Sunday under the directions of the Andhra Pradesh government. The commemorative programme was held at Sri Padmasaliya Bahumathamma Sangham Kalyana Mandapam, where Minister Savita inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

The programme paid tribute to Pragada Kotayya's enduring contribution to the welfare and development of the handloom community. Handlooms & Textiles Special Chief Secretary R.P. Sisodia, Handlooms & Textiles Commissioner Rekha Rani,



Bapatla District Collector Dr Vinod Kumar V., MLC Pothula Sunitha, Chirala MLA Muddaluri Mala Kondaiah, State Agnikula Kshatriya Welfare Development Corporation Chairman C. Pararao and Joint Collector Bhavana Vasishtha participated in the celebrations.

The dignitaries joined handloom representatives and members of the public in remembering Kotayya's dedicated service and his lasting impact on the weaving community and the state's handloom sector.

## Pattiseema Project Revived Krishna Delta

Machilipatnam, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Minister Kollu Ravindra on Sunday credited the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Project with safeguarding the Krishna Delta and ensuring irrigation even during drought conditions. Laying the foundation stone for repair works on the Shivaganga-Bobbili Vagu drain in Machilipatnam constituency, he said the project reflected Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's foresight and commitment to farmers.

1drain repairs worth Rs.6.50 crore had already been completed in the constituency, while the latest drain restoration would be taken up at a cost of Rs.25 lakh. The works, he said, would improve water flow from Challapalli and Pedana to Shivaganga, benefiting agriculture across the region.

Recalling the opposition to the Pattiseema project by YSRCP leaders during its construction,



the Minister said the project had transformed thousands of acres in the Krishna Delta into fertile farmland. APSRTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana Rao, DCMS Chairman Bandi Ramakrishna, former Krishna District Library Chairman Gorrepati Gopichand, TDP district general secretary Gopu Satyanarayana, Market Yard Chairman Kunche Nani, TDP city president Logishetty Venkataswamy, cluster in-charges Pippalla Venkanna and Lanka Seshagiri, Water Users Association president Thumati Venkateswara Rao, Jana Sena city president Gaddam Raju, officials, farmers and coalition leaders attended the programme.

## Y.S. Sharmila Says She Is Recovering Well After Surgery

Hyderabad, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Y.S. Sharmila on Sunday said she is recovering well after undergoing a necessary abdominal surgery and thanked her well-wishers for their support and prayers.

In a message shared on social media, Sharmila said the surgery had been successful and that her recovery was progressing well. She expressed gratitude to everyone who had extended their wishes and encouragement during her treatment.

"I'm happy to share that I'm recovering well from the neces-



sary abdominal surgery I recently had. A big thank you to all my well-wishers for your kind thoughts and support," she said.

Several political leaders across party lines, including Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, have wished Sharmila a speedy recovery and hoped she would soon resume her public responsibilities.

## World Embryologists Day Celebrated in Vijayawada

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

World Embryologists Day-2026 was celebrated in Vijayawada on Sunday with Professor Dr. Mo-

han S. Kamath, Head of the Department of Reproductive Medicine at Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, stating that skilled embryologists are

the backbone of every successful IVF centre. Organised by the Embryologists Association of Andhra Pradesh (EAAP) at Hotel Fortune Murali Park, the

event featured scientific sessions on advanced sperm selection, embryo grading, laboratory quality standards and Assisted Reproductive Technology. Asso-

ciation President Kishore Babu said the day commemorates the birth of the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, on July 25, 1978. Secretary Dr. V. Lenin

Babu reaffirmed the association's commitment to training and research. Vice-President Suresh Kumar and General Secretary Dileep Kumar announced

awareness programmes on infertility. Dr. Padmaja, Dr. Uma Shankar, Treasurer Mithun Chakravathy and other members attended the event.



# Jagan Pays Tribute to Kargil Heroes

Amaravati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

YSR Congress Party president and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy paid heartfelt tributes to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the nation on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas. In a post on X on Sunday, Jagan remembered the courage, determination and supreme sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces in defending the country's sovereignty during the 1999 Kargil War.

In his message, Jagan said Kargil Vijay Diwas is a day to honour the brave soldiers whose unwavering resolve, unparalleled courage and supreme sacrifice protected India's sovereignty.

YSRCP State Coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy has called upon the party's student and youth wings to make the statewide protest rallies scheduled for July 28 a grand success by mobilising students, unemployed youth, DSC aspirants and the public in large numbers.

Addressing a teleconference with party leaders on Sunday, Sajjala said the protests should focus on demanding the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh over the alleged irregularities in the DSC recruitment process. He alleged that nearly 400 teacher posts were allotted under the sports quota using invalid certificates and claimed that serious lapses occurred in question paper preparation and recruitment.

Sajjala also urged party leaders to highlight pending fee reimbursement dues of over 10,000 crore and the government's alleged failure to fulfil its promise of providing a 3,000 monthly unemployment allowance to unemployed youth.

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YSRCP MLC Lella Appi Reddy appealed to party workers to ensure the success of the protests across all districts. Several youth and student wing leaders participated in the teleconference.



# YSRCP Seeks CBI Probe into DSC

Nellore, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has renewed its demand for the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh over alleged irregularities in the District Selection Committee (DSC) teacher recruitment process and called for a CBI inquiry into the issue.

Addressing the media in Nellore on Sunday, YSRCP MLC P. Chandrasekhar Reddy alleged that irregularities had occurred at every stage of the DSC process, from the notification to recruitment. He claimed that while the DSC notification clearly stated that only Teacher Eligibility Test (TET)-qualified candidates were eligible for appointment, the recruitment process was completed without adhering to the prescribed norms. He alleged that several candidates who secured jobs through DSC are now appearing for the TET, despite a court ruling making TET qualification mandatory for teachers, except Physical Directors. This, he said, reflected serious violations in the recruitment process.

Chandrasekhar Reddy also alleged irregularities in question paper preparation, the alleged paper leak, valuation and recruitment, demanding a CBI probe to establish the facts.

He further accused the coalition government of weakening the education sector by discontinuing initiatives such as Nandu-Nedu and English-medium education and alleged that the Talliki Vandanam scheme had excluded over 20 lakh beneficiaries. He reiterated the party's demand for Lokesh's resignation and a comprehensive CBI investigation into the DSC issue.

# False Cases Won't Silence YSRCP: Ex-MLA

Nandigama, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Former Nandigama MLA Dr. Monditoka Jagan Mohan Rao and MLC Dr. Monditoka Arun Kumar on Sunday alleged that the Alliance government was foisting false cases against YSR Congress Party leaders as part of political vendetta and asserted that they would fight all such cases through legal means.

Addressing the media in Nandigama, Dr. Jagan Mohan Rao claimed that the reopening of a 2022 case relating to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's 'Badude-Badudu' programme was politically motivated. He alleged that police had earlier concluded that a security officer's injury was caused by a tree branch and not by stone-pelting, but the

case was reopened after a fresh complaint.

MLC Arun Kumar accused former party associate Katturaju Srinivasachari of making false allegations out of personal and political grievances. He alleged that Srinivasachari had demanded the Chairman post and 75 lakh as compensation for his party work and turned against the party after his demands were not met.

The leaders also alleged that several YSRCP workers, including drivers, assistants and local supporters, had been falsely implicated in the case. Claiming that 14 false cases had been registered against them so far, they said the party would not be intimidated and would continue its legal battle against what they described as politically motivated actions.

# Sajjala Calls for Massive July 28 Protest

Tadepalli, July 26 | TPN Bureau

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# YSRCP Demands Lokesh's Resignation

Visakhapatnam, July 26 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP State Official Spokesperson Konda Rajeev Gandhi on Sunday demanded the immediate resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh over the alleged irregularities in the DSC-2025 teacher recruitment process and called for a comprehensive CBI probe into the entire recruitment exercise.

Addressing the media at the YSRCP office in Visakhapatnam, Rajeev Gandhi alleged that the recruitment process was marred by serious irregularities and accused the coalition government of failing to respond to questions raised by former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. He claimed the issue had become as significant in Andhra Pradesh as the NEET controversy at the national level, affecting the future of lakhs of unemployed youth.

He alleged that even a National Games gold medalist was denied appointment under the sports quota, highlighting what he described as flaws in the recruitment process. Rajeev Gandhi further accused the government of suppressing protests by students and unemployed youth through police action instead of addressing their concerns.



He also questioned the government's claims on investments and employment, alleging a wide gap between official announcements and figures presented before Parliament. Reiterating YSRCP's stand, he demanded a CBI inquiry into the alleged DSC scam and warned that the party would intensify its agitation under the leadership of Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy if corrective action was not taken.

# RTGS Launches AI-Powered 'City Flood Alert' To Predict Urban Flood Risks

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rainfall. The system will identify vulnerable areas, forecast flood risks and provide automated alerts to officials.

The City Flood Alert platform can provide rainfall forecasts up to 48 hours in advance, flash flood predictions up to six hours before occurrence, ward-level flood hotspot identification and real-time decision support for emergency response teams. At the core of the system is a high-resolution Digital Elevation Model (DEM) created using satellite imagery. RTGS has digitally mapped Vijayawada's wards to identify terrain elevations, drainage networks and flood-prone zones. The predictive flood model has been developed using nearly three decades of historical Budameru flood data to simulate flood patterns under different rainfall conditions.

Apart from predicting possible inundation areas, the platform can identify drainage channels where silt accumulation may result in waterlogging and backflow. This will help officials undertake preventive maintenance before heavy rains. Once a flood threat is detected, the system will automatically generate alerts and share actionable information with APSDMA. The data will be used to issue timely warnings and advisories to Municipal Commissioners, District Collectors, ward-level officials and other field agencies. The advance alerts are expected to support early drainage clearance, prevention of waterlogging, timely deployment of emergency teams and evacuation of residents from vulnerable locations whenever required. After Vijayawada, the platform will be expanded to all Urban Local Bodies across Andhra Pradesh. Each city and town will undergo digital terrain mapping and flood-risk assessment to create a state-wide network of intelligent flood monitoring systems. The technology is based on the successful Flood Astra urban flood forecasting platform piloted in Gurugram by IIT Gandhinagar experts. Andhra Pradesh has customised the model by integrating it with the RTGS AWARE platform to develop a state-specific urban flood management solution. Officials said the initiative will help Andhra Pradesh leverage technology, artificial intelligence and data-driven governance to improve disaster preparedness and safeguard communities against increasing climate-related risks.

# APCO, Handloom Cooperative Elections to Be Held Soon: Minister Savitha

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for handloom weavers, 500 units for power-loom weavers and 4,000 pensions under the NTR Bharosa scheme. Savitha also announced that Pragada Kotaiah Smrutivanam would be developed in Amaravati at a cost of 10 crore. Alleging that the previous YSRCP government had extended 'Nethanna Nestham' benefits to ineligible beneficiaries and party activists, she described Chandrababu Naidu's tenure as a "Golden Era" for weavers. Savitha paid floral tributes to Pragada Kotaiah and felicitated his family members. MLA Madduluri Mala Kondaiah, MLC Potluri Sunitha, Principal Secretary

R.P. Sisodia, Commissioner Rekha Rani, Bapatla District Collector Vinod Kumar, Corporation Chairpersons Nandam Abaddhaya and Chilakalapudi Paparao, TDP Politburo member G. Dhanunjaaya Rao, public representatives, alliance leaders and weavers attended the programme.

# CM Calls for Unity, Vigilance Against Political Divisions

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political discussions surrounding recent meetings organised by Kapu leaders, in which several YSRCP leaders reportedly participated. The presence of Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao at those meetings and his interaction with YSRCP leaders has drawn attention within political circles.

According to reports, Bonda Umamaheswara Rao is dissatisfied over not being inducted into the State Cabinet, while the TDP leadership is also believed to have reservations regarding some of his activities in his constituency. Political observers believe the MLA is attempting to consolidate his independent political base amid these developments.

While it remains unclear whether these developments will have any lasting impact on the NDA alliance, Chandrababu Naidu's remarks indicate that the leadership is closely monitoring political developments and is determined to preserve unity within the alliance. He called upon party leaders at all levels to stay alert, maintain discipline and work collectively to prevent attempts to disturb social cohesion or weaken the alliance's organisational strength ahead of the next electoral battle.

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# Mangrove Restoration Drive Brings Encroachments into Focus

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protecting coastal communities from cyclones, storm surges, sea erosion and the effects of climate change while supporting biodiversity and storing blue carbon. He noted that nearly 7,000 acres of mangroves have been restored over the past two years and announced a target of restoring another 4,000 acres during 2026-27. While welcoming the restoration programme, environmentalists stressed that equal priority should be given to preventing and removing illegal encroachments in mangrove areas. Andhra Pradesh has nearly 58,000 hectares of mangrove forests, which are considered vital for ecological security and the livelihoods of coastal communities.

