





## Rythu Nestham Completes 100 Episodes, Connects Farmers with Technology

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The 100th episode of the state government's flagship agricultural initiative 'Rythu Nestham' was celebrated at the Telangana Secretariat on Tuesday, with Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao highlighting the programme's role in bringing modern technology and scientific knowledge directly to farmers.

The event was attended by Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture) K. Surendra Mohan, Agriculture Director B. Gopi, Horticulture MD Yasmin Basha, Commissioner for Cooperation Rahul Raj, Vice-Chancellors of Agriculture and Horticulture Universities Janayya and Raji Reddy, along with officials and progressive farmers. Lakhs of farmers, MLAs, and District Collectors participated in the programme



through 1,600 Rythu Vedikas across Telangana. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju congratulated farmers, scientists, and officials involved in the successful completion of 100 episodes and described Rythu Nestham as a pioneering digital platform enabling direct interaction between farmers, scientists, and government officials. Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said the programme

was launched with video conferencing facilities to transform Rythu Vedikas into active knowledge centres. He explained that the initiative provides farmers with scientific advice on cultivation methods, weather conditions, crop selection, and market requirements. The Minister stated that Rythu Nestham, inaugurated by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on March 6, 2024, has so far witnessed participation from

24,85,581 farmers, including 5,26,107 women farmers. More than 2,73,000 farmers have benefited from the programme, while 2,43,830 officials have participated during the last two years. Highlighting the importance of technology in agriculture, Tummala said farmers should choose crops based on weather conditions, water availability, and market demand. He said the programme has become especially important in addressing challenges posed by El Niño conditions and changing climate patterns. The Minister advised farmers to adopt low-water-consuming crops, horticulture, and oil palm cultivation instead of depending heavily on water-intensive crops. He urged officials to regularly update farmers about ground water levels and weather conditions. Citing rainfall data, Tummala said Telangana received 150 mm rainfall in July against the normal 218

mm, resulting in a 27 per cent deficit. He cautioned farmers that upcoming rains may not significantly improve ground water levels or fill irrigation projects and advised against large-scale paddy cultivation based only on rainfall expectations. Progressive farmers from various districts shared their experiences and appreciated Rythu Nestham for providing valuable scientific guidance. Farmers highlighted benefits from natural farming, oil palm cultivation, and reduced fertilizer usage through technology-based initiatives. At the conclusion of the programme, Minister Tummala felicitated model farmers from across Telangana for their achievements and contribution to promoting scientific farming practices. He reiterated that empowering farmers through knowledge and technology is essential for increasing agricultural income and strengthening the rural economy.

## Tummala Reviews Seed Payments with Companies



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Agriculture Minister Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, along with Excise Minister Sri Jupally Krishna Rao, held a review meeting at the Telangana Secretariat on Tuesday with representatives of seed companies, the Seed Companies Association, and cotton seed production organizers from various districts. The meeting focused on pending payments due to seed farmers from organizers and outstanding dues owed by seed companies to organizers. The discussion was held following a request raised by Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy regarding difficulties faced by seed farmers.

During the meeting, Minister Tummala sought details from seed company representatives regarding the pending payments. The representatives assured that all previous year's dues would be cleared by August 2026. They explained that companies were currently holding large stocks of seeds due to certain market conditions but assured that efforts were being made to settle payments despite financial challenges. The representatives informed the ministers that they would arrange necessary financial support, including bank mortgage loans if required, to clear dues. They assured that payments for the current year would begin in August and be completed by December.

Minister Jupally Krishna Rao advised seed companies to prioritize farmers' welfare over profits and ensure that payments reach organizers and farmers without delay.

Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao directed seed companies and organizers to prepare a clear action plan for timely payment of dues. He emphasized that farmers should not suffer due to negligence by companies or intermediaries. He warned that strict action would be taken against organizations that fail to protect farmers' interests.

The Minister reiterated that the government is committed to safeguarding the welfare of farmers and ensuring transparency in the seed production sector.

Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, Agriculture Department Secretary and Director, representatives of the Seed Company Association, cotton seed companies, and organizers participated in the meeting.

## Surekha Highlights Need for Tiger Conservation

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Ahead of International Tiger Day observed on July 29, Telangana Minister for Forest, Environment, and Endowments Smt. Konda Surekha emphasized the vital role of tigers in maintaining forest ecosystems and conserving biodiversity. The Minister stated that tiger conservation is not only about protecting wildlife but also about preserving the balance of nature. Quoting renowned environmentalist Jim Corbett, she highlighted that tigers represent courage and majesty and their protection is a collective responsibility. Smt. Surekha said International Tiger Day is observed every year to create global awareness about tiger conservation efforts. She noted that according to the All India Tiger Estimation 2022, India has 3,682 tigers and is home to nearly 75 percent of the world's tiger population. She attributed the country's success in tiger conservation to initiatives such as the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, Project Tiger launched in 1973, continuous efforts by Central and State governments, dedicated forest personnel, and public cooperation. The Minister stated that the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is giving top priority to protecting forests and wildlife. She said conservation measures are being implemented in coordination with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) at the Kawal and Amrabad Tiger Reserves. These measures include anti-poaching operations, technology-based monitoring, capacity building for forest staff, and steps to reduce human-wildlife conflicts. She also highlighted the NTCA-approved tiger reintroduction programme for Kawal Tiger Reserve, under which tigers from Maharashtra will be brought in phases to strengthen the tiger population and improve habitat conditions. Smt. Surekha expressed confidence that the initiative would contribute to increasing Telangana's tiger population. She stressed that active participation of local communities is essential for successful biodiversity conservation and appealed to citizens to support government efforts in protecting forests and wildlife.



## Ponguleti Sets Deadline for Statewide Land Re-survey

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Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has directed district collectors and revenue officials to accord top priority to the Telangana government's ambitious land re-survey programme and complete it within the stipulated timeframe. The initiative, he said, aims to eliminate long-standing land disputes, establish clear land boundaries, and assign a unique Bhudhaar identification number to every survey number. Chairing a high-level review meeting with revenue and survey officials at the State



Secretariat on Tuesday, the Minister assessed the progress of the re-survey, public response, implementation challenges, and measures needed to ensure smooth execution. Ponguleti said the first phase of the programme is currently being carried out in 2,240 villages, with 70 villages selected in each district. He

instructed officials to conduct Gram Sabhas in every village to create awareness about the programme and educate farmers and landowners on its benefits. Stressing that public participation is crucial, he directed officials to remain available in villages to address queries and ensure complete transparency during boundary

demarcation. The Minister instructed district collectors to personally monitor the programme and review progress every week. Revenue and Survey department officials were asked to work in close coordination and immediately report any issues requiring government intervention.

Describing land as the foundation of a farmer's livelihood, Ponguleti said the re-survey is being carried out using advanced technologies such as DGPS, rovers, and GIS to accurately identify land boundaries. Upon completion, every survey number will receive a unique Bhudhaar number, which will be integrated into the

Bhu Bharathi portal to provide permanent ownership clarity and streamline land registrations and mutation processes.

Officials were also directed to expedite surveys in 373 villages that currently lack land maps. Before beginning survey operations, advance notices must be served to patadars, government lands should be identified, and village settlement boundaries marked. The Minister emphasized that the exercise should be carried out with transparency, efficiency, and a strong focus on public convenience, ensuring that the programme fulfills its objective of creating a Telangana free from land disputes.

## Ponnam Reviews Prajavani to Resolve Public Issues

Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad District In-charge Minister, BC Welfare and Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, stated that the state government's primary objective is to address public grievances and provide quick solutions to people's problems.

The Minister inspected the Prajavani programme conducted at Praja Bhavan on Tuesday and personally received petitions from citizens who approached the grievance redressal platform. He interacted with the applicants, listened to their concerns, and spoke directly with concerned officials over the phone, instructing them to take immediate action for



resolving the issues. During the programme, Minister Ponnam directed officials to conduct a detailed review of complaints related to various departments,

including land disputes, Indiramma housing scheme applications, 2BHK housing issues, revenue matters, municipal services, and welfare-related concerns. He

emphasized that steps should be taken to ensure justice for every eligible applicant. The Minister also instructed officials to address the difficulties faced by Telangana residents working or seeking employment abroad through the Pravasi Prajavani platform. He suggested that necessary coordination should be maintained with relevant departments to resolve overseas-related grievances at the earliest. Ponnam Prabhakar reviewed the daily complaints received through Prajavani, their current status, and the progress made in resolving them department-wise. He directed officials to handle every petition responsibly and complete the resolution process within the

stipulated timeframe to avoid inconvenience to citizens. The Minister also spoke with Telangana State Planning Board Vice Chairman Chinnareddy and Prajavani Nodal Officer Vidyasagar to understand the management of the programme and the mechanisms being followed for grievance disposal. Ponnam Prabhakar reiterated that the government considers public issues a top priority and is committed to ensuring transparent, efficient, and speedy resolution of every grievance received through Prajavani. He said continuous monitoring would be carried out to strengthen the grievance redressal system and improve public services.

## Srihari Launches Heritage Park Works

Mudumal, July 28 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister for Sports, Dairy Development, and Animal Husbandry Vakiti Srihari laid the foundation stone for development works at the historic Mudumal Megalithic Park (Menhir site) in Mudumal village of Makthal constituency in Narayanpet district.

Speaking at the programme, Minister Srihari emphasized that protecting historical and cultural heritage is the collective responsibility of society. He said the state government is giving priority to developing tourism centres

while preserving important heritage sites across Telangana.

The Minister stated that infrastructure development works are being taken up at the Mudumal Megalithic Park to make it more attractive for visitors. Once completed, the facilities are expected to enhance tourism, increase recognition of the site, and create employment opportunities for local communities.

Deccan Heritage Academy Trust Chairman Veda Kumar said it was a matter of pride for Telangana that the Mudumal Megalithic site has been included in the



UNESCO World Heritage tentative list. He expressed hope that the site would receive permanent UNESCO recognition with continued efforts from the government and public. He highlighted the importance of following UNESCO guidelines for conservation

and said proposals have already been submitted to the Centre for further development of the site. He stressed the need for creating visitor facilities and spreading awareness about the historical importance of the megaliths. Veda Kumar suggested pro-

viding training to headmasters from 400 schools in Narayanpet district and arranging visits for around 60,000 students to the standing stones. He also proposed appointing 20 tourist guides, conducting awareness programmes in nearby villages, and preparing a suitable map of the heritage area.

He noted that the 3,000-year-old site reflects the advanced understanding of astronomy and knowledge of ancient communities, as the standing stones were used to represent a celestial map. He called for collective efforts to showcase Mudumal's unique heritage to the world.

## Srihari Reviews SIR Process with BLAs

Makthal, July 28 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Vakiti Srihari held a review meeting with Booth Level Agents (BLAs) at his camp office in Makthal to discuss the progress and effective implementation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Addressing the meeting, Minister Srihari advised BLAs to remain alert at the grassroots level and ensure

that every eligible voter's name is included in the electoral list while removing ineligible names as per official guidelines. He instructed them to conduct door-to-door verification, create awareness among citizens, and submit applications within the stipulated time. The Minister said BLAs have a crucial role in preparing a transparent and error-free voter list. He urged village-level leaders



and party workers to thoroughly understand voter

details and work responsibly to protect the voting rights of every citizen. Srihari stated that losing voting rights could create serious difficulties in the future and stressed the importance of voter verification. Referring to the significance of the current revision process, he recalled reports of missing voter names in previous elections and urged people to remain cautious.



Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad District In-charge Minister and Minister for BC Welfare and Transport, Ponnam Prabhakar, has appealed to residents to remain alert as heavy rainfall continues to affect several parts of the city. He assured the public that the government is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating relief efforts to minimize inconvenience. The Minister has been conducting continuous reviews of the rain situation and held discussions over the phone with the GHMC Commissioner, Hyderabad District Collector, and Hyderabad City Police Commissioner. He directed all departments to work in close coordination and respond swiftly to rain-related issues to ensure public safety. Special instructions were issued to the traffic police to prevent congestion and disruptions caused by sudden downpours. Officials informed the Minister that waterlogging at key locations, including Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, and the surroundings of Praja Bhavan, had been cleared promptly to restore normal traffic movement. During the review, officials reported that Krishna Nagar experienced difficulties as rainwater from higher elevations flowed onto roads, affecting vehicular movement. With rainfall continuing in Rajendranagar and Shamshabad and forecasts indicating more rain over the next few hours, the Minister instructed GHMC, Police, Traffic, and HYDRAA teams to remain on high alert and intensify field operations.



