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Governor Launches Book, Honours Startup Achievers



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Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday released the book "The CEO She Never Knew She Was" at Lok Bhavan and presented the Hyderabad Startup Ecosystem Awards-2026 to outstanding innovators and entrepreneurs. Addressing the gathering, the Governor remarked that "A mother is the true CEO of every family," emphasizing the vital role women play in

nurturing families and shaping society. He underscored the importance of books in building character and personality, stating that reading fosters wisdom, maturity, and a broader perspective on life. Expressing concern over excessive dependence on social media, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla urged young people to avoid unhealthy digital habits and make responsible use of technology for learning, innovation,

and personal growth. The Governor also felicitated 16 outstanding achievers with the Hyderabad Startup Ecosystem Awards-2026 in recognition of their contributions to entrepreneurship, innovation, and the startup ecosystem. He commended the awardees for driving innovation and inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs, while encouraging youth to embrace knowledge, creativity, and technology for nation-building.

Revanth Seeks Lower Poll Age for Youth

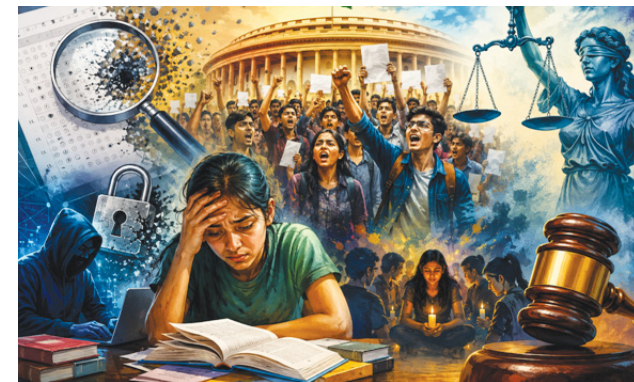
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday called for reducing the minimum age to contest Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha elections from 25 to 21 years, asserting that the country's youth deserve greater representation in legislative bodies. He announced that the Telangana Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council would convene a special session in the first week of August to pass a resolution urging the Centre to amend the relevant laws. The Chief Minister made the announcement while participating in a candlelight rally titled "Youth is the Nation - The Nation is the Youth," organized in support of Generation Z amid nationwide protests over examination irregularities, including the alleged NEET paper leak and incidents of student suicides. The rally began at People's Plaza on PV Marg and concluded at the Indira Gandhi statue junction. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Ponnam Prabhakar, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Adluri Laxman Kumar, Mohammad Azharuddin, MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, MPs, MLAs, leaders from various political parties, and thousands of students participated in the event. Addressing the gathering, Revanth Reddy questioned why young people eligible to become IAS, IPS, and IFS officers at the age of 21 should not also be allowed to contest elections to the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha. He further proposed that the minimum age for contesting Legislative Council and Rajya Sabha elections be reduced from 30



to 25 years, arguing that young voices must find representation in all legislative institutions. "The future of India belongs to the youth, and they should have the opportunity to shape policies that directly affect their lives," the Chief Minister said. He emphasized that Generation Z constitutes nearly 30 percent of the country's population but has less than one percent representation in the Lok Sabha, calling it a serious democratic imbalance. Revanth Reddy recalled that former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 through the 61st Constitutional Amendment, describing it as a landmark reform that empowered millions of young Indians. He also cited former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's initiative to reduce the minimum age for contesting local body elections, enabling candidates

aged 21 to become mayors and zilla parishad chairpersons. Drawing international comparisons, the Chief Minister said countries such as Germany and the United Kingdom permit young citizens to contest legislative elections at 18, while Singapore has witnessed leaders assuming high public office at a relatively young age. He argued that India should also create similar opportunities for capable youth. Announcing the proposed special Assembly session, Revanth Reddy said the Telangana Legislature would adopt a formal resolution seeking amendments to election laws and forward it to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government. He also pledged to pursue the issue in Parliament and seek support from leaders across political parties. P3



about foreign-linked individuals, including Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, attempting to extend financial support. These developments raised concerns within security agencies about the potential misuse of the protests. Despite these concerns, the core issue of examination integrity and its impact on students remained central.

Protesters accused authorities of underestimating the gravity of the leak and criticised the initial police response, which included dispersal measures at Jantar Mantar. These actions, including reported use of force, further intensified public sentiment and drew broader participation. Amid mounting pressure,

Union Ministers JP Nadda and Jitendra Singh held discussions with protest representatives. The government agreed to key demands, including withdrawal of cases against protesters and compensation for families of students who reportedly died by suicide due to stress linked to the examination controversy. The turning point came with the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan, who stepped down from his post following sustained demands from protesters. While CJP representatives welcomed the move, they asserted that their agitation would continue until comprehensive reforms are implemented and accountability is fixed. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court of India has taken a firm stance on the issue. A Bench comprising P L

Narasimha and Alok Aradhe criticised the reliance on temporary measures and directed the Centre to submit a detailed report on long-term systemic reforms. The Court also instructed the National Testing Agency to file an affidavit outlining improvements in examination infrastructure, security protocols and administrative oversight. Expressing dissatisfaction with the existing submissions, the Bench made it clear that it would continue to monitor the implementation of reforms to safeguard students' futures. With political accountability, administrative reforms and judicial oversight converging, the NEET leak controversy has evolved into a defining issue in India's education governance landscape.

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Telangana Governor r Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday extended his warm greetings and heart felt congratulations to the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, on the successful completion of four years in the nation's highest

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Centre Assures Reforms, Case Withdrawal As CJP Calls Off NEET Protest

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The protest led by the CJP over the NEET paper leak issue was officially called off on Saturday after the Centre agreed to a series of demands, including the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and assurances of systemic reforms in the examination process. Following Pradhan's resignation, CJP leaders entered into detailed discussions with the Centre. Representatives of the organisation later addressed the media alongside Union Ministers JP Nadda and Jitendra Singh, outlining the outcomes of the talks. CJP leaders stated that they had urged the Centre to withdraw cases filed against pro-



testers across the country, not limited to Delhi. "The Centre has assured us that all such cases will be withdrawn within four days. It has also clarified that there will be no harassment through legal proceedings in the future," they said. They further added that the Centre has agreed to provide compensation to the families of students who died by suicide in connection with the NEET controversy. In addi-

tion, the government has committed to implementing comprehensive reforms in the education system to ensure transparency and fairness in national-level examinations. Confirming the assurances, JP Nadda said that cases registered against protesters in Delhi and BJP-ruled states would be withdrawn. "We have already announced that we will bring about radical changes in the education sys-

tem and examination processes. There will be no harassment through legal cases in the future, and we will stand by the affected families," he stated. Jitendra Singh also reiterated the Centre's commitment to restoring public confidence in the examination system through structural reforms and strict monitoring mechanisms. In view of these developments, CJP leaders announced the withdrawal of their protest and appealed to demonstrators to disperse peacefully and return home safely. The resolution marks a significant step in addressing concerns raised over the NEET paper leak and signals the Centre's intent to undertake corrective measures in the education sector.

Bhatti Directs Departments to Boost Revenue Mobilization

Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Saturday directed officials to intensify efforts to mobilize additional revenue in line with the state's budgetary requirements, stressing that achieving revenue targets is essential for sustaining Telangana's economic growth and funding development initiatives. Chairing a high-level meeting of the Resource Mobilization Cabinet Subcommittee at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, Bhatti Vikramarka reviewed the performance of key revenue-generating departments. IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, a member of the sub-commit-



tee, also participated in the meeting along with senior bureaucrats. During the review, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasized that resource mobilization should be aligned with the budget estimates for the 2026-27 finan-

cial year. He instructed officials to fully utilize all available revenue sources and ensure collections are achieved according to the prescribed timelines. He stressed that every department must work in close coordination to strengthen the state's financial position and support the government's welfare and infrastructure commitments. Bhatti Vikramarka also directed officials to identify new avenues for generating additional income while ensuring greater efficiency in tax administration and revenue collection. He instructed departments to deal firmly with revenue leakages and strengthen monitoring mechanisms to prevent losses to the state exchequer. He noted that effective financial manage-

ment and timely revenue realization are critical for maintaining fiscal discipline and accelerating economic progress. The meeting included a detailed review of revenue generation across major departments, including Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD), Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), Industries, Excise, Mining, Revenue, Transport, Stamps and Registration, and Commercial Taxes. Department-wise performance was assessed, and officials were issued specific directions to meet their assigned revenue targets in the coming months. A key focus of the meeting was the optimal utilization

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Pralhad Joshi Given Additional Charge of Education Ministry

New Delhi, July 25 | TPN Bureau

The Central Government has assigned the additional charge of the Ministry of Education to Union Minister Pralhad Joshi following the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan. The decision was approved by President Droupadi Murmu on the advice of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. According to an official announcement, President Murmu accepted the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan and issued orders entrusting the Education portfolio to Pralhad Joshi until further arrangements are made. Joshi will continue to hold



his existing responsibilities while overseeing the Education Ministry. Pralhad Joshi is currently the Union Minister for Consumer Affairs and also handles the portfolios of Food and Public Distribution as well as Renewable Energy. A senior leader from

Karnataka, he represents the Dharwad Lok Sabha constituency and has held several important positions in the Union Government. In addition to his ministerial responsibilities, Joshi serves as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), a global initiative launched with India's support to promote the use of solar energy and strengthen international cooperation in renewable energy. The reassignment of the Education Ministry comes in the wake of Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation, marking a significant change in the Union Cabinet. With the additional

charge, Pralhad Joshi is expected to oversee key policy decisions and the functioning of the ministry until a permanent appointment is announced. The Ministry of Education plays a crucial role in framing national education policies, overseeing higher education institutions, school education initiatives, and the implementation of various academic and skill development programmes across the country. The latest portfolio allocation ensures continuity in the ministry's functioning while the Centre makes further decisions regarding its leadership.

Ponnam Prabhakar Hails Pradhan's Resignation as Students' Victory

Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

State Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Saturday described the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan as a victory for students and youth across the country, attributing the development to sustained protests by students, opposition parties, and democratic forces. In a statement, the Minister said the resignation represented more than the departure of an individual from office. He claimed it reflected the strength of collective student movements and demonstrated that "arrogant politics" had been forced to yield before the democratic voice of young people.



Ponnam Prabhakar alleged that the Central Government was compelled to accept Pradhan's resignation due to the nationwide agitation by students, continuous pressure from opposition parties, and what he described as the persistent efforts of Leader of the Opposition Rahul

Gandhi in highlighting issues affecting students. The Minister said the development sends a strong message against attempts to suppress student voices in a democratic society. He alleged that restrictions imposed on universities, efforts to curb student

protests, and violations of democratic rights had ultimately proved detrimental to the Central Government. According to Ponnam Prabhakar, the movement demonstrated that the country's youth would respond strongly whenever their future and educational opportunities were threatened. He maintained that any attempt to curtail the constitutional right to protest would only strengthen public resistance and bring people together in larger numbers. The Minister further claimed that the resignation reflected growing public dissatisfaction with the policies of the Central Government, particularly in the areas of education, employment, and youth

welfare. He urged the Centre to fundamentally change its approach towards these issues and adopt policies that safeguard the interests of students and young people. Reaffirming the Congress party's commitment to democratic values, Ponnam Prabhakar said the party would continue to stand with students, youth organisations, and civil society groups in defending constitutional rights and protecting the interests of the younger generation. He congratulated the students, youth organisations, and democratic forces that participated in the movement and vowed to continue opposing what he termed anti-people policies through democratic means.

Governor Congratulates President Murmu on Four-Year Milestone

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constitutional office.

In his congratulatory message, the Governor lauded President Murmu's inspiring leadership, steadfast commitment to the values of the Constitution, and dedicated service to the nation. He said her tenure has been marked by dignity, compassion, and an unwavering focus on the welfare and progress of the people of India.

Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla noted that President Murmu's leadership continues to inspire citizens across the country through her commitment to constitutional principles and inclusive development.

The Governor wished the President good health, happiness, and many more years of distinguished service to the nation, while congratulating her on achieving the significant milestone in her constitutional journey.

Revanth Seeks Lower Poll Age for Youth

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The Chief Minister stressed that if young leaders were entrusted with key portfolios such as Education and Information Technology, governance would become more responsive to contemporary challenges. He remarked that younger generations better understand issues such as education reforms, technology, innovation, employment, and entrepreneurship.

Referring to the recent student protests, Revanth Reddy praised the determination displayed by the youth and said democratic movements had once again demonstrated their power. He maintained that the resignation of the Union Education Minister over the alleged NEET controversy reflected the impact of sustained public pressure, but added that the struggle for educational reforms was not over.

He urged the Centre to withdraw cases filed against protesting students, provide compensation to the families of students who died by suicide in connection with examination-related issues, and implement comprehensive reforms to ensure transparency and fairness in competitive examinations.

"The Gen Z movement should not stop here. Their voice must resonate in the Assembly, Parliament, and every democratic institution. Our responsibility is to ensure that young Indians receive the representation they deserve," the Chief Minister said.

The rally concluded with participants holding candles and reaffirming their commitment to democratic values, youth empowerment, and educational reforms. Leaders from the Congress, CPI, and other political organizations joined students in expressing solidarity with the demand for greater youth participation in governance and policymaking.

Bhatti Directs Departments to Boost Revenue Mobilization

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assets. The sub-committee resolved to accelerate land monetization and land pooling initiatives across Telangana to unlock additional revenue potential. Officials presented a comprehensive plan for the effective use of government lands within the HMDA limits, which was discussed in detail.

Bhatti Vikramarka instructed officials to identify more locations suitable for land pooling by following transparent procedures on the lines of the successful Uppal Bhagayath model. He specifically directed the District Collectors of Ranga Reddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts to identify government land assets under their jurisdiction and examine the feasibility of undertaking land pooling projects.

The Deputy Chief Minister reiterated that the efficient use of public assets, coupled with robust revenue generation, would strengthen Telangana's financial resources and enable the government to implement development projects and welfare programmes more effectively.

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, Finance Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Planning Secretary Gaurav Uppal, and senior officials from various departments attended the meeting and reviewed strategies to enhance the state's revenue base while ensuring sustainable fiscal management.

Koppula Eshwar Calls Pradhan's Resignation a Victory for Students

Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Former Telangana Minister Koppula Eshwar on Saturday described the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan as a historic victory for the unity, determination, and fighting spirit of the country's student community. In a press statement, Koppula Eshwar said the development demonstrated the power of collective student movements in a democratic society. He remarked that the resignation showed that when students unite and fight for their rights, even the most powerful governments are compelled to respond to their demands. "This incident has once again proved that if students resolve to act together, they can confront any force. No government has the right to play with the future of students or the country's education system," he said.

The former minister congratulated students across the country for what he described as their determined and courageous struggle through protests and democratic agitations. He said the movement reflected the commitment of young people to safeguarding their educational rights and future opportunities. Koppula Eshwar warned that governments would face serious consequences if they ignored the concerns of students and youth. He maintained that protecting the interests of students should remain a priority for every administration and urged authorities to respond responsibly to issues affecting the education sector. While welcoming Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation, he said the step alone would not address the challenges confronting students. He demanded that the Central Government immediately resolve the various issues faced by students and introduce measures to strengthen the education system. The former minister also expressed the view that the outcome of the student movement had given fresh momentum to democratic struggles across the country. He said the episode would inspire future generations to uphold democratic values and continue raising their voices on issues affecting education, employment, and youth welfare through peaceful and constitutional means.