Concerns have been raised over alleged large-scale conversion of mangrove forests into aqua ponds in parts of Krishna district, particularly Avani-gadda and Kruttivenu, as well as in Kakinada district. Activists contend that if such encroachments are confirmed, action should be taken irrespective of political affiliation or influence. Environmentalists also urged stronger enforcement by the Forest Department, which functions under Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, stating that restoration efforts would gain greater credibility if accompanied by strict action against illegal occupation of mangrove lands. They said protecting the Mada forests is essential for safeguarding Andhra Pradesh's coastline, biodiversity and the interests of future generations.

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# YSRCP's Campaign Against Lokesh Fails to Gain Public Momentum

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has remained largely confined to the opposition leadership and has not emerged as a spontaneous public movement. Unlike the Delhi agitation, which was fuelled by widespread participation from students and youth, the campaign in Andhra Pradesh has not witnessed comparable grassroots mobilisation. Analysts believe political movements require genuine public sentiment and sustained participation rather than merely replicating slogans or strategies from other states. While YSRCP continues to highlight the issue in an effort to build momentum, the campaign has yet to resonate with the broader public. Unless the party succeeds in generating wider support among students, job aspirants and civil society, its attempt to recreate the Delhi model is unlikely to achieve the desired political impact.

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# PM Modi Urges Youth to Lead India's Development Through Vibrant Village Programme

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Border Villages across Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, with over 400 participants from all States and Union Territories selected through a nationwide online quiz. Modi said border villages should be viewed as centres of growth, innovation and cultural strength rather than remote regions. He stressed the importance of tourism, local entrepreneurship and modern infrastructure in transforming these areas. Urging participants to become ambassadors of the border regions, he expressed confidence that the energy, ideas and commitment of India's youth would play a vital role in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat.

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# AP, Telangana Assembly Speakers Offer Prayers at Kanaka Durga Temple

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Ranga Mandapam. Temple authorities presented the dignitaries with Shesha Vastram, a portrait of Goddess Kanaka Durga and Teertha-Prasadam as a mark of respect. Prominent film actor and former Member of Parliament Murali

Mohan also visited the temple during the occasion and offered prayers to the Goddess. The visit took place amid the ongoing Ashada festivities, which have been drawing large numbers of devotees to the hill shrine.

## Collector Stresses Education, Welfare Initiatives

Vijayawada, July 25 | TPN Bureau

NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha on Saturday highlighted the importance of education, social responsibility and effective public service delivery while participating in separate official programmes across Vijayawada.

Addressing a scholarship distribution programme organised by the Andhra Motor Merchants Association (AMMA), the Collector said education is a priceless asset that can transform the future of families and society. He lauded AMMA for supporting students through scholarships and educational assistance, describing such initiatives as investments in the nation's future.

AMMA President Garapati Satish Babu announced that the association is distributing scholarships worth 21.30 lakh and notebooks worth 60,000 to 425 students this year. He also said the association had constructed a patient rest shelter at the Government Hospital under the State government's P4 initiative at a cost of 16 lakh. The Collector urged students to focus on knowledge, technology and skill development while



making the best use of opportunities provided by the government.

Later, Dr. Lakshmisha paid floral tributes to freedom fighter and handloom leader Pragada Kotaiah on his birth anniversary at the Collector's camp office. He described Kotaiah's contribution to the handloom movement and the welfare of weavers as invaluable and said the State government was observing his birth anniversary to inspire future generations.

In another statement, the Collector announced that the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) programme would be held at the Collectorate on July 26. Citizens can submit petitions at the Collectorate and divisional, municipal and mandal offices, besides providing feedback through a special QR code. Applicants can also track grievances through the Mee Kosam portal and the 1100 helpline, he added.

## Smart Work Key to Business Success: Gopichand

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Renowned badminton coach and Padma Bhushan awardee Pullela Gopichand called upon entrepreneurs to think big, work smart and build strong relationships to achieve lasting business success. He was addressing over 1,500 entrepreneurs at the BNI Andhra Pradesh Largest Network Convention in Vijayawada.

Gopichand said success in business and life requires ambitious goals, strategic planning and the ability to adapt to changing times. He stressed that entrepreneurs should embrace digital technology, artificial intelligence, data-driven decision-making and innovative marketing strategies to remain competitive in the rapidly evolving business landscape.

Highlighting the importance of trust and networking, he said strong public relations, customer confidence and mutual cooperation are more valuable than products alone. He urged business leaders to view competition as an opportunity to learn and grow together, adding that platforms like



BNI help entrepreneurs build lasting, trust-based relationships. Encouraging young entrepreneurs, Gopichand said success is achieved through continuous learning, understanding customer needs, supporting teams and making timely decisions. He urged them to overcome fear, adopt smart working methods and confidently pursue their goals.

The conclave concluded successfully with the participation of BNI Vijayawada Chapter Executive Directors Jai Desai and Vishal Desai, along with organising committee members, including Trinath Nanduri, B. Devakumar, Lakshmi Shanthi Koganti, P. Yuva Kishore, N. Nagarjuna, Olas Gora, Meghana Achanta, Bharat Surapaneni, P.T.K. Rao, Parthasarathi Y. M. Srinivas and Puvvada Srinivas.



## Ashada Rush Marks Durga Temple

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

A massive influx of devotees marked the Ashada festivities at the Sri Kanaka Durga Temple atop Indrakeeladri on Sunday, prompting temple authorities to suspend special darshans and give priority to common devotees.

With Sunday coinciding with the auspicious Ashada month celebrations, thousands of devotees from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana thronged the temple to offer Ashada Sare and participate in the traditional Bonalu festivities. Heavy pilgrim movement was witnessed from early morning through the Ghat Road and Sri Kanaka Durga Nagar routes.

To facilitate quicker darshan, Executive Officer V.K. Sheena Naik ordered the suspension of

Antaralaya Darshan from 7 a.m. and cancelled all paid and VIP darshans between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All queue lines were converted into free darshan lines to ease congestion.

Temple officials said that by 4 p.m., 38,967 women, organised into 82 groups, had offered Ashada Sare to the presiding deity, while nearly 78,000 devotees had darshan of Goddess Kanaka Durga.

To ensure devotees' comfort amid the heavy rush and hot weather, mobile drinking water units supplied chilled water directly to people waiting in queue lines. Chairman Borra Radhakrishna (Gandhi), temple officials and police personnel closely monitored crowd management, while free prasadam and annaprasadam were distributed throughout the day.

## Minister Distributes CMRF Cheques to Beneficiaries

Machilipatnam, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Mines, Geology and Excise Kollu Ravindra on Sunday distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to beneficiaries in Machilipatnam, reaffirming the Alliance government's commitment to providing financial assistance for medical treatment to the poor.

The Minister handed over a CMRF cheque for 6lakh to Chen-nuru Nagaraju of the 39th Division for a liver transplant and another cheque for 20,000 to the family of Goodavalli Ganga Nagendra Rao for his daughter's knee treatment.

Speaking on the occasion, Kollu Ravindra said the government is working sincerely to ensure better healthcare facilities for every citizen. He noted that



CMRF assistance has become a major source of support for economically weaker families facing expensive medical treatments.

The Minister said that 918 beneficiaries in the constituency have so far received CMRF assistance amounting to 8.64 crore. He added that the government has also extended support to several patients through Letters of Credit (LOC) for emergency medical treatment.

Highlighting the government's healthcare initiatives, Kollu

Ravindra said the recently launched Sanjeevani programme aims to provide quality medical care to the underprivileged. He urged people to make full use of the welfare schemes introduced by the government, stating that extending timely financial assistance reflects the Alliance government's commitment to public welfare.

DCMS Chairman Bandi Ramakrishna, alliance leaders, party workers and officials attended the programme.

## Collector Pushes IT Growth, Citizen Services

Machilipatnam, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Krishna District Collector DK Balaji on Sunday called for greater public participation in the State government's development initiatives, urging property owners to register IT-ready infrastructure, citizens to provide feedback on grievance services, and people to draw inspiration from the ideals of handloom visionary Pragada Kotaiah.

Launching an appeal to attract investments, the Collector said the State government has introduced the AP IT Infra-Connect portal to facilitate the establishment of IT companies, Global Capability Centres (GCCs), BPOs and KPOs in Krishna district. He requested owners of commercial buildings and suitable land to voluntarily register their proper-



ties on the portal for lease or sale, clarifying that registration is free, takes only about 15 minutes and does not imply government acquisition. He said the initiative would generate investments and create employment opportunities for local youth.

The Collector also appealed to citizens to use the newly introduced QR code system at Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) centres to share feedback after availing services. He said

public suggestions would help improve transparency, accountability and the quality of grievance redressal. Citizens can also track the status of their grievances through the 1100 toll-free helpline.

Earlier, participating in the birth anniversary celebrations of freedom fighter and Padma Bhushan awardee Pragada Kotaiah, the Collector paid floral tributes to the handloom leader and described his contribution to cooperative societies and the welfare of weavers as exemplary. He said Kotaiah's vision strengthened both the handloom and agriculture sectors and urged society to uphold his ideals by further strengthening handloom cooperative societies. Outstanding representatives of handloom cooperative societies were felicitated during the programme.

## Classical Dance, Play Enthrall Audience

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Drusya Vedika, Vijayawada's audience club, organised its monthly cultural programme, "Nrutyam-Drusyam," presenting an evening of classical dance performances followed by the social playlet Kratuvu, drawing an enthusiastic response from art lovers.

The programme began with captivating classical dance recitals by the disciples of renowned gurus Dr. Ch. Ajay Kumar and Dr. C. Ushamadhavi. Young artistes showcased their talent through performances of Sri Vignarajam

Bhaje, Muddugare Yashoda, Mathura Nagarilo, Brindavani Thillana, Chakkani Taliki, Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Stotram, Okaparikokapari Vayaramai, Mahabharatam and Madhurashtakam. Their graceful movements, expressive abhinaya and rhythmic precision earned repeated applause.

The second half featured Kratuvu, a social playlet presented by Sanghamitra Foundation, Vijayawada. Written by KVV Satyanarayana and directed by Vempati Ramesh under the supervision of Pilla Nataraj, the play conveyed a strong social message. The cast, including K. Saritha,

LSRK Prasad, S.S. Varma, Y. Pra-neet, G.V. Ranga Reddy and Gangula Nageswara Rao, delivered commendable performances.

Drusya Vedika President Ambati Madhumohan Krishna felicitated the artistes, while Vice-Presidents Dr. Himasagara Chandramurthy and Dontala Prakash congratulated them. Speakers MSRA Sarma, Pulipati Madhusudhana Rao and Anwar praised the organisation's efforts in promoting quality cultural activities. The event was coordinated by Padmasree, Naren Borra, Bhagya Raj and Venigalla Bhaskar, with B. Roopa Sri composed the programme.

## Power Contract Workers Call for Chalo Vijayawada

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The United Electricity Contract Workers Union (CITU-affiliated) has called upon electricity contract workers, their families, trade union leaders and democratic organisations to make the proposed "Chalo Vijayawada" programme on August 10 a grand success to press for the long-pending demands of contract employees in the power sector.

In a press statement, Union President P. Anil Kumar said thousands of electricity contract workers, who have been serving for decades to ensure uninterrupted power supply, continue to face low wages, lack of job security, unsafe working conditions, inadequate



medical facilities and uncertainty over retirement benefits.

The union demanded the abolition of the third-party employment system and the absorption of all contract workers into the power utilities. It also sought implementation of the principle of "equal pay for equal work", minimum wages for piece-rate workers, retirement benefits of 20 lakh, unlimited medical insurance, risk allowance for CBD gang

and breakdown workers, salary enhancement for shift operators recruited during 2019-20, issuance of pay slips to all workers and constitution of a Pay Revision Commission (PRC) committee for 52,000 employees and contract workers.

The union asserted that it would continue its struggle until the workers' demands are addressed by the government and electricity utility managements.

## Support Pledged for Journalists' Health Cards

Avanigadda, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Constituency Youth Leader Mandal Venkatram assured full support to help journalists obtain government health insurance cards and facilitate financial assistance for those unable to afford insurance premiums. He made the announcement while addressing the APWJF constituency general body meeting held at the Revenue Hall in Avanigadda on Sunday.

Responding to concerns raised by federation leaders, Venkatram said journalists, as the fourth pillar of democracy, should secure health coverage to protect themselves and their families. He



praised MLA Mandal Buddha Prasad for his continued support to journalists, noting that house sites had already been allotted to media personnel across six mandals in two phases.

Venkatram assured the gathering that he would place the issues

raised by the federation's state and district leaders before the MLA and work towards resolving them with government support. Federation leaders felicitated Venkatram on the occasion and thanked him for his commitment to journalists' welfare.

## Free Health Camp Benefits 230 Patients

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

A free mega medical camp organised by Andhra Hospitals in association with the Kranthi Nagar Colony Welfare Association received an overwhelming response in Vijayawada on Sunday. The camp, held at Chaitanya School premises in Kranthi Nagar, was inaugurated by Dr. Gadde V. Mohan and attracted residents from Kranthi Nagar and surrounding localities.