# Revanth Seeks Strict Action on Paper Leaks

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confidence among students and ensure transparency in the examination system. Speaking to the media in New Delhi after meeting Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Chief Minister expressed concern over the increasing number of unauthorized coaching centres across the country, stating that some had become centres of malpractice. He said the failure to act against agencies involved in irregularities earlier allowed such problems to expand, citing the case of Globerena, whose alleged irregularities later impacted CBSE-related examinations

as well. Revanth Reddy stressed that education-related issues should be discussed extensively in Parliament and expressed concerns over increasing central intervention in state university matters. He said greater involvement of state governments could help reduce errors in the education system. The Chief Minister said Telangana had brought transparency into recruitment examinations by restructuring the Telangana Public Service Commission on the lines of the UPSC. He stated that competitive examinations must be conducted fairly to ensure

students are not disadvantaged. During the interaction, Revanth Reddy also spoke about his meeting with Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, during which he raised issues related to Indiramma housing and employment guarantee works. He said the Union Minister responded positively and expressed willingness to visit Telangana to review the situation. The Chief Minister criticized the previous BRS government over pending fee reimbursement dues, stating that arrears accumulated during its tenure amounted to around ₹8,000 crore. He alleged that

some institutions had submitted inflated claims without adequate infrastructure, leading to a Vigilance and Enforcement inquiry. However, he assured that genuine institutions would receive their pending payments. Revanth Reddy said his government plans to ensure that fee reimbursement for each academic year is cleared within the same year, with funds directly transferred to beneficiaries' accounts. He added that the state requires approximately ₹2,200 crore to ₹2,400 crore annually for the scheme. On HYDRAA operations, the Chief Minister defended the

agency's actions against illegal encroachments on lakes, nalas, ponds, government lands, and public parks. He described HYDRAA as one of the biggest reforms introduced by his government and said it would continue its work while respecting judicial orders. Revanth Reddy accused some leaders of attempting to mislead courts and create false narratives to protect encroachments. He urged the media not to support campaigns aimed at obstructing HYDRAA's activities and reiterated that the government would continue efforts to protect public assets.

## Lord Uday Nagaraju Honoured by Leaders

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hoped that his efforts would help bring greater opportunities for Telangana in areas such as development, investment, and global cooperation. The programme was attended by several public representatives and BJP leaders, including Members of Parliament Godam Nagesh and Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, MLAs Payal Shankar and Paidi Rakesh Reddy, BJP State Chief Official Spokesperson N.V. Subhash, BJP State Official Spokesperson Ashok Mustafir, BJP Media Panelist Tirupati Reddy, and other party leaders. The gathering highlighted the pride associated with Uday Nagaraju's achievement and recognised his role as a bridge between the Telangana community, India, and the United Kingdom. Leaders expressed confidence that his presence in the House of Lords would further enhance the global recognition of Telugu and Indian talent.

## Governor Highlights Inclusive Society at Sweekaar Celebrations

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rehabilitation services. He reaffirmed his commitment to encouraging organisations working towards inclusion, empowerment, and welfare of persons with disabilities. The Golden Jubilee celebrations brought together officials, staff members, beneficiaries, and supporters of Sweekaar, who acknowledged the institution's long-standing contribution to rehabilitation and community service. The Governor's message highlighted the importance of collective action in ensuring that persons with disabilities receive equal recognition, opportunities, and a dignified place in society.

## Government Seeks 11.56 Lakh PMAY-G Houses

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housing scheme. He explained the details of the state government's flagship 'Indiramma Houses' programme aimed at fulfilling the housing aspirations of economically weaker sections. The Chief Minister informed the Union Minister that the previous government had failed to effectively utilize the PMAY-G scheme, leaving thousands of poor families without the opportunity to construct their own homes over the past decade. As a result, a large number of eligible families are now awaiting housing assistance, he said. Revanth Reddy stated that the Telangana government conducted a detailed survey through the 'Awaas+' mobile application developed by the Union Ministry of Rural Development. The survey identified 11,56,915 eligible rural households requiring housing support. He requested the Centre to approve and allocate the houses to Telangana at the earliest. The Chief Minister also appealed for the inclusion of additional livelihood-oriented works under the 'Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajivika Mission (Rural)' (VB-G-RAM-G) scheme, considering the impact of El Niño conditions and rainfall shortages in several regions. He requested that the scheme be expanded to support SC/ST communities, small and marginal farmers, and agricultural labourers by promoting crop diversification and creating alternative livelihood opportunities during periods of limited agricultural activity. Among the proposed works are vegetable trellis structures, fodder plot development, mulberry cultivation, silkworm rearing sheds, household vegetable gardens, leafy vegetable cultivation, and bamboo plantations. The Chief Minister also sought approval for works suitable for hilly and sloping areas, including water-retention trenches, moisture conservation measures for existing plantations and orchards, and restoration of lands affected by floods and sand deposits. Revanth Reddy recalled that under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), beneficiaries of Indiramma houses were earlier permitted to work for up to 90 days during construction. He requested similar provisions under the new scheme to provide employment support to housing beneficiaries. He further suggested that additional works based on local requirements, as recommended by the state government, should also be incorporated into the programme. The delegation accompanying the Chief Minister included MPs M. Anil Kumar Yadav, Vem Narendar Reddy, Dr. Mallu Ravi, Porika Balaram Naik, Suresh Shetkar, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, and Gaddam Vamshi Krishna, along with Ex-officio Special Secretary Ramakrishna Rao and Secretary (Coordination) Advait Kumar Singh.

## Kishan Reddy Criticizes Congress Over Student Protests

**New Delhi, July 28 | TPN Bureau**  
Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Tuesday criticized the Congress party over its remarks on police action against student protesters, alleging that the party was ignoring its own historical record while questioning the present government. In a press statement issued in New Delhi, Kishan Reddy referred to Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi's reported remarks questioning whether students were being treated "like terrorists" during a recent police lathi-charge in Delhi. He said the Congress should first reflect on its own actions during previous periods of governance before criticizing others. The Union Minister recalled the Telangana statehood movement, claiming that hundreds of students lost their lives during the first phase of the agitation and that many more youths sacrificed their lives during the later phase of the movement. He alleged that delays and decisions taken by successive Congress governments had contributed to the hardships faced by Telangana protesters. He also referred to student activist Yadi Reddy, who died during the Telangana movement in New Delhi, saying his sacrifice symbolized the aspirations of the people seeking a separate state. Kishan Reddy further cited the Emergency period, alleging that thousands of students and democratic activists were arrested and imprisoned for raising their voices against the government. He questioned whether those students had also been viewed as enemies by the Congress administration of that time. Accusing the Congress of selectively invoking history, the Union Minister said the party had a record of police firing, arrests, and suppression of student movements while in power. He urged Congress leaders to examine historical events before making statements on current issues, asserting that the public had not forgotten what he described as the party's past actions against student protesters and democratic movements.



**Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau**

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Tuesday accused the Congress government in Telangana of attempting to legalize illegal immigrants through the issuance of Family Register Certificates during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Addressing a press conference in Hyderabad, he alleged that the move was aimed at protecting what he described as an "illegal vote bank" nurtured by the Congress, BRS, and AIMIM. Rao claimed that the government's decision to introduce Family Register Certificates through MeeSeva shortly after AIMIM reportedly sought measures to prevent



deletions from the voter list had raised serious constitutional, legal, electoral, and national security concerns. According to him, Family Register Certificates were traditionally issued only for limited administrative purposes, such as matters con-

cerning government employees, and expanding their scope during the SIR process could lead to misuse. He argued that such certificates, which are based primarily on family records and ration card details, cannot be treated as proof of Indian cit-

izenship. He maintained that citizenship and eligibility to vote must be determined strictly in accordance with the Constitution and existing laws, and not through administrative certificates. The BJP leader alleged that the Congress government was attempting to protect undocumented individuals, including Rohingyas and Bangladeshi migrants, by projecting the certificates as acceptable documents during the voter verification process. He warned that issuing such certificates without proper verification could pose a threat to national security and undermine the integrity of electoral rolls. Rao asserted that the BJP would oppose any effort to include illegal immigrants in the voters' list and said the

party was prepared to challenge the issue both politically and legally. He called on BJP workers to remain vigilant during the SIR process and ensure that only eligible Indian citizens were included in the electoral rolls. During the interaction, Rao also welcomed former IRS officer Sudhakar Reddy into the BJP, saying the induction of experienced professionals reflected the growing appeal of the party in Telangana. He expressed confidence that the BJP was expanding rapidly across the state, including South Telangana, and predicted that it would form the next government in the state. He urged party workers to continue strengthening the organization while promoting the BJP's "Nation First" ideology.

# KTR Seeks Centre's Support for Rail, IT Projects

**New Delhi, July 28 | TPN Bureau**

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Monday met Union Minister for Railways, Information Technology and Electronics Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi and submitted detailed representations seeking Central support for major railway infrastructure projects and the revival of Telangana's Tier-2 information technology ecosystem. Addressing the media after the meeting, KTR said the development of Telangana was more important than political differences and asserted that the BRS would continue to pursue issues concerning the state's progress irrespective of party lines. One of the key demands raised by KTR was the establishment of a new railway division headquartered at Kazipet as part of the ongoing restructuring of the South Central Railway. He proposed that the division should include the Kazipet-Ballarshah, Peddapalli-Nizamabad, Kazipet-

Errupalem, Dornakal-Manuguru, Mothumari-Vishnupuram, and Kazipet-Vangapalli railway sections, creating a network of nearly 2,000 track kilometres. He said the proposal had also received support from railway employees and urged the Centre to examine the feasibility of establishing a separate railway division at Kothagudem. KTR also pressed for the speedy completion of the 151-kilometre Manoharabad-Siddipet-Sircilla-Vemulawada-Kothapalli broad-gauge railway line, describing it as a long-standing aspiration of the people of Telangana. He recalled that the foundation stone for the project had been laid during the tenure of K. Chandrashekar Rao as Union Labour Minister and said the project was revived after the formation of Telangana through the BRS government's efforts, including land acquisition, Right of Way clearances and sharing one-third of the construction cost. According to KTR, the 76-kilometre Manoharabad-



Siddipet section was completed and commissioned in October 2023, while work on the remaining 75 kilometres has slowed considerably. He said the Union Minister informed him that pending state contributions of ₹511 crore and acquisition of around 96 hectares of land were among the reasons for the delay. He noted that the project cost had risen from ₹1,160 crore to nearly ₹2,780 crore, making timely completion even more important. Highlighting the economic

significance of the railway line, KTR said it would greatly benefit Sircilla's textile industry and improve connectivity to the Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy Temple at Vemulawada, one of Telangana's major pilgrimage centres that attracts lakhs of devotees annually. The BRS leader also sought the inclusion of Sircilla and Vemulawada railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, approval for a rail-cum-road bridge across the Mid Manair Reservoir, complete electrification of the Kothapalli-Manoharabad railway line, and the formation of a high-level coordination committee comprising South Central Railway and Telangana government officials to monitor the project's progress under the PM Gati Shakti initiative. In the IT sector, KTR requested enhanced Central support to strengthen Telangana's Tier-2 technology ecosystem. He said the previous BRS government had established modern IT Towers in Warangal, Karimnagar, Khammam, Nizamabad, Mahabubnagar, Siddipet,

Adilabad and Nalgonda to promote balanced regional development and create employment opportunities outside Hyderabad. Expressing concern over what he described as a slowdown in the expansion of the IT sector in district headquarters, KTR requested the Union Minister to establish an IndiaAI Centre or IndiaAI Data Lab in Warangal. He also sought the sanction of an STPI Centre of Entrepreneurship in Karimnagar or Khammam with a focus on artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, semiconductor design and deep technology, besides an additional STPI centre in another Tier-2 city. KTR urged the Centre to leverage the existing IT infrastructure in Telangana's districts for implementing AI and digital innovation initiatives. He expressed confidence that with appropriate Central support, the state's Tier-2 cities could emerge as major hubs of technology, innovation and employment, serving as a national model for balanced digital development.