BJP Launches Sant Ravidas Campaign, Backs Stronger Anti-Paper Leak Law

Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana President N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday said the party would celebrate the 650th birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Ravidas Maharaj across the country with a series of programmes aimed at promoting social harmony and spreading the saint's teachings to every section of society. He also welcomed the Centre's decision to strengthen the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, describing it as a major step towards safeguarding the future of students.

Addressing a state-level workshop of the Samarasata Sankalp Abhiyan (Campaign for Social Harmony Pledge) in Hyderabad, Ramchander Rao said Sant Ravidas Maharaj's life and teachings continue to inspire society. He noted that despite being born into a marginalized community, Sant Ravidas emerged as a leading spiritual figure through his devotion, wisdom, and commitment to equality. He said Sant Ravidas played a

significant role in the Bhakti movement by opposing caste discrimination and promoting social harmony, equality, and devotion. Referring to the saint's influence, Ramchander Rao said even the renowned devotee Mirabai accepted Sant Ravidas as her Guru, reflecting his spiritual stature. The BJP leader said Sant Ravidas belonged to the entire nation and not to any one community. He stressed the need to create greater awareness about the contributions of such spiritual leaders, particularly at a time when society faces challenges including religious conversions and attempts to create divisions on the basis of caste and religion. He alleged that foreign rulers had weakened India's social unity in the past and claimed that similar divisive politics continue even today. Calling upon party workers to ensure the success of the anniversary celebrations, he urged them to organize programmes across villages and towns, particularly during Guru Purnima, to spread the message of social harmony,



unity, and service. Later, at the BJP Telangana State Office, Ramchander Rao welcomed the Central Government's proposal to amend the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024. He said the law, enacted under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was introduced to curb examination paper leaks and protect students' interests. According to him, the proposed amendments will further strengthen the legislation by introducing stricter

punishments, including a minimum prison sentence of 10 years for those involved in paper leaks and increasing the maximum fine from ₹1 crore to ₹15 crore. He also said fast-track courts would be established to ensure investigations are completed within four months and cases are disposed of swiftly. Ramchander Rao stated that the Act covers examinations conducted by central agencies such as the UPSC, SSC, RRB, IBPS, and the National Testing Agency (NTA). He added that the Centre has

also implemented reforms in the NTA based on the recommendations of the Radhakrishna Committee and transferred around 47 officials following lapses in examination management. He further claimed that the Central Government had recently held discussions with protesting student representatives, describing it as evidence of its willingness to resolve issues through dialogue. On behalf of the BJP's Telangana unit, Ramchander Rao welcomed the proposed legal reforms and expressed confidence that students and youth in the state would support the measures aimed at ensuring fair and transparent public examinations. The workshop was attended by BJP MP Rekha Sharma, BJP SC Morcha National Secretary S. Kumar, State Organizational General Secretary Chandrashekhar Tiwari, SC Morcha State President Kanthi Kiran, former MLA Kondeti Sridhar, senior leader Chinta Samba murthy, former National Commission for Scheduled Castes member K. Ramulu, and other party leaders.

Vakiti Srihari Says Pradhan's Resignation Reflects Centre's Failure

Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, and Youth Services & Sports Vakiti Srihari on Saturday welcomed the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, alleging that it reflected the Central Government's failure to effectively address issues concerning the country's education system and the future of students.

In a statement, Vakiti Srihari said the resignation highlighted what he described as the Centre's inability to make timely and appropriate decisions on matters affecting students and unemployed youth. He alleged that instead of strengthening the education system, the Central Government had allowed political considerations to take precedence over the interests of students. The Minister stated that when a minister resigns after

being held accountable for decisions affecting the future of students, it serves as an example of democratic accountability. However, he maintained that the resignation of a single minister alone would not resolve the larger issues facing the education sector.

Vakiti Srihari urged the Central Government to undertake a comprehensive review of the problems confronting students and unemployed youth and to intro-

duce immediate corrective measures. He stressed that meaningful reforms were necessary to restore confidence in the education system and safeguard the interests of young people.

"The public will not forgive those who play with the future of students. Those in positions of responsibility must accept accountability when mistakes occur. Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation should serve as a lesson for the Central

Government," the Minister said. He further called on the Centre to ensure transparency in its decision-making and to work towards delivering justice to students and unemployed youth. Vakiti Srihari also urged the Union Government to develop the education sector free from political interference, stating that strengthening educational institutions and creating opportunities for young people should remain a national priority.

Students' Victory Strengthens Democracy: Talasani

Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and BRS Legislature Party Deputy Leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav on Friday described the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan as a "victory for democracy" and a triumph for the country's students and youth. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, he said the sustained student movement had compelled the Central government to respond, proving the power of democratic protest. Congratulating the students on behalf of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS),

Talasani said the entire nation was proud of their determination and courage. He remarked that the intensity of the movement had become evident across the country and urged both the Central and State governments to recognize the changing aspirations of the younger generation. He alleged that despite facing police action, including lathi charges, repression, and being branded as "anti-nationals," the students remained steadfast in their struggle. According to him, the Centre eventually had no option but to yield to their demands, demonstrating the strength of united public



opinion. Talasani said BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and other party leaders had extended solidarity to the students, recognizing the legitimacy of their movement. He added that governments should treat the developments as a lesson and

become more responsible while making promises and announcing policies that directly affect young people. He also advised political parties to exercise caution while preparing election manifestos and fulfilling commitments, stressing that public trust must never be taken

lightly. Referring to the scale of the agitation, Talasani claimed that the students' movement was powerful enough to disrupt parliamentary proceedings and force the closure of Parliament gates. He said the students responded to criticism with patriotic slogans such as "Inquilab Zindabad" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," reflecting both their determination and commitment to democratic values. BRS General Secretary Ravula Chandrashekhar Reddy and former BC Commission member K. Kishore Goud were also present at the press conference.

Vaddiraju Felicitated, Seeks Action on Students' Issues

Kothagudem, July 25 | TPN Bureau

BRS Rajya Sabha Floor Leader and Parliamentary Party Leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra received a warm welcome and a series of felicitations during his visit to Kothagudem district headquarters on Saturday. The visit marked his first official tour of the constituency after assuming charge as the BRS Parliamentary Party

Leader in the Rajya Sabha. Party leaders, supporters, and prominent personalities greeted Ravichandra and congratulated him on his new responsibilities. Former Library Organization Chairman Dindigala Rajender, former Chunchupalli MPP Badavath Shanthy, and Sitaramulu presented him with bouquets and shawls. Badavath Srikanth and Pooja also felicitated the MP with



bouquets and ceremonial

shawls. Dr. Praveen Reddy, along with his family, honored Ravichandra with a shawl and presented him with a statue of Gautama Buddha. TNGO District President Amarneni Rama Rao, accompanied by leaders Vijayalakshmi, Usha Rani, Somayya, and others, extended their greetings and wished him success in his parliamentary responsibilities. In a statement issued

later, Ravichandra described the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the alleged NEET question paper leak as a victory for students, youth, and democratic values. He said the incident demonstrated the strength of democratic movements led by young people and showed that governments must remain accountable to public opinion.

Temple Draws Huge Tholi Ekadashi Crowd

Quthbullapur, July 25 | TPN Bureau

The Sri Durga Malleshwara Swamy Temple in Green Hills Housing Colony, Bahadurpally, under Dundigal Circle, witnessed an overwhelming turnout of devotees on the auspicious occasion of Tholi Ekadashi. Thousands of worshippers visited the temple from the early hours of the morning, creating a vibrant and deeply spiritual atmosphere. Devotees began arriving at the temple as early as 5:00 AM to offer prayers and seek the blessings of Sri Durga Malleshwara Swamy. The temple echoed with the chanting of

"Govinda Nama," filling the premises with devotion and religious fervor throughout the day. Special Abhishekam and Archana rituals were performed by the temple priests, while the deity was adorned with elaborate floral decorations. Temple committee members made extensive arrangements to ensure smooth darshan for devotees, maintaining order and providing essential facilities to help visitors participate in the celebrations comfortably. One of the major highlights of the day's observances was the collective recitation of the Vishnu Sahasranama, in



which a large number of devotees took part. The chanting created a serene and uplifting spiritual environment, with participants expressing joy and devotion through prayers

and hymns. As part of the Tholi Ekadashi celebrations, the temple committee also organized a special Vasudeva Bhajan program on Saturday evening. The devo-

tional performance by the Vasudeva Bhajan Mandali attracted many devotees, who immersed themselves in soulful bhajans and prayers. Temple committee members Ravinder, Chandrayya, Veeranna, Srinivasa Rao, Srinivas Kumar, Haribabu, Lavakusha, Suresh, Rambabu, TD Rao, Ramanjaneyulu, and Srikanth, along with chief priest Krishna Sharma, actively participated in the celebrations. The committee appealed to devotees to continue preserving the temple's spiritual traditions and participate in future religious events with equal enthusiasm.

Devotees Throng Temple for Toli Ekadashi

Malkajgiri, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Thousands of devotees visited the Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Swamy Temple at Anandbagh in Malkajgiri on Saturday to offer prayers on the auspicious occasion of Toli Ekadashi, one of the most sacred festivals dedicated to Lord Maha Vishnu. The temple witnessed a steady stream of devotees from the early hours of the day as special rituals and decorations were arranged to mark the occasion. Chief priest



Mudumbai Venkataramanacharyulu adorned the presiding deity with an elaborate decoration using Tulasi leaves, fresh flowers, and bananas, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere for worshippers. A unique highlight of this year's celebrations was the darshan of Lord Venkateswara in the form of Salagrama Narayana arranged in the Shayana (reclining) posture. The special decoration symbolizes the commencement of Chaturmasam, the four-month sacred period during which Lord Maha Vishnu is believed to enter cosmic slumber. The period begins on Ashada Shuddha Ekadashi, also known as Shayana Ekadashi or Toli Ekadashi, and concludes on Karthika Shuddha Ekadashi, celebrated as Utthana Ekadashi. As part of the festivities, Sri Sankata Vimochana Anjaneya Swamy was also adorned with a magnificent floral decoration, attracting the attention of devotees visiting the temple. Special prayers and devotional rituals were performed throughout the day, with priests invoking blessings for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of devotees. Residents from Malkajgiri and surrounding areas turned out in large numbers to participate in the celebrations, making the temple premises vibrant with devotional fervor. Temple authorities made necessary arrangements to facilitate smooth darshan and ensure that devotees could offer prayers comfortably during the festival. The serene atmosphere and traditional rituals added to the spiritual significance of Toli Ekadashi celebrations at the temple.

Governor Greets People on Tholi Ekadashi

Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of the state on the auspicious occasion of Tholi Ekadashi on Saturday. In his message, the Governor invoked the blessings of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu and wished that every family be blessed with good health, happiness, prosperity, and abundance. He also prayed for peace, harmony, and unity to prevail across society. Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla expressed hope that devotees would observe the sacred festival with devotion and piety by undertaking traditional fasts and offering special prayers. He said the spiritual significance of Tholi Ekadashi inspires people to lead lives rooted in faith, compassion, and righteousness, and wished everyone peace, joy, and spiritual fulfillment on the holy occasion.



KIMS Fertility Centre Marks World IVF Day



Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

KIMS Fertility & IVF Centre, Banjara Hills, observed World IVF Day with a special awareness program focused on advancements in fertility treatments and the importance of early intervention in infertility care. The event brought together fertility specialists, patients, and attendees to discuss modern reproductive healthcare and emerging treatment options. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nimma Pooja Reddy, Consultant Fertility Specialist and Laparoscopic Surgeon, said that advancements in IVF technology have significantly improved treatment success rates, offering renewed hope to couples struggling with infertility. She emphasized that seeking expert medical advice at an early stage can greatly enhance the chances of successful conception and parenthood. Dr. B. Sindhura, Fertility Consultant and Specialist in Reproductive Regenerative Medicine, highlighted recent developments in reproductive medicine and regenerative therapies. She explained that these innovations are helping improve fertility outcomes while enhancing overall reproductive health through advanced, patient-focused care. The specialists noted that KIMS Fertility & IVF Centre is the first fertility center in the Telugu States to introduce completely painless, needle-free fertility treatments. This innovative approach is designed to reduce treatment-related anxiety and provide a more comfortable and stress-free experience for patients undergoing fertility procedures. During the interactive session, doctors addressed common myths and misconceptions surrounding infertility and IVF, while educating participants on fertility health, timely diagnosis, and the wide range of advanced treatment options now available. The hospital reaffirmed its commitment to delivering world-class fertility care through cutting-edge technology, experienced specialists, personalized treatment plans, and innovative techniques aimed at improving patient comfort and treatment success, helping more couples achieve their dream of becoming parents.

Road Project Delay Hits Thanda Residents



Quthbullapur, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Residents of Thanda-2 in Dundigal Circle continue to face severe infrastructure challenges as long-pending development works remain stalled, prompting former councillor Shankar Naik to submit a representation to Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar seeking immediate intervention. Shankar Naik said that development works worth ₹1.80 crore, approved through a municipal council resolution during his tenure, were halted following the change in government. He alleged that the cancellation of these sanctioned projects brought the area's development to a standstill, leaving residents without essential civic infrastructure. According to Naik, while drainage works were completed, the promised road construction never began, forcing residents to navigate muddy roads during the rainy season and dusty conditions during dry weather. He also highlighted the absence of an alternative access road, stating that Thanda-2 has only one entry and exit route, creating major inconveniences and posing risks during medical and other emergencies. In his representation, Naik requested the construction of a new road linking Thanda-2 with Thanda-1 through the HMT Society, extending to the nearby service road. He said the proposed road would provide an alternative route for thousands of residents, reduce traffic congestion, and improve access for emergency vehicles. Urging officials to prioritize public welfare, Naik appealed to the Zonal Commissioner to resume the stalled development works and restore the momentum of infrastructure development in the Thanda. Local leaders Ravinder Naik, Amar Singh Naik, members of the HMT Society Welfare Association, and several residents accompanied him during the submission of the representation.

BRS Marks KTR's 50th Birthday with Documentary Releases

Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) celebrated the 50th birthday of its Working President, K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), with the release of two documentaries and a special song at Telangana Bhavan on Saturday. The event was attended by senior party leaders, former legislators, BRSV leaders, and party workers, who highlighted KTR's leadership and contributions to Telangana.

Among those present were former Minister Jagadish Reddy, former MLAs Balka Suman and Gadari Kishore Kumar, MLC Shambhipur Raju, BRS General Secretaries Ravula Chandrashekhara Reddy and Gadari Balamallu, BRSV President Gellu Srinivas Yadav, former corporation chairpersons, and several state leaders. A documentary titled "Your Help is Courage for Every Poor Person" (Nee Saayam Prati Pedavadiki Manodhairyam), produced under the leadership of BRSV State Secretary Rajesh Naik, was unveiled during the event. The speakers praised KTR's commitment to



public service, describing him as a leader who has supported people during difficult times and inspired young people through his work.

Addressing the gathering, former Minister Jagadish Reddy said that while party workers had planned to celebrate KTR's birthday, many instead chose to participate in protests over issues affecting students and youth. Referring to the alleged NEET examination paper leak, he claimed that lakhs of students were protesting at Jantar Mantar in Delhi and criticized the responses of both the Central and State governments.