Specialist doctors from departments including General Medicine, General Surgery, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Cardiology and Orthopaedics provided free consultations, health screenings and medicines. Around 230 people benefited from the camp.

An awareness programme on preventive healthcare was a major attraction. Doctors educated the public on balanced nutrition, regular health check-ups, diabetes, hypertension, heart diseases, women's health, child care and the importance of healthy lifestyle practices to prevent chronic illnesses.

The medical team included Dr. Syed Mudassir, Dr. Ravi Kumar,



Dr. Malathi, Dr. Choudary, Dr. Yaswanth, Dr. Achyuth Babu, Dr. Rakesh, Dr. Mallika and Dr. Rama Raju, along with nursing staff.

Speaking on the occasion, Andhra Hospitals Chief of Field Services Dr. G. Rama Rao and Dr. G. Padma said the camp was organised to provide quality healthcare services to the community. Marketing Director Dr. G. Ramana Murthy thanked the Kranthi Nagar Colony Welfare Association, doctors, nursing staff and local residents for making the programme a success.

Dr. Rama Rao also announced a 20% discount on outpatient consultations, inpatient services and diagnostic tests for residents of the surrounding colonies.

## Lokesh Visit Preparations Reviewed

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National Vice President Y.V.B. Rajendra Prasad on Sunday inspected arrangements for the visit of Minister for Education and IT Nara Lokesh to Punadipadu village in Penamaluru constituency.

Rajendra Prasad, along with Penamaluru MLA Bode Prasad, Krishna District TDP President Veeranki Gurumurthy, Krishna District Superintendent of Police R. Vidyasagar Naidu and senior police officials, reviewed security and logistical arrangements ahead of the Minister's visit.

The leaders inspected the newly constructed school in Punadipadu and congratulated donor Shobha for her contribution. They also visited the convention hall where Lokesh will address party workers and examined the



stage, dining facilities and parking arrangements.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajendra Prasad, Bode Prasad and Gurumurthy said preparations for Lokesh's tour were in the final stage and that all necessary arrangements had been made to ensure the programme is conducted smoothly without inconvenience to party workers.

They appealed to TDP leaders and cadres from Penamaluru constituency to participate in large numbers and accord a grand welcome to Nara Lokesh. Several local party leaders and functionaries were present during the inspection.

## Grand Annamacharya Sankirtan Samuhika Ganam Scheduled at KBN College

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The Department of Language and Culture, Andhra Pradesh, in association with Kakaraparthi Bhavanarayana (KBN) College and Annamacharya Bhavana Vahini (Hyderabad), is organizing a grand musical event titled "Jagadguru Annamacharya". The mass rendering of Annamacharya Sankirtanas will take place on Wednesday, July 29, at 6:00 PM on the KBN College premises in Vijayawada.

The divine musical rendition

features performances by students trained under the direct guidance of Padma Shri awardee Dr. Shobha Raju. Former Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, will grace the occasion as the chief guest. The event will be presided over by KBN College Principal, Dr. G. Krishnaveni. Prominent dignitaries, including Tourism and Culture Minister Kandula Durgesh, Special Chief Secretary Ajay Jain, IAS, and TTD Annamacharya Project Special Officer Medasani Mohan, will also attend as distinguished guests.

## Yadav Unity Key to Progress: Talasani

Vijayawada, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav called upon members of the Yadav community to remain united above political affiliations to safeguard the interests and welfare of the community.

Addressing a meeting organised by Yadav community leaders in Vijayawada on Sunday, Talasani said the Yadav community has a glorious history and occupies a significant place in society. "There is no history without the Yadavs. We are the descendants of Lord Sri Krishna, and Yadavs are known for their integrity and honesty," he said. Highlighting the community's traditional role in temple customs, he said members of the Yadav community have the honour of being the first to open the doors of the temple of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala as part of the age-old Golla



Mirasi tradition. Stating that the Yadavs form a strong community with a sizeable population in both Telugu states, Talasani said greater progress could be achieved only through unity. He urged community members to celebrate Sri Krishna Janmashtami on a grand scale every year and work collectively for the welfare of future generations.

He also assured the gathering of his continued support, saying he would always stand by the community whenever needed.



## Loco Pilot Arrested for Murder, Robbery of Elderly Woman



Tirupati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati District Police have solved a sensational murder-for-gain case within the Tirupati Rural Police Station limits, arresting Pasham Rupesh Kumar (36), a Loco Pilot at Krishnapatnam Railway Station, for allegedly murdering a 69-year-old woman and robbing her valuables. Addressing a press conference, Tirupati District SP L. Subbarayudu said the accused was arrested near Krishnapatnam Railway Station after an intensive scientific and technical investigation. The victim, M. Jyothi (69), who lived alone in Vijayanagar under Sainagar Panchayat, was murdered on July 14. Police said the accused, who was acquainted with the victim's family, gained her trust before killing her and fleeing with around 90 grams of gold jewellery worth nearly 12 lakh and 47,000 in cash.

Investigators revealed that Rupesh Kumar carefully planned the crime to overcome financial difficulties. To evade detection, he allegedly stole a fellow employee's scooter, attached a fake number plate and travelled to Tirupati disguised in a black burqa, face scarf and helmet. Police recovered the stolen gold ornaments, the knife used in the murder and the scooter used during the offence. The investigation was carried out by special teams under the leadership of Additional SPs Arla Srinivasulu and K. Ravi Manoharachari, supervised by Chandragiri SDPO Bethapudi Prasad.

Commending the investigation team, SP L. Subbarayudu said no criminal can escape the law, stressing that modern scientific investigation and technology ensure offenders are brought to justice regardless of how meticulously they plan their crimes.

## Farmers Advised to Enrol in Crop Insurance Scheme

Chittoor, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Director of the District Horticulture Department Satish has urged farmers in Chittoor district to enrol in the Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) to safeguard themselves against crop losses caused by the anticipated impact of El Niño. In a statement, he said changing weather conditions could affect crop yields, damage soil health and reduce fertility. IFFCO-Tokio General Insurance Company has been selected to implement the scheme for the Kharif season. Around 10,419 tomato farmers cultivating the crop over 3,454 hectares



in the district are eligible to benefit. The premium payable by farmers has been fixed at 5 per cent, with the farmer's share amounting to 3,750 per hectare. The last date for payment of the insurance premium has been extended to August 31. Farmers have been advised to contact their local Agriculture or Horticulture Officer for further information and enrolment.

## MLA Vijayasree Launches Free Drinking Water Tankers



Sullurpeta, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Sullurpeta MLA Dr. Nelavala Vijayasree on Sunday inaugurated two free drinking water tankers to ensure an uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water to residents of the municipality. The tankers were provided with the support of industrialist Kondepati Gangaprasad and will be deployed in areas

facing water shortages. The MLA said the initiative would help meet drinking water needs whenever required and prevent shortages during emergencies. She thanked Kondepati Gangaprasad for his contribution towards public welfare. Public representatives, political leaders, party workers, government officials, residents and media representatives attended the inauguration programme.

## Major General Paul Deepak Naidu Inspires Students with Leadership Talk

Chittoor, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Major General Paul Deepak Naidu, a distinguished Indian Army veteran, urged students to cultivate leadership, discipline and strong values to achieve success in life during a Leadership Talk organised by the Apollo Knowledge City Leadership Club at The Apollo University. The event was held under the patronage of Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Nitin M. Nagarkar and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. Alfred J. Augustine.

Addressing students, Major General Naidu said true leadership is not about authority alone but about inspiring others through responsibility, integrity, service, punctuality and discipline. Drawing from his experience in the Army, he explained the importance of courageous decision-making



and teamwork in serving the nation. He encouraged students to continuously learn new skills and confidently face challenges. The interactive session included discussions on leadership, personality development, team management and professional skills. Unit Head S. Balaraj, deans, university officials, faculty members, Leadership Club members and students from various departments attended the programme.

## Ravi Naidu Inaugurates District Yoga Championship

Tirupati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) Chairman Ravi Naidu inaugurated the 7th Tirupati District-Level Yogasana Championship at the Srinivasa Sports Complex on Sunday. The event was organised by the Tirupati Yoga Association and witnessed the participation of yoga practitioners, coaches and sports enthusiasts from across the district.

Addressing the gathering, Ravi Naidu described yoga as India's invaluable gift to the world, highlighting its role in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, discipline and concentration.



He said incorporating yoga into daily life helps people lead healthier and stress-free lives. He noted that the Government of India had earned global recognition for yoga and that the Andhra Pradesh government is committed to expanding yoga activities across the state. He added that yoga programmes would be organised alongside sports events

## APSCPCR Chairperson to Visit Nellore

Nellore, July 26 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Himanshu Shukla announced that Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (APSCPCR) Chairperson Vetukuri A.V.S. Suryanarayana Raju and Commission Member K.G. Venkata Padmalatha will visit Nellore district on July 28 and 29. The team will arrive from Man-

galagiri on July 28 and inspect schools, hostels, Anganwadi centres, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, scan centres, children's homes, industries and child care institutions. On July 29, they will hold a review meeting with officials at the Collectorate to assess child welfare, prevention of child marriage, implementation of the POCSO Act, eradication of

to create greater health awareness among the youth.

Ravi Naidu said district-level competitions provide talented participants from rural and urban areas with an opportunity to showcase their skills and prepare for state, national and international championships. He urged students and young people to give yoga the same importance as sports in their daily lives.

Tirupati District Yoga Association President Raj Purohit, Secretary Muni Manjula, District Sports Development Organisation staff, yoga instructors and athletes participated in the programme.

## Minister Narayana Reviews 'By Desi' Proposal to Empower SHG Women

Nellore, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Dr. Ponguru Narayana on Sunday held discussions with representatives of 'By Desi' and MEPMA officials on establishing processing and packaging centres to transform Self-Help Group (SHG) women into micro-entrepreneurs. The meeting was held at the Minister's camp office in Chintareddy Palem.

The 'By Desi' team explained that the initiative would enable SHG women to move beyond product manufacturing into pro-



cessing, branding, packaging, marketing and market linkages. The proposal aims to market quality products under the 'SWAYAM' brand across the state and the country, ensuring sustainable income for women while providing better prices to farmers and promoting value-added agricultural products.

## Chhatra Sthapana Utsavam Held at Srivari Padalu

Tirumala, July 26 | TPN Bureau

The Chhatra Sthapana Utsavam was celebrated with religious fervour at Srivari Padalu atop Narayanagiri in Tirumala on Sunday. The ceremony commenced after the second bell ritual at the Tirumala temple, with TTD priests carrying a specially decorated ceremonial umbrella, flowers, Naivedyam and other ritual items in a grand procession through the Mada streets to Narayanagiri, accompanied by traditional



music. At Srivari Padalu, priests performed Thirumanjanam to the Lord's footprints, followed by Alankaram, Puja and Naivedyam. Vedic scholars recited the Prabandha Sattumora, after which prasadam was distributed to devotees.

## Bicycle Festival to Benefit 7,000 Government School Students in Nellore

Nellore, July 26 | TPN Bureau

All arrangements have been completed for the "Bicycle Festival," under which around 7,000 students from Classes 8, 9 and 10 studying in 23 government high schools in Nellore city will receive free bicycles in the first phase. The distribution programme will be held at 4 pm on Monday at the V.R. Municipal High School grounds.

Ahead of the event, State Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Dr. Ponguru Narayana inspected the arrangements along with his wife Ponguru Ramadevi and daughter Sharini. Ramadevi said the initiative was named the "Bicycle Festival" after explaining



the programme to her grandchildren. She noted that high-quality Hero bicycles have been specially manufactured to ease the commuting difficulties faced by government school students. She added that the minister launched the initiative to ensure that students do not face the hardships he experienced during his childhood while pursuing education.

Earlier in the day, Minister Narayana, accompanied by Sharini and his grandson, offered

special prayers at the Sri Shiva Temple in Moolapeta for the success of the programme. The family was welcomed with Poornakumbham and traditional temple honours before participating in the Pallaki Seva. Sharini said the bicycles would help students travel safely to school and improve their focus on education.

Later, the minister and his family inspected the construction works at Abdul Kalam International School in Parameshwari Nagar and directed officials to expedite the project. Annangi Prasad, former Corporator Nagaraja, Deenadayal, Kothuru Murali Mohan, Janardhan Reddy, Mahesh Kumar, local TDP leaders and others attended the programme.

## Amaravati Championship-2026 Constituency-Level Competitions from July 28

Tirupati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Constituency-level competitions under the prestigious Amaravati Championship-2026 will be held across seven Assembly constituencies in Tirupati district on July 28 and 29, District Sports Development Officer N. Sashidhar announced. The events will be organised in Tirupati, Chandragiri, Gudur, Sullurpeta, Venkatagiri, Srikalahasti and Satyavedu

constituencies. Competitions will be conducted in Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Basketball, Chess, Yoga, Hockey, Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Weightlifting and Badminton. Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Basketball, Chess and Yoga events are scheduled for July 28, while Hockey, Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Weightlifting and Badminton will be held on July 29 at designated venues in each constituency.