## KTR Felicitates Uday Nagaraju on House of Lords Honour

**New Delhi, July 28 | TPN Bureau**

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K. Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) felicitated Telangana-born NRI Uday Nagaraju in New Delhi after he became the first Telugu person to be elected to the British House of Lords. The ceremony was attended by leaders from various states and representatives of several political parties. KTR honoured Uday Nagaraju with a traditional shawl and presented him with a special Karimnagar filigree memento, congratulating him on the prestigious achievement. He described Nagaraju's elevation to the House of Lords as a proud moment for Telangana and the Indian diaspora. Addressing the gathering, KTR praised Nagaraju's contribution over nearly two decades towards strengthening India-UK relations across multiple sectors. He said Nagaraju's journey from grassroots-level participation in British



local politics to becoming a member of the House of Lords reflected determination, dedication, and a strong commitment to public service. KTR noted that his success would inspire young people, particularly members of the Indian diaspora, to actively participate in public life. He expressed confidence that Nagaraju would play a significant role in further strengthening ties between India and the United Kingdom while promoting business, trade, investment, and service-sector collaborations involving Telangana. In his remarks, Uday Nagaraju said KTR's political journey had been a major source of inspiration. He recalled being influenced by KTR's

decision to return from the United States after higher education, leave behind a successful career, and dedicate himself to public service in Telangana. He said KTR's rise from grassroots politics to becoming a state minister and a nationally recognized leader reinforced his belief that educated individuals can bring meaningful change through politics. Nagaraju also thanked KTR for attending the felicitation ceremony and extending his best wishes. BRS Parliamentary Party leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra, Rajya Sabha member Damodar Rao, former minister Jagadish Reddy, senior leader Johnson Naik, and other party leaders were also present.

## Srihari Discusses Project

**Raichur, July 28 | TPN Bureau**

Telangana State Minister Vakiti Srihari held a courtesy meeting with former Karnataka Minister Bosuraju in Raichur and discussed important development projects aimed at benefiting the border regions of Telangana and Karnataka. During the meeting, both leaders held detailed discussions on the proposed construction of the Kolpur-Kurtikonda Bridge and Barrage across the Krishna River. The project was described as a significant initiative that could improve connectivity and support the development of communities in both states. Minister Srihari stated that the construction of the bridge and barrage would enhance transportation facilities for people living in the border areas. He added that the project would also provide benefits in terms of irrigation and drinking water supply. He informed that the proposed barrage structure is planned with a water storage capacity of 1.5 TMC, which would help meet the water requirements of the surrounding regions and support agricultural activities. The leaders expressed their commitment to working together for the successful implementation of the project. They emphasized the need to take forward the initiative at the earliest through mutual cooperation and coordination between the two states. The meeting highlighted the importance of interstate collaboration in executing major infrastructure projects that contribute to regional development and improve the quality of life for people in border areas. Both leaders hoped that the Kolpur-Kurtikonda Bridge and Barrage project would progress quickly for the benefit of citizens of Telangana and Karnataka.





# BRS MLA Welcomes High Court Remarks on HYDRAA

Hyderabad, July 29 | TPN Bureau

BRS Legislature Party (BRS LP) Whip and Quthbu llapur MLA KP Vivekananda welcomed the Telangana High Court's remarks on the functioning of HYDRAA Commissioner and described them as a significant development in protecting the rights of poor and middle-class people. Addressing a press conference at his camp office in Petbasheerabad, the MLA strongly criticized the state government and alleged that HYDRAA operations had created fear and uncertainty among the public. He claimed that the agency was not following proper legal procedures and was instead using its powers arbitrarily. KP Vivekananda alleged that poor and middle-class families were the worst



affected by HYDRAA's actions. He accused the agency of adopting a biased approach, claiming that it was lenient with some people while imposing strict action against others. The

MLA said the High Court's observations amounted to a moral victory for the BRS in its fight for public rights. He demanded a comprehensive inquiry into HYDRAA's activities by a sitting High

Court judge and sought action against officials responsible for alleged irregularities. Criticizing the Congress government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy,

Vivekananda alleged that its approach was against constitutional principles. He urged the government to respect judicial directions and warned that granting additional powers to HYDRAA without proper safeguards would not be beneficial for democracy. He recalled that BRS President KCR had earlier assured that the party would review HYDRAA policies after returning to power and withdraw measures that cause hardship to citizens. The MLA emphasized that government agencies must work within the framework of law and protect people's rights. Former BRS corporators, councilors, division presidents, and party workers attended the press conference.

# Development Works Reviewed Division



Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau

MMC Congress senior leader Nemali Anil Kumar inspected ongoing infrastructure development works in the Mallapur division and directed officials and contractors to ensure their timely completion while maintaining high quality standards.

As part of his visit, Nemali Anil Kumar reviewed the progress of road and drainage works being carried out at Road No. 15 in Bhavani Nagar Colony and SV Nagar Phase-3. He interacted with local residents and assessed the challenges being faced in the area due to the ongoing development activities.

Speaking during the inspection, Anil Kumar instructed the concerned officials and contractors to speed up the works without compromising on quality. He emphasized that durable infrastructure is essential for improving the daily lives of residents and that all development projects should be executed with proper planning and long-term benefits in mind. He stated that providing better roads, drainage facilities, and basic infrastructure to citizens remains one of the government's key priorities. He assured residents that he would continue to monitor development works across the Mallapur division and take necessary steps to address public concerns. Anil Kumar further highlighted the importance of coordination between officials, contractors, and local representatives to ensure that civic projects are completed efficiently. He said that regular inspections would help identify issues at the ground level and enable faster resolution of public grievances. Local residents appreciated the efforts being made to improve infrastructure facilities in their colonies and requested continued focus on pending civic issues. They expressed hope that the ongoing works would be completed soon and provide lasting relief to people in the area. The inspection program was attended by several local leaders and residents, including SV Nagar Phase-2 President Seethala Veeraswamy, SV Nagar Phase-3 President Sanala Ravi, and Bhavani Nagar Colony Secretary Siddeshwar. Local residents Buchamma, Andalu, Mallesh, and others also participated in the visit. The leaders and residents discussed various civic requirements and welcomed the attention being given to improving basic amenities in the division. Nemali Anil Kumar assured them that efforts would continue to strengthen infrastructure and enhance living conditions for people across Mallapur.

# SIR Help Desks Assist Voters

Nacharam, July 28 | TPN Bureau

As part of the Special Summary Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, voter assistance services were provided through help desks established by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Nacharam division of the Uppal Assembly constituency on Monday. The initiative aimed to support voters in understanding the revision process and completing necessary electoral-related procedures.

The SIR drive, being conducted under the supervision of the Election Commission of India, focuses on ensuring accuracy and updating of voter lists by providing opportunities for citizens to register their names, make corrections, and submit applications for

necessary changes. The BJP-organized help desks played a key role in guiding residents through these procedures and addressing their queries.

At the help desks, voters were provided assistance with new voter registrations, corrections in existing electoral details, modifications in voter information, and other application-related services. Party volunteers explained the required procedures and helped citizens complete the necessary formalities without difficulty. BJP Uppal constituency BLA-1 Pothagani Gopal Goud, BLA-2 Shanthi Kumar, and Mora Narasimha Reddy actively participated in the programme along with other party leaders and activists. They interacted with local



residents, reviewed their concerns, and ensured that voters received proper guidance during the revision process.

Speaking on the occasion, party representatives highlighted the importance of every eligible citizen ensuring that their name is correctly included in the electoral roll. They urged resi-

dents to utilize the opportunity provided during the SIR process to verify their voter details and make corrections wherever required. The leaders stated that maintaining an updated electoral roll is essential for strengthening the democratic process and ensuring that every eligible voter can exercise their franchise. They

also encouraged party workers and volunteers to continue assisting citizens in the constituency throughout the revision period.

The help desk initiative witnessed participation from several local residents who approached the counters for clarification and support regarding voter-related services. BJP activists worked closely with the public to make the process simpler and more accessible.

The programme concluded with party members expressing their commitment to supporting voters and creating awareness about electoral procedures in the Uppal constituency. The initiative is expected to benefit many residents by helping them complete voter-related tasks efficiently during the SIR exercise.

## Officials Push Traffic, Development Works

Quthbullapur, July 29 | TPN Bureau

Senior civic and police officials in Quthbullapur have intensified efforts to improve traffic management and expedite pending infrastructure works through better coordination among government departments.

A high-level review meeting was held at the Quthbullapur Zonal Office, jointly chaired by Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar Lalit Kumar, IAS, and Cyberabad Traffic-II Deputy Commissioner of Police Seshadri Reddy, IPS. The meeting focused on assessing the progress of ongoing development projects, resolving inter-departmental issues, and ensuring the timely execution of key pending works.

The officials stressed that effective coordination between departments is essential for addressing urban infrastructure challenges and creating a safer, more efficient traffic system for commuters.

During the review, officials examined the status of junction development works, footpath construction, relocation of electric poles, installation of traffic signals and road signage, and measures to prevent waterlogging during the monsoon. The projects were reviewed police station-wise to identify delays and streamline execution.

Responsibilities were clearly assigned to the concerned departments, with officials instructed to complete pending works within the



stipulated timelines. The meeting also underscored the importance of continuous monitoring to ensure that development activities progress without negligence or unnecessary delays.

The initiative aims to provide smoother traffic movement, improved pedestrian safety, and better civic infrastructure across the Quthbullapur zone.

Among those present were Deputy Commissioners of the Quthbullapur zone, engineering department officials, Jeedimetla Traffic ACP, Station House Officers from Jeedimetla, Balanagar, Medchal and KPHB traffic police stations, the Miyapur Revenue Inspector, and other senior officials.

## ABVP Protests Alleged Excess Fee Collection



Quthbullapur, July 29 | TPN Bureau

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) staged a protest at MLRIT College in Quthbullapur on Tuesday, alleging that the institution was collecting excess fees from students admitted through EAMCET. The demonstration was organized by the Dundigal unit of the ABVP Medchal district under the Kukatpally Division. Student activists accused the college management of collecting up to ₹15,000 in addition to the government-prescribed admission fee. Addressing the protesters, ABVP Kukatpally Division Convener Regod Nagesh alleged that the additional amount was being collected exclusively in cash and without issuing official receipts to students. He termed the practice an unnecessary financial burden on students and their families and demanded that it be stopped immediately. The student organization called on the college management to disclose complete details of the alleged excess fee collected from students and issue proper receipts to those who had made the payments. ABVP leaders also urged the Higher Education Department to conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the allegations. They demanded that strict action be initiated against the college management if the claims are found to be true after investigation. The protest highlighted growing concerns over fee collection practices in private educational institutions and called for greater transparency and accountability in the admission process. Among those who participated in the protest were ABVP leaders Ashish, Nagasheshu, Vishnu Sai Sharma, Ashrith, Mahesh, Vivek Vardhan, and several student activists. The college management had not publicly responded to the allegations at the time of reporting.

## Students Sensitized on Cyber Safety and POCSO Act



Nacharam, July 28 | TPN Bureau

A "Mee Suraksha" awareness program was conducted by the Nacharam Police Station at Indira School to educate students about cyber crimes, the POCSO Act, and the dangers of drug abuse. Nacharam Police Station Inspector Dhananjay Goud attended the program as the chief guest and addressed the students on various safety measures. He highlighted the increasing number of cyber crime incidents and advised students to remain cautious while using digital platforms. The Inspector urged students not to share personal information, OTPs, or sensitive details with unknown persons. He also warned them against clicking on suspicious links or responding to unfamiliar calls and messages. Explaining the importance of the POCSO Act, Dhananjay Goud said the law provides protection to children and women from sexual offences. He encouraged students to be aware of their rights and immediately report any suspicious activities. He also advised them to stay away from drugs and focus on healthy habits. Sub-Inspector Maibelli explained preventive measures against cyber crimes and online fraud, while Cyber Crime Warrior PC Anil educated students on responsible digital usage and safe online practices. School management members, teachers, and a large number of students participated in the awareness program and appreciated the police department's initiative to create awareness among young people.