Jagadish Reddy also launched sharp political attacks on the BJP and Congress. He questioned why Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy did

15 Held in Alleged Holiday Membership Scam

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The Gachibowli police have busted an alleged holiday membership fraud operated under the name The Pacific Holiday World, a unit of 4R Seasons Holidays Private Limited, New Delhi, and apprehended 15 organizers and holiday consultants for allegedly cheating customers through misleading promises and deceptive marketing practices. The action followed a complaint lodged by Vutturi Swaraj on July 24. According to the police, the complainant alleged that representatives of the company persuaded him to purchase a holiday membership during a promotional event held at a star hotel in Gachibowli. Trusting the assurances given by the company's representatives, he paid ₹3.40 lakh through his credit card on July 16. However, after receiving the payment, the company allegedly failed to provide the promised membership benefits and stopped responding to his phone calls and messages. The complainant later discovered that several other customers had allegedly been cheated in a similar manner. Acting on the complaint, Gachibowli police



conducted a verification at the hotel where the company was holding promotional meetings for prospective customers. During the investigation, officials found that the organizers had been staying in a flat at Kondapur since July 16 while conducting the promotional campaign. Based on the complaint and preliminary evidence, police apprehended 15 organizers and holiday consultants associated with the company for further investigation. Police said the company's marketing executives allegedly approached visitors at shopping malls and commercial establishments, distributing free gift coupons and collecting mobile phone numbers. Customers were later invited

to presentations at star hotels, where they were offered attractive holiday memberships with promises of luxury accommodation at premium destinations in India and abroad. Investigators alleged that customers were pressured into making immediate payments by offering limited-time discounts, complimentary gifts, and assurances of exclusive travel benefits. However, several customers reportedly did not receive the promised services, leading to allegations of cheating. Police said further investigation is underway to determine the extent of the alleged fraud, identify additional victims, and ascertain the total amount involved in the scam.

Food Safety Team Finds Major Violations at Restaurant

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The Food Safety Flying Squad conducted an inspection at Garden Restaurant in Secunderabad and uncovered several serious hygiene and food safety violations, prompting officials to initiate action under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

During the inspection, the team found a significant housefly infestation and poor sanitation across the premises. Officials also observed uncovered and unlabelled food items, increasing the risk of con-

tamination. The inspection further revealed cross-contamination hazards due to improper food handling and storage practices. The squad reported that refrigerators used for storing food were unhygienic and that food items were not being stored in accordance with prescribed safety standards. Such lapses, officials said, could pose health risks to consumers if left unaddressed. In addition to hygiene issues, the restaurant was found to be lacking several mandatory records required under food safety regulations.



These included pest control documentation, medical fitness certificates for food handlers, and water analysis

reports, all of which are essential to ensure safe food preparation and service. Food Safety officials stated

that the violations were documented during the inspection and that appropriate action has been initiated against the establishment under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Authorities reiterated the importance of maintaining proper hygiene, food storage standards, and statutory records to safeguard public health. They also said inspections of food establishments will continue to ensure compliance with food safety regulations and to promote safe dining practices across the city.

CPI(M) Highlights Shortcomings at Kagaznagar Hospital

Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] district committee on Saturday conducted a comprehensive survey of the Kagaznagar Area Hospital to assess the challenges faced by patients and healthcare staff. During the visit, the team interacted with patients, their attendants, medical personnel, and the hospital superintendent to evaluate the condition of the facility and identify shortcomings in healthcare services. The survey was led by CPI(M) State Committee member Bhupal and District Secretary Kushan Rajanna. District Secretariat member Kota Srinivas, District Committee members



Munjam Srinivas, Anand Kumar, Rajender, P. Rajesh, Mittapelli Sudarshan, Gomasa Sudhakar, and other party leaders also participated. Addressing the media, Bhupal stated that although

the hospital was upgraded from a Primary Health Centre (PHC) to a Community Health Centre in 2002 and later to a 100-bed Area Hospital in 2004, the increase in infrastructure was not matched by an ade-

quate expansion of medical staff. He alleged that only four doctors are currently serving at the hospital against a requirement of around 20. According to the CPI(M), the shortage of specialist doctors has rendered the operation theatre non-functional, forcing patients requiring surgeries or advanced treatment to travel to the district headquarters or Hyderabad. The party also pointed to shortages of staff nurses, pharmacists, laboratory technicians, and other technical personnel, which it said were affecting patient care. The leaders further alleged that despite its designation as an Area Hospital, the institution continues to

function at the level of a Community Health Centre. They also raised concerns over the delayed construction of new buildings and the lack of basic amenities, including safe drinking water and hygienic toilets for patients and attendants. The CPI(M) noted that the hospital, which serves a large tribal population in Kumuram Bheem district, receives a high number of in-patients and out-patients every day. It urged the government to fill vacant posts, strengthen infrastructure, operationalize the operation theatre, improve basic facilities, and ensure minimum wages for outsourced hospital workers to enhance healthcare services in the region.

Devotees Throng Temple on Toli Ekadashi

Kothagudem, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Thousands of devotees visited the renowned Sri Vijaya Vigneshwara Swamy Temple in Kothagudem on Saturday to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Toli Ekadashi with devotion and religious fervour. The day's rituals began with a Panchamrutha Abhishekam performed for the presiding deity at 6:00 AM, following which devotees gathered in large numbers for darshan and special prayers. Kothagudem District Revenue Officer K. Padmavathi attended the celebrations as the chief guest and offered prayers to Sri Vijaya Vigneshwara Swamy and Goddess Sri Durga Ammavaru. Temple Executive Officer N. Rajani Kumari said elaborate arrangements were made to ensure smooth darshan for devotees. Under her supervision, temple priests and staff distributed Teertha-Prasadam to all devotees attending the celebrations. The temple witnessed a vibrant spiritual atmosphere throughout the day.



Civic Projects Reviewed Ahead of Public Launch

Karimnagar, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Karimnagar Mayor Kolagani Srinivas, BJP State Official Spokesperson and Deputy Mayor Yadagiri Sunil Rao, and Municipal Commissioner Prafull Desai conducted a comprehensive inspection of key civic infrastructure projects and market facilities within the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation limits on Saturday. The team first visited the upcoming Farmers' Market at Kashmir Gadda, where they reviewed the progress of the remaining construction works. After assessing the site, they instructed municipal officials to expedite the pending tasks and ensure that the market is completed and ready for inauguration by August. The officials were directed to maintain quality standards while adhering to the project timeline. Later, the delegation inspected the Integrated Veg and Non-Veg Market at Padma Nagar, which had been inaugurated earlier but is yet to become fully operational. During the visit, they examined the existing infrastructure and discussed measures required to make the market functional at the earliest. The officials reviewed the facilities available for vendors and customers and explored ways to improve accessibility and day-to-day operations. Mayor Kolagani Srinivas stressed the importance of developing modern market infrastructure to provide better amenities for traders and residents. He said the municipal corporation is committed to creating organized, hygienic, and convenient marketplaces that benefit both vendors and consumers. Municipal Commissioner Prafull Desai instructed the concerned departments to address all pending issues without delay and ensure that both market projects are brought into public use as scheduled. He emphasized regular monitoring of the works to avoid further delays. The inspection was attended by 61st Division Corporator Mohammed Atheef, municipal engineers, officials from various departments, and other civic representatives, who reviewed the progress of the projects and discussed measures for their timely completion.

Akhanda Bhajana Marks Toli Ekadashi

Vemulawada, July 25 | TPN Bureau

A spiritually vibrant Akhanda Bhajana (continuous devotional singing) commenced on Saturday at the Sri Mahalakshmi Temple in Chandurthi mandal headquarters to mark the auspicious occasion of Toli Ekadashi. The devotional event was organized by the Sadhu Sajjana Bhajana Mandali, continuing a cherished tradition observed annually on the sacred festival. Government Whip Adi Srinivas inaugurated the Akhanda Bhajana in the presence of devotees, temple committee members, and local leaders. Addressing the gathering, he praised the organizers for successfully conducting the devotional program for the past 22 consecutive years, describing it as a remarkable example of preserving spiritual and cultural traditions. Adi Srinivas said such religious events strengthen faith, promote unity, and help preserve the rich heritage of devotional practices. He expressed hope that the blessings of Goddess Mahalakshmi would bring abundant rainfall, prosperous agricultural yields, peace, and good health to the people. The Government Whip also congratulated the members of the Sadhu Sajjana Bhajana Mandali for their dedication and commitment in organizing the annual event with devotion and discipline. He appreciated their efforts in keeping the tradition alive and encouraging community participation in spiritual activities. A large number of devotees from Chandurthi and nearby villages participated in the inaugural session of the Akhanda Bhajana, offering prayers and joining the continuous devotional singing. The temple premises were filled with a festive and devotional atmosphere as worshippers gathered to seek the blessings of Goddess Mahalakshmi on the sacred occasion of Toli Ekadashi. Temple authorities made arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the program, which is expected to continue with uninterrupted devotional hymns throughout the observance. Government orders, bogus title certificates, and illegal de-notification of government lands. The government has authorized the team to engage forensic experts, technical agencies, and domain specialists to assist in the investigation. The panel has been empowered to submit interim reports and recommend measures to strengthen the security and transparency of the land records system. Based on its findings, the SET is expected to recommend criminal cases and legal action against officials, private individuals, and others found responsible for any proven irregularities.

Medical Camp Set Up

After Two Children Die of Viral Fever

Jagtial, July 25 | TPN Bureau

The Medical and Health Department has set up a special medical camp in Porandla village of Jagtial Rural mandal after two six-year-old children from the village died within a span of one day due to a virulent fever. Arun Teja died on Thursday while undergoing treatment for fever at a hospital in Karimnagar. Another child, Harismitha, also succumbed to the illness while receiving treatment at Prathima Hospital in Karimnagar, prompting health authorities to take immediate preventive measures. Medical officials clarified that the deaths were not caused by dengue but were linked to virulent viral fevers. A team of health officials launched surveillance in the village and began screening residents for fever symptoms. Additional Director of Medical and Health Padmaja, District Medical and Health Officer Sujatha, and Deputy DMHO Srinivas visited Porandla village to assess the situation. They interacted with patients, reviewed the medical camp's functioning, and later visited the Mother and Child Hospital in Jagtial to inquire about the condition of patients undergoing treatment for fever. Health officials assured villagers that necessary medical care and preventive measures are being implemented to contain the spread of the illness.



Minister Assures Swift Action on Public Grievances

Nalgonda, July 25 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Roads and Buildings Komatireddy Venkat Reddy received public petitions during a grievance redressal program held on Saturday at his camp office, Indira Bhavan, near the Clock Tower Centre in Nalgonda. Residents from different parts of the district met the Minister and submitted representations regarding various civic and developmental issues. Komatireddy Venkat Reddy personally reviewed



each petition and held discussions with the concerned officials to understand the

issues in detail. Emphasizing that addressing public grievances

remains one of the government's highest priorities, the Minister instructed officials to take immediate action on every petition. He directed them to respond promptly and ensure that genuine issues are resolved without unnecessary delays. The Minister reiterated that the government is committed to providing transparent, accountable, and people-centric governance by resolving public concerns efficiently. He assured the petitioners that every representation would receive

proper attention and that officials would be held accountable for timely action. Several officials from the concerned departments were present during the grievance redressal program and interacted with the public while reviewing the petitions submitted to the Minister. The initiative reflects the government's continued efforts to remain accessible to the people and ensure that administrative services reach citizens effectively.

Charu Sinha to Head Dharani Probe Team

Hyderabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has decided to appoint senior IPS officer Charu Sinha as the head of the Special Enquiry Team (SET) constituted to investigate alleged irregularities in the Dharani land records portal during the previous BRS government's tenure. Official sources said formal orders appointing the chairperson and members of the panel are expected shortly. The SET has been tasked with conducting a comprehensive probe into alleged irregularities involving land registrations, mutations, changes in land

records, land classifications, beneficiary details, official approvals, and digital transaction logs. The investigation will cover the period from the launch of the Dharani portal on October 29, 2020, until the Congress government assumed office in December 2023. The team will comprise ADGP, CID, the Director General of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Superintendents of Police Sindhu Sharma (Counter Intelligence) and Harsh avaradhan (Cyber Security), along with IAS officers Anudeep Durishetty, Apurv a Chauhan, and Manda Makarand. A technical

expert from the National Informatics Centre (NIC) will also be part of the inquiry. The probe will examine the tender process undertaken by Telangana Technology Services for the development, operation, and maintenance of the Dharani portal. It will scrutinize the bidding process, contract award, system design, implementation, and maintenance to determine whether legal procedures and procurement norms were followed. The SET will also investigate allegations relating to the financial status of the selected agency, including claims of insol-

veny, investments made in the company, and compliance with regulatory requirements. Other areas under scrutiny include alleged unauthorized transactions, cyber security breaches involving sensitive land ownership records, payment gateway deficiencies, and the non-remittance of transaction fees to the government. Investigators will examine allegations that land transactions were carried out outside the Dharani system, beyond official working hours, without proper auditing or authorized digital logins. Special attention will be given to transactions involv-

ing assigned lands and government lands. The inquiry will further probe allegations that assigned lands belonging to economically weaker beneficiaries and government lands were removed from the Section 22-A prohibited list and transferred to private individuals. Ranga Reddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts, where large-scale transfers of government land have reportedly been detected, will receive special focus. The SET will also examine allegations of misuse of senior officials' digital authentication keys, issuance of fake pattadar passbooks, forged

Poultry Businessman Dies by Suicide

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A young businessman allegedly died by suicide after jumping from the terrace of a penthouse in Nalanda Nagar under the Rajendranagar police station limits on Saturday, police said. The deceased was identified as Narain, son of Madhusudan Rao, head of the LB Degree College in Mehdiapatnam. According to police, Narain was managing a poultry business. He reportedly went to the terrace of the building on Saturday afternoon and jumped, sustaining fatal injuries. He died on the spot. On receiving information, Rajendranagar Sub-Inspector Suman and other police personnel rushed to the scene. The body was shifted to the Osmania General Hospital mortuary for a post-mortem examination. During the preliminary investigation, police found that Narain had been withdrawn and appeared to be under mental distress for the past month. However, his father reportedly informed investigators that the family was not facing any financial or other major problems. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation to determine the circumstances that led to the incident. Officials said all possible angles are being examined before arriving at any conclusions. If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide or overwhelming emotional distress, seeking help from trusted family members, friends, or a qualified mental health professional can make a difference. In India, immediate support is also available through national and regional suicide prevention helplines.

SP Reviews Police Operations in Gadwal

Jogulamba Gadwal, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Jogulamba Gadwal Superintendent of Police Srinivasa Rao conducted a comprehensive inspection of various departments at the District Police Headquarters on Saturday and directed officials to strengthen coordination, surveillance, and emergency response mechanisms. During the inspection, the SP visited the RI Store, Bomb Disposal Team, RI Welfare Office, AR DSP Office, Motor Transport Section, Home Guard Office, District Control Room, and the Command Control Centre. He reviewed the functioning of each unit and instructed officers to maintain high standards of efficiency in delivering police services. Addressing officials, Srinivasa Rao directed the District Control Room to closely monitor Dial 100 calls, patrol vehicles, night and highway patrolling, Blue Colts, and beat staff to ensure swift coordination during emergencies. He emphasized that responding promptly to public complaints and providing immediate assistance to victims is the foremost responsibility of the police. At the Command Control Centre, the SP reviewed live CCTV feeds from cameras installed across various mandals in the district. He instructed personnel to maintain round-the-clock surveillance, promptly identify suspicious movements, and immediately alert the concerned police officers for timely action. He also stressed the effective use of technical intelligence through the S-MAC room to strengthen crime prevention, intelligence gathering, and surveillance.