## MLA Srinivasulu Pays Tributes on Kargil Vijay Diwas

Tirupati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed with patriotic fervour in Tirupati on Sunday, with Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu paying floral tributes at the Amar Jawan memorial in NGO Colony. Ex-servicemen, TTD Board members, BJP leader Bhanu Prakash Reddy and alliance leaders participated in the programme. A rally was organised through the city before the tribute ceremony. Addressing the gathering, Arani Srinivasulu said Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year on July 26 to honour the courage and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces during the 1999 Kargil War against Pakistan. He recalled



that 527 soldiers laid down their lives in the conflict and said the nation would remain forever indebted to their bravery and patriotism. Urging the younger generation to draw inspiration from the soldiers' sacrifice, he called on them to uphold discipline, dedication and national pride. Party workers and several citizens also attended the commemorative event.

## Collector Urges Public to Avail Grievance Redressal Programme

Tirupati, July 26 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar has urged residents to make use of the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) programme to be held at the Tirupati District Collectorate on Monday, July 27. In a statement issued on Sunday, he said the programme would also be conducted at district, division and mandal headquarters to ensure timely resolution of public grievances.

The Collector said the programme will be held from 10 am to 2 pm, with officials from all departments present to receive and address petitions. He advised applicants to submit detailed representations and carry acknowledgment receipts of previously filed petitions while attending the programme.

Dr. Venkateswar said citizens whose grievances remain unresolved or who wish to know the status of their petitions can con-



tact the government helpline 1100. He also informed that complaints can be registered online through the Mee Kosam portal.

The Collector said applicants would receive SMS notifications once their grievances are resolved. Notices and endorsements will also be sent through WhatsApp and registered post to the addresses provided by applicants. He urged the public to furnish complete and accurate details in their petitions and requested those filing repeat applications to bring earlier receipts. He appealed to residents across the district to make effective use of the grievance redressal programme to resolve their issues promptly.

## Sridhar Reddy Pays Last Respects to Dasaratharamaiah

Nellore Rural, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy paid rich tributes to veteran CPI leader Pamujula Dasaratharamaiah (94), expressing deep sorrow over his demise. On Sunday, the MLA visited South Mopur village in Nellore Rural constituency to pay his last respects to the senior Communist leader. Addressing the gathering, Kotamreddy said Dasaratharamaiah would be remembered for his lifelong struggle for the welfare of the poor and downtrodden. He noted that the veteran leader dedicated his life to protecting the rights of the underprivileged and strengthening the Communist movement in Nel-



lore district. Describing his death as an irreparable loss to people's movements, the MLA said Dasaratharamaiah had inspired generations of activists through his commitment and leadership. Kotamreddy conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for strength to them in this hour of grief. Local leaders, party workers and villagers also paid their respects to the departed leader.

## Nellore Youth Participates in PM Modi's Viksit Vibrant Village Interaction

Nellore, July 26 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually interacted with 400 youth representatives selected from across the country under the Viksit Vibrant Village Programme (VVVP)-2026, organised by MY Bharat under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, on Sunday. Among the participants was T. Arthi Chaitanya from SPSR Nellore district, bringing pride to the district.

As part of the programme, participants visited 74 border villages in Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, where they took part in cleanliness drives, awareness campaigns, cultural exchanges, tree plantation and community development activities while interacting with local residents.

A live screening of the Prime Minister's interaction was held at the SPSR Nellore District Collectorate. District Youth Officer A.V. Narasimha Kumar, CETNEL CEO Nag-  
eswara Rao, NIC District Informatics Officer Suresh and 20



MY Bharat volunteers attended the event.

Addressing the youth, Prime Minister Modi described border villages as the nation's "first villages" and urged young people to actively contribute to their development while promoting patriotism, social responsibility and national integration. Narasimha Kumar congratulated Arthi Chaitanya for representing the district at the national level and encouraged more youth to utilise opportunities offered through MY Bharat. Nag-  
eswara Rao also appreciated her achievement and wished her continued success.



## Where Hope Flickers...'

Why must students stand before barricades, when all they ask for is a chance to build a brighter tomorrow? Why should those tear gas shells seek out the eyes that still hold dreams of a kinder India, when those voices ask only for answers, only for accountability, only for the future they were promised? Why must books compete with batons, classrooms with checkpoints, curiosity with caution, and questions with silence? When did a notebook become something to fear? When did a raised hand begin to resemble a threat? When did the sound of young voices become louder than the echoes of conscience? Every generation inherits a country. Students simply ask to inherit one where hope is not questioned, where asking "why" doesn't demand courage, where learning is never mistaken for defiance. The hands that clutch textbooks today will one day write our laws, heal our wounds, teach our children, build our bridges, discover what we do not yet know, bear witness to the truth, and carry this nation far beyond the dreams of those who came before. How strange, then, that those very hands must first learn the shape of a barricade before they learn the shape of opportunity. A classroom should remember the sound of pages turning, not footsteps running. A street should remember the voices of its children, not the weight of their silence. History has always had an unusual habit—it rarely remembers how high the barricades stood. It remembers who stood before them, what they carried, and what they refused to put down. Some carried flags. Some carried hope. Some carried nothing but a book held close to the chest, as if protecting tomorrow itself. Because a book has never been just paper. It is a quiet promise that tomorrow can be wiser than the bewilderment of today. And perhaps that is why questions have always travelled farther

than walls, dreams have always outlived smoke, and hope has always found a way to rise where silence was expected. For every barricade raised against young minds, another wall is built between a nation and its own tomorrow. And a nation that begins to fear its students—the very hands that will one day shape its future—has already begun to fear the future itself. Because history has never asked who raised the barricades. It has only ever asked why children had to stand before them.

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# Poetry As A Voice Of Truth, Resistance And Human Sensitivity: K. Satchidanandan



Varala Anand



Poet, Film Critic & Recipient of Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award for Translation

K. Satchidanandan, one of India's most celebrated poets, critics, translators and playwrights, has made significant contributions to both Malayalam and English literature. A former Secretary of the Sahitya Akademi, he has authored more than 30 collections of poetry and several works of criticism, drama, translation and travel writing.

Known for his deep engagement with social issues, human rights, ecology and the power of language, Satchidanandan believes poetry is not merely an artistic expression but also a medium to question injustice, preserve human sensitivity and connect diverse cultures.

In this exclusive interview with Varala Anand, K. Satchidanandan shares his views on the role of poetry in an age of misinformation, wars, artificial intelligence and ecological crises. He discusses the power of poetry as a voice for the voiceless, the importance of translation, the survival of languages and the enduring relevance of creativity in a changing world.

**Q:** You have often described poetry as an attempt to give voice to the voiceless. In a world increasingly dominated by noise, propaganda, and misinformation, how can poetry continue to protect the truth?

**A:** One of poetry's major functions in our time is to make the inaudible audible and to make visible the invisible- a function attributed to true democracy by Jacques Ranciere, the Leftist thinker. Poetry too contributes to it by becoming the voice of the voiceless. I am not saying poetry alone can do it- we do need political changes, economic changes and fundamental systemic changes to make ours a true democracy. You are right: now this has become more difficult amidst the din of fake propaganda, the half-truths often sold by the media and the lies manufactured by vested interests. But that makes poetry even more necessary, though more difficult, than ever before as it has not only tell the truth, but call out the untruths.

**Q:** Do you believe poetry still possesses the power to influence public consciousness, or has its role shifted from changing society to preserving human sensitivity?

**A:** As I said just now, poetry alone cannot change the world- in that case the world would already have been different as poets from the time of Homer and Vyasa, and the folk poets even before them, have been screaming for justice. But poets can make human beings more sensitive to others' suffering, instil in them a thirst for truth and a craving for a juster world. That is one of poetry's ways of preserving human sensitivity not just towards other human beings but towards even the world of plants and animals and the whole environment that may include too the seemingly inanimate world of rivers and mountains.

**Q:** The world today is witnessing devastating wars in different regions. In such times, what can poetry achieve that political speeches and diplomatic negotiations cannot?

**A:** In a sense you have already said it: making the human world more sensitive towards truth, justice, equality, freedom and beauty. Poetry, being another way of saying or suggesting things, mixing ideas with beauty, ethics with aesthetics and intelligence with emotion, can perform this function much better than jargon-packed academic papers, rhetorical flourishes in political speeches and the clever tactics deployed in diplomatic negotiations.

**Q:** Can poetry become a form of resistance against violence, nationalism, and hatred, or does it merely bear witness to them?

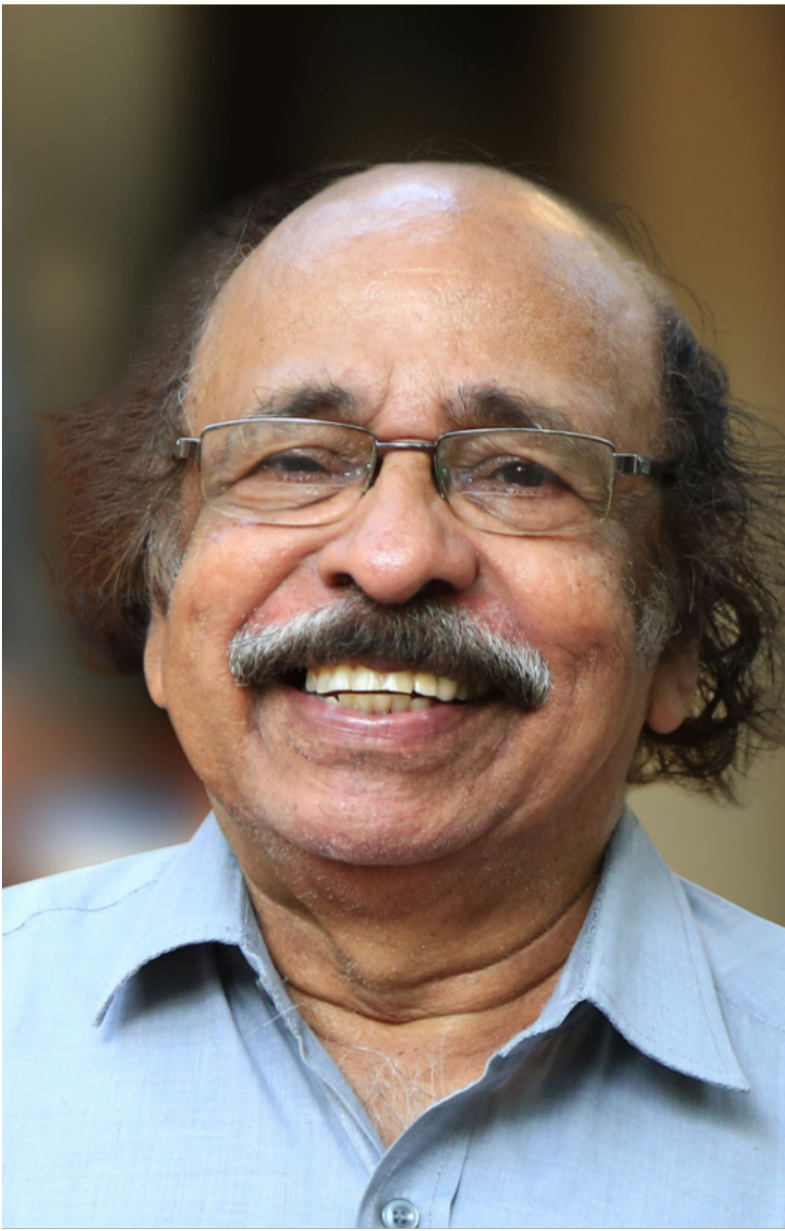
**A:** Bearing witness and resistance are not unrelated to each other. One says what one sees, and that, if powerfully done, is itself a form of resistance to untruth, the ever-changing national boundaries and hatred in the name of caste, religion, class, gender, race and nation, and the violence it generates. Poetry resists all forms of power- that which comes from religious and caste arrogance, patriarchal power that works against women as well as LGBTQI people, the power of pretended knowledge often used for suppression, the power of the so-called civilized against tribal people and the urban against the rural, the power of class, and of course, the power of the State when it works against democracy as it is doing now.

**Q:** How should poets respond when war is increasingly experienced through screens, algorithms, and media narratives rather than direct human encounter?

**A:** I will never advise poets to take up arms; but poetry itself can create hatred of war in human minds. Look at the poems written in almost all world languages on Gaza. Sometimes they express anger, sometimes love for the victims, often tearful affection towards the children who too have been victims of a completely unjust war that only imperial powers and merchants of warplanes, warships, bombs, missiles, tanks and guns want. These poems at times melt the readers' heart at times they arouse wrath against the oppressors and express solidarity with the victims. They are more human than they are political, and come from the conviction that there are no just wars, and right and wrong are relative concepts unlike many one-sided epics teach us.