## Royal Welcome for Freshers

Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau

St. Francis College for Women, Begumpet, extended a grand welcome to its newest batch of students by hosting the Fresher's Party 2026, themed "Royal Debut." The vibrant event celebrated the arrival of first-year students with cultural performances, inspiring speeches, and an exciting Ms. Fresher's competition. The programme was graced by an eminent jury comprising runway model, show director, and Sovereign Academy founder Ms. Sharon Rhea Fernandez, along with model, actor, and Femina Miss India Andhra Pradesh 2026, Ms. Aashrita Hotri. The celebrations began with a prayer and a soulful choir performance, followed by an energetic dance presentation that set the tone for the event. Addressing the



gathering, Correspondent Rev. Sr. Carmali Thaniath warmly welcomed the freshers and encouraged them to make the most of their academic journey. She urged students to become intellectually competent, morally upright, and socially responsible individuals while striving for excellence in academics and extracurricular activities. Calling the occasion the beginning of a new chapter in the institution's legacy, she reminded students that their years at St. Francis would shape them into

responsible citizens.

A major attraction of the event was the Ms. Fresher's 2026 contest. Twelve finalists, selected through preliminary and talent rounds, competed in ramp walk, talent, and question-and-answer segments that assessed confidence, creativity, and stage presence. Prachi Tilokani was crowned Ms. Fresher 2026, while A. Sai Sree Akshaya and Shrayya Patwari secured the first and second runner-up positions respectively. Tejaswi Maganti won the Miss Talented title, Nagarabilli Naimisha was named Miss Best Dressed, and Shreya Patwari received the Miss Vivacious award. The event concluded with celebrations, leaving the freshers with cherished memories and a warm introduction to the Franciscan family.

## Road Encroachments Removed in Quthbullapur

Quthbullapur, July 29 | TPN Bureau

CMC officials launched a special drive against road encroachments in the Quthbullapur area to improve traffic movement and ensure hassle-free transportation for the public. Following directions from the Cyberabad Municipal Commissioner and Quthbullapur Zonal Commissioner, officials removed unauthorized structures and encroachments along the main road stretch from Shapur Nagar to Suraram under the Gajulararamam Circle limits on Tuesday. The demolition drive was carried out with the support of the police department. Temporary structures and other obstructions that were affecting vehicular movement were cleared, restoring the road for public use. Officials stated that the action was aimed at reducing traffic congestion and preventing inconvenience to commuters. Deputy Commissioner U. Venkat Ramulu said that strict action would be taken against those occupying public roads for illegal constructions. He made it clear that

there would be no leniency towards encroachers and warned that similar inspections and removal drives would continue in the circle.

He stated that encroachments not only affect smooth traffic flow but also create difficulties for residents and emergency services. Officials urged citizens and business establishments to avoid occupying public spaces and cooperate with authorities in maintaining clear roads. The operation was supervised by Assistant City Planner (ACP) R. Sumitra and Town Planning Supervisor B. Saritha Sen, along with town planning staff. Officials reiterated that protecting public roads and ensuring better civic facilities would remain a priority.





# KP Vivekananda Demands Probe into HYDRAA Actions

Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau

BRS Legislative Party (LP) Whip and Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekananda demanded a comprehensive inquiry by a sitting High Court judge into the alleged high-handed actions and irregularities of HYDRAA. Addressing the media at his camp office in Petbasheerabad, he welcomed the State High Court's observations regarding HYDRAA Commissioner Ranganath's conduct and criticised the government's handling of the agency. Vivekananda said the High Court's order regarding the HYDRAA Commissioner was a victory for poor and middle-class families and



claimed that it was the result of the struggle undertaken by BRS on behalf of affected citizens. He alleged that HYDRAA had caused more hardship than benefits to the public and accused the government of using the organisation selectively.

The BRS leader stated that government institutions must function according to the Constitution framed by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and not according to the wishes of individuals in power. He alleged that HYDRAA, which comes under the

Municipal Administration Department headed by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was being misused. Vivekananda demanded that the Chief Minister take moral responsibility for the developments and questioned the continuation of the present system. He alleged that HYDRAA had become a source of fear among poor and middle-class residents due to demolitions and other actions. He recalled BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao's statement that HYDRAA would be scrapped if BRS returned to power. Vivekananda said changing an officer alone would not solve the issue unless there was a change in the govern-

ment's approach and functioning. The MLA also accused the government of attempting to provide additional powers to HYDRAA despite public concerns. He alleged that the administration was diverting attention from failures through political statements and claimed that people had started questioning the government's decisions. Demanding accountability, Vivekananda reiterated the BRS party's call for an independent investigation into HYDRAA's functioning. He said the inquiry should examine allegations of misuse of authority and ensure justice for citizens affected by the agency's actions.

## TPCC Defends HYDRAA, Slams BRS Criticism

Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau

TPCC General Secretary Chanagani Dayakar defended HYDRAA and stated that the public supports its efforts to protect government and public assets, including lakes, ponds, and parks. Dayakar alleged that BRS leaders were spreading false propaganda against HYDRAA as the agency had taken action against encroachments that occurred during their ten-year rule. He said HYDRAA was created with the vision of safeguarding public spaces and ensuring their protection for future generations. He stated that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy initiated HYDRAA to restore illegally occupied lands and protect natural resources. According to him, the agency has protected around 3,350 acres since its formation. The TPCC leader criticised BRS for opposing HYDRAA's actions and alleged that the party had supported land grabbers in the past. He said poor residents, welfare associations, voluntary organisations, and nature lovers were welcoming HYDRAA's establishment. Dayakar added that there was public demand for expanding HYDRAA across all districts and termed the criticism against the agency as politically motivated. He said celebrating the High Court's observations was inappropriate for BRS leaders.



## Sravan Calls High Court Verdict Blow to HYDRAA Policy

Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan described the Telangana High Court's observations on HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath as a major setback to the state government's approach and termed the verdict a "surgical strike" against what he called "bulldozer governance". Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Hyderabad, Sravan alleged that HYDRAA had acted against poor and middle-class citizens through demolitions without proper procedures. He claimed that the High Court's order directing action against the HYDRAA Commissioner reflected serious concerns over the functioning of the agency. Sravan alleged that Commissioner Ranganath was only acting as a representative of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who holds the Municipal



Administration portfolio. He demanded that the Chief Minister take moral responsibility and resign from the post. The BRS leader placed several demands before the government, including immediate removal of the HYDRAA Commissioner, compensation to

those who suffered losses due to demolitions, and acceptance of the High Court's order without approaching higher courts. He alleged that HYDRAA followed a policy of selective action by targeting ordinary citizens while ignoring influential people. Sravan claimed that BRS leaders K. Chandrashekar Rao and K.T. Rama Rao had earlier warned that HYDRAA would create difficulties for the public. The MLC also alleged that officials who violate constitutional principles would be held accountable in the future. He stated that the Constitution must remain supreme and warned government officials against acting under political pressure. Sravan reiterated that BRS would continue its fight on behalf of affected citizens and demanded a comprehensive review of HYDRAA's functioning.

## Ponnam Pays Tribute to Jaipal Reddy on Death Anniversary

Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar paid floral tributes to former Union Minister and recipient of the 'Outstanding Parliamentarian' award, S. Jaipal Reddy, at Spoorthi Sthal on his seventh death anniversary. Remembering the veteran leader, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar described Jaipal Reddy as a highly respected national figure, an intellectual, and an exceptional parliamentarian who made significant contributions through his powerful



speeches and deep understanding of public issues in

both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

The Minister recalled that Jaipal Reddy served as a great source of inspiration when they entered Parliament as members of the 15th Lok Sabha. He highlighted the former Union Minister's commitment to democratic values, principles, and public service throughout his long political career. Ponnam Prabhakar stated that Jaipal Reddy played a crucial role in the movement for the formation of a separate Telangana state and contributed significantly to ensuring the passage of the Telangana Bill in

Parliament. Paying homage to the veteran leader, the Minister said that Jaipal Reddy's political journey reflected honesty, ethical values, and dedication to the welfare of society. His contributions and parliamentary expertise continue to inspire leaders and the younger generation. The tribute programme was attended by leaders, public representatives, and admirers who remembered Jaipal Reddy's remarkable service to the nation and his lasting legacy in Indian politics.

## KTR Felicitates Uday Nagaraju for House of Lords Honour



New Delhi, July 28 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K. Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) felicitated Uday Nagaraju, a Telangana-origin Non-Resident Indian and the first Telugu person elected to the British House of Lords, at a ceremony held in New Delhi.

KTR honoured Uday Nagaraju with a traditional shawl and presented him with a special Karimnagar filigree memento. The event was attended by dignitaries from various states and representatives from different political parties.

Congratulating Uday Nagaraju on his achievement, KTR praised his nearly two decades of service in strengthening India-UK relations across various sectors. He said Nagaraju's journey from grassroots politics in the United Kingdom to becoming a member of the House of Lords reflects his dedication, hard work, and commitment to public service.

KTR stated that Nagaraju's achievement is an inspiration for young people, especially the Indian diaspora across the world. He expressed hope that Nagaraju would continue contributing to stronger India-UK relations and promote opportunities in business, trade, investment, and the service sector, including initiatives benefiting Telangana.

Speaking on the occasion, Uday Nagaraju said KTR's political journey had inspired him greatly. He recalled KTR's decision to leave a successful career abroad, return to Telangana, and work for public service as an example of how educated youth can bring positive change through politics.

Nagaraju said KTR's vision on business, investment, and contemporary political issues had influenced him and thanked him for attending the felicitation programme.

KTR was accompanied by BRS Parliamentary Party Leader and Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra, Rajya Sabha MP Damodar Rao, former Minister and MLA Jagadish Reddy, senior leader Johnson Naik, and others.

## Jail Bharo Call Against Labour Codes



LB Nagar, July 28 | TPN Bureau

CITU Ranga Reddy District Secretary M. Chandramohan has called upon workers, farmers, and agricultural labourers to make the nationwide 'Jail Bharo' programme on August 10 a grand success in protest against what he described as the Central Government's anti-worker, anti-farmer, and anti-people policies. Addressing an extended meeting at the CITU office in Turkayamjal division, chaired by District Vice-President D. Kishan, Chandramohan said the agitation would be organized across the country under the joint banner of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), the All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS), and the All India Agricultural Workers Union (AIAWU). He said the programme draws inspiration from the spirit of the Quit India Movement. He strongly criticized the Centre's decision to consolidate 29 labour laws into four labour codes, alleging that the move would weaken workers' rights, increase the workday to up to 12 hours, and dilute provisions relating to minimum wages and the right to form trade unions. He demanded the repeal of the new labour codes and the restoration of the earlier labour laws. Chandramohan also urged the government to ensure remunerative prices for farmers, strengthen the rural employment guarantee scheme, and implement minimum wages for ASHA, Anganwadi, IKP, municipal, and mid-day meal workers. He appealed to workers, farmers, and agricultural labourers across Ranga Reddy district to participate in large numbers and make the August 10 agitation a success. Leaders from CITU, the farmers' union, the lawyers' union, and several other labour organizations attended the meeting.

## Collector Calls for Innovative Village Development

Nalgonda, July 28 | TPN Bureau

Nalgonda District Collector B. Chandrashekhara emphasized that innovative approaches should be adopted in development programmes to create sustainable income sources for villages and improve rural livelihoods. The Collector participated in an awareness programme organized at the Nalgonda Mandal Parishad office on Tuesday for village Sarpanches, village secretaries, and technical staff regarding the implementation of 'VB-G Ram-G' and 'Jalasiri' works. Addressing the gathering, Collector Chandrashekhara instructed officials to construct soak pits and percolation tanks in villages under the VB-G Ram-G initiative to conserve water and ensure that every drop of rainfall is effectively utilized. He stressed the need for water conservation measures to prevent future water shortages. The Collector advised officials to consult villagers, identify local requirements, and create awareness about development activities. He also directed officials to educate farmers about cultivating low-water-consuming crops such as red gram, green gram, pearl millet, and foxtail millet instead of depending only on cotton cultivation. Highlighting the importance of cleanliness, Chandrashekhara urged villagers to avoid indiscriminate dumping of garbage. He said proper waste management, including collection and sale of plastic waste, could become a source of income for villages while improving sanitation. The Collector encouraged public representatives and villagers to actively participate in village development by identifying local needs and contributing towards solutions. He suggested promoting initiatives such as food processing warehouses and cold storage facilities to support farmers and generate additional income opportunities. He stated that encouraging farmers and creating employment avenues would help accelerate rural development. DPO Shankar Naik, MPDO Yaqoob Naik, village Sarpanches, secretaries, and technical staff attended the awareness programme.