Adivasis Protest Land Demarcation

Komaram Bheem Asifabad, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed in Rottepalli village on Saturday after officials of the Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation (TSMDC) and contractors arrived to demarcate land recently handed over to the corporation, prompting protests from members of the local Adivasi community. The disputed land is located on the forest fringes of Rottepalli and Tirmalapur villages in the mandal. According to local residents, officials visited the site to mark boundaries and initiate the process of taking possession of the land. On learning about the exercise, Adivasi families gathered at the location and staged a protest, leading to a heated argument with the officials. The situation remained tense for some time before the officials left the site. District President of Tudum Debba, Pendram Hanumanthu, alleged that nearly three decades ago Kolam tribal families were



relocated from forest areas to the plains by the police and revenue authorities and were allotted three acres of cultivable land each for their livelihood. He claimed that the government was now attempting to transfer those lands, through TSMDC, to the Devapur Cement Company. Hanumanthu alleged that officials were intimidating tribal families and attempting to dispossess them of lands they have cultivated for around 30 years. He warned that the government would be responsible for any consequences if the

rights of the tribal community were violated and urged authorities to refrain from further attempts to take possession of the land without resolving the issue. Following the confrontation, the officials and contractors left the area, after which the protesting Adivasis dispersed peacefully. Rottepalli Sarpanch Atram Kalavathi, affected tribal families, and several Adivasi leaders participated in the protest. Authorities have not yet issued an official statement regarding the allegations raised by the protesters.

Collector Warns Hospital Staff Over Discipline

Suryapet, July 25 | TPN Bureau

Suryapet District Collector Tejas Nandlal Pawar on Saturday warned that strict disciplinary action would be taken against doctors and hospital staff who fail to maintain punctuality and discipline while on duty at the Government General Hospital. He said several reforms would be introduced to improve healthcare services and ensure better patient care. During a sur-

prise inspection of the hospital, the Collector reviewed staff attendance, Outpatient (OP) services, and the functioning of various wards. He cautioned that employees reporting late for duty or displaying negligence in their responsibilities would face administrative action. The Collector directed that all staff must remain on duty from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and ensure 100 percent biometric attendance. He instructed that disciplinary

measures would be initiated against those failing to register attendance on time or leaving the hospital before the end of duty hours. He also made it mandatory for all employees to follow the prescribed dress code and wear official identity cards. To improve patient care, Tejas Nandlal Pawar directed senior professors to actively participate in OP services instead of leaving the workload solely to junior doctors.

Expert Highlights Common Job Search Mistakes

In today's highly competitive job market, many people believe that a lack of skills is the biggest reason behind long-term unemployment. However, a former software developer and career mentor has challenged that perception, arguing that the real problem often lies elsewhere. His observations have sparked widespread discussion on social media, with thousands of professionals sharing similar experiences. Drawing from conversations with recruiters, HR professionals, and startup founders, he explained that

while technical skills are important, they are only one part of the hiring equation. According to him, many candidates remain unemployed not because they are incapable, but because they repeatedly make strategic mistakes during their job search. One of the biggest issues, he said, is the lack of practical experience. Employers increasingly prefer candidates who can demonstrate real-world projects, internships, freelance work, or hands-on achievements rather than simply listing



qualifications on a resume. Academic knowledge alone is often not enough in today's hiring environment. Another common mistake is applying for jobs indiscriminately. Sending the same resume to hundreds of companies without tailoring it to specific roles significantly

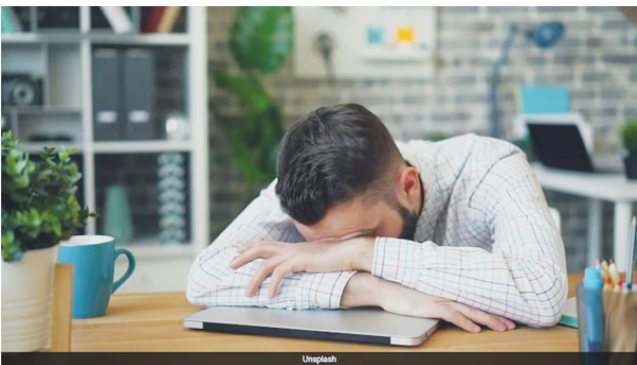
reduces the chances of getting noticed. Recruiters are more likely to shortlist candidates whose resumes clearly match the job description and showcase relevant accomplishments. The expert also stressed the importance of building a personal brand. Maintaining a professional online presence through platforms such as LinkedIn, sharing projects, and engaging with industry discussions can help candidates stand out. Networking is equally crucial, as many job opportunities are filled through refer-

rals rather than public job postings. He further advised job seekers to avoid stuffing resumes with buzzwords. Instead, resumes should highlight measurable achievements, real skills, and problem-solving abilities. Recruiters are more interested in what a candidate has accomplished than in generic claims about expertise. Finally, he warned against waiting endlessly for the "perfect job." Remaining open to relevant opportunities, even if they are not ideal, helps candidates gain

experience, expand professional networks, and improve future career prospects. The post has resonated with thousands of professionals, many of whom agreed that success in today's job market depends on much more than qualifications. A thoughtful job search strategy, consistent networking, practical experience, and strong personal branding can often make the difference between prolonged unemployment and landing the right opportunity.

Workplace Time-Tracking Policy Goes Viral

A manager's unusual demand that employees account for every hour of their standard 40-hour work week has ignited a fierce debate online, with professionals divided over whether the approach promotes accountability or reflects excessive workplace micro-management. The controversy began after details of the manager's workplace policy were shared on social media. According to the post, employees were instructed to provide a clear explanation of how every hour of their weekly schedule was spent. The manager reportedly argued that many employees overestimate the amount of productive work they actually accomplish during a typical week. By documenting their daily activities, workers would gain a better understanding of how their time is used and identify areas where productivity

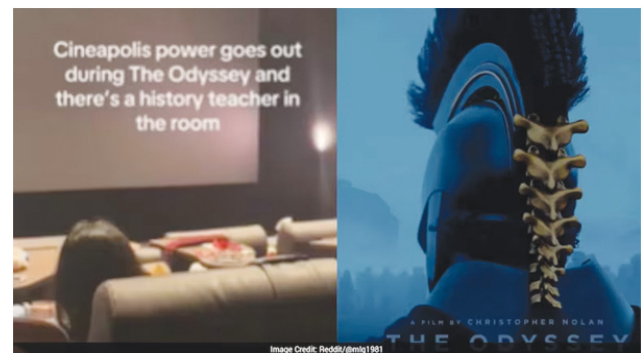


could be improved. The policy quickly triggered strong reactions across social media platforms. While some users appreciated the emphasis on transparency and time management, many others criticized the approach, describing it as an example of micromanagement that could damage employee morale. Critics argued that knowledge-based jobs often involve problem-solving, brainstorming, collaboration and waiting for feedback-activities that cannot always be measured on an hourly basis. They said forcing employees

to justify every hour could create unnecessary stress and encourage people to focus on appearing busy rather than producing meaningful results. Others pointed out that productivity should be measured by outcomes instead of the number of hours spent on individual tasks. They argued that employees who consistently deliver quality work and meet deadlines should not be required to account for every minute of their schedule. Supporters of the manager, however, believed that the exercise could help employees recognize time-wasting habits, reduce distractions and improve overall efficiency. They suggested that periodically reviewing how work hours are spent can encourage better planning and accountability, particularly in remote or hybrid work environments. The discussion also highlighted the changing nature of modern workplaces. As companies increasingly embrace flexible work arrangements, managers continue to explore different methods of tracking productivity. While some organizations prioritize trust and performance-based evaluation, others rely on detailed monitoring systems to ensure employees remain engaged. The viral post has since become a talking point among professionals, HR experts and managers alike. It has raised broader questions about the balance between accountability and employee autonomy, with many agreeing that while productivity matters, excessive monitoring may ultimately undermine trust and workplace satisfaction.

Teacher Turns Power Outage Into History Lesson

A routine movie screening transformed into an unforgettable experience after a power outage interrupted a showing of Christopher Nolan's The Odyssey. Instead of frustration taking over the theatre, an unexpected hero emerged from the audience-a history teacher who stepped in to keep everyone entertained. As the screen went dark and the audience waited for electricity to return, the teacher began narrating the story of Homer's ancient Greek epic, The Odyssey. With remarkable enthusiasm and storytelling skills, she walked viewers through the legendary journey of Odysseus, explaining the characters, myths and historical background behind the tale. What could have been an irritating delay quickly turned into an impromptu history lesson. Moviegoers listened attentively as she described Odysseus' ten-year struggle to return home after the Trojan War, his encounters with mythical creatures such as the Cyclops, Sirens and the witch Circe, and the challenges that made the epic one of the greatest stories ever written. Many people in the theatre reportedly applauded the teacher's efforts, appreciating her ability to captivate



the audience without the help of a screen or special effects. Her passion for history and storytelling kept the crowd engaged until the technical issue was resolved. A video capturing the unique moment soon surfaced online, where it quickly went viral across social media platforms. Thousands of users praised the teacher for turning an unfortunate situation into a memorable educational experience. Many called it a reminder of how inspiring passionate educators can be, while others joked that the audience had received a "live director's commentary" on one of history's most celebrated epics. The incident also sparked conversations about the enduring appeal of Homer's The Odyssey, a story that has survived for nearly 3,000 years and continues to

inspire books, films and audiences around the world. Christopher Nolan's adaptation has introduced the classic tale to a new generation of moviegoers, making the teacher's spontaneous narration even more meaningful. Some social media users humorously pointed out that she may have revealed parts of the story before the film resumed, while others argued that an epic as old as The Odyssey hardly qualifies for spoilers. Ultimately, what began as a technical failure became an inspiring reminder of the power of storytelling. Thanks to one passionate teacher, an unexpected interruption was transformed into a memorable lesson that left the audience applauding not just the film, but also the timeless art of sharing knowledge.

'Chole Bhature' Sign Steals the Show at HYROX

Fitness events are usually filled with motivational slogans urging participants to push harder and never give up. But at HYROX Delhi 2026, one spectator took a completely different approach-and the internet can't stop laughing. A woman's witty placard reading, "Chole Bhature Are Waiting For You", became the unexpected highlight of the international fitness competition. Instead of the usual motivational messages about strength and endurance, the sign playfully reminded exhausted participants that one of Delhi's most loved comfort foods awaited them after crossing the finish line. The humorous message struck a chord with athletes and spectators alike. As competitors pushed through the demanding race, many smiled and laughed upon spotting the sign, with several slowing down just long enough to appreciate the joke before continuing toward the finish.



Photos and videos of the placard quickly spread across social media, where users praised the woman's creativity. Many joked that no motivational quote could compete with the promise of hot, fluffy bhature served alongside spicy chole after an intense workout. Social media users flooded the comments with humorous reactions. Some said the placard was the "real motivation" they needed to finish a race, while others joked that it perfectly represented Delhi's food culture, where delicious meals often become

the ultimate reward after physical activity. HYROX is known as one of the world's fastest-growing fitness races, combining functional workout stations with running challenges that test participants' endurance, strength and determination. Competitors complete a series of physically demanding exercises, making encouragement from spectators an important part of the event's energetic atmosphere. While many supporters carried signs cheering on friends and family members, the "Chole Bhature Are

Waiting For You" placard stood out for its relatable humour. The message resonated particularly with food lovers, who admitted that the thought of enjoying their favourite meal after an exhausting workout sounded far more motivating than traditional fitness slogans. The viral moment also highlighted how simple, light-hearted gestures can become the biggest talking points at major sporting events. What began as a playful sign to entertain runners soon became one of the most shared moments from HYROX Delhi 2026. As the images continued circulating online, countless users agreed on one thing: after completing such a challenging fitness race, a plate of hot chole bhature would indeed feel like the perfect reward. The funny placard not only lifted spirits during the event but also served as a reminder that fitness and food can happily coexist-with a little humour in between.

Real-Life Spider-Man Helps Wheelchair User



A young man dressed as Spider-Man has become an internet sensation after proving that real heroes don't always wear capes-sometimes, they wear a Spider-Man suit. The heartwarming incident took place at a busy intersection in Jonesboro, Arkansas, where traffic cameras captured a man dressed as the iconic Marvel superhero jumping out of his vehicle to help a wheelchair user safely cross the road. As the traffic signal changed, the man noticed that the wheelchair user was struggling to make it across the intersection in time. Without a second thought, he parked his vehicle, ran over, grabbed the wheelchair handles and quickly pushed the man to the other side of the road before returning to his car. The entire rescue lasted only a few seconds, but it left a lasting impression on everyone who watched the footage. The Jonesboro Police Department later shared the

traffic camera video on social media, praising the anonymous hero for his quick thinking and kindness. The man was later identified as Christopher Hellenthal, a 20-year-old employee at a local trampoline park. He had been dressed as Spider-Man for a superhero-themed event at work and was driving home when he spotted the man in need. Speaking after the video went viral, Hellenthal said he acted on instinct. He recalled seeing the wheelchair user in the middle of the intersection and immediately deciding to help. Laughing about the moment, he said that since he was already wearing the Spider-Man costume, it felt fitting to step in like a superhero. He also revealed that he had no idea the incident had been captured on traffic cameras until his mother woke him up to tell him the video was spreading rapidly across social media. The clip quickly attracted

millions of views, with people around the world applauding Hellenthal's selfless act. Many users said he perfectly embodied the values associated with Spider-Man-helping others without expecting recognition or reward. The Jonesboro Police Department also thanked him publicly, saying that regardless of traffic lights or busy roads, there is always time to do the right thing. Hellenthal, a longtime Spider-Man fan, said he hopes the viral moment encourages others to help those in need whenever they have the opportunity. He added that anyone can choose to be a hero through simple acts of kindness. The touching incident has become a reminder that true heroism doesn't require superpowers. Sometimes, all it takes is compassion, quick action and the willingness to help a stranger when it matters most.

Emotional Goodbye to Rescue Dog Goes Viral

A deeply emotional social media post by content creator and bestselling author Isabel Klee has touched millions after she revealed the painful reason behind her decision to say goodbye to her beloved rescue dog, Simon, following his cancer diagnosis. Simon, who became an internet sensation through Klee's social media posts, had been diagnosed with cancer just a few months ago. Initially, veterinarians believed he might have several more months to live. However, his condition deteriorated rapidly, forcing Klee and her family to make one of the hardest decisions any pet owner can face. In a tearful video shared online, Klee explained that Simon's health had declined significantly in recent weeks. Along with cancer, he was suffering from frequent seizures that continued



despite medication. She said the tumour had also worsened his epilepsy, leaving him heavily medicated and struggling to walk. Rather than allowing Simon to endure more pain, Klee decided it was time to let him go peacefully. She admitted that making the decision was heartbreaking but said she wanted to spare him unnecessary suffering and prevent a traumatic end. Instead of focusing on grief alone, Klee said she and her partner planned to spend Simon's final days celebrat-

ing his life. They intended to surround him with his favourite treats, activities and love, ensuring his last moments were filled with comfort and happiness. The emotional video resonated with animal lovers across the world. Thousands of social media users offered messages of support, sharing their own experiences of losing cherished pets. Many praised Klee for choosing compassion over prolonging Simon's suffering, describing the decision as one of the greatest acts of love a pet

owner can make. Simon was more than just a pet. Rescued from the meat trade, he became a symbol of hope and resilience through Klee's online content. His journey inspired countless people and played a central role in her memoir about rescuing and rehabilitating dogs. In her message, Klee expressed gratitude that so many people had come to love Simon during his life. She said knowing others shared her grief brought comfort during an incredibly painful time. The story has become a powerful reminder of the deep bond between humans and their pets. While saying goodbye is never easy, many online agreed that choosing peace and dignity for a beloved companion, even through heartbreak, is one of the most selfless decisions a pet owner can make.