**Q:** Do you see AI as a threat to literature, a tool for writers, or a challenge that forces us to redefine creativity itself? Can a machine ever experience wonder, grief, love, memory, or silence in the way a poet does? If not, what does this reveal about the essence of poetry?

**A:** If and when AI gains imagination and agency, it can pose a challenge to human creativity. Human creativity comes from experience, memory, imagination and language (in the case of poetry). Hope not to see the time when machines too can express feelings, remember things, get inspired, wonder about life and the universe and articulate them in perfect and minimal forms. Hope too, that by then scientists will also find ways to clearly distinguish between the creations of men and machines.



**Q:** In an era of globalization, do local languages face extinction, or can they become sites of cultural resistance and renewal?

**A:** Languages do face extinction as even recent surveys show- sometimes a language disappears from memory with the death of a single survivor in a tribe, as it happened in Nicobar some years back. Such deaths of tongues happen when a group that uses it disappears, or is swallowed or erased by a bigger hegemonic language- like Spanish taking over in many Latin American countries. Fortunately it did not happen in India as our linguistic diversity is too huge to be easily extinguished, and as we accepted English as one more tongue in a plethora of languages. It just added to our polyphony, and we not only used it to speak to one another or teach in schools and colleges, but even to write. Languages certainly can become sites of resistance and struggle like many of our languages, including Hindi, became a symbol of our nation's independence and ability to stand up in times of torment.

**Q:** What is lost and what is gained when a poem travels from one language to another?

**A:** Translation is a kind of re-birth. I have called it a transposal of heads- like in the Vikramaditya tales- in a poem on translation. If the original loses something, it also gains the tones and timbres and textures of another language. So, there are losses and gains. Gayatri Chakravarty Spivak called it "intimate reading" and Walter Benjamin compares it to an echo gained when we call into a forest of words.

**Q:** Can poetry still build bridges between nations at a time when political boundaries appear increasingly rigid?

**A:** Poetry has the capacity to transcend these rigid geographical boundaries as it appeals to our common emotions and thus breaks all barriers. The bridge is there within poetry itself; one does not need to build it. **Q:** Nature occupies a central place in your poetry. How do you view the ecological crisis facing the planet today?

**A:** I am extremely concerned with the possibility of human extinction in the face of global warming, polar melting, the rise of sea levels, the destruction of forests and mountains etc, mostly occasioned by human greed. I also think that poetry has a special role to play in reestablishing the links between nature and human beings. We need to overcome our homocentric vision of the world; man is not the master, but we are only one of the many players in nature. We also need to rein in capitalist greed. Nature gives us all we want but we always want more to satisfy not our need but our greed. I also admire with wonder the huge mystery the universe is. All these naturally enter my poetic world too.

**Q:** What qualities do you find most lacking in contemporary poetry, and what qualities give you hope?

**A:** It is hard to generalise. There has always been good poetry as well as bad- in good poetry I expect a sort of indirectness, lasting metaphors and images, and a very precise way of articulating experiences. **Q:** Do you think future poetry will become more international or more rooted in local identities?

**A:** These are not opposites as many think. There are no binaries in poetry. The death of a bull fighter in Spain- which is a very local experience- becomes a universal experience of encounter and death when Lorca writes about that gory, exciting, and painful evening. The local transcends itself in poetry and attains an international human dimension. **Q:** After a lifetime devoted to poetry, translation, and public engagement, what do you believe poetry has taught you about being human?

**A:** I like to believe it has taught me many ways to converse: conversations with oneself, others, nature and cosmos. And these are also ways of being human. **Q:** If you could leave one message for the next generation of poets living in an age of war, ecological crisis, and artificial intelligence, what would it be?

**A:** Creativity has no borders and will survive every crisis. **Q:** You once wrote that poetry rises from the "ocean of the unsayable"; In a future where machines may be able to imitate language perfectly, what do you think will remain forever unsayable—and therefore forever poetic?

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## Syllables in the Firmament: Cinare

(A Long Poem)

Sprouting from the soil,  
A leaf as green as a tender shoot,  
Poetry as vast as a tree,  
The fragrance of Viswambhara in nature.  
Spanning the world in the smile of a village,  
The hamlet spoke, a living life  
As lush as a green meadow;  
An ocean of wisdom  
That grew more humble as it deepened.  
Language blossoming gracefully  
Amidst the unfolding pages,  
A spring night of a hundred literary works,  
Like the scent scattered by a flower  
In every landscape of spring—  
A flower that first bloomed in silence.  
A magnificent life spanning eighty-six springs,  
Poetry comprising a collection of eighty-six volumes,  
Penned by the visionary eye of Hanmajipeta,  
Spanning from the banks of the Manair



to Hussain Sagar,  
A book of poetic essence released each year,  
Reflecting a heart full of known gentle smiles.  
A vessel of nectar pouring forth towering poetry.  
A silver platter brimming with heartfelt creativity,  
Mines of enchanting songs born of a maiden's gaze,  
Nourished by the very essence of life and beauty.  
A garland of gems adorning the muse of poetry  
Of Lakuma and Karpura Vasantarayalu,  
A symphony of cultural waves  
And poetic resonance of Nagarjuna Sagaram,  
The fluttering hem of a garment in open skies,  
The graceful allure of poetic muses.

The cycle of seasons flowed on  
Like the rhythmic song and dance  
Of a rippling stream;  
My Mother Is A Journey unfolded  
Like wings taking flight,  
And the one who kindled  
The flames of warmth and humanity.  
She was the Goddess of Learning,  
Opening windows of knowledge,  
Strumming the veena of wisdom;  
Cinare, a radiant poetic light  
Illuminating the entire world.  
Cinare was, above all, a man—  
The sole son of Buchamma,  
Born of her blood  
And cradled in her lullabies;  
The son of Mallanna, defined by  
The cradle-rocking hands  
That once held the ploughshare;  
A monarch of the arts,  
A brilliant sun in the realm of creativity.  
A hundred ways the Muse of Poetry  
Has voiced names as  
Middle-Class Smile and Surging Footsteps  
Grace the collections;  
A luminary of the heart,  
The poetic lion in the school  
Of delightful commentary;  
An instrument of infinite melodic range  
Played through a single name,  
A wondrous creator of works

Bearing a multitude of titles.  
In both quality and quantity,  
From Baladur to Rim Jhim and Aksharamala;  
With a heart steeped in Bhagyanagar  
And the Charminar;  
Behold Cinare—  
No matter how much he wrote  
Or how high he rose,  
He remained a bird of profound humility.  
Like the frothy water nymphs  
Of the Krishna and Godavari rivers,  
And the graceful, smooth movements of swans,  
Cinare moved through life,  
Composing poetic verses  
That mirrored the ocean's rhythm;  
Cinare himself was  
A magnificent, impassioned epic poem.



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On the occasion of Cinare's birthday on July 29th...



## 'No Talks With Pakistan Except on PoK,' Defence Minister Declares on Kargil Vijay Diwas

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh delivered a strong message to Pakistan on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, stating that India has no intention of holding talks with Pakistan, and if any dialogue takes place, it will be only on Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Addressing a commemorative event at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras, Rajnath Singh said India's position is clear and unambiguous. He asserted that PoK is an integral part of India and is under Pakistan's illegal occupation, making it the only subject for any future discussions.

The Defence Minister strongly criticized Pakistan, accusing it of making terrorism a part of its state policy. He said the distinction between the Pakistani military and terrorist groups has blurred, posing a serious threat to regional peace and stability.

Referring to Operation Sindoor, Rajnath Singh said the operation demonstrated India's determination and military capability to respond decisively to terrorism. He warned that anyone attempting to challenge India's sovereignty and integrity would face consequences "beyond their imagination."

Paying tribute to the soldiers

who fought in the 1999 Kargil War, Singh described the victory as one of the proudest chapters in India's military history. He said the courage, sacrifice and patriotism displayed by the armed forces continue to inspire every Indian.

The Defence Minister also contrasted the development paths of India and Pakistan. He said while India is investing in innovation, technology and infrastructure, Pakistan continues to focus on infiltration and activities linked to terrorism, calling it an unfortunate contrast between the two neighbours.

He reiterated that India's armed forces remain fully prepared to defend the nation against any external threat and expressed confidence in their ability to safeguard the country's borders under all circumstances.

Rajnath Singh's remarks come amid continued tensions between India and Pakistan over cross-border terrorism and security issues. His statement reinforces India's long-standing position that any future engagement with Pakistan must focus solely on the issue of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, while maintaining a firm stance against terrorism.



## CJP Founder Calls Dharmendra Pradhan Resignation First Victory

A day after former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned, Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke released a video message thanking supporters and volunteers who participated in the movement, describing the development as the first major victory of the youth-led campaign.

In the video, Dipke said he was finally able to sleep peacefully after weeks of continuous protests and thanked thousands of students, parents, volunteers and well-wishers who stood by the movement from the beginning. He said the success belonged to every individual who believed in the cause rather than to any one person.

Dipke also urged supporters not to turn him into a hero. He said the movement succeeded because of collective effort and democratic participation, adding that real change comes when ordinary citizens work together for a common purpose.

Interestingly, he also thanked his critics, saying their criticism and suggestions helped the organisation improve its strategy and communication. According to him, even those who opposed the movement indirectly contributed to making its first campaign stronger and more effective.

Following Dharmendra

Pradhan's resignation, the CJP officially withdrew its 36-day protest at Jantar Mantar after discussions with the Central government. The organisation said it was ending the agitation in good faith after receiving assurances on several of its key demands, including action on education reforms and the withdrawal of cases registered against protesters.

However, Dipke made it clear that the end of the protest does not mark the end of the movement. He described the resignation as "just the beginning", saying the organisation would continue to push for structural reforms in India's examination and education systems.

Several public figures also reacted to the development. Education reform advocates welcomed the resignation as a step towards accountability while stressing that long-term reforms are now essential to restore public confidence in the examination system.

The CJP has announced that it will continue engaging with the government on its reform agenda and monitor the implementation of promises made during negotiations. With its first major campaign concluding successfully, the youth-led organisation has indicated that its focus will now shift from street protests to ensuring meaningful changes in education policy.

## PM Modi Pays Tribute to Kargil Heroes in Mann Ki Baat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the latest edition of Mann Ki Baat, paid glowing tributes to the brave soldiers who fought in the 1999 Kargil War, saying their courage, sacrifice and patriotism continue to inspire every Indian. Marking Kargil Vijay Diwas, he said the nation's soldiers displayed unmatched determination under the toughest conditions and protected the country's sovereignty with extraordinary bravery.



The Prime Minister also underlined India's growing defence capabilities, pointing to the induction of the indigenously built INS Mahendragiri into the Indian Navy. He praised Indian scientists and engineers for developing advanced defence technologies, including the Pinaka Long-Range Guided Rocket and the successful testing of the Kusha missile, describing them as milestones in the country's journey towards self-reliance.

During the programme, Modi also congratulated Indian badminton star PV Sindhu for winning the China Open Super 1000 title, calling her achievement a proud moment for the nation. He praised her dedication and consistency, saying her success would motivate aspiring athletes across the country.

Touching upon education, the Prime Minister spoke about the importance of innovation, quality learning and skill development in shaping India's future. He reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening the education system and creating greater opportunities for young people to excel in academics, research and technology.

Modi said India's progress depends on a combination of strong national security, world-class education, scientific innovation and sporting excellence. Calling upon citizens to contribute towards nation-building, he urged everyone to draw inspiration from the courage of India's soldiers and work collectively to realise the vision of a developed and self-reliant India.



## PM Modi Remembers Kargil Heroes in Mann Ki Baat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid heartfelt tributes to the brave soldiers of the 1999 Kargil War during the latest episode of Mann Ki Baat, saying that their courage, sacrifice and unwavering determination continue to inspire every Indian. Marking Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Prime Minister said the nation's soldiers displayed extraordinary bravery under the most difficult conditions and emerged victorious against all odds.

Recalling the historic victory, the Prime Minister said that the towering mountains of Kargil, extreme weather and enemy attacks posed enormous challenges, but the morale and determination of Indian soldiers were "greater than every challenge." He bowed to the martyrs and veterans who sacrificed everything to protect the nation and described their courage as a source of eternal national pride.

Modi emphasized that today's India not only remembers its heroes but is also committed to passing on their stories of bravery to future generations. In this context, he highlighted the 'Shaurya Vijay Yatra', a special motorcycle rally that began at the National War Memorial in New Delhi and is set to conclude at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras. Carrying the message "One Ride, One Na-

tion, One Salute," the rally is aimed at honouring the sacrifices of India's armed forces.

The Prime Minister also linked the spirit of Kargil to India's growing defence capabilities. He pointed to the recent induction of INS Mahendragiri, an indigenously built warship, as a symbol of the country's progress towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing. He also highlighted the successful tests of the Pinaka Long-Range Guided Rocket and the Kusha missile, praising the contributions of Indian scientists and engineers.