Kothagudem, July 28 | TPN Bureau

Journalists from Palvancha in Bhadradri Kothagudem district met MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao at his camp office in Kothagudem on Wednesday evening and submitted a representation seeking the allocation of housing plots for eligible journalists in the region.

The delegation highlighted that although several journalists in the district hold accreditation, many continue to live in rented houses and face financial difficulties due to the absence of



permanent housing. They urged the government to

extend the housing plot scheme to journalists in

Bhadradri Kothagudem, similar to the benefits provided in several other districts across the state. The journalists emphasized that access to housing would provide much-needed security and improve the living conditions of media professionals who have been serving the public despite financial constraints. They appealed to the MLA to take up the issue with the state government and ensure that deserving journalists receive the benefit at the earliest. Responding to the representation, MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao

assured the delegation that he would pursue the matter with the concerned authorities. He said he would discuss the issue with officials and make sincere efforts to find a positive solution at the earliest. The journalists expressed hope that the government would consider their request sympathetically and extend housing benefits to eligible members of the media fraternity in the district. Press Club President, the Secretary, senior journalists, and other media representatives were present during the meeting.

## Ramchander Rao Invited for ATA Convention

Hyderabad, July 28 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao has received a formal invitation to attend the prestigious 19th American Telugu Association (ATA) Convention and Youth Convention scheduled to be held in Maryland, USA. The three-day international event will be conducted at the Baltimore Convention Center from July 31 to August 2, 2026. ATA has invited Ramchander Rao as a distinguished guest to participate in the convention,



which is expected to bring together Telugu professionals, entrepreneurs, youth leaders, and community

representatives from across the world. As part of his visit, Ramchander Rao will leave for the United States

on July 30 and return to Hyderabad on August 6 after completing his engagements. The convention will feature special panel discussions, networking sessions, and interactions focused on attracting investments for Telangana's development. Key sectors including Information Technology, tourism, digital services, and startups will be highlighted during the discussions. ATA representatives stated that Ramchander Rao's interaction with the global Telugu community would play an important

role in strengthening ties between overseas Telugu professionals and Telangana. They expressed confidence that his experience and leadership would provide valuable insights and encourage new opportunities for the state's industrial and technological growth. His participation in the international platform is expected to further promote Telangana's development prospects while strengthening the connection between Telugu people living abroad and their homeland.



# Indian Healthcare Expert gets the rare US O-1 Visa

Indian healthcare professional Dr. V.V. Manjula Kumari has achieved a major international milestone after being granted the prestigious United States O-1A visa, one of the highest categories reserved for individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary ability in science, education, business or athletics. The recognition places her among a select group of global professionals acknowledged for exceptional contributions in their respective fields.

The approval came after an extensive evaluation of Dr. Kumari's achievements in healthcare management, clinical leadership, scientific research and medical innovation. The petition submitted to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) established that she fulfilled seven evidentiary criteria required to qualify as an individual with extraordinary ability in healthcare management.

With over two decades of experience, Dr. Kumari has built an impressive career spanning physiotherapy, healthcare administration, research and strategic healthcare management. She has consistently combined clinical expertise with administrative leadership to improve healthcare delivery systems. Her work has resulted in measurable improvements in patient referrals, operational efficiency, workforce development and the expansion of international healthcare services.

One of the most notable aspects of her career has been the development of evidence-based obesity management protocols. These initiatives reportedly benefited thousands of patients while earning multiple world record recognitions. Her contributions have also extended to



healthcare innovation through patented technologies focused on obesity management, physiotherapy, wearable health monitoring and remote patient care solutions.

Dr. Kumari's achievements have received recognition both nationally and internationally. She is a member of

Sigma Xi - The Scientific Research Honor Society, one of the world's most respected scientific organizations. Her professional accomplishments also include serving as a reviewer for leading international scientific journals and the World Physiotherapy Congress, as well as acting as a judge for research competitions and academic evaluations. A prolific researcher, Dr. Kumari has authored numerous scientific papers covering healthcare management, physiotherapy, rehabilitation sciences and digital health. Her research has appeared in peer-reviewed national and international journals, contributing to the advancement of evidence-based healthcare practices. Her work has also attracted media attention from prominent publications such as The Times of India, India Today, Businessworld and News Nation.

Reacting to the approval, Dr. Kumari described the recognition as a significant milestone in her professional journey. She said it reinforces her commitment to advancing evidence-based healthcare management, research, innovation and patient-centred care while encouraging greater international collaboration in healthcare quality and clinical excellence.

The O-1A visa will enable Dr. Kumari to take up a leadership role in the United States, where she is expected to focus on healthcare management, clinical operations and business development. Alongside these responsibilities, she plans to continue her research and innovation aimed at improving healthcare delivery, strengthening global medical collaboration and promoting excellence in patient care.

# Dutch Mother Praises Mumbai Maternity Care

A Dutch woman living in India has shared her heartfelt experience of giving birth in Mumbai, praising the city's healthcare system while also opening up about the emotional challenges she faced during the months that followed. Her story, shared on social media, has resonated with many parents and expatriates, sparking conversations about motherhood, healthcare and life away from home. The woman, Ivana, said giving birth in India gave her a fresh perspective on maternity care. Comparing her experience with the Netherlands, she explained that hospitals there generally encourage minimal medical intervention during childbirth and discharge new mothers relatively quickly. In contrast, she found the care she received at a Mumbai hospital to be exceptionally supportive and reassuring. Ivana chose to have an unmedicated delivery and said the medical team respected her birth preferences throughout the process. She praised the doctors and nurses for their professionalism, compassion and constant support. She also appreciated the spacious hospital room and the attention given to both her and her newborn, describing the overall experience as com-



forting and memorable. While the birth itself was a positive experience, the weeks after returning home proved far more difficult. Living in a small apartment in Mumbai without close family nearby, Ivana struggled with the emotional demands of early motherhood. She admitted feeling lonely and isolated, as she had no immediate support system to help care for her baby. The city's extreme summer temperatures, which crossed 40 degrees Celsius, made daily life even more challenging. She found it difficult to take her newborn outdoors because of the heat, traffic and the fast-paced urban environment. These factors contributed to feelings of isolation and emotional exhaustion during the postpartum period. During this difficult phase, her adopted dog, Bambi, became a major source of emotional support. She said taking the

dog out for walks encouraged her to leave the house regularly and helped her cope with the loneliness she was experiencing. Eventually, when her daughter was four months old, Ivana decided to return to the Netherlands to be closer to family and friends. She felt that having a stronger support system was important for both her own well-being and her child's upbringing. Despite the emotional challenges she encountered after childbirth, Ivana remains deeply appreciative of the maternity care she received in Mumbai. She believes the hospital staff provided exceptional medical care, compassion and comfort during one of the most significant moments of her life. Her story highlights not only the quality of healthcare available in Mumbai but also the importance of emotional and family support for new mothers adjusting to life after childbirth.

# Tourist Books Women's Jail As Hotel

A simple travel mistake has turned into a viral internet sensation after a tourist in the Philippines accidentally tried to book a room at a women's jail, believing it was a hotel. The amusing mix-up has left social media users in splits, with many praising both the tourist's honesty and the jail staff's polite response. The incident occurred when the woman was planning a weekend trip to Baguio City and searched online for accommodation. While browsing social media, she mistakenly came across the official page of the Baguio City Jail Female

Dormitory, operated by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP). Assuming it was a hotel or guesthouse, she sent a message asking if any rooms were available for the weekend.

The jail staff quickly realised the confusion and responded courteously. They informed her that the page belonged to a women's correctional facility and not a hotel. Their brief but polite reply made the traveller realise her mistake immediately.

Embarrassed by the misunderstanding, the woman

apologised for contacting the facility. Rather than making fun of her, the jail authorities handled the situation with good humour. After obtaining her permission, they shared screenshots of the conversation on their official Facebook page as a lighthearted reminder for people to double-check online listings before making enquiries.

Along with the screenshots, the BJMP clarified that the facility is a correctional institution and not a place for holiday accommodation. At the same time, officials highlighted their commit-

ment to maintaining safe, secure and sanitary living conditions for the women in their custody. The post quickly went viral, attracting thousands of reactions and humorous comments from social media users. Many joked that the facility offered "free accommodation, meals and round-the-clock security," while others appreciated the respectful way the staff handled the situation instead of embarrassing the traveller. The Baguio City Jail Female Dormitory is located along Abanao Road near the city's police headquarters and opposite City Hall.

Although it was never intended to become an internet sensation, the unexpected booking enquiry has given the correctional facility worldwide attention. The incident serves as a humorous reminder that a quick check before sending a booking request can save plenty of embarrassment. At



the same time, the courteous response from the jail staff turned an awkward mistake

into a feel-good viral moment that continues to entertain people across social media.

## Protesters Reunite Lost Boy With Mother

A touching moment of compassion during a student protest in New Delhi has won hearts across social media after hundreds of demonstrators came together to help reunite a young boy with his mother. The heartwarming incident unfolded at Jantar Mantar, where a large crowd had gathered for a protest, transforming an anxious situation into an inspiring display of humanity.

According to videos shared online, the child became separated from his mother amid the large gathering. As soon as protesters realised that the boy was lost, they immediately shifted their attention from raising slogans to helping him find his family. Instead of creating panic, the crowd organised itself in an unusual but effective way. Protesters began chanting the mother's name repeatedly, passing the message from one section of the gathering to another so it could travel across the entire protest site. Their coordinated effort quickly caught everyone's attention.

The crowd repeatedly called out, asking for the child's mother by name and informing her that her son was safe. Within minutes, the message reached the woman, who rushed towards the area where her son was waiting. As soon as the boy spotted his mother, he ran into her arms, bringing the emotional search to a happy ending. The reunion was



greeted with loud cheers and applause from those gathered, many of whom had actively participated in helping the family reunite.

A video of the incident soon went viral on social media, with users praising the protesters for their quick thinking, unity and compassion. Many described the scene as a reminder that humanity can shine even in the middle of a massive public gathering. Social media users flooded the comments section with messages appreciating the protesters' response. Some called it one of the safest and most heartwarming protest moments they had witnessed, while others said the method should become a standard practice at crowded public events whenever children go missing. Many also appreciated that no one blamed or criticised the mother during the stressful situation, choosing instead to focus entirely on reuniting the family.

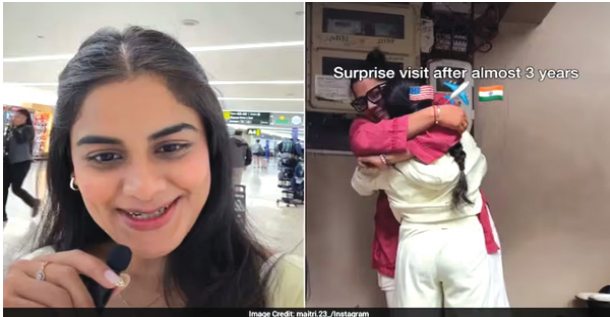
The emotional reunion has become one of the most widely shared moments from the gathering, highlighting how collective action and empathy can make a real difference. What began as a tense search for a missing child ended as a powerful reminder that kindness and cooperation often emerge when people come together with a common purpose.

# Woman's Surprise Homecoming Melts Hearts

A heartwarming family reunion has captured the attention of social media users after a young woman surprised her loved ones by returning home after nearly three years away. The emotional video, filled with tears, hugs and priceless reactions, has touched thousands of viewers and become one of the internet's most wholesome moments.