Editorial

Fight For A Right Cause Always Wins

The resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan marks a significant development in the prolonged agitation led by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP). More importantly, it reinforces a timeless democratic principle: when people consistently fight for a just cause with determination and patience, positive results eventually follow. Along with the Minister's resignation, the Union Government has also responded positively to two other key demands raised by the protesters, demonstrating that sustained public pressure can compel governments to act.

The agitation has also highlighted the growing influence of social media in mobilizing the youth. Contrary to the common perception that social media is only a platform for misinformation and polarization, this movement proved that it can unite students and young people around a genuine public issue. The widespread anger over the alleged NEET paper leak resonated across the country, drawing unprecedented support from students whose futures were directly affected. Their participation reflected frustration over the issue rather than hostility toward the NDA Government. It would be incorrect to interpret the movement solely as an anti-government campaign.

However, one disturbing aspect of the episode deserves serious attention. A section of social media attempted to malign the protesters by branding them as traitors. Such a narrative is not only unfair but also dangerous for democracy. In a democratic society, every citizen has the right to question the government and demand accountability. One may disagree with the protesters' demands or criticize their methods, speeches, or strategies, but labelling them as anti-national merely because they protested is unacceptable. Such tactics weaken democratic discourse instead of strengthening it.

Governments, irrespective of political affiliation, must remain sensitive to public sentiment. Delayed responses to genuine grievances often intensify public anger and lead to larger agitations. Timely action, transparency, and accountability can prevent such confrontations. Democracy flourishes not by silencing dissent but by listening to it. When governments respond with sincerity and citizens raise their voices responsibly, both governance and democracy emerge stronger.

Editor

Mammootty: The Infinite Grammar of Acting



Some actors perform. Some stars entertain. And then some rare artists transcend both categories and become institutions unto themselves. Mammootty belongs to that exceptional lineage.

For over five decades, he has remained a commanding presence in Indian cinema not merely through longevity, popularity, or an impressive body of work, but through an unwavering commitment to the art of transformation. His career is not a succession of roles. It is an ongoing exploration of human nature.

The true measure of Mammootty's greatness lies neither in the number of films he has completed nor in the awards that adorn his career. It lies in his extraordinary ability to disappear.

When Mammootty enters a character, he leaves Mammootty behind.

A great actor does not imitate life; he reimagines it. Mammootty approaches every role as an act of discovery. One senses the invisible labour behind each performance—the study of social realities, the understanding of psychological complexities, the excavation of emotional histories. Whether he portrays Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, a feudal patriarch, a police officer, a lawyer, a communist leader, a school-teacher, or an anonymous villager, he creates an entire inner universe for the character.

The result is remarkable: the audience never watches an actor performing a role. They encounter a living human being.

This ability to dissolve into a character is increasingly rare in contemporary cinema, where image often overshadows substance. Mammootty has consistently resisted that temptation. He has never allowed stardom to imprison his artistry.

Cinema, at its highest level, is a language of images, silences, gestures, and glances. Many actors depend heavily on dialogue to communicate emotion. Mammootty understands that the most profound truths often exist beyond words.

A flicker in the eyes.
A pause before a sentence.
A tightening of the jaw.
A gaze fixed upon an unseen horizon.

These seemingly small details become emotional landscapes in his performances. In films such as

Mathilukal, Vidheyan, and Peranbu, silence speaks louder than speech. His characters reveal themselves not through exposition but through presence.

Few actors in Indian cinema possess a voice as expressive as Mammootty's. His voice carries authority without arrogance, tenderness without sentimentality, anger without excess, and irony without theatricality. Every word is measured. Every pause is meaningful. Dialogue in his hands becomes sculpture.

He does not speak lines; he inhabits them.

This mastery is evident across generations of performances. In Peranbu, he portrays a father whose life revolves around the care of his differently-abled daughter; embodying unconditional love with heartbreaking restraint. In Nanpaka Nerathu Mayakkam, he becomes an enigmatic figure suspended between identities and realities. In Bramayugam, he transforms into a dark and unsettling metaphysical presence. In Kaathal – The Core, he delivers one of the most nuanced portrayals of inner conflict and emotional truth in recent Indian cinema.

Each role expands the boundaries of his art.

What makes Mammootty particularly remarkable is his refusal to settle into comfort. Many actors become guardians of their own image. Mammootty remains a student of cinema. Even in his seventies, he continues to collaborate with younger filmmakers, embrace unconventional narratives, and challenge audience expectations.

This relentless self-renewal has kept his artistry alive and relevant.

His body language deserves special attention. Mammootty treats the body as an instrument of storytelling. The way a character walks, sits, looks, waits, or occupies space becomes part of the narrative. Sometimes a single gesture conveys what pages of dialogue cannot.

In an era where intensity is often mistaken for loudness, Mammootty demonstrates that restraint can be more powerful than explosion. His performances remind us that true emotional force emerges not from exaggeration but from control.

Indian cinema has produced



many celebrated stars and accomplished actors. Yet only a handful have matured with time, continually reinventing themselves while deepening their craft. Mammootty belongs to that rare fraternity.

When we watch him in Mathilukal as the imprisoned Basheer, in Vidheyan as the domineering master, in Peranbu as a devoted father, or in Nanpaka Nerathu Mayakkam as a man caught between worlds, we are not merely witnessing acting.

We are witnessing life itself. For what is acting, ultimately?

It is the art of welcoming another life into one's own.

It is the courage to lend one's body, voice, and soul to another human experience.

It is the ability to transform imagination into emotional truth.

That is Mammootty's gift.

And that is why he remains not merely a great actor, but one of the finest screen artists of our age.

Mathilukal: A Love Story Beyond Sight

Among the many films that define Mammootty's artistic legacy, Mathilukal occupies a special



place. The world's greatest love stories are rarely alike. Some begin with a glance, some with touch, some with letters, and some with a smile. Yet it is difficult to think of another love story that begins with a voice, unfolds across a prison wall, and remains forever etched in memory.

VAIKOM MUHAMMAD BASHEER'S MATHILUKAL (THE WALLS) IS ONE SUCH MIRACLE.

It is not merely a love story; it is a celebration of longing, imagination, and human connection.

When Adoor Gopalakrishnan adapted the novella into cinema in 1989, he achieved something extraordinary. Adapting literature is never easy, particularly a work like Mathilukal. The lovers never meet. The heroine is never seen. Love exists only through conversation, waiting, silence, and hope.

Yet Adoor transformed these apparent limitations into artistic strengths.

In the film, Narayani remains invisible. She exists only as a voice. But that voice becomes a face, a presence, a world.

And at the centre of that world stands Mammootty.

As Basheer, he does not perform; he becomes.

The anticipation in his eyes, the tenderness in his voice, the quiet ecstasy of companionship, and the profound sadness that settles upon him when freedom arrives unexpectedly—all these moments combine to create one of the most unforgettable performances in Indian cinema.

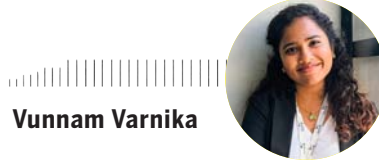
The irony is devastating: prison had given Basheer love; freedom takes it away.

Through Mammootty's performance, this emotional paradox acquires extraordinary depth.

What Basheer achieved through words, Adoor recreated through images. And what both artists imagined, Mammootty brought to life with astonishing sensitivity.

That is why Mathilukal remains one of the greatest literary adaptations in Indian cinema.

And that is why Mammootty continues to stand among the towering artistic figures of world cinema—a performer who reminds us that acting, at its finest, is not imitation but revelation.



Student, Woxen University

Madhuraapuri Sadana revolves around a middle-class family's dream of building their own home and the emotional struggles, conflicts and sacrifices that come with that ambition. The film explores family relationships, aspirations and the challenges faced by ordinary people while trying to achieve stability.

Director Sai Tarun Reddy focuses on a realistic family drama, highlighting everyday emotions rather than relying on commercial elements. The film attempts to connect with audiences through relatable situations and human relationships.

Bharath Sainath Varma brings sincerity to his role and effectively portrays the emotions of a youngster caught between personal ambitions and family responsibilities.

The core strength of the film

is its subject. For many middle-class families, a house is not just a physical structure but a symbol of security, dreams, hard work and emotional attachment. The film successfully captures these feelings and connects with viewers who understand the importance of family aspirations.

The story revolves around a young man caught between his own ambitions and his responsibility towards fulfilling his parents' dreams. Director Sai Tarun Reddy chooses a realistic approach, focusing more on everyday emotions and family bonds rather than commercial elements.

Bharath Sainath Varma delivers a sincere performance as a youngster facing personal and family pressures. He effectively portrays the emotional struggles of his character, while Yashu Mashetty pro-

vides good support. DD Srinivas and Neela Priya also contribute to the family atmosphere of the film.

However, the film's biggest limitation is its treatment. While the theme has strong emotional potential, the screenplay follows a familiar pattern. Some sequences move slowly, and sharper editing could have made the narrative more engaging. Certain emotional moments fail to create the expected impact due to predictable writing. The title Madhuraapuri Sadana creates an expectation of a deeper emotional or romantic drama, but the film mainly focuses on family struggles and middle-class dreams. The intention of the makers is honest, though the presentation occasionally feels stretched. Technically, the film is decent. The cinematography and background score support the mood and emotions of the story, but they do not provide any major cinematic surprises. The production limitations are visible in some portions, but the makers try to overcome them through emotional story-



telling and relatable situations.

Overall, Madhuraapuri Sadana is a sincere family drama that highlights middle-class

values, sacrifices and dreams. It succeeds in creating emotional moments and portraying the importance of family relationships. However, a rou-

tine screenplay and uneven pacing prevent it from becoming a memorable cinematic experience. The film may appeal to audiences who enjoy simple,

realistic family stories with emotional themes. Viewers looking for a fresh narrative or high-intensity drama may find it less engaging.

BJP Leaders Praise Dharmendra Pradhan's Service After Resignation From Union Cabinet

New Delhi, July 25:

BJP leaders have praised Dharmendra Pradhan's contribution to the Union Government and supported his decision to resign from the Union Cabinet, describing his tenure as a period of dedicated public service, policy reforms and institutional strengthening.

Following his resignation as Union Education Minister, Pradhan said his decision was guided by the principle of "nation before self". He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP leadership for providing him an opportunity to serve the country. He said his tenure in the Education Ministry focused on reforms, innovation and strengthening the overall education ecosystem.

BJP president Nitin Nabin backed Pradhan's decision and said the party respected his commitment to public service. He stated that Pradhan had always placed national interest above positions and responsibilities. Appreciating his role as Education Minister, Nabin



said Pradhan played a significant role in transforming India's education sector and implementing major reforms, particularly the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju also praised Pradhan's efforts, stating that he had closely observed his dedication towards improving the education sys-

tem. He appreciated Pradhan's initiatives aimed at bringing reforms and modernising the country's learning framework.

During his tenure as Education Minister, Pradhan focused on implementing NEP 2020, promoting skill-based education, expanding digital learning opportunities and strength-

ening higher education institutions. He was also involved in overseeing reforms related to educational governance and national-level entrance examinations.

BJP leaders highlighted that Pradhan's contribution extended beyond the Education Ministry. Over the years, he handled several key portfolios,

including Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development. He emerged as one of the party's prominent leaders and played important roles in organisational activities and policy decisions.

Nitin Nabin said the BJP would continue to stand with Pradhan and acknowledged his years of service to the nation and the party. He described Pradhan's journey as an example of dedication and selfless work.

Pradhan's resignation has led to discussions in political circles regarding possible changes in the Union Cabinet. Attention is now focused on the government's next decisions regarding ministerial responsibilities and future appointments.

Meanwhile, BJP leaders continued to underline Pradhan's role in shaping key policy initiatives and strengthening various sectors during his years in government. They said his commitment to public service and organisational responsibilities remained an important part of his political journey.



Wangchuk Welcomes Pradhan's Resignation

Climate activist and educationist Sonam Wangchuk has welcomed the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, describing the development as a victory for democracy and peaceful public action.

In his first reaction after Pradhan stepped down, Wangchuk thanked citizens for overcoming fear and participating in the movement. He said the development reflected the power of patience, perseverance and democratic expression.

Wangchuk congratulated the young protesters and supporters who participated in the campaign and said that the focus should now shift from demanding accountability to bringing meaningful reforms in the education sector.

The activist had earlier participated in a hunger strike as part of protests, raising concerns over issues related to the education system, examination processes and the need for greater transparency. His involvement drew attention from students, civil society groups and political observers.

Dharmendra Pradhan an-

nounced his resignation from the post of Education Minister, stating that his decision was taken keeping larger interests in mind. His exit came after a period of public debate and criticism over concerns surrounding education reforms and examination-related issues.

Following the resignation, Wangchuk said the next priority should be ensuring reforms that improve the credibility, transparency and fairness of the education system. He emphasised that peaceful democratic movements can play an important role in highlighting public concerns and encouraging change.

The resignation has triggered reactions across political and social circles. While supporters of the protests described it as a significant moment, BJP leaders highlighted Dharmendra Pradhan's contributions during his tenure as Education Minister, including efforts towards implementing education reforms.

The focus now shifts to the government's next steps, including possible changes in the Education Ministry and measures to address concerns raised during the protests.



CJP Withdraws Agitation After Government Assurance

The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) has announced the withdrawal of its agitation with immediate effect after the central government agreed to address several demands raised by the protesters. The decision came after discussions between CJP representatives and government officials, bringing an end to the protest.

The protest group, which had been demanding accountability over issues related to the education system and examination irregularities, said it was calling off the agitation following assurances given by the government. CJP leaders asked their supporters gathered at Jantar Mantar in Delhi to return home peacefully.

The government and CJP representatives held discussions over the group's list of demands. Following the talks, assurances were given on several issues, including steps to address concerns raised by students and protesters. The Centre also indicated that the demands would be examined through appropriate channels.

The agitation had gained attention after CJP raised concerns over alleged irregularities in competitive examinations and demanded greater transparency and



accountability in the education system. The movement intensified with protests in Delhi and calls for reforms.

CJP leaders said the decision to withdraw the protest was taken after considering the government's response. However, they clarified that they would continue to monitor the implementation of the assurances given during the discussions. The development comes shortly after Dharmendra

Pradhan stepped down as Union Education Minister, a move that was among the issues highlighted by protesters. Supporters of the movement described the resignation as a significant moment in their campaign.

With the agitation now called off, attention shifts to the government's next steps and the implementation of measures promised during discussions with protest representatives.



Centre Proposes Tougher Law Against Exam Malpractices

The Central government has approved a major amendment to strengthen laws against examination malpractices, including paper leaks, cheating and organised unfair practices in public examinations. The proposed Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 aims to introduce stricter punishments and faster legal action against those involved in compromising the integrity of exams.

Under the proposed changes, individuals involved in question paper leaks and other unfair practices could face imprisonment ranging from five years to 10 years, along with heavy fines. For organised groups, institutions or networks involved in large-scale examination fraud, the punishment could become more severe, with longer jail terms and fines reaching up to 10 crore.