Modi further noted that India's defence exports and strategic partnerships are expanding steadily. Referring to his recent visit to Indonesia, he said agreements related to the BrahMos and Astra missile systems reflected growing global confidence in India's defence technology and manufacturing capabilities.

Calling upon citizens to remember the sacrifices of the Kargil heroes, the Prime Minister urged the nation to strengthen its resolve towards building a secure, self-reliant and technologically advanced India. He said the courage displayed by the soldiers during the Kargil War would continue to inspire generations and remain a shining example of patriotism and dedication to the nation.

## Pralhad Joshi Takes Charge as Union Education Minister

Senior BJP leader Pralhad Joshi has officially taken charge as the Union Education Minister, a day after Dharmendra Pradhan resigned from the post. Joshi will continue to handle his existing responsibilities as Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy, while also overseeing the Education Ministry.

Soon after assuming office, Joshi expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for entrusting him with the new responsibility. He said he accepted the assignment with humility and a deep sense of duty, assuring that he would work with complete dedication to strengthen India's education system.

Immediately after taking charge, the new minister chaired a high-level review meeting with senior officials of the Education Ministry. The meeting focused on assessing the implementation of ongoing schemes, key reforms and the progress of major educational initiatives. Minister of State for Education Jayant Singh and senior officials from both departments of the ministry were also present.

Joshi emphasized that education plays a crucial role in shaping the country's future and



said his priority would be to ensure the effective implementation of government programmes while maintaining continuity in ongoing reforms.

The leadership change follows the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan, who stepped down amid the controversy surrounding the NEET paper leak and the nationwide protests that followed. In his resignation letter, Pradhan stated that his decision was guided by the larger interests of students and the nation, adding that public service should always remain above individual considerations.

Before assuming the new role, Joshi praised his predecessor, saying Dharmendra Pradhan had made significant contributions to the education sector during his tenure. He credited Pradhan with successfully implementing the National

Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and introducing several important reforms aimed at improving India's education landscape.

A six-time Member of Parliament from Dharwad in Karnataka, Pralhad Joshi has held several important portfolios in the Union government over the years, including Coal, Mines, and Parliamentary Affairs. Known for his administrative experience, he now takes charge of one of the country's most significant ministries at a crucial time.

With the Education Ministry facing the challenge of restoring confidence after recent controversies, Joshi's immediate focus is expected to be on ensuring transparency, strengthening examination systems and continuing reforms aimed at improving the quality of education across the country.



## Rahul Gandhi Seeks Probe Into Police Action on Students

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, demanding accountability over the police action against student protesters during demonstrations in Delhi earlier this month.

In his letter, Rahul Gandhi described the police crackdown as a "barbaric assault" on students who, according to him, were peacefully protesting for a fair and accountable education system. He alleged that instead of engaging with the protesters through dialogue, security personnel used excessive force to disperse the gathering.

The Congress leader claimed that hundreds of students suffered injuries during the operation. He also alleged that tear gas, lathi charges and pellet guns were used against demonstrators, calling the reported use of pellet guns particularly disturbing.

Rahul Gandhi raised a series of questions to the Home Minister, asking whether the use of such force had been officially authorised. He sought clarification on who approved the deployment of pellet guns, and whether the personnel seen in plain clothes assaulting protesters were police officers or other authorised individuals.

Referring to media reports

and his interactions with injured students, Gandhi said he had met 19-year-old Sahil Lochab, who allegedly suffered serious eye injuries during the protest. He argued that incidents of this nature require a transparent investigation and accountability from those responsible.

The Congress MP stressed that peaceful protest is a fundamental pillar of democracy and said it is the government's responsibility to protect citizens exercising their democratic rights rather than suppress them through force.

Rahul Gandhi's letter comes shortly after the resignation of former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan following the controversy over the NEET examination and nationwide student protests. While the student-led agitation has since been withdrawn, the Congress has indicated that it will continue to raise questions over the handling of the protests.

The issue is also expected to resonate during the ongoing Parliament session, where the Opposition is likely to demand answers from the government regarding the police action, the treatment of protesters and the broader concerns surrounding examination reforms and student welfare.

## Assam Minister's Daughter Joins NEET Protest, Sparks Row

A political controversy erupted in Assam after videos showing Dibisa Mahanta, the daughter of state minister Keshab Mahanta, participating in a student protest over the NEET examination controversy went viral on social media.

The videos, widely circulated online, allegedly showed Dibisa joining demonstrators in Guwahati, where protesters were demanding accountability over examination irregularities and the resignation of the then Union Education Minister. Her participation drew significant attention because her father serves as a minister in the BJP-led Assam government.

Responding to the controversy, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma came to the defence of his cabinet colleague, urging people not to troll or target Keshab Mahanta over his daughter's actions. The Chief Minister said that adult children are entitled to their own political beliefs and opinions, and those views should not automatically be linked to their parents. He remarked that a daughter may not necessarily follow her father's ideology and that this should



be respected in a democratic society. Sarma emphasized that individuals should be judged based on their own actions rather than the choices made by family members. He appealed to the public and social media users to avoid personal attacks against the minister, saying such criticism would be unfair.

The incident comes amid widespread student protests across the country over alleged irregularities in the NEET examination process. Demonstrations in several states eventually culminated in the resignation of former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, a development that intensified political

discussions across the country.

The viral video has also reignited debate about political diversity within families and the right of individuals to express views that may differ from those of their relatives holding public office.

While the issue generated intense discussion on social media, the Assam government has maintained that there is nothing unusual about family members having different political opinions. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma reiterated that democratic values include respecting individual freedom of expression, irrespective of family or political affiliations.

## Trump shifts to older Air Force One after Iran-linked security alert

US President Donald Trump reportedly switched from the newly upgraded Air Force One to the older presidential aircraft during his return journey from Turkey, following what US officials described as a credible security threat linked to Iran and its proxy groups.

According to reports, Trump had travelled to Turkey aboard the newly retrofitted Boeing 747-8, which was recently inducted into the presidential

fleet. However, after attending the NATO summit, security agencies advised him to return on the older Air Force One as a precautionary measure.

US intelligence agencies reportedly received information suggesting a possible missile threat targeting the President's aircraft. Although officials have not publicly disclosed the exact nature of the intelligence, the US Secret Service quickly revised Trump's travel plans to minimise any

potential risk.

The older Air Force One is believed to be equipped with more advanced defensive systems, including missile-warning technology and counter-measures developed over decades of presidential travel. The newly introduced aircraft is still undergoing additional upgrades to enhance its security capabilities.

The aircraft swap attracted widespread attention after Trump landed at a British air

base before later continuing his journey using the newer aircraft. Initially, the unusual change sparked speculation, but subsequent reports indicated that the decision was driven primarily by security considerations.

The White House has maintained that the new Air Force One is safe for presidential travel. However, officials confirmed that the aircraft will undergo further enhancements in the coming weeks,

during which Trump will continue using the older presidential jet. The development comes amid heightened tensions between the United States and Iran, with Washington remaining on alert over potential threats against senior American officials. Trump himself has previously acknowledged that he remains a potential target for Iran following earlier military confrontations between the two countries.

The incident highlights the



extraordinary security measures surrounding presidential travel, where even a credible intelligence warning can lead to immediate changes in flight plans. While the journey con-

cluded safely, the episode has once again drawn attention to the complex security challenges faced by world leaders during periods of heightened geopolitical tension.

## Iran Accuses Ukraine of Deadly Caspian Sea Attack

Iran has accused Ukraine of carrying out a deadly attack on one of its commercial vessels in the Caspian Sea, claiming the strike killed one sailor and injured another. The incident has sharply escalated tensions between Tehran and Kyiv, adding a new dimension to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.



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According to Iran's Foreign Ministry, the attack caused a powerful explosion aboard the merchant ship, resulting in casualties among the crew. Tehran described the incident as a "hostile and criminal act" and condemned it as a violation of international law.

In response, Iran summoned Ukraine's chargé d'affaires in Tehran to formally protest the alleged attack. Iranian officials warned that the country would take all necessary measures to protect its national interests and security, while holding the Ukrainian government responsible for the consequences of

The accusation comes after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated that Ukrainian forces had targeted Russian naval assets and vessels allegedly transporting Iran-linked military cargo in the Caspian Sea. Kyiv has argued that such operations are aimed at disrupting military supplies supporting Russia's war effort.

Iran, however, rejected any suggestion that it is directly in-

involved in the Russia-Ukraine war. The Foreign Ministry insisted that the attack represented an attempt to expand the conflict beyond its current boundaries and called on the United Nations Security Council, European nations and the international community to condemn the strike and hold Ukraine accountable.

The latest confrontation also reflects the long-standing tensions between Iran and Ukraine

over Tehran's alleged supply of drones to Russia. While Western governments and Ukraine have repeatedly accused Iran of providing military drones used in attacks against Ukrainian targets, Tehran has consistently denied supplying weapons for use in the conflict.

Analysts believe the incident could further strain diplomatic relations and complicate efforts to prevent the war from spilling over into new regions. The Caspian Sea has become increasingly significant as a strategic route for trade and logistics, making any military activity there a matter of international concern.

As both sides continue to exchange accusations, the international community is expected to closely monitor developments, amid fears that the latest incident could widen the geopolitical tensions already surrounding the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

## Pentagon Faces Scrutiny Over Iran War Casualty Reports

The US Pentagon is facing growing criticism over allegations that it failed to accurately report the number of American military personnel killed and injured during the ongoing conflict with Iran. The controversy has triggered demands for greater transparency from lawmakers, veterans and defence experts.

The issue emerged after discrepancies were found in the Pentagon's Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS), the official database that tracks military casualties. Reports indicated that the publicly available figures did not match earlier official statements regarding the number of troops killed and wounded.



According to reports, the database temporarily showed fewer fatalities and injuries than previously announced, leading to accusations that the true human cost of the conflict was being understated. Critics questioned why some casualty figures had disappeared from the official records before later being restored.

The Pentagon has denied any deliberate attempt to conceal casualties, attributing the inconsistencies to a technical data disruption affecting the online reporting system. Officials said the discrepancies were the result of system errors and insisted that corrections were being made to ensure the database ac-

curately reflects the latest information.

Despite the explanation, several members of the US Congress, particularly Democratic lawmakers on the Senate Armed Services Committee, have demanded a full and transparent accounting of all service members killed or injured during the conflict. They argue that military families, lawmakers and the American public deserve complete and timely information about the human cost of war.

The controversy has also reignited debate over the Trump administration's handling of the Iran conflict. Critics allege that reducing public visibility of casualty figures could help minimise political fallout as the conflict continues. Some former defence officials have described the situation as damaging to public trust and military accountability.

Defence analysts note that cas-

ualty reporting has traditionally been regarded as one of the most important measures of transparency during military operations. Any inconsistency in official records can raise concerns about oversight, public confidence and congressional scrutiny.

The Pentagon has maintained that there was no intentional cover-up and has pledged to update the casualty database after resolving the technical issues. However, lawmakers continue to seek detailed explanations about the discrepancies and the process used to record wartime casualties.

As investigations and congressional inquiries move forward, the episode has intensified scrutiny of how the US military communicates information during armed conflicts and highlighted the importance of maintaining accurate and transparent casualty reporting.

## Typhoon Noul Hits China, Over 700,000 Evacuated

Powerful Typhoon Noul has made landfall in southern China, triggering widespread disruption, forcing the evacuation of more than 700,000 people, and leading to the cancellation of hundreds of flights across Guangdong province and Hong Kong. The storm is being described as the strongest typhoon to hit China this year.

The typhoon came ashore in Huidong County, Guangdong, packing strong winds and torrential rain. Authorities issued the highest-level flood warnings in several regions as rivers swelled and the risk of flash floods and landslides increased. Emergency teams were deployed to vulnerable areas to assist residents and monitor the evolving situation.

As a precaution, local governments relocated hundreds of thousands of people from low-lying and flood-prone areas. Schools, construction sites and several public services were suspended while emergency shelters were opened to accommodate displaced families.

Air travel was severely affected, with hundreds of flights cancelled or delayed at airports in Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Xiamen. Rail services and other transport links also faced disruptions as authorities urged residents to



avoid unnecessary travel until weather conditions improve.

Hong Kong experienced gale-force winds and heavy rainfall as the storm passed close to the city. Weather authorities issued high-level typhoon and rainstorm warnings before gradually lowering the alert level as the system weakened and moved inland. Flight operations at Hong Kong International Airport were expected to resume gradually after weather conditions

stabilized.

Although Typhoon Noul has begun to weaken after making landfall, meteorologists warned that it is still capable of producing torrential rainfall across several provinces, including Jiangxi, Hunan and Fujian. Officials cautioned that flooding, landslides and waterlogging remain major concerns over the next few days.

Authorities have advised residents to stay indoors where pos-

sible, avoid flooded roads and rivers, and closely follow official weather updates. Rescue teams remain on standby as China continues to deal with one of its most powerful storms of the year.

With heavy rain expected to persist, emergency agencies are working around the clock to minimize damage and ensure public safety while restoring normal transportation and essential services.