The surprise was planned carefully by the woman, identified as Maitri Patel, who had been living in the United States. After spending almost three years away from her family, she decided to return home without informing anyone, hoping to create a memorable surprise for her loved ones. The video begins with Maitri quietly arriving at her family

home. She walks towards the entrance while her mother stands outside, completely unaware that her daughter has returned. As soon as her mother notices her, she freezes in disbelief before rushing forward to embrace her in a tight hug. The emotional reunion becomes even more touching as Maitri's sister, who is standing nearby, also reacts with shock and excitement. Within moments, the family is wrapped in warm embraces, overwhelmed with happiness after the long separation. Soon, other family members join the celebration. Another woman rushes downstairs to hug Maitri, followed by what appears to be her father, who warmly welcomes her home. The video later shows her shar-



ing emotional moments with relatives and close friends, all delighted to see her back after such a long time. Sharing the video online, Maitri described the reunion as one of the most precious moments of her life. She said she had waited for a long time to experience those priceless reactions, making every

moment of planning worthwhile. The video quickly went viral across social media platforms, with thousands of users expressing how deeply the reunion touched them. Many viewers said the genuine emotions shown by the family reminded them of the importance of loved ones and the joy

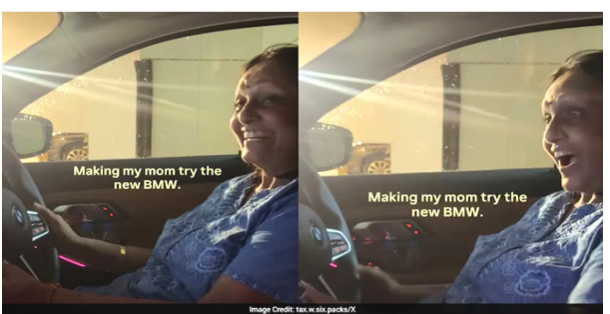
of being reunited after years apart.

Several users called the surprise "priceless" and "truly wholesome," while others admitted the emotional reunion brought tears to their eyes. Many also praised the family's heartfelt reactions, saying the video perfectly captured the unconditional love shared between parents and children. The touching reunion serves as a reminder that no matter how much time passes or how far life takes people, the warmth of returning home and being embraced by family remains one of life's most cherished moments. The video continues to spread smiles online, celebrating love, togetherness and the unforgettable joy of coming home.

# Mother's BMW Reaction Wins Hearts

A heartwarming video capturing a mother's first experience inside her son's newly purchased BMW has become a social media favourite, with viewers celebrating the emotional bond between parent and child. The touching clip highlights that for many parents, their children's achievements bring greater happiness than any personal success. The video, shared on Instagram by a content creator, begins with his mother sitting in the driver's seat of the luxury car for the very first time. Unsure of what to expect, she carefully grips the steering wheel

and looks around the elegant interior with a mix of curiosity and surprise. Standing behind the camera, her son patiently guides her through the car's various features. As he explains how the vehicle works, she listens attentively, taking in every detail while exploring the premium cabin. Initially, the mother's expressions remain serious as she tries to understand the controls. However, as her son continues showing her around the vehicle, her face gradually lights up with excitement. Within moments, her curiosity transforms into a broad



smile, revealing her pride and joy at seeing her son's achievement.

The playful conversation between the two adds warmth to the video, making it more than just a showcase of a luxury car. The mother's genuine hap-

piness reflects the satisfaction parents often feel when they witness their children's hard work and success paying off. The video carries the caption, "This reaction is priceless," a sentiment echoed by thousands of social media

users. Many viewers said the clip reminded them that life's biggest accomplishments become even more meaningful when shared with parents.

The comments section quickly filled with emotional responses. Several users described the mother's smile as the most beautiful part of the video, while others said the real luxury was being able to see parents enjoy the fruits of their children's success. Many shared personal stories of taking their own parents for a first drive in a new vehicle, recalling similar moments of pride and happiness.



Editorial

People Must Stand For Consumer Rights

The decision of Johnson & Johnson to agree to pay nearly Rs.52,000 crore to petitioners who alleged that the company's talcum powder caused ovarian cancer is a significant reminder of the power of consumer awareness and legal action. The dispute has continued for decades, with thousands of affected consumers approaching the courts seeking justice. Though the company initially maintained that its talcum powder contained no substances capable of causing cancer, it later changed its product formula in 2020 by replacing talc with corn starch. While the company has continued to deny wrongdoing, the change in formulation itself has kept public debate alive.

One of the major reasons behind the settlement is believed to be the enormous legal expenses involved in defending thousands of lawsuits over many years. Whatever the legal outcome, the case has highlighted the importance of consumers questioning the safety of products they use every day and demanding accountability from manufacturers.

Unfortunately, such consumer activism is rarely witnessed in India. While people readily use a wide range of cosmetic and household products, very few come forward to question their safety or seek legal remedies when they suspect harm. Consumer rights remain one of the least discussed public issues despite their direct impact on health and well-being.

Environmentalists, consumer rights organizations, and public health activists should take the lead in creating greater awareness about product safety, health risks, and the legal rights available to consumers. Educational campaigns can encourage people to report harmful products and pursue legal action wherever necessary. Regulatory authorities must also strengthen product safety standards and ensure strict monitoring of items sold in the market.

The Johnson & Johnson episode should serve as a wake-up call. Consumers must remain informed, vigilant, and prepared to protect their rights. A society that values consumer awareness is better equipped to safeguard public health and ensure that companies remain accountable for the products they place in the hands of millions.

Editor

The Perils of "Demo-Crazy"

Why We Need More Iron Fists and Fewer Roof Tiles

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Social Engineer

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The recent kerfuffle in Delhi is a heartwarming reminder of the good old days—specifically, the iron-fisted glory of Indira Gandhi. Ah, the Emergency! I remember it fondly as a seventh grader back in Kerala. Back then, school was merely a 70-day side hustle; the rest of the academic year was generously dedicated to the vibrant extracurricular activity of strikes.

The Communist School of Bus-Stoning and vandalisms

Back in those days, protests had standards. Communist labour workers would waltz into our school, command the Students Federation of India (SFI) members to halt all education by walking into a few classes and yell Sindabad. By that time, all students from all other classes would be out and their way home through the back gate of the school. These strikes only sent the poor kids into an existential dilemma. The teachers, absolutely thrilled at the prospect of a day off, would shoo their private tuition students home.

Then came the real vocational training: the comrades would dismantle the school's roof tiles, haul them to the front side MG Road boundary wall, and train toddlers in the ancient martial art of throwing masonry at passing buses. If the cops dared to intervene, the party bosses would pull some strings to keep the kids locked up just long enough to bail them out later, instantly transforming them into loyal, lifetime political goons with the Communist Party. In Kerala, both KSU, the Congress's student movement and AISF, the right-wing

communist gang and MSF, the Muslim League students' version. All these students' parties were made for this kind of STRIKE and Bandh games mentored by the trade union goons. That is how you build character for seasoned politicians those days!

Today's Incompetent Agitators

Fast forward to the recent Delhi episode. Today's so-called "students" agitating over NEET (who probably aren't even in the NEET age bracket) have absolutely no respect for these time-honoured traditions or the know-how. They lack the roof-tile training of the 70s. When someone makes a demand, they have the solution for the problem they are agitating. But these naive amateurs apparently do not have a solution for the NEET and other entrance examination corruption, and they have never taken such exams in their lives either. But they marched toward Parliament expecting the BJP government to roll out a red carpet, serve them tea, and politely hand over a cabinet minister's resignation letter. Instead, they found themselves trapped in a classic pincer movement. Police barricades blocked their front, while the real trained operatives of the opposition parties heroically hurled stones from behind them. Those visit this high-security area of Luten's Delhi can't find stones in the street for them to pick and throw. These seasoned players wearing backpacks pretending to be students carry stones and pepper sprays and bottles. Even a superintendent of police rescued



some of these students who got baffled seeing the violence, which was not in their script.

The Opposition's Grand Masterplan

You see, the opposition didn't just want a protest; they wanted a blockbuster tragedy. These masterminds boldly stepped to the front, pepper-spraying and beating the police. Their ultimate wish? To secure a dead body or two just to disrupt the parliament session and make India look like the chaotic streets of Nepal or Bangladesh. They were practically drooling at the thought of the Indian Prime Minister being manhandled like the Sri Lankan president. Naturally, the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) immediately crawled out of the woodwork to claim the government was destroying the youth, entirely ignoring the glorious history of the last ten years.

5D Chess and the Drone Armada

But the opposition severely underestimated the Supreme Leader. The Prime Minister wasn't just sitting there; he was exhibiting "greater patience" to execute a flawless masterstroke. He was simply baiting the puppet masters—the LoP, Kejriwal, and the so-called social activists- to step into the light. The game is simple now. This isn't the 1970s where you could just hide behind a communist or party labour union. No, we are in the era of satellites, drone surveillance, and Artificial Intelligence! Modiji, the very man who bravely eradicated foreign invaders with tit-for-tat strikes like Balakot and "Mission Sindoor," is currently booting up the AI to ensure these criminals pay a massive price. Even the guarantee given to protestors to end the CJP strike was no FIR against them does mean no FIR against the intruders. They will soon face the wrath of the new

Indian Nyaya Sanhita, which is vastly superior to those pesky, mad British rules. Footnote on the Real Enemy: Let us not forget that the true villains in all this are not the extremists or antinational elements. It is the entrance exam business mafia. I hope that if we can implement the majestic vision of the NEP 2020 and increase the number of professional institutions, we may find a solution for the entrance menace. Entrance question papers should be from the syllabus and should not be dictated by the coaching pundits. Do we need coaching or education? It is welcoming that the minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, resigned, showing the power of democratic values, and the invitation to Nandan Nilekani to reform the National Testing Agency and entrance exams is a step in the right direction. How long can lies get media space, and social media can play the DEMOCRAZY? Needs accountability and love for the nation.

Education Laws Need Implementation, Not Just Promises

The future of students depends on accountability, transparency and effective execution of reforms

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India's education system stands at a critical crossroads. Despite decades of reforms, constitutional provisions, and ambitious policies, the gap between promises and implementation continues to widen. While the country has introduced several laws and frameworks aimed at transforming education, the lack of accountability, transparency and effective execution remains a major challenge.

The question today is not about the number of laws we have, but about how effectively they are implemented. The future of millions of students depends not merely on policies written on paper, but on the seriousness with which they are executed on the ground.

Even after nearly 78 years of independence, the education sector continues to struggle with deep contradictions.

On one side, we have constitutional amendments, the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and several commissions and reforms. On the other side, issues such as examination paper leaks, teacher absenteeism, rote learning and lack of quality education continue to affect students.

The reality remains clear: making a law is easy, but ensuring its implementation is the real challenge.

The uncertainty surrounding the future of our children is not merely an education issue; it directly impacts the future of the nation.

How Many Laws? How Much Implementation?

After independence, India introduced several important educational reforms through commissions such as the University Education Commission (1948-49), Secondary Education Commission (1952-53), Kothari Commission (1964-66), National Education Policies of 1968, 1986 (amended in 1992) and 2020. Constitutional measures such as the 86th Amendment (2002), the RTE Act 2009, and regulatory bodies like AICTE and NCTE were also introduced.

These measures helped increase enrolment levels. However, the larger question remains — has quality education reached every child?

Reports such as ASER and PISA have repeatedly highlighted learning challenges. Many students can memorise textbooks but struggle to understand concepts, apply knowledge and develop essential skills.

Today, examination irregularities and paper leaks, including incidents related to major national-level examinations, have emerged as serious concerns. Despite cyber security measures and institutions



like the National Testing Agency (NTA), such incidents continue to raise questions about accountability.

This is not merely a technical failure. It reflects deeper issues of negligence, corruption and interference. A single examination leak can destroy the dreams of thousands of students, pushing some into extreme distress.

Instead of only announcing new regulations, the system requires strict action against negligence, fast-track investi-

gations, and continuous monitoring mechanisms.

Systemic Challenges Remain

The education sector continues to face several structural issues:

- Teacher quality, attendance problems and non-transparent appointments
- Digital divide affecting rural areas, economically weaker sections and girls
- Increasing coaching culture, financial burden and student stress

Political interference in universities and declining research standards

Unemployment among graduates and increasing brain drain

As a result, education risks becoming a commercial activity rather than a powerful tool for social transformation.

What Does the Country Need Now?

Criticism alone cannot transform the system. The focus must shift towards mean-

ingful solutions:

1. Strong Accountability Mechanism:

Every education policy and law should have clear performance indicators, independent audits and strict action against failures. Examination systems should adopt advanced security measures, including AI-based monitoring, biometric verification and secure digital systems.

2. Effective Implementation of NEP 2020:

Teacher training, assess-

ment reforms and vocational education must reach rural areas to create meaningful opportunities for students.

3. Strengthening Teachers' Role:

Teachers must receive better salaries, continuous training and the respect required to shape future generations.

4. Transparency Through Technology:

Open data platforms, monitoring systems and independent regulatory mechanisms can improve trust in the education system.