The amendment comes amid growing concerns over repeated incidents of paper leaks and irregularities in major competitive examinations. The government has stated that the objective of the legislation is to protect the credibility of public examinations and ensure fairness for mil-

lions of students appearing for these tests. The proposed bill also includes provisions for special task forces to investigate cases related to exam fraud. Investigations will be required to be completed within a fixed timeline, while special fast-track courts will be established to ensure speedy trials and prevent unnecessary legal delays.

The law will cover examinations conducted by major public recruitment and testing bodies, including the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Railway Recruitment Board (RRB), Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) and the National Testing Agency (NTA).

The move comes at a time when student protests have intensified over examination transparency and accountability. The government believes that tougher penalties, strict monitoring and faster investigations will act as a strong deterrent against organised paper leak networks.

The proposed reforms are aimed at restoring confidence in India's examination system and ensuring that candidates get a fair opportunity based on merit rather than malpractice.

RaGa Backs Student Demands Over Education Row

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi has backed the demands of protesting students and said that shifting Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to another ministry would not resolve the issue. He said students were demanding the minister's removal from the Cabinet rather than just a change in portfolio.

After meeting student representatives, Rahul Gandhi said the government should not attempt to address the issue through a simple reshuffle. He claimed that moving Pradhan to another department would not satisfy the concerns raised by students and that accountability was the main demand.

Rahul said students had raised three major demands and described them as serious concerns. According to him, the key demand was the removal of Dharmendra Pradhan from the Union Cabinet over alleged failures related to the education system and controversies surrounding examinations.

The Congress leader also extended support to students protesting against alleged paper leaks and irregularities in competitive examinations. He said young aspirants were fighting for transparency, fairness and



a reliable examination system. The protests, led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), gained attention after students raised concerns over examination-related issues and demanded reforms. The movement included demonstrations in Delhi and calls for stronger accountability mechanisms to protect the interests of candidates.

Rahul Gandhi criticised the government's approach towards student protests and said young people raising concerns about their future should be heard. He argued that issues related to paper leaks and examination failures impact millions

of students preparing for competitive exams.

The BJP leadership, meanwhile, has defended Dharmendra Pradhan's contribution as Education Minister and highlighted reforms introduced during his tenure. The party has praised his role in implementing changes in the education sector.

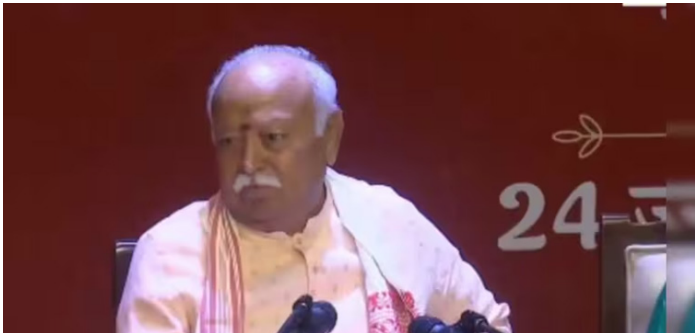
The issue has now turned into a major political debate, with opposition parties supporting student demands and the government facing pressure to strengthen examination systems, improve transparency and restore confidence among aspirants.

Bhagwat Stresses Consensus Over Orders

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has stressed the importance of consensus-based decision-making, saying that society should move forward through discussions and mutual understanding rather than through orders or force. His remarks came at a time when protests over examination-related issues continued to draw attention across the country.

Speaking at an event, Bhagwat highlighted the need for dialogue and cooperation in resolving differences. He said that lasting solutions emerge when people work together and build agreement instead of relying only on authority or instructions.

Although Bhagwat did not directly refer to the ongoing Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protests over alleged examination irregularities,



his comments came amid a period of intense debate over student concerns, paper leaks and demands for reforms in the education system.

The CJP-led agitation gained momentum after students raised concerns over the credibility of competitive examinations and demanded greater transparency

and accountability. The protests attracted wider attention as opposition leaders and civil society groups joined discussions around examination reforms.

The movement also saw demands for accountability from the government over issues related to exam management and alleged irregulari-

ties. After sustained protests, discussions were held between representatives of the group and government officials regarding their concerns.

Bhagwat's remarks on consensus have gained attention due to the timing, with political and social debates intensifying around the role of public participation and institutional accountability. His comments highlighted the importance of dialogue between authorities and citizens during periods of disagreement.

Meanwhile, attention remains focused on the government's response to student concerns, proposed reforms in examination systems and measures aimed at restoring confidence among millions of aspirants preparing for competitive examinations.

One Kitchen One Family, A Unique Bond of Unity



Sreeja Rachabathuni

In an age where nuclear families have become the norm and even small disagreements often lead to property disputes, the Nagappa family of Kurlapalli village in Kalyandurgam mandal of Anantapur district stands as a rare symbol of unity. With 83 members spanning six generations, this extraordinary joint family continues to live together under one roof of values, affection and mutual respect.

What started generations ago as a small family of two households has grown into a large yet closely connected clan. Guided by elders Mutyalappa and Hanumantharayulu, the family follows a simple principle — respect for elders and unity among members. Their decisions are collectively accepted, which the family believes is the secret behind maintaining harmony for decades.

The family includes 43 registered voters, 20 sons and daughters-in-law, and children from different generations. Though the members live in four nearby buildings, they remain connected through a single common kitchen. Every day, women of the household work together,

preparing traditional food on firewood stoves. Ragi sangati, jonna rotte and other local dishes remain part of their regular meals.

Special dietary requirements of elderly members and those with health conditions are separately managed, but the family mostly eats the same food together. During festivals, the scale of cooking increases enormously, with large quantities of meat prepared to serve the entire family.

Agriculture is the foundation of the Nagappa family's livelihood. The members collectively cultivate around 120 acres using three tractors and grow crops such as groundnut, tomato, brinjal, chilli and paddy. Their agricultural assets also include around 1,000 sheep, 70 buffaloes and five bulls.

Despite their economic strength, the family follows a simple lifestyle. Children are educated in local government schools and hostels, while younger members have taken responsibility for managing modern-day requirements.

Mahesh, a fourth-generation member, handles the family's administrative and financial responsibilities, including purchasing provisions, education expenses, medical needs, banking work and vehicle maintenance.

Speaking to True Point Mahesh said, "Managing a family of 83 members is a responsibility, but it is also a blessing. Our real wealth is not the land we own but the bond we share. We may buy more property in the future, but we will never allow our family to divide." He believes the strength of the family lies in the emotional connection between generations. "Our daughters-in-law are not outsiders. They are like our own sisters, and the affection among all members keeps this family together," he added. Remarkably, daughters-in-law who entered this large household from different backgrounds describe their experience as comforting rather than challenging. They consider their sisters-in-law as their own siblings and value the support system within the family. The Nagappa family's story is not merely about numbers or shared property; it is about preserving relationships in a rapidly changing world. Their journey proves that when love, respect and understanding become the foundation of a family, unity can survive across generations.



Harshitha Vipparla

Some writers create literature to entertain, while others use their words to question society, inspire minds and bring meaningful change. Chitikena Kiran Kumar belongs to the rare category of writers who view literature as a social responsibility. A noted Telugu litterateur, poet, essayist, literary critic and social commentator, he has earned a distinct place in contemporary Telugu literature through his writings on society, culture, education, politics and human values. Born in Sircilla of Rajana Sircilla district in Telangana, Kiran Kumar developed an interest in literature at an early age. Inspired by great writers and driven by a desire to connect literature with social realities, he chose writing as a lifelong mission. For him, the pen became a medium to spread awareness and highlight issues affecting society. "Literature should not remain confined to imagination alone; it must reflect society, address people's concerns and inspire meaningful change," Kiran Kumar believes.



gana Today, Vaartha and True Point. Covering Telugu literature, education, youth issues, technology, politics, culture and social transformation, his writings are recognised for research-based analysis and social relevance. As a literary critic, he has contributed through objective reviews and analytical studies that encourage meaningful discussions among readers and writers. A significant milestone in his career was the publication of "Chaitanya Spoorthi - Chitikena Vyasaalu", an essay collection released under the auspices of the Telangana Sahitya Akademi. The book reflects his views on literature, society, politics and culture. His creative talent also extends to visual storytelling. The short film "O Tandri Teerpu", for which he provided the story and screenplay, received recognition at the IFMA Film Festival and Pin TV Film Festival.

Kiran Kumar has received several honours, including the Dr. Vaddepalli Krishna National First Literary Award, C. Narayana Reddy (CINaRe) Literary Award, Telangana Sahitya Ratna, National Sahitya Seva Ratna and Gidugu Ramamurthy Pantulu Bhasha Seva Puraskaram. He has also received the Rabindranath Tagore Excellence Award, Global Human Excellence Award and recognition from UNICDDR.

His contributions have been appreciated by former Chief Ministers Konijeti Rosaiah and Nandendla Bhaskara Rao, former Governor C. H. Vidyasagar Rao and Haryana Governor



nor Bandaru Dattatreya. Beyond literature, Kiran Kumar participated in international literary, cultural and humanitarian programmes in South Korea, Japan and Sri Lanka. His involvement in peace initiatives organised by HWPL (Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light), Seoul, South Korea, reflects his humanitarian commitment.



Speaking with True Point, Kiran Kumar said, "The true success of a writer lies not only in receiving recognition but in creating awareness, preserving values and leaving a positive impact on society." Advising young writers, he said, "Writing is a responsibility towards society. Writers should read extensively, think deeply and write honestly. Works based on truth, values and commitment will continue to inspire generations." Through his journey as a poet, critic and social observer, Chitikena Kiran Kumar continues to prove that literature can become a powerful instrument for intellectual awakening and social transformation. His writings reflect changing times, human values and the responsibilities of a conscious writer.

Sixth-Class Genius Who Became a Lifesaver for Generations

Sravani Badugu

In a world where heroes are often recognised through awards and public attention, the story of G. Satti Raju from Tirupatipuram in Attili Mandal of the erstwhile West Godavari district stands apart.



Without holding any official position or seeking recognition, he became the person villagers depended on during emergencies and technical problems. His life reflects courage, innovation and selfless service.

Born into a humble family, Satti Raju had limited formal education and studied only up to the sixth or seventh standard. However, his curiosity, intelligence and practical skills made him a respected figure in the village. People considered him their own engineer and technician, as he could repair everything from household items to complex mechanical equipment and vehicle engines.

His greatest contribution was his commitment to saving lives. Whenever children accidentally fell into open wells, villagers rushed to Satti Raju for help. Without fear, he entered dangerous wells and rescued them. He

also risked his life during fire accidents by entering burning houses to save people trapped inside. These acts of bravery made him a symbol of courage in Tirupatipuram.

Speaking to True Point, Village elder Ch. Chanti said, "Satti Raju is a gifted technician who can repair anything from a sewing machine to a tractor with ease. His practical skills are exceptional."

Another village elder, Ch. Kasigaruvu, said, "Satti Raju is not only a technology expert of Tirupatipuram but also a saviour who rescued many children from wells and saved lives."

Industrialist Ch. Kasivisweswara Rao told True Point, "I have never seen anyone with talents like Guttikonda Satti Raju. He can design, develop and repair various mechanical items effortlessly."

Recalling the seven-gear bicycle, Rao said, "The bicycle he developed decades ago still runs smoothly and can travel up to 40 kilometres. Even today, Satti Raju travels long distances by cycle."

Siddhani Ramalingam said, "I consider Satti Raju my Guru in technology. Whenever I face a technical problem, I seek his guidance."

Speaking about his brother's skills, G. Satyanarayana, a Mechanical Marine Engineer from Andhra University Engineering College and AMIE (London), who served as a Chief Engineer in foreign shipping companies, admired Satti Raju's natural talent and practical innovations despite his own global experience in marine technology. GK (Dr. G. Kondala Rao) said, "My father proved that knowledge is not limited to formal education. His courage, creativity and willingness to serve society should inspire future generations," he told True Point.

Satti Raju passed away in 2021 after more than eight decades of life, leaving behind a legacy of innovation, humanity and service. His journey reminds us that true heroes often live quietly among ordinary people, changing lives through extraordinary deeds.



Sensex Plunges 1,677 Points Amid Global Tensions

Indian stock markets witnessed a sharp sell-off as investors turned cautious amid escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, rising crude oil prices and sustained foreign investor selling. The benchmark indices ended the session with significant losses, reflecting weak sentiment across sectors.

The BSE Sensex plunged 1,677.12 points (2.15%) to close at 76,503.60, while the NSE Nifty 50 fell 516.65 points (2.12%) to

settle at 23,882.05. The decline marked one of the steepest single-day falls in recent weeks as investors reacted to mounting global uncertainties.

The primary trigger behind the market downturn was the sharp rise in crude oil prices following the intensifying conflict in the Middle East. Brent crude briefly crossed the \$100 per barrel mark, raising concerns over higher inflation, increased import costs and pressure on India's fiscal position,

given the country's dependence on imported crude oil.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) continued to offload Indian equities, adding to the bearish mood. Persistent foreign selling has weighed on market sentiment over the past few sessions, even as domestic institutional investors attempted to cushion the fall through selective buying.

Selling pressure was broad-based, with banking, financial services, information technol-

ogy and metal stocks leading the decline. Several heavy-weight stocks witnessed sharp corrections after mixed quarterly earnings and concerns over profit margins in a volatile global environment. Most sectoral indices finished in negative territory, highlighting the widespread nature of the sell-off.

Global market weakness also influenced investor sentiment. Uncertainty surrounding the Middle East conflict, rising energy prices and concerns over

global economic growth prompted investors to shift away from riskier assets, leading to heavy selling in equity markets worldwide.

Market experts believe volatility is likely to persist in the near term. Investors will closely monitor developments in the Middle East, crude oil prices, foreign fund flows and upcoming corporate earnings for further direction.

Despite the sharp correction, analysts advise long-term in-



Investors to remain focused on fundamentals rather than reacting to short-term market swings. They believe stability in geopolitical conditions and easing crude oil prices could help improve market sentiment in the coming weeks.

AI Investment Worries Shake Technology Stocks

Wall Street ended on a mixed note as the technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite declined amid growing concerns over rising artificial intelligence (AI) spending by major technology companies. Investors remained cautious ahead of another round of earnings from some of the world's biggest tech firms.

The Nasdaq Composite fell 0.63% to close at 24,980.34, dragged down by weakness in semiconductor and technology stocks. Meanwhile, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 0.46%, while the S&P 500 ended almost unchanged, reflecting mixed investor sentiment.

Market participants are closely watching the quarterly results of technology giants such as Microsoft, Amazon, Meta and Apple. Their earnings are expected to provide crucial insights into AI-related investments and future growth prospects. Investor concerns intensified after Alphabet announced



plans to significantly increase capital expenditure despite continued heavy cash outflows. The announcement reignited fears that technology companies may continue spending aggressively on AI infrastructure without generating immediate returns.

Chipmakers also came under pressure, with several semiconductor stocks witnessing notable declines. Investors are increasingly questioning whether the massive investments being made in AI chips, data centres and computing infrastructure

will translate into sustainable profits in the near future.

Analysts believe enthusiasm surrounding AI remains strong, but investors are becoming more selective. Rather than rewarding companies solely for announcing ambitious AI plans, markets are now demanding clear evidence that these investments can generate long-term earnings growth.

Despite weakness in technology stocks, falling crude oil prices offered some relief to the broader market. However, ongoing geopolitical tensions in the

Middle East and uncertainty surrounding global trade policies continued to keep investors cautious. The technology sector remained the biggest drag on the S&P 500, offsetting gains in several other sectors. Investors also monitored updates from major corporations as the earnings season gathered momentum.