## Russia-Ukraine War Escalates as 15 Killed in Fresh Attacks

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has intensified once again, with fresh missile and drone attacks on both sides leaving at least 15 people dead and several others injured. The latest exchange of fire has further deepened humanitarian concerns as civilians continue to bear the brunt of the war.

Russian forces launched a major overnight assault on Kyiv, firing ballistic missiles and drones at the Ukrainian capital. The attacks triggered fires in residential areas, damaged buildings and left several people injured. Emergency services rushed to multiple locations to contain the fires and rescue residents trapped under debris.

Elsewhere in Ukraine, additional Russian strikes claimed civilian lives in regions including Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia, where local authorities reported casualties and extensive

damage to homes and infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Russia accused Ukraine of carrying out deadly drone attacks on territories under Russian control. According to Russian-installed officials, a drone strike on a holiday camp in the occupied Zaporizhzhia region killed 12 people, including five children, and injured several others. Another Ukrainian drone attack reportedly killed four civilians in Horlivka, a Russian-controlled city in the Donetsk region.

Ukraine has not confirmed responsibility for the reported attacks in the occupied territories. Kyiv has repeatedly stated that its military operations are aimed at strategic military targets rather than civilians.

Both Russia and Ukraine continue to deny deliberately targeting civilian populations, even as the war has resulted in thousands of civilian casual-

ties since the full-scale invasion began in February 2022.

Military analysts say both sides have significantly increased the use of drones and long-range missiles in recent months, making the conflict more unpredictable and expanding the risk to civilian areas far from the front lines.

The renewed violence comes amid ongoing international efforts to find a diplomatic solution to the war. However, with both sides continuing large-scale military operations, hopes for an immediate ceasefire remain uncertain.

As the fighting intensifies, humanitarian agencies have once again called for greater protection of civilians and strict adherence to international humanitarian law, warning that the human cost of the conflict continues to rise with each new wave of attacks.

## Family Seeks Probe Into Indian-Origin Student's US Death

The family of an Indian-origin medical student who died by suicide in the United States has launched a campaign seeking an independent legal review of the circumstances surrounding his death, while calling for major reforms in university disciplinary procedures and mental health support systems.

The student, Vaibhav Dugal, a 24-year-old third-year medical student at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso, died in July 2025 after facing academic disciplinary action. His parents have now broken their silence, alleging that the university's handling of the disciplinary process contributed significantly to his emotional distress.

According to the family, the disciplinary proceedings lacked transparency, fairness and adequate due process. They claim that Vaibhav was subjected to an opaque system



that failed to provide proper support at a time when he was experiencing severe psychological pressure.

The family has demanded an independent legal review into the university's actions, arguing that institutions must be held accountable if their policies and procedures contribute to student mental health crises.

Along with legal action, the family is advocating for nationwide reforms in higher education. They want universities to introduce stronger due-process protections, trauma-informed

disciplinary procedures and better access to mental health services for students facing academic or disciplinary challenges.

Supporters of the campaign say the case has highlighted broader concerns about the pressure faced by students in professional courses such as medicine, where academic stress and disciplinary actions can have serious emotional consequences if not handled sensitively.

Mental health advocates have also called for educational institutions to balance academic

standards with student well-being, ensuring that disciplinary measures are accompanied by counselling, guidance and appropriate psychological support. The campaign has drawn attention from advocacy groups, which believe the tragedy should serve as a catalyst for systemic reforms across universities in the United States. They argue that no student should be left without adequate safeguards while navigating high-pressure academic environments.

While the university has not publicly accepted the family's allegations, the case has reignited discussions about mental health, institutional accountability and the need for compassionate disciplinary systems in higher education.

The family says their goal is not only to seek justice for Vaibhav but also to ensure that future students receive the support and protections needed to prevent similar tragedies.





# Ishan Kishan Surpasses Kohli in T20I Record After Blazing Knock

India's wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan continued his sensational run in T20 internationals with a match-winning knock of 81 runs off 44 balls against Zimbabwe in the second T20I at Harare. His brilliant innings not only guided India to a commanding victory but also helped him surpass Virat Kohli in an elite Indian batting record.

Walking in after India lost early wickets, Ishan steadied the innings with an aggressive yet composed approach. He struck nine fours and two sixes, dominating the Zimbabwe bowlers while ensuring India posted a formidable total. His innings laid the foundation for India's emphatic 90-run victory, which also gave the visitors an unsailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

With this knock, Ishan's tally for 2026 rose to 783 T20I runs, allowing him to overtake Virat Kohli's 781 runs, scored in 2022, to become the third-highest Indian run-scorer in a single calendar year in T20 internationals. It marks another significant milestone in what has been a remarkable year for the left-handed batter.

The record for the most T20I runs by an Indian in a calendar year is still held by Suryakumar Yadav, who amassed 1,164 runs in 2022, while Abhishek Sharma occupies the second spot with 859 runs in 2025. With several

T20 internationals still left to be played this year, Ishan has a realistic opportunity to climb even higher in the rankings. After being named Player of the Match, Ishan credited his success to keeping his approach simple. He said he focused on watching the ball carefully, backing his strengths and building partnerships rather than worrying about the early wickets. He added that identifying the right bowlers to attack helped him play freely and accelerate at the right time.



Ishan Kishan's exceptional year. His latest innings not only secured another memorable victory for India but also cemented his place among the country's finest T20I performers.

# Laxman Warns India Against Complacency After Zimbabwe Win

Despite India's dominant performance against Zimbabwe in the second T20I, head coach VVS Laxman has warned the players against becoming complacent. Following the emphatic 90-run victory, which secured an unsailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, Laxman reminded the team that success should inspire confidence—not overconfidence.



Addressing the players in the dressing room after the match, Laxman delivered a clear message: "Take confidence from the previous game, not comfort." He stressed that every match presents a fresh challenge and urged the team to maintain the same hunger, intensity and discipline that helped them dominate Zimbabwe.

The coach praised the aggressive start provided by openers Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and Abhishek Sharma, saying they laid the perfect foundation for a big total. He also highlighted the crucial partnership between Shreyas Iyer and Ishan Kishan, which steadied the innings after India lost two early wickets.

Laxman particularly appreciated the calmness shown by the experienced batters during a tricky phase of the innings. According to him, instead of panicking after the early setbacks, they built the innings patiently before accelerating at the right time, putting Zimbabwe under sustained pressure. He also lauded Tilak Varma and Shivam Dube for their aggressive finishing, which helped India post a commanding total of 219/5. Laxman said the team's positive intent and fearless approach with the bat were key factors behind the impressive performance.

# CSK Eyes ₹20 Crore Blockbuster Trade for Hardik Pandya



The coach was equally pleased with India's fielding effort. He commended every player for maintaining high intensity, diving to save runs and displaying a strong commitment throughout the match. Laxman said such attitude reflects the culture and unity developing within the squad. India entered the Zimbabwe series after disappointing T20I series defeats against Ireland and England. The convincing victories in Harare have helped restore confidence, but Laxman believes the team must continue improving instead of becoming satisfied with one successful series.

With one match still remaining, India will now aim to complete a 3-0 clean sweep. Laxman's message serves as a reminder that consistency is the hallmark of champion teams, and sustained success comes from learning, improving and staying focused after every victory. A sensational report has sparked fresh speculation in the IPL transfer market, claiming that Chennai Super Kings (CSK) are preparing a blockbuster deal worth more than 20 crore to bring Hardik Pandya from Mumbai Indians (MI) ahead of the next IPL season.

According to the report, CSK are exploring a player-plus-cash arrangement to convince Mumbai Indians to part ways with their captain. One of the proposed offers reportedly includes Shivam Dube, Dewald Brevis, along with 10 crore in cash, taking the overall value of the package beyond 20 crore. Earlier reports had suggested that Mumbai Indians were interested in acquiring young batter Ayush Mhatre as part of the deal. However, CSK are reportedly reluctant to let go of the highly rated youngster and have instead proposed an alternative package involving Dube, Brevis and cash.

# Anahat Singh Creates History With World Junior Squash Title

India's squash fraternity is celebrating a historic achievement after teenage sensation Anahat Singh became the first Indian ever to win the World Junior Squash Championship. Her remarkable triumph has drawn praise from across the sporting world, with former Indian squash star Saurav Ghosal leading the tributes.



Anahat scripted history by defeating Egypt's Ruqayya Salem in straight games 11-3, 11-7, 11-9 in the women's singles final held in Ontario, Canada. The victory not only earned her the prestigious world junior title but also ended Egypt's 15-year dominance in the competition.

Reacting to the achievement, Saurav Ghosal described Anahat's victory as a "special moment" for Indian squash. He praised the youngster's dedication, discipline and relentless hard work, saying her success is the result of years of commitment and perseverance. Ghosal, who has played a key mentoring role in Anahat's career, expressed confidence that this historic title is only the beginning of an even brighter future. He believes the young star has the talent and temperament to achieve greater milestones on the international stage.

The 18-year-old entered the tournament as the top seed and justified her ranking with a dominant campaign. She dropped only two games throughout the tournament before producing another commanding display in the final to lift the coveted trophy. Anahat's victory is considered a watershed moment for Indian squash. Before her triumph, Joshna Chinappa's runner-up finish in 2005 had remained India's best performance at the World Junior Championships. By going one step further, Anahat has rewritten the country's squash history.

The Delhi-born player has already established herself among the world's brightest young talents. Currently ranked among the top players on the professional circuit, she is widely regarded as one of India's strongest medal hopes for major international events, including the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, where squash will make its Olympic debut. Her historic achievement has been widely celebrated by players, coaches and fans, who believe it will inspire a new generation to take up the sport. With this memorable victory, Anahat Singh has not only fulfilled a long-standing dream for Indian squash but has also announced herself as one of the most exciting young stars in world sport.

Despite the growing speculation, no official agreement has been reached between the two franchises. Neither Mumbai Indians nor Chennai Super Kings has confirmed that negotiations have progressed beyond the discussion stage. Interestingly, CSK had earlier dismissed reports of pursuing Hardik, stating that no formal discussions had taken place. However, fresh reports suggest that new proposals may now be under consideration as the IPL trade window gathers momentum. The possibility of Hardik wearing the iconic yellow jersey has already become one of the hottest talking points among cricket fans. Whether the blockbuster move eventually becomes reality or remains just another transfer rumour, it has undoubtedly added excitement to the ongoing IPL trade season.

For now, fans will have to wait for an official announcement, but if such a deal goes through, it could dramatically reshape the balance of power in the Indian Premier League.

# Rishikanta Singh Wins Silver After Commonwealth Record Lift

Indian weightlifter Rishikanta Singh delivered a remarkable performance at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, creating a new Games record in the snatch but ultimately settling for the silver medal in the men's 60kg weightlifting event. Rishikanta made an impressive start to the competition by lifting 121kg in the snatch, surpassing the previous Commonwealth Games record and putting himself in a strong position for the gold medal. His outstanding effort highlighted his technical brilliance and earned him a place in the record books.



However, the battle intensified during the clean and jerk segment. Malaysia's Mohamad Aniq Bin Kasdan, the defending champion, produced a sensational lift of 152kg, setting a new Commonwealth Games clean and jerk record and over-

turning Rishikanta's advantage. With a combined total, the Malaysian lifter secured the gold medal, while Rishikanta finished with silver after an impressive all-round performance. Joshua Amunga Mboya of Kenya claimed the bronze medal despite battling through discomfort during the competition. Although he narrowly missed out on the top podium spot, Rishikanta's achievement was widely praised. His record-breaking snatch demonstrated India's growing strength in weightlifting and reinforced his status as one of the country's finest lifters in the lower weight categories.

The silver medal also added to India's medal tally at the Commonwealth Games and reflected the country's continued success in weightlifting, a discipline that has consistently produced podium finishes at major international events. Rishikanta has enjoyed a strong run over the past few seasons, winning medals at international competitions and establishing himself as one of the leading weightlifters in the Commonwealth circuit. His latest performance once again showcased his ability to compete at the highest level against world-class opponents.

# Messi Spotted in Disguise During First Public Appearance



Football icon Lionel Messi has made his first public appearance since the FIFA World Cup final, but in a way that surprised fans across the globe. The Argentine superstar was spotted disguised in casual clothing, wearing a cap and sunglasses, allowing him to move around without attracting the usual crowds. According to reports, Messi chose the low-profile appearance to enjoy some personal time away from the constant media attention that follows him wherever he goes. Despite his attempt to remain unnoticed, a few fans eventually recognized him, and images of the outing quickly spread across social media.

The eight-time Ballon D'Or winner has largely stayed away from the public spotlight since leading Argentina to another memorable World Cup triumph. His latest appearance has once again demonstrated the extraordinary level of global fame he enjoys, with even a brief outing becoming headline news. Fans online reacted with amusement and admiration, with many praising Messi's humility and his desire to experience everyday life like an ordinary person. Others joked that even in disguise, one of the greatest footballers of all time is impossible to hide for long.