5. Connecting Education With Life:

Education must be linked with employment, skills, innovation and civic responsibility while reducing the influence of money, politics and social divisions.

Introducing laws and announcing policies alone cannot transform education. Without implementation, accountability and responsibility, even the best reforms remain limited to documents.

The future of our children is the future of India. NEP 2020 provides a significant opportunity for change, but its success depends on honest implementation and collective responsibility.

The government, teachers, parents and students all have a role to play in rebuilding the education system.

Only by effectively harnessing the potential of India's youth can the vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047" become a reality. Otherwise, even with more laws and policies, the outcome will remain unchanged



# Anti-Paper Leak Bill Triggers Parliament Row PM Modi Assures Full Support To Assam

The Monsoon Session of Parliament witnessed heated exchanges between the government and opposition over the Anti-Paper Leak Bill, aimed at preventing malpractice in public examinations and ensuring greater transparency in the recruitment and education system.

The proposed legislation seeks to introduce stricter penalties for individuals and organisations involved in leaking question papers, using unfair methods and disrupting the examination process. The government said the Bill is necessary to protect the interests of millions of students who prepare for competitive examinations and to restore confidence in the system.

The Bill comes amid growing concerns over examination irregularities and allegations of paper leaks in major entrance and recruitment tests. Student groups and opposition parties have raised questions over the security of examination procedures and demanded stronger ac-



countability from agencies responsible for conducting these tests.

During the Parliament proceedings, opposition members demanded a detailed discussion on the issue and questioned the government's handling of student concerns. The issue led to repeated disruptions in both Houses, with ruling and opposition members engaging in sharp political exchanges.

The government defended the proposed measures, stating that strict

punishment and improved monitoring mechanisms would act as a deterrent against organised groups involved in examination fraud. Officials also stressed the need for stronger legal provisions to ensure that those responsible for damaging students' careers face serious consequences.

Opposition parties, however, argued that legal action alone cannot solve the problem and called for wider reforms in examination management, technology upgrades and greater transparency in the entire process. They also demanded protection and support for students affected by irregularities.

The controversy has turned the Anti-Paper Leak Bill into one of the major political issues of the parliamentary session. As discussions continue, the legislation is being closely watched as a significant step toward strengthening examination security and rebuilding trust among students across the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with Members of Parliament from Assam to review the ongoing flood situation in the state and assured that the Centre would extend all possible support for relief and rehabilitation efforts.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister discussed the challenges faced by flood-affected regions and highlighted the need for close coordination between the Central and Assam governments to ensure timely assistance to people impacted by the disaster. He expressed concern over the difficulties faced by residents and assured support for those affected.

Assam has been witnessing a severe flood situation, with several districts impacted by rising water levels. Relief operations are underway, with authorities providing essential supplies, including food, drinking water and medicines, to affected families. Rescue and rehabilitation efforts are also being carried out in flood-hit areas.



The Prime Minister assured Assam MPs that the Central government is working closely with the state administration to strengthen relief measures. The focus remains on providing immediate assistance to affected communities and ensuring faster restoration of normal life.

Union ministers and Assam leaders also discussed the need for effective disaster management strategies and long-term measures to address the recurring flood challenges faced by the state. Flood management, infrastructure strengthening and im-

proved preparedness remain key areas requiring sustained attention.

The Brahmaputra and its tributaries frequently cause flooding in Assam during the monsoon season, affecting villages, agriculture and public infrastructure. The recurring crisis has increased demands for permanent solutions, including improved river management and stronger flood-control mechanisms.

The Centre's assurance comes at a time when Assam continues to deal with the impact of widespread flooding. Officials from both governments are expected to continue monitoring the situation and coordinating relief activities.

The meeting highlighted the importance of Centre-state cooperation in handling natural disasters and providing timely support to people affected by floods. The government's focus remains on immediate relief measures as well as developing long-term strategies to reduce the impact of recurring floods in the state.

## CJP Expands Reach, Focuses On Student Issues

The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protest movement, which began over alleged irregularities in competitive examinations, is now attempting to expand its presence across different states by focusing on broader student-related concerns. The organisation has started engaging with students in various regions to highlight issues related to education, examination reforms and accountability.

The movement initially gained attention through protests against alleged paper leaks and demands for reforms in the examination system. Over time, the agitation attracted support from students, activists and sections of civil society, turning into a wider discussion on transparency and fairness in competitive exams.

CJP representatives have indicated plans to strengthen their network beyond Delhi and connect with student communities across the country. The focus is expected to remain on issues such as exam security, education system reforms, student rights and greater accountability from institutions conducting major examinations.

The expansion strategy comes after the organisation's prolonged protest campaign, where students and supporters participated in demonstrations demanding action on examination-related concerns. The agitation also attracted political attention and triggered debates over the



government's response to student grievances.

Student issues have become a major point of public discussion, with demands ranging from transparent examination processes to stronger action against those responsible for malpractice. CJP leaders are now attempting to transform the protest movement into a broader platform addressing multiple challenges faced by young people. The organisation's growing outreach reflects a wider trend of youth-led movements using education-related issues to demand institutional reforms. Supporters view the movement as an important platform for raising student voices, while critics argue that such campaigns must focus on practical solutions and long-term improvements.

As CJP continues its expansion plans, its ability to build a nationwide student network and convert public attention into meaningful reforms will be closely watched. The movement's future direction could influence discussions around education policy, examination security and youth participation in public issues.

## Mehbooba Apologises Over Militancy Remark



Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti has expressed regret over her recent remarks made during the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protest at Jantar Mantar, after her comments on the use of force against protesters triggered political controversy.

Mehbooba Mufti had visited the protest venue to extend support to students raising concerns over alleged examination irregularities. During her interaction, she compared the police action against student protesters in Delhi with the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, stating that the circumstances were different due to the presence of militancy in the Valley. Her remarks led to criticism from political opponents.

Reacting to the controversy, Mehbooba clarified that her statement was misunderstood and said she intended to highlight how security concerns are often cited while dealing with situations in Jammu and Kashmir. She expressed regret if her

comments hurt people's sentiments and apologised for the remarks.

The controversy intensified after political leaders criticised her statement, accusing her of appearing to justify the use of force against people in the region. They said such remarks required greater sensitivity while discussing issues related to Kashmir and public protests.

The issue has once again highlighted political differences over the handling of security, protests and governance-related matters in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mehbooba's clarification comes amid a wider debate over the treatment of protesters, the role of security forces and the balance between maintaining law and order and protecting democratic rights.

The controversy has added another political flashpoint in Jammu and Kashmir, where discussions over civil liberties, security measures and public representation continue to remain sensitive issues.

## Meta Apologises Over PM Modi Video Block

Social media giant Meta has apologised after a video posted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Facebook was briefly blocked, stating that the removal happened due to a technical error. The video was later restored on the platform.

The incident attracted attention after the video, in which Prime Minister Modi addressed youth regarding concerns over examination paper leaks, became temporarily unavailable on Facebook. Meta clarified that the content was removed mistakenly and that corrective measures were taken to restore it.

According to sources, the government took note of the issue and sought details about the circumstances that led to the temporary removal of the Prime Minister's video. Officials are examining the content moderation process and the reasons behind the restriction.

The video featured Prime Minister Modi's message to Gen Z students, where he spoke about steps being taken to strengthen the examination system and prevent paper leaks. He assured students that measures would be introduced to protect their interests and ensure greater transparency in competitive examinations.

The temporary blocking of a high-profile political communication has raised broader questions about automated content moderation systems used by



global social media platforms. Experts have often highlighted the challenges technology companies face in managing sensitive content while ensuring accuracy and fairness.

Meta's explanation that the removal was caused by a technical mistake has brought the video back online. However, the incident has triggered discussions over transparency, accountability and the effectiveness of digital platform monitoring systems.

The episode comes at a time when social media companies worldwide are facing increasing scrutiny over their handling of political content, misinformation and public communication. The temporary restriction of the Prime Minister's video has once again highlighted the need for stronger review mechanisms and greater transparency from technology platforms.

## Vijay Takes On Centre Over Mekedatu Dam

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay has stepped up his opposition to the proposed Mekedatu dam project, urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Centre to protect the state's water rights and prevent any move that could impact Tamil Nadu's share of Cauvery river water.

The controversy intensified after the Centre's response in Parliament regarding the Mekedatu project triggered concerns in Tamil Nadu. Vijay argued that the position taken by the Union government ignored the interests of lower riparian states and raised questions over the future of Cauvery water management.

The Mekedatu project, proposed by Karnataka across the Cauvery river, has been a long-standing dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. While Karnataka has maintained that the reservoir would help meet Bengaluru's drinking water



needs and support power generation, Tamil Nadu has opposed the project, fearing it could affect the flow of water to its farmers and regions dependent on the river.

Vijay has demanded that the Centre ensure that no approvals are granted without considering Tamil Nadu's concerns. He has maintained that the state's farmers and their livelihoods depend heavily on Cauvery water and that existing legal arrangements must be respected.

The issue has also become a major political flashpoint in Tamil Nadu, with various parties and groups demanding a united stand to safeguard the state's interests. Leaders have called for

stronger political and legal action against any attempt to move forward with the project without consensus.

For Vijay, the Mekedatu dispute has emerged as one of the key issues involving Tamil Nadu's regional concerns. His stand against the project highlights the continuing political sensitivity surrounding interstate river water disputes.

The Cauvery issue has historically been one of the most debated water-sharing conflicts in southern India. With Karnataka pushing its plans and Tamil Nadu raising objections, the Centre faces the challenge of balancing the demands of both states while ensuring compliance with legal frameworks.

The latest developments indicate that the Mekedatu controversy is likely to remain a major political and administrative challenge, with both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu closely watching the Centre's next move.

## India Targets Child Marriage-Free Nation By 2030

The Government of India has reaffirmed its commitment to eliminating child marriage by 2030, with Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development Savitri Thakur stating that the Centre and civil society organisations are working together to protect children and strengthen child rights across the country.

Speaking at the national consultation titled "Ensuring Child Rights, Potential and Prosperity" in New Delhi, the Minister highlighted the crucial role played by grassroots organisations in preventing child marriage, trafficking, exploitation and abuse. The four-day event brought together representatives from more than 250 partner organisations working across all 782 districts of India to strengthen child protection systems.

Thakur described child protection as one of the nation's biggest responsibilities and appreciated the efforts of frontline workers involved in rescuing children from dangerous situations. She said every child



saved from exploitation represents a significant achievement and praised volunteers working to protect vulnerable children.

The Minister said the Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat campaign, launched as part of the government's efforts to end child marriage, is gaining momentum across the country. She emphasised that achieving a child marriage-free India requires cooperation between government agencies, NGOs, communities and citizens.

Speaking at the event, Lavu Krishna Devarayalu, Convener of MPs for Children and Parliamentary Party Leader of the Telugu Desam Party in the Lok Sabha, said India's campaign against child marriage has become an example for the world. He highlighted the need for stronger safeguards to protect

children from emerging challenges, including risks associated with social media.

Founder of Just Rights for Children, Bhuwan Ribhu, said the movement has grown from a campaign against child marriage into a broader mission focused on child empowerment, justice, technology and leadership. He noted that collective efforts have helped prevent more than 5.5 lakh child marriages over the past three years.

The consultation highlighted the importance of collaboration between government institutions, civil society groups, communities and young people. Speakers stressed that preventing child marriage is not only about protecting children but also about ensuring their education, safety, dignity and future opportunities.

With continued focus on awareness, legal action and community participation, the government aims to build a stronger child protection framework and achieve the vision of a Child Marriage-Free India by 2030.

## Rahul Gandhi Backs Ken-Betwa Protesters

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has extended support to protesters opposing the Ken-Betwa River Linking Project in Madhya Pradesh, demanding fair compensation, proper rehabilitation and justice for families affected by the project.

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha raised concerns over the issues faced by tribal communities and villagers who claim that land acquisition for the project has affected their homes, livelihoods and traditional resources. He backed their demand for a transparent process and adequate rehabilitation measures.

The Ken-Betwa project has triggered protests in parts of Madhya Pradesh, particularly in the Chhatarpur region, where affected families have alleged concerns over compensation distribution, land surveys and rehabilitation efforts. Protesters have demanded better compensation packages, inclusion of all eligible families and a review of their grievances.