Market experts expect volatility to remain elevated over the coming weeks as more technology companies announce their quarterly results. The focus will remain on corporate earnings, AI investment strategies, inflation trends and the outlook for interest rates.

While AI continues to be viewed as a long-term growth driver, investors are now seeking a better balance between innovation and profitability. The upcoming earnings reports from leading technology companies are expected to play a key role in determining the market's direction in the weeks ahead.

Global Investors Shift Focus to India and China



Global investment firms are gradually reshuffling their portfolios, trimming exposure to South Korea and Taiwan while increasing allocations to India and China. The move comes after a massive rally in AI-related semiconductor stocks in East Asia, which has pushed valuations to elevated levels and prompted investors to look for fresh opportunities.

South Korea and Taiwan have been among the biggest beneficiaries of the artificial intelligence boom. Companies such as TSMC, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix have delivered exceptional returns, driving their domestic stock markets to record highs. However, after the sharp rally, many global fund managers now believe valuations have become stretched, leading them to book profits and rebalance their portfolios.

India and China are emerging as attractive alternatives for global investors. In India, expectations of strong econom-

ic growth, government-led infrastructure spending, stable corporate earnings and resilient domestic demand continue to support the long-term investment story. Meanwhile, Chinese equities are drawing renewed interest due to relatively inexpensive valuations and hopes of policy measures to revive economic growth.

Market experts say this does not indicate that investors have turned negative on the AI sector. Instead, it reflects a strategy of reducing exposure to markets where AI-driven stocks have already witnessed extraordinary gains while increasing investments in regions offering better valuation comfort and broader sectoral opportunities.

Analysts also point out that portfolio diversification has become increasingly important amid global uncertainties. Rising geopolitical tensions, changing interest-rate expectations and concerns over the sustainability of the AI-led rally

are encouraging investors to spread their investments across different sectors and markets.

For India, the shift could translate into improved foreign capital inflows if earnings growth remains strong and macroeconomic conditions stay supportive. Although India is not yet a major player in AI hardware manufacturing, its expanding digital economy, services sector and domestic consumption story continue to attract long-term institutional investors.

Experts believe the rotation in global portfolios is likely to continue over the coming months as investors closely monitor corporate earnings, AI-related capital expenditure and economic data from major markets. While AI remains one of the strongest long-term investment themes, fund managers are increasingly balancing growth opportunities with valuation discipline, making India and China attractive destinations for fresh capital.

India Regains Global Investors' Confidence

Global investment trends are showing a significant shift as industrial sector funds have recorded negative rolling four-week flows for the first time since the AI-driven rally began in May 2025. The development suggests that investors are becoming more selective after months of heavy allocations to sectors linked to the artificial intelligence boom.

According to a report by Elara Capital, global investors have started reducing exposure to industrial funds as enthusiasm surrounding AI infrastructure investments begins to cool. The slowdown reflects a broader reassessment of investment strategies amid changing market dynamics and stretched valuations.

In contrast, India-focused fund flows are showing encouraging signs of stabilisation. After witnessing substantial foreign outflows over the past few months, investor sentiment towards Indian equities appears to be improving. The report noted that recent redemp-



tions have eased, indicating that foreign investors are becoming less negative on the Indian market.

One of the key highlights is the strong performance of India-focused exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which attracted fresh investments and helped offset continued withdrawals from actively managed long-only funds. India also recorded its strongest weekly foreign inflow in several months, suggesting renewed confidence among global investors.

Market experts believe In-

dia's resilient economic growth, stable corporate earnings and strong domestic demand continue to make it an attractive long-term investment destination. Government infrastructure spending and a healthy macroeconomic outlook have further strengthened the country's appeal compared to several emerging markets.

The report also indicates that global portfolio managers are increasingly rotating investments across sectors instead of concentrating heavily on AI-related industries. Invest-

ors are now looking for balanced opportunities that offer sustainable growth without excessive valuations.

Analysts believe this shift does not signal the end of the AI investment cycle. Instead, it reflects a period of consolidation, with fund managers becoming more cautious while evaluating the long-term returns from large-scale AI spending.

For India, the stabilisation of foreign fund flows could provide additional support to domestic equity markets if global uncertainties ease. Continued economic momentum and improving investor confidence may help attract fresh overseas capital in the coming months.

Overall, the latest trends suggest that while global industrial funds are facing a temporary slowdown, India is gradually regaining the attention of international investors, positioning itself as one of the more resilient destinations in the evolving global investment landscape.

Edelweiss Unveils First REITs & Realty Index Fund

Edelweiss Mutual Fund has announced the launch of the Edelweiss Nifty REITs & Realty Index Fund, marking a significant milestone for India's mutual fund industry. The scheme is being positioned as the country's first index fund dedicated to providing investors with exposure to both Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and listed real estate companies through a single investment product.

The new fund will passively track the Nifty REITs & Realty Total Return Index (TRI), allowing investors to participate in the performance of India's listed real estate ecosystem without having to purchase individual REIT units or real estate stocks. The fund follows a passive investment strategy, aiming to replicate the benchmark index while keeping tracking errors to a minimum.

According to Edelweiss Mutual Fund, the product is designed to simplify real estate investing for retail investors. Traditionally, investing in commercial real estate re-



quires substantial capital and involves liquidity constraints. By investing through an index fund, investors can gain diversified exposure to the sector with relatively lower investment amounts, improved liquidity, and professional fund management.

Radhika Gupta, Managing Director and CEO of Edelweiss Mutual Fund, said the new offering provides a simple and accessible route for investors seeking exposure to the listed real estate segment. She noted

that the fund helps overcome many of the challenges associated with direct property investments, such as high entry costs, limited diversification, and concentration risk.

The launch comes at a time when India's REIT market is steadily expanding following regulatory changes that have encouraged greater participation from institutional and retail investors. Recent reforms by market regulator SEBI, including the classification of REITs as equity-related instru-

ments for mutual funds and their inclusion in equity indices, have paved the way for innovative investment products such as this fund.

Industry experts believe the fund could attract long-term investors looking for exposure to commercial real estate without the operational challenges of owning physical property. Unlike purchasing physical assets, investments through REITs offer greater liquidity, transparency, and diversification while enabling investors to benefit from rental income-generating commercial properties.

As India's office, retail, and commercial real estate markets continue to grow, REITs are expected to play an increasingly important role in diversified investment portfolios. The launch of the Edelweiss Nifty REITs & Realty Index Fund provides investors with a cost-effective and convenient opportunity to participate in the country's expanding real estate sector through a professionally managed passive investment vehicle.

Q1 Earnings Show Mixed Picture for Corporate India

The first-quarter earnings season for FY27 has offered investors a mixed picture of corporate India, with companies across sectors reporting varied financial performances. While some businesses benefited from strong demand, improving margins and strategic expansion, others faced challenges due to weak consumption, rising costs and global uncertainties. The latest results highlight five major trends that stood out during the earnings week.

One of the biggest takeaways has been the resilience of the financial sector. Several banks and financial institutions reported healthy growth in profits, supported by robust loan expansion, stable asset quality and steady credit demand. Although net interest margins remained under pressure due to changing interest rate dynamics, lenders managed to maintain strong earnings through higher business volumes and improved operational efficiency.

The information technology sector continued to deliver a mixed performance. While companies with diversified global operations secured new deal wins and maintained healthy order books, overall revenue growth remained moderate. Global economic uncertainty and cautious spending by overseas clients continued to influence technology budgets. However, companies expressed optimism about improved demand in the coming quarters as digital transformation initiatives gather pace.

Consumer-focused businesses witnessed contrasting



trends. Premium product categories continued to attract strong demand, but mass-market consumption remained relatively subdued. Companies catering to urban consumers performed better than those dependent on rural markets. Higher input costs and cautious consumer spending affected revenue growth in several segments, prompting companies to focus on cost optimisation and product innovation.

Manufacturing and industrial companies reported encouraging numbers, supported by increased infrastructure spending, government capital expenditure and sustained demand from sectors such as engineering, construction and defence. Many firms highlighted strong order inflows and healthy execution pipelines, indicating continued momentum for industrial growth in the coming quarters.

Another notable trend was the growing emphasis on operational efficiency. Across sectors, companies focused on controlling expenses, improving productivity and enhancing profitability rather than relying solely on revenue growth.

Better cost management helped several businesses protect margins despite a challenging economic environment.

Corporate managements also remained cautiously optimistic about the future. Many companies expect demand to improve during the remainder of the financial year, supported by favourable government policies, infrastructure investments, easing inflation and a gradual recovery in consumer spending. However, they also acknowledged risks from geopolitical tensions, volatile commodity prices and uncertain global economic conditions.

Overall, the first round of Q1 FY27 earnings reflects a resilient corporate landscape navigating a complex business environment. While growth remains uneven across industries, strong balance sheets, disciplined cost management and sector-specific opportunities continue to support India's corporate sector. Investors are likely to closely monitor the upcoming earnings announcements for clearer signals on the sustainability of growth and profitability in the months ahead.



Laxman Starts New Recognition Tradition

Former India batting great VVS Laxman has introduced a new recognition award for the Indian cricket team following their convincing victory over Zimbabwe in the first T20I. The initiative aims to honour players who make exceptional contributions beyond just runs and wickets.

Unlike the traditional "Player of the Match" award, the newly introduced team medal is designed to recognize qualities such as commitment, selflessness, teamwork and overall impact on the game. The move reflects the team management's focus on celebrating efforts that often go unnoticed on the scorecard.

Following India's seven-wicket win in Harare, Tilak Varma was named the first recipient of the special medal. Although he did not produce the biggest statistical performance of the match, the management appreciated his all-round contribution, positive attitude and role in helping the team secure a comfortable victory.

The medal was presented inside the dressing room by VVS Laxman, who is accompanying the Indian team during the Zimbabwe tour. Players ap-

plauded the initiative, with many welcoming the concept of rewarding dedication, discipline and team-first performances.

The dressing-room ceremony added another memorable moment to India's successful outing, which also saw teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi script history with a blistering half-century and Mayank Yadav make a successful comeback with an impressive spell of fast bowling.

The introduction of the medal is expected to motivate players to value every contribution, whether it comes through batting, bowling, fielding or supporting teammates. Team management believes such recognition helps build a stronger dressing-room culture where collective success is valued above individual achievements.

India currently lead the three-match T20I series 1-0, and the players will look to carry the winning momentum into the remaining matches. Alongside the on-field success, the new medal tradition has already become a talking point, with fans praising the effort to acknowledge the unsung heroes of the team.



Communication Error Costs Jhandu Kumar Commonwealth Gold

India's para powerlifter Jhandu Kumar came agonisingly close to winning the Commonwealth Games 2026 gold medal, but a crucial miscommunication during his final attempt proved costly, according to his coach.

Jhandu eventually settled for the bronze medal in the men's heavyweight para powerlifting event, earning India its first medal of the Games. However, the result could have been even better had the team executed its final strategy perfectly.

Coach Jitender Pal Singh revealed that Jhandu was firmly in contention for the gold medal after his successful lifts. The team had planned their final attempt carefully, but a communication error regarding the weight selection and competition situation affected their strategy at a decisive moment.

According to the coach, the support staff believed a particular lift would be enough to secure the top position. However, developments in the competition meant a different approach was required. By the time the confusion was cleared, the opportunity to challenge for gold had slipped away. Jhandu successfully lifted 190kg in his second attempt and then went for 196kg in pursuit of the title. Unfortunately, he could not complete the lift, finishing with the bronze medal after an impressive perfor-

mance throughout the event.

Despite the disappointment, Coach Jitender Pal Singh praised Jhandu's effort and described para powerlifting as one of the toughest disciplines in para sports. He said winning a medal at the Commonwealth Games itself is a remarkable achievement and reflects an athlete's ability to compete with the world's best.

The coach also pointed out that the Indian camp had high expectations because para powerlifters have consistently delivered medals for the country at previous Commonwealth Games. While missing out on gold was frustrating, he expressed pride in Jhandu's resilience and fighting spirit.

Jhandu's journey to the podium has been nothing short of inspirational. Hailing from Bihar, he overcame polio, financial hardships and years of struggle, including selling vegetables and driving an e-rickshaw to support himself while pursuing his sporting dreams.

Although the bronze medal came with a sense of missed opportunity, Jhandu's performance has established him as one of India's leading para powerlifters. Both the athlete and his coach remain optimistic that the experience will serve as valuable motivation as they now set their sights on future international competitions and an even bigger prize on the world stage.

Gambhir Faces Criticism Over Vaibhav's Exclusion

India head coach Gautam Gambhir has come under intense criticism following the team's handling of teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi during the recent T20I series. Several former cricketers have questioned the frequent changes in the playing XI, arguing that the young batter has not been given enough opportunities to settle at the international level.

The debate began after India shuffled its opening combination multiple times during the series. Vaibhav, who was handed an opportunity after Sanju Samson was left out, featured in a few matches before being dropped again, prompting questions about the team's selection strategy.

Former India captain Kris Srikkanth strongly criticized the decision-making, asking what mistake the 15-year-old had made to deserve such treatment. He argued that young cricketers need a longer run to build confidence and prove themselves at the highest level, rather than being juggled after only a handful of innings.

Former India batter Mohammad Kaif also voiced his concerns, describing the handling



of both Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and Sanju Samson as "unprofessional." According to Kaif, constant chopping and changing can hurt a player's confidence and create uncertainty within the dressing room.

Adding to the criticism, former wicketkeeper Parthiv Patel questioned whether the decision to pick Vaibhav ahead of Samson was based more on emotion than cricketing logic. He felt the team management needed a clearer long-term plan while grooming young talent.

Despite the criticism, Gambhir has defended the team's approach. The India coach said selections are made purely on the basis of team combination and current form, emphasizing that international cricket is



Shreyas Iyer Gets First Win as T20I Captain

India's emphatic victory over Zimbabwe in the first T20I has not only ended a long wait for Shreyas Iyer's maiden win as T20I captain but has also drawn praise from former cricketers, who believe the breakthrough victory could transform the team's confidence.

Former India opener Aakash Chopra used a unique analogy to describe the importance of the win. He remarked that when someone has been waiting for success for a long time, even "leftover food tastes like a wedding feast." The comment reflected how significant the victory was for Iyer after enduring a difficult start to his captaincy.

Shreyas Iyer had gone through seven T20 International without registering a win as captain, making the triumph over Zimbabwe a major relief. Under his leadership, India produced a dominant all-round performance, comfortably chasing down the target after the bowlers restricted the hosts to a modest total.

Aakash Chopra pointed out that the first victory often removes immense pressure from a captain's shoulders. According to him, once a captain gets that breakthrough win, decision-making becomes easier and the team starts playing with greater freedom and confidence.

The former batter also praised India's overall performance, highlighting the contributions

from both the bowling and batting units. He felt the victory showcased the depth of India's young squad and reflected the team's ability to bounce back strongly after recent setbacks.

One of the biggest positives from the match was the performance of teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, whose fearless batting impressed cricket fans and experts alike. The youngster's confident approach added momentum to India's chase and strengthened the belief that the next generation is ready to make its mark at the international level.

Shreyas Iyer, meanwhile, expressed happiness after finally registering his first victory as India's T20I captain. He credited the bowlers for setting up the match and appreciated the team's collective effort in securing a comfortable win.

The result has injected fresh confidence into the Indian camp ahead of the remaining matches of the series. Cricket experts believe the victory could mark the beginning of a successful captaincy stint for Iyer, who will now look to build momentum and guide the team to a series win.