Messi has often spoken about valuing his privacy and spending quality time with his family whenever his football schedule allows. His latest outing reflected that preference, as he tried to avoid unnecessary attention while enjoying a peaceful day in public. The Argentine captain continues to be one of the biggest global sporting icons, and every appearance—whether on the football field or away from it—draws immense interest from supporters around the world. Although the outing lasted only a short time, it became a major talking point online, proving once again that Messi's popularity extends far beyond football. Even without wearing a jersey or stepping onto the pitch, the World Cup-winning legend continues to capture the imagination of millions of fans worldwide.

# Mahesh Babu Boosts Jaya Krishna's Debut

The promotional campaign for "Srinivasa Mangapuram" has received a major boost with Superstar Mahesh Babu stepping forward to support the film. The actor has unveiled a special promotional poster, extending his best wishes to his nephew Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni, who is all set to make his acting debut.

Mahesh Babu shared the poster on social media and wished Jaya Krishna success as he begins his journey in Telugu cinema. His endorsement has generated significant buzz among fans and movie lovers, with many seeing it as a strong show of support from one of Tollywood's biggest stars.

Jaya Krishna is the son of late actor Ramesh Babu, grandson of legendary superstar Krishna, and nephew of Mahesh Babu. Carrying forward the prestigious Ghattamaneni legacy, he is entering the film industry with high expectations.

Directed by Ajay Bhupathi, known for films like RX 100 and Mangalavaaram, Srinivasa Mangapuram is an intense romantic action drama. The film also marks the Telugu debut of Rasha Thadani, daughter of Bollywood actress



Raveena Tandon, making it one of the most anticipated debut films of the year.

Veteran actor Mohan Babu will be seen in a powerful antagonist's role, while G.V. Prakash Kumar has composed the music. The film is presented by veteran producer C. Ashwini Dutt and produced by P. Kiran under the Chandamama

Kathalu banner.

The recently released trailer and songs have received an encouraging response from audiences. The film has also completed its censor formalities with a U/A certificate, boosting the confidence of the makers ahead of its theatrical release. With Mahesh Babu's wholehearted support, a tal-

ented cast, an experienced director and strong promotional buzz, Srinivasa Mangapuram is shaping up to be a promising launchpad for Jaya Krishna. Fans are now eagerly waiting to see whether the young actor can successfully carry forward the illustrious Ghattamaneni legacy when the film releases in theatres on July 30, 2026.

# Ram Charan-Sukumar Film Likely to Be Delayed

The much-awaited reunion of Ram Charan and Sukumar is once again making headlines, with fresh reports suggesting that the ambitious project could face another delay. While fans have been eagerly waiting for the blockbuster combination to return after the phenomenal success of Rangasthalam, the film may take a little longer to go on floors.

According to the latest industry buzz, director Sukumar is still working on the script and wants additional time to perfect the story before commencing production. Known for his meticulous writing process and attention to detail, Sukumar is reportedly unwilling to rush the project and is focused on delivering a script that meets the high expectations surrounding the film.



Reports indicate that the movie is now likely to be officially launched only after the Dasara season. Although the delay may disappoint fans, the filmmaker believes the extra time spent on the screenplay will ultimately result in a stronger cinematic experience.

The postponement could also work in Ram Charan's favour.

The actor is said to be recovering from a wrist injury and can use the additional time to regain full fitness before stepping onto the sets of the high-budget entertainer.

The Ram Charan-Sukumar combination enjoys tremendous expectations, thanks to the massive success of Rangasthalam, which emerged as one of the big-

gest blockbusters in Telugu cinema and earned widespread critical acclaim. Ever since their reunion was announced, fans have been eagerly awaiting updates on the project.

At present, however, there has been no official confirmation from either the makers or the production house regarding the reported delay. The speculation is based purely on industry reports and unofficial sources.

With Sukumar known for taking his time to fine-tune every aspect of his films, and Ram Charan aiming to return fully fit, the team appears to be prioritising quality over speed. If the reports are true, fans may have to wait a little longer, but expectations remain sky-high for what promises to be one of the biggest Telugu films in the making.

# Malavika Mohanan Calls for Stronger Female Voices in Cinema

Actress Malavika Mohanan has shared her views on the representation of women in Indian cinema, saying that mainstream films need a stronger female perspective both on and off the screen. The actress believes that increasing the number of women behind the camera will naturally lead to richer and more authentic female characters.

Speaking in a recent interaction, Malavika said that while Indian cinema has evolved in many ways, there is still a shortage of women writers and directors in the industry. According to her, this is one of the major reasons why many mainstream films continue to present female characters in a limited or stereotypical manner.

She stressed that stories told from a woman's point of view often create more relatable, layered and emotionally engaging female characters. Malavika believes that the industry needs many more women filmmakers to bring fresh perspectives and diverse storytelling to the big screen.

The actress also pointed out that a film's success should not be measured by whether it carries the "Pan-India" tag. Instead, she said audiences ultimately connect with compelling stories and memorable characters, regardless of the language or scale of the

production.

According to Malavika, when the content is strong and emotionally resonates with viewers, it naturally reaches audiences across regions and languages. She feels that filmmakers should focus more on storytelling than on marketing labels.

Her comments have sparked conversations on social media, with many users agreeing that stronger female representation behind the camera could help reshape the way women are portrayed in mainstream cinema. Others praised her for highlighting an issue that has long been discussed within the film industry.

Malavika, who is gearing up for the release of several major projects including her Telugu debut opposite Prabhas in The Raja Saab, has increasingly been vocal about issues related to women in cinema and meaningful storytelling.

As Indian cinema continues to expand globally, Malavika hopes that more women will take up roles as writers, directors and creators, helping bring fresh voices, balanced narratives and stronger female characters to mainstream films. Her remarks have once again reignited the conversation about inclusivity, representation and the need for diverse perspectives in filmmaking.



# Dhanush, Vetri Maaran Reunite for Thamizh Murugan

Acclaimed Tamil filmmaker Vetri Maaran is all set to collaborate once again with actor Dhanush, rekindling one of the most successful director-actor partnerships in South Indian cinema. The duo's new project, titled "Thamizh Murugan," has already generated tremendous excitement among fans.

This marks the fifth collaboration between Vetri Maaran and Dhanush after delivering critically acclaimed and commercially successful films like Polladhavan, Aadukalam, Vada Chennai, and Asuran. Their previous outings have earned widespread praise for their powerful storytelling, realistic narratives and memorable performances.

Thamizh Murugan is expected to be an ambitious period drama inspired by ancient Tamil history and literature. Dhanush will reportedly portray the titular character, a powerful warrior and leader, in what is being described as one of the biggest films in the actor's career. The film is being jointly produced by Wunderbar Films and Production Miles To Go, while noted writer Arivum-

athi has penned the story. Rising music composer Sai Abhyankkar has been roped in to compose the soundtrack, adding further excitement to the project.

Industry reports also suggest that Vijay Sethupathi is likely to play a significant role in the film. If confirmed, it would mark another collaboration between Vetri Maaran and Vijay Sethupathi following the Viduthalaai films. However, the makers are yet to make an official announcement regarding his casting.

Meanwhile, Vetri Maaran is currently busy shooting Arasan, starring Silambarasan TR (STR) in the lead. Once that project progresses further, the director is expected to shift his complete focus to Thamizh Murugan.

With Vetri Maaran's reputation for delivering hard-hitting cinema and Dhanush's proven ability to excel in intense roles, expectations for Thamizh Murugan are naturally sky-high. Fans are eagerly waiting for more updates regarding the cast, shooting schedule and release plans, hoping the duo will once again create cinematic magic together.

# Chiranjeevi Extends ₹3 Lakh Aid to Ailing Actor Ramesh

Megastar Chiranjeevi has once again demonstrated his generosity by extending financial assistance to actor Ramesh, popularly known as "Gabbar Singh" Ramesh, who is currently undergoing treatment after suffering a brain stroke.

Ramesh was recently admitted to Apollo Hospital in Hyderabad, where he is receiving intensive medical care. After learning about his health condition, Chiranjeevi immediately contacted the hospital doctors to enquire about his treatment and ensured that the actor receives the best possible medical attention.

To support the family's mounting medical expenses, Chiranjeevi donated 3 lakh and personally handed over the financial assistance to Ramesh's wife. He also assured the family that he would provide all possible support during this difficult time.

Apart from the monetary aid, Chiranjeevi reportedly promised to help the family secure benefits under the state government's health insurance scheme



so that Ramesh's treatment can continue without financial hurdles.

Adding to the support, Chiranjeevi's brother and actor Naga Babu also contributed 2 lakh towards Ramesh's treatment. Together, the brothers have extended 5 lakh in financial assistance to the actor and his family.

Ramesh earned recognition with his memorable role in Pawan Kalyan's blockbuster "Gabbar Singh" and has appeared in several Telugu films over the years. His sudden health setback shocked members of the Telugu film industry, with many expressing concern and wishing him a speedy

recovery. Chiranjeevi's timely gesture has won widespread appreciation from fans and film personalities alike. Many have praised the megastar for standing by fellow artistes during times of crisis, describing his action as another example of his compassion and commitment to supporting members of the film fraternity.

As Ramesh continues to receive treatment, fans across the Telugu states are praying for his speedy recovery. Chiranjeevi's support has brought much-needed relief and hope to the actor's family during one of the most challenging phases of their lives.

# Katrina Kaif Rumoured for Cameo in Prabhas' Spirit

Bollywood star Katrina Kaif is once again making headlines amid reports that she could return to Telugu cinema with Prabhas' much-awaited pan-India action film Spirit. The speculation has created excitement among fans, as it would mark her Tollywood comeback after nearly two decades.

According to industry buzz, director Sandeep Reddy Vanga is considering Katrina Kaif for a crucial cameo role in the film. Though the role is said to be brief, reports suggest it could play an important part in the storyline and leave a strong impact on the audience.

The rumours gained momentum following the reported exit of Deepika Padukone from the project. While Triptii Dimri has already been confirmed as the female lead opposite Prabhas, the makers are reportedly looking for another actress to play a key guest appearance, with Katrina's name emerging as the frontrunner.

If the reports turn out to be true, it would mark Katrina Kaif's return to Telugu cinema after films like Malliswari and Allari Pidugu, which were released in the mid-2000s. Since



then, she has built a hugely successful career in Bollywood and has largely stayed away from South Indian films.

The actress has also kept a low profile after embracing motherhood and has not officially announced any new acting project. This has made the latest speculation even more intriguing for her fans, who are eagerly waiting for her return to the big screen.

However, it is important to note that neither Katrina Kaif nor the makers of Spirit have officially confirmed these reports. Some media reports have even quoted sources close to the actress denying the speculation and calling the rumours inaccurate. As of now, there is no offi-

cial announcement regarding her association with the film.

Directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, Spirit stars Prabhas in the lead role as a powerful police officer, with Triptii Dimri playing the female lead. The film is currently progressing at a brisk pace, with more than 40% of the shoot already completed. It is scheduled for a grand worldwide release on March 5, 2027.

Until an official confirmation arrives, Katrina Kaif's involvement in Spirit remains purely a matter of speculation. Nevertheless, the possibility of seeing the Bollywood star reunite with Telugu cinema alongside Prabhas has already generated tremendous buzz among movie lovers.

# Venkatesh's AK 47 Promotions Begin with New Poster



The makers of "Aadarsha Kutumbam House No: 47 (AK 47)" have kick-started the film's promotional campaign by unveiling a brand-new poster, raising excitement among movie lovers ahead of its theatrical release.

The newly released poster showcases the film's lead cast in a cheerful family portrait, highlighting the warmth, emotions and togetherness that form the core of the story. The vibrant visual reinforces the movie's family-entertainer appeal and has received an encouraging response from fans.

Starring Victory Venkatesh in the lead role, the film marks his much-awaited first collaboration with acclaimed director Trivikram Srinivas. Given the duo's reputation for delivering memorable en-

tertainers, expectations surrounding the project are already sky-high.

Srinidhi Shetty plays the female lead opposite Venkatesh, while the supporting cast features several prominent actors in important roles. The film is expected to blend family emotions, comedy, action and entertainment in Trivikram's signature storytelling style.

The makers have now officially launched the promotional campaign and are expected to release songs, teasers and trailers in the coming weeks. With the film entering its final phase before release, promotional activities are set to gather momentum.

Produced by S. Radha Krishna (Chinababu) under the Haarika & Hassine Creations banner, the film

features music composed by Thaman S, whose soundtrack is expected to be one of the major highlights.

The movie has already generated significant buzz ever since it was announced, primarily because it reunites Venkatesh with a strong family-oriented subject under Trivikram's direction. Industry circles believe the film has all the ingredients to emerge as a festive entertainer.

"Aadarsha Kutumbam House No: 47" is scheduled for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 2, 2026, coinciding with the Gandhi Jayanti holiday weekend. With promotions now officially underway, fans are eagerly waiting for the teaser and audio launch as the countdown to release begins.