With pressure finally lifted, all eyes will now be on Shreyas Iyer as he aims to carry forward the winning momentum and establish himself as a dependable leader for India's young T20 side.



Mayank Advised to Leave Lucknow Super Giants

India's express pacer Mayank Yadav has received some surprising advice following his impressive comeback in the first T20I against Zimbabwe. Former India cricketer Atul Wassen believes the young speedster should consider leaving Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) to join a franchise where he can play more regularly in the IPL.

Mayank marked his return to international cricket in style after a long injury layoff. Bowling with his trademark pace, he picked up 2 wickets for 18 runs and was named Player of the Match, reminding everyone why he is regarded as one of India's fastest bowlers.

Impressed by the performance, Wassen said Mayank's biggest priority should now be getting consistent game time. He argued that spending long periods on the bench could hamper the development of a fast bowler who needs regular match practice to improve rhythm, fitness and confidence.

According to Wassen, Mayank has the ability to become one of India's premier fast bowlers, but only if he is given enough opportunities to bowl in competitive matches. He suggested that a move to another IPL franchise could provide the youngster with a bigger role and help him grow into a complete international bowler.

Mayank's IPL career has been interrupted by recurring inju-

ries, limiting his appearances over the past two seasons. However, his return against Zimbabwe showed encouraging signs, as he consistently bowled at high pace while maintaining accuracy and control throughout his spell.

The Delhi pacer later admitted that his two-year injury break was the toughest phase of his career. He said the dream of representing India kept him motivated during rehabilitation and helped him overcome the mental challenges of repeated setbacks.

India's team management has also expressed confidence in Mayank's abilities, with captain Shreyas Iyer backing the young pacer and giving him the freedom to execute his plans during the Zimbabwe match.

With India's pace attack undergoing a transition, Mayank is seen as one of the country's brightest fast-bowling prospects. If he can remain injury-free and continue receiving regular opportunities, experts believe he has the potential to become a key member of India's bowling unit across formats.

For now, the focus remains on managing his workload carefully while ensuring he gets enough competitive cricket to fulfil his immense potential. The debate over whether he should continue with Lucknow Super Giants or seek a fresh start elsewhere is likely to continue in the coming months.

Ashwin Doubts Shami's 2027 World Cup Chances

Veteran Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami's chances of playing the 2027 ODI World Cup have become a major talking point, with former India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin expressing doubts over the pacer's return to the 50-over setup.

Ashwin believes Shami's omission from recent ODI squads was not surprising and suggested that the selectors are already looking ahead to the next generation of fast bowlers. According to him, the key concern is whether Shami can maintain the pace, rhythm and workload required to remain effective until the 2027 World Cup. The former off-spinner pointed out that fast bowlers face a much greater physical challenge than batters. While senior batters can extend their careers with experience and technique, pacers have to consistently handle heavy workloads, making long-term planning much more difficult.

Ashwin also noted that the selectors appear to be building a pace attack around Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana and other emerging bowlers. In his view, India's management is investing in players who are expected to peak by the time the



2027 World Cup arrives.

Shami has been one of India's finest ODI bowlers over the past decade. He was the highest wicket-taker in the 2023 ODI World Cup, playing a crucial role in India's run to the final. However, injuries have limited his international appearances in recent seasons, forcing him to spend significant time away from the national team.

Despite performing well in domestic cricket and continuing to prove his fitness, Shami has struggled to regain a regular place in India's ODI squad. His exclusion has sparked debate among fans and former cricketers, many of whom believe his experience could still

be valuable in major ICC tournaments. Ashwin, however, feels the selectors are thinking beyond immediate performances and are focused on preparing a squad capable of competing in the next World Cup cycle. According to him, the decision is based more on long-term planning than on Shami's individual ability.

Although Shami has not announced any plans to retire from international cricket, his road back to India's ODI team appears increasingly challenging. Whether the experienced pacer can force his way back into contention will depend on his fitness, form and the opportunities he receives over the next year.

Brazil Set for Blockbuster Football Friendly in Kolkata

Football fans in India could soon witness one of the biggest international sporting events ever held in the country, with Brazil reportedly in advanced talks to play an international friendly in Kolkata later this year.

According to reports, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) is close to finalising an agreement with Indian organisers for a high-profile match during the FIFA international window in early October 2026. Only the final contractual formalities are said to be pending before an official announcement is made.

Kolkata has emerged as the frontrunner to host the blockbuster fixture, adding another memorable chapter to the city's rich footballing history. If confirmed, it would mark one of the most significant appearances by the Brazilian national team on Indian soil.

Reports suggest that organisers from Bangladesh, Singapore and Qatar had also expressed interest in hosting Brazil during the same international window. However, negotiations with Indian organisers progressed the furthest, with Brazil reportedly preferring a single additional match to avoid excessive travel for the squad.



One key detail is yet to be finalised—the identity of Brazil's opponent. While speculation is rife that India could face the five-time FIFA World Cup champions, there has been no official confirmation regarding the opposing team.

The proposed visit comes after Brazil's campaign at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, where the team was eliminated in the Round of 16. The friendly is expected to be part of Brazil's preparations for upcoming international competitions under head coach Carlo Ancelotti.

The decision to play in India is also believed to have been influenced by the tremendous support Brazil received from Indian football fans during the World Cup. Images and videos of thousands of supporters wearing Brazil jerseys and celebrating the Seleção went viral on social media, highlighting the country's massive fan following in India.

For Kolkata, the match would revive its long-standing connection with Brazilian football. The city has shared a special bond with the South American giants ever since Pelé visited in 1977 to play an exhibition match against Mohun Bagan, making Brazil one of the most passionately supported international teams in the region.

If the agreement is finalised, the match is expected to attract thousands of fans from across the country and could become one of the biggest football spectacles ever staged in India, further boosting the sport's popularity and global profile.



Sai Pallavi in Talks for Kishore Tirumala's Next

Director Kishore Tirumala is reportedly planning an exciting new project, and if everything falls into place, Sai Pallavi could headline the film. According to industry buzz, the filmmaker has prepared a woman-centric story and is keen to cast the National Award-winning actress in the lead role.

Kishore Tirumala, known for blending strong emotions with engaging storytelling, is said to have narrated the concept to Sai Pallavi. While there has been no official confirmation from the actress or the makers, discussions are reportedly underway, and the team is optimistic about taking the project forward if schedules align.

Sai Pallavi has built a reputation for choosing performance-oriented roles over conventional commercial entertainers. Her preference for content-driven cinema makes her a fitting choice for a female-led story, and fans are already expressing excitement over the possible collaboration. The proposed film is expected to revolve around a powerful female protagonist, with the script focusing on emotions and meaningful storytelling rather than routine commercial elements. If Sai Pallavi gives her nod, the project is likely to generate significant buzz among audiences.

Meanwhile, Kishore Tirumala recently directed Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyaipathi, and reports suggest he has already begun developing his next venture. Bringing Sai Pallavi on board is said to be one of his top priorities.

As of now, no official announcement has been made regarding the cast, production banner, shooting schedule or release date. Fans will have to wait for confirmation from the makers to know whether this much-talked-about collaboration becomes a reality.



'Konchem Konchem' From Nenu Ready Out

The makers of Nenu Ready have kick-started the film's musical promotions by releasing the first single, "Konchem Konchem," a breezy romantic track that is already grabbing attention for its catchy tune, sizzling visuals and glamorous presentation.

Featuring Havish and Kavya Thapar, the song showcases the romantic chemistry between the lead pair through stylish visuals and an upbeat melody. Adding to the excitement is Bollywood actress Nargis Fakhri, who makes her Telugu debut with a special appearance in the song. Her glamorous dance performance has emerged as one of the biggest highlights, enhancing the song's visual appeal.

Music director Mickey J Meyer has composed an easy-on-the-ears romantic number with a youthful vibe. Penned by Ramajogayya Sastry and sung by Sameera Bharadwaj, the track blends melody with playful romance, making it an

instant favourite among music lovers.

Directed by Trinadha Rao Nakkina, Nenu Ready is positioned as a wholesome commercial entertainer. The film stars Havish and Kavya Thapar in the lead roles, while Brahmanandam, Vennela Kishore, Murali Sharma, Sriakashmi and several others play important supporting characters.

The promotional content released so far has generated positive buzz, and the release of "Konchem Konchem" has further raised expectations for the film's soundtrack. With its catchy composition, glamorous visuals and energetic choreography, the song is expected to become a popular chartbuster.

As the promotional campaign gathers momentum, the makers are expected to announce the film's theatrical release date soon. Fans are now eagerly waiting for the remaining songs, trailer and other promotional material from Nenu Ready.

Nara Rohith's Next Titled Sound Engineer

Actor Nara Rohith is all set to entertain audiences with a fresh and unique project. On the occasion of his birthday, the makers officially unveiled the film's title and first-look poster, revealing that the movie has been titled "Sound Engineer."

The first-look poster features Nara Rohith in the role of a sound engineer, hinting at a content-driven story set against the backdrop of the audio recording world. The interesting title and intriguing poster have already generated curiosity among movie lovers.

Adding to the excitement, acclaimed music composer Yuvan Shankar Raja has been roped in to score the soundtrack and background music. His association with the project has significantly raised expectations, as



fans anticipate a memorable musical experience.

The film is being directed by Satish Vegesna, who is known for delivering family-oriented entertainers with strong emotional content. The makers believe that the fresh concept, combined with Nara Rohith's performance and Yuvan Shankar Raja's music, will offer audiences a distinctive cinematic experience.

The project is currently in the production stage, and the

team is expected to announce the remaining cast, teaser, and release date in the coming months.

After making a successful comeback with recent projects, Nara Rohith appears to be focusing on scripts that offer unconventional characters. With "Sound Engineer," the actor is once again stepping into a role that promises something different from routine commercial entertainers.

The combination of an intriguing premise, an experienced director, and Yuvan Shankar Raja's chartbuster music has already made the film one of the most talked-about upcoming Telugu projects. Fans are now eagerly waiting for the teaser to get a glimpse of what the makers have in store.

Ranabaali Eyes Festival Release



Vijay Deverakonda's much-awaited period action drama Ranabaali is reportedly set for a grand release during one of the biggest festival seasons if the current schedule undergoes changes.

According to industry reports, the makers are evaluating the film's release strategy to ensure it reaches audiences during a festive holiday period, allowing it to capitalize on extended weekends and higher footfalls at theatres. While the film is presently scheduled to hit the big screens on September 11, 2026, discussions are said to be underway regarding alternative festival release windows if required.

Directed by Rahul Sankrityan, Ranabaali is one of the most ambitious films in Vijay Deverakonda's career. The period drama is set against the backdrop

of British rule in India and promises a powerful story packed with action, emotion and historical elements.

The film reunites Vijay Deverakonda with actress Rash screen chemistry has already won audiences' appreciation in previous films. International actor Arnold Vosloo plays the primary antagonist, while the music is composed by

the celebrated duo Ajay-Atul.

Backed by Mythri Movie Makers and presented by T-Series, the film has generated significant buzz ever since its title and first glimpse were unveiled. The makers are reportedly keen to ensure the film gets the best possible release window to maximize its box-office potential.

Although no official announcement has been made regarding a change in release date, fans are eagerly awaiting clarity from the production house. Whether Ranabaali arrives as scheduled or shifts to a major festival season, expectations surrounding the film remain exceptionally high.

With its large-scale production, period setting and star-studded cast, Ranabaali is shaping up to be one of the biggest Telugu releases of the year.

Venky Atluri Credits Jyothika for Script Inputs



Suriya's upcoming family entertainer Viswanath & Sons has already generated strong expectations, and now an interesting behind-the-scenes revelation has added to the excitement.

Director Venky Atluri recently revealed that actress Jyothika, who is also Suriya's wife, listened to the script and offered valuable suggestions during the development stage. According to the director, her feedback proved extremely useful in refining the film.

Venky Atluri shared that Jyothika particularly enjoyed the first half of the story and appreciated its emotional depth. After hearing the narration, she suggested a few changes that the team found constructive. However, the director chose not to reveal what those suggestions were, saying he would discuss them only after the film's release to avoid revealing key plot details.

The revelation has sparked

curiosity among fans, as Jyothika is widely known for her strong script selection and cinematic understanding. Many believe her creative inputs could have further strengthened the emotional impact of the film.

Viswanath & Sons stars Suriya in the lead role, with Mamitha Baiju playing the female lead. The film also features Radhika Sarathkumar and Raveena Tandon in pivotal roles. Directed by Venky Atluri, the movie is produced by Sithara

Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, while GV Prakash Kumar has composed the music.

Scheduled for a grand theatrical release on August 14, 2026, the film is being promoted as a wholesome family entertainer packed with emotions, humour and heartfelt moments. With positive buzz surrounding the project and Jyothika's behind-the-scenes involvement, expectations for Viswanath & Sons have risen even further.

Anirudh's Music Wins Praise for DC



Director Lokesh Kanagaraj is all set to make his acting debut with DC, directed by Arun Matheswaran. While the film has already created considerable buzz with its action-packed trailer and stylish visuals, one aspect that has received overwhelming praise is Anirudh Ravichander's music.

The recently released soundtrack has struck a chord with audiences, with fans appreciating its energetic compositions, powerful background score and emotional depth. Many listeners believe Anirudh's music has significantly elevated the film's promotional campaign, generating even greater excitement ahead of its theatrical release.

From high-octane action themes to soulful melodies, the album showcases Anirudh's versatility. Several tracks have already gained popularity on streaming platforms and social media, with fans praising the composer for perfectly capturing the mood and intensity of

the film.

Industry observers feel that Anirudh's background score could play a crucial role in enhancing the film's emotional and action sequences on the big screen. His collaborations with leading filmmakers have consistently produced memorable soundtracks, and expectations are equally high for DC.

The film stars Lokesh Kanagaraj in the lead role alongside Wamiqa Gabbi, with Sanjana Krishnamoorthy playing another important character. Directed by Arun Matheswaran and produced by Sun Pictures, DC promises an action-packed cinematic experience.

With the music already receiving a positive response, fans are now eagerly waiting to see whether Anirudh's soundtrack becomes one of the biggest highlights of the film when DC arrives in theatres.



Ramayana Gears Up for Global Release

Director Nitesh Tiwari's magnum opus Ramayana is already one of the most talked-about Indian films ever made, and now its promotional campaign is creating headlines even before the movie reaches theatres.

According to the latest industry reports, the makers have earmarked nearly USD 40 million (around 350 crore) exclusively for the film's global marketing and promotional activities. The enormous promotional budget reflects the team's ambition to position Ramayana as a worldwide cinematic event rather than just another Indian release.

The film recently made a grand appearance at San Diego Comic-Con, where the cast and crew unveiled exclusive footage and interacted with fans from across the globe. The international launch is seen as the first major step in an extensive worldwide promotional campaign aimed at building anticipation among global audiences.

Starring Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita and Yash as Ravana, Ramayana is being mounted on a massive scale with cutting-edge visual effects and international production standards. The film also features Sunny Deol as Hanuman in a pivotal role.

Produced by Namit Malhotra's Prime Focus Studios in association with Monster Mind Creations, the mythological epic is planned as a two-part franchise. The first installment is scheduled for release during Diwali 2026, while the second part is expected to arrive in Diwali 2027.

With a record-breaking promotional budget, a star-studded cast and an ambitious global marketing strategy, Ramayana is shaping up to be one of the biggest cinematic events in the history of Indian cinema. Industry observers believe the unprecedented promotional campaign could help the film reach audiences far beyond the traditional Indian market.