Several villagers have staged symbolic protests, including hunger strikes and other peaceful demonstrations, highlighting concerns over displacement and the loss of agricultural land and livelihoods. The agitation has drawn political attention, with opposition leaders questioning the handling of the issue by the state government.

Rahul Gandhi criticised the treatment of protesters and said the voices of affected communi-



ties should be heard. He emphasised that development projects must ensure justice for displaced families and that rehabilitation should be carried out in a fair and transparent manner.

The Madhya Pradesh government has maintained that complaints related to compensation and rehabilitation would be examined and assured that genuine concerns would be addressed. Officials have said the project is important for improving water availability and supporting development in the drought-prone Bundelkhand region.

The Ken-Betwa River Linking Project remains one of India's major water infrastructure initiatives, aimed at transferring water between river basins. However, concerns of communities affected by land acquisition and displacement have become a major point of debate.

The issue has now turned into a larger political discussion over balancing infrastructure development with environmental protection, rehabilitation rights and the welfare of local communities.

## Kapil Sibal Backs CJP Legal Aid Drive

Senior advocate and Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal has announced a contribution of 1 crore towards a legal aid fund created by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) to support student protesters facing legal action after the recent Jantar Mantar agitation.

The move comes after CJP raised concerns over police cases and legal proceedings against students who participated in protests related to examination irregularities and paper leak allegations. The organisation said it would create a support system to help affected students access legal assistance.

Addressing the issue, Sibal said efforts would be made to identify legal cases registered against students and protesters across different states. He also appealed to lawyers to extend support and provide legal assistance wherever required.

The legal aid initiative is expected to include a platform that will collect details of students facing cases and connect them with lawyers willing to provide support. The aim is to ensure that protesters have access to proper legal representation during ongoing proceedings.

CJP representatives alleged that several students and protesters were facing legal challenges following the agita-



tion. They demanded that peaceful demonstrators should not be targeted and called for a review of cases registered during the protests.

The student-led movement gained attention over demands related to examination reforms, transparency and action against those responsible for alleged irregularities. The protests also triggered a wider debate over student rights, accountability and the government's response to youth-led movements.

Sibal's support has added a legal dimension to the ongoing issue, shifting the focus towards protecting protesters facing cases and ensuring access to legal remedies.

The development is expected to keep attention on examination reforms, student concerns and the broader debate over how authorities and institutions respond to youth movements demanding transparency and accountability.





# Trump-Macron Rift Deepens At UN

A fresh diplomatic clash has erupted between the United States and France, exposing growing tensions between U.S. President Donald Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron. The dispute escalated after American diplomats walked out of a United Nations Security Council meeting while France was criticising the Trump administration. The confrontation was linked to disagreements over the reappointment of UN human rights chief Volker Türk. The United States opposed extending his term, while France strongly supported the move. The issue triggered sharp exchanges between officials from both countries, with Washington accusing Paris of unfair criticism and France defending its position on human rights issues. The walkout marked a rare public diplomatic protest by the U.S. at the UN and highlighted the widening differences between two traditional allies. American officials argued that France's criticism represented political posturing, while French representatives maintained that discussions on human rights and international law remain essential at global forums. The latest dispute adds to a series of disagreements be-

tween Trump and Macron in recent years. Their relationship has been strained by differences over issues including NATO, European defence policies, trade disputes and approaches toward major international conflicts. Despite being long-standing allies, Washington and Paris have increasingly found themselves on opposite sides of key global debates. Macron has pushed for greater European strategic independence, while Trump has repeatedly emphasised an "America First" approach to foreign policy. Analysts say the growing friction reflects a broader shift in transatlantic relations, where European nations and the United States are increasingly divided over global leadership, security priorities and the role of international institutions. The UN episode is unlikely to completely damage the decades-old partnership between the two countries, but it signals deeper disagreements that could shape future cooperation. As global challenges involving security, human rights and geopolitical rivalries continue, the relationship between Washington and Paris is expected to remain under close international watch.



# Thailand Eyes Record Indian Tourists

Thailand is expecting a major surge in Indian tourist arrivals after extending a 30-day visa-free entry facility for Indian travellers. The move is projected to significantly increase the number of Indian visitors in the coming years, supported by improved air connectivity and rising demand for international travel. The Tourism Authority of Thailand believes India will remain one of the country's most important tourism markets. Indian travellers have already emerged as a key source of international visitors, with Thailand witnessing strong growth from India in recent years. Thailand has recorded a steady rise in foreign tourist arrivals, with Indian visitors becoming one of the major contributors. Officials expect the visa-free policy, along with more flights connecting smaller Indian cities to Thailand, to further accelerate visitor numbers. The popularity of Thailand among Indian tourists is driven by affordable travel options, attractive beaches, cultural experiences, shopping destinations and strong connectivity. The country has become a preferred international holiday destination for families, young travellers, honeymooners and business groups from India. Tourism officials believe India's growing economy and expanding middle class will continue to boost outbound travel. Thailand expects India's international travel market to grow

significantly in the coming years, creating new opportunities for tourism, hospitality and aviation sectors. Air connectivity is expected to play a major role in achieving the ambitious growth targets. Airlines have been increasing services between India and Thailand, including routes connecting smaller Indian cities, making international travel more accessible for a wider section of travellers. However, officials acknowledge that factors such as currency fluctuations and rising travel costs could influence travel decisions among some middle-income tourists. Despite these challenges, Thailand remains confident about sustained demand from Indian visitors. The country is also focusing on targeted tourism campaigns through digital platforms, social media promotions and holiday-season marketing to attract more Indian travellers. Festivals and holiday periods are expected to play an important role in boosting travel bookings. With visa-free access, better flight options and growing interest among Indian tourists, Thailand is preparing for a new phase of tourism growth. The expected rise in arrivals could further strengthen economic ties between India and Thailand while benefiting airlines, hotels and local businesses across the Southeast Asian nation.

# 7.1 Quake Hits Japan, Tsunami Alert Issued

A powerful 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck Japan's southern Kumamoto region on Kyushu island, triggering a tsunami advisory and emergency alerts across several coastal areas. The Japan Meteorological Agency reported that the earthquake occurred at a depth of around 10 kilometres beneath the surface, causing strong tremors in the affected region. The quake prompted authorities to issue tsunami advisories for nearby coastal regions, warning residents to stay away from shorelines as waves of up to around one metre were possible. Emergency agencies immediately began monitoring coastal conditions and assessing the impact of the earthquake. The tremors were felt across parts of Kyushu, Japan's southwestern main island. Authorities issued emergency warnings for multiple prefectures, urging people to remain cautious due to the possibility of aftershocks. Initial reports indicated damage to buildings and infrastructure in some areas, while emergency teams were deployed to



assess the situation. Transportation services, including railway operations, were affected as authorities carried out safety checks following the strong earthquake. Japan's disaster management agencies moved quickly to gather information and coordinate rescue and relief operations. Officials also monitored nearby nuclear facilities, with authorities checking for any possible impact from the earthquake. The earthquake has renewed concerns in a country that frequently experiences seismic activity due to its location along the Pacific "Ring of Fire." Japan has some of the world's strictest earthquake preparedness systems, including advanced warning networks and strict building regulations designed to reduce damage during major tremors. Experts have warned residents in the affected areas to remain alert for aftershocks in the coming days. Authorities have advised people to follow official instructions, avoid coastal areas until advisories are lifted and stay prepared for further seismic activity. The full extent of the damage is still being assessed, while emergency teams continue inspections across the affected regions. The incident once again highlights Japan's ongoing challenge of managing natural disasters in one of the world's most earthquake-prone nations.

# Oman Offers Hormuz Plan To Iran



Oman has presented a regional proposal to Iran aimed at creating a joint mechanism to manage the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, according to sources familiar with the discussions. The plan seeks to ensure safe navigation through the waterway while preventing any single country from exercising complete control over the route. The proposed mechanism is reportedly inspired by the management model of the Strait of Malacca, where users of the shipping route voluntarily contribute funds for navigation services, environmental protection and search-and-rescue operations. Under Oman's proposal, Iran would not have exclusive authority over the Strait of Hormuz. The move comes amid heightened tensions in the Gulf region following the recent conflict involving Iran and the United States. The Strait of Hormuz, one

of the world's most important energy routes, has faced disruptions, raising concerns over global oil and gas supplies. The waterway plays a crucial role in international energy trade. Oman's diplomatic initiative is aimed at finding a regional solution that balances security concerns and commercial interests. Gulf countries have shown interest in discussions around a framework that could improve maritime safety while maintaining freedom of navigation through the strategic passage. Iran has repeatedly stressed the importance of regional cooperation in managing security around the Strait, while also seeking a greater role in decisions related to maritime movement in the area. Iranian officials have held discussions with Oman and other regional partners regarding stability and future arrangements for the waterway. The Strait of Hormuz is a critical



# Trump, Netanyahu Set For Key Talks

U.S. President Donald Trump is set to host Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House in their first face-to-face meeting since the recent Iran conflict, with regional security and Middle East stability expected to dominate the high-level discussions. The meeting comes at a crucial time as tensions in the region remain high following the Iran war. Both leaders are expected to review the security situation and discuss ways to prevent further escalation while strengthening strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel. Iran is expected to be the primary focus of the talks. The two leaders are likely to discuss Tehran's nuclear programme, regional security concerns and future diplomatic efforts aimed at preventing another military confrontation. They are also expected to assess the impact of the recent conflict on the broader Middle East. Apart from Iran, discussions are expected to cover the ongoing situation in Gaza, Israel's security operations in Lebanon, and efforts to expand the

Abraham Accords, which seek to normalize relations between Israel and Arab nations. Both sides are also expected to exchange views on strengthening regional alliances. The meeting carries political significance for both leaders. Netanyahu is facing domestic political challenges, while Trump continues to navigate international scrutiny over U.S. policy in the Middle East. Analysts believe the outcome of the talks could influence future diplomatic and security strategies in the region. The visit also provides an opportunity for both leaders to hold discussions on wider global issues and strengthen their long-standing partnership. The talks are expected to reaffirm cooperation between Washington and Jerusalem while addressing differences over future strategies toward Iran and other regional conflicts. Governments across the world are closely watching the meeting for signals on the next phase of U.S. policy in the Middle East. The outcome could have major implications for regional stability, diplomatic negotiations and security partnerships in the months ahead.



# J&J Faces \$5.5 Billion Talc Settlement

Healthcare giant Johnson & Johnson (J&J) has agreed to a proposed settlement of up to \$5.5 billion to resolve thousands of lawsuits alleging that its talc-based products, including its popular baby powder, were linked to ovarian cancer. The agreement could bring an end to a decade-long legal battle that has created significant challenges for the company. The settlement is expected to cover a large number of remaining claims filed in the United States, with thousands of people alleging that long-term use of J&J's talc products contributed to cancer risks. The company has consistently denied the allegations, maintaining that its talc products are safe and do not contain harmful levels of asbestos. The legal dispute has been ongoing for more than a decade, involving multiple lawsuits across US courts. The controversy has placed pressure on one of the world's largest healthcare companies, leading to billions of dollars in legal costs, settlements and efforts to manage future liabilities. Under the proposed agreement, J&J plans to make payments over multiple years, with a significant portion expected to be paid in the initial phase. The settlement still re-

quires approval from a large majority of claimants before becoming final. J&J officials said the company decided to pursue the settlement to bring closure to the long-running litigation and allow the company to focus on its core healthcare businesses. The company continues to argue that scientific studies support the safety of its talc products and that the claims against it lack merit. The legal battle has also influenced the company's product strategy. Johnson & Johnson had already moved away from talc-based baby powder in several markets and shifted toward alternative formulations as consumer preferences and regulatory scrutiny changed. The settlement marks one of the biggest corporate resolutions involving consumer product litigation in recent years. While it could remove a major uncertainty for J&J, the company still faces scrutiny over remaining legal issues and the broader impact of product liability claims on large healthcare firms. The development is being closely watched by investors and the pharmaceutical industry, as the outcome could influence how major corporations handle large-scale litigation risks in the future.





# Manipal Health IPO Opens Today

Manipal Health Enterprises, one of India's leading hospital chains, is set to launch its 9,275-crore Initial Public Offering (IPO) on July 29, with the issue expected to remain open for subscription until July 31. The IPO has generated strong interest among investors, while the grey market premium (GMP) indicates the possibility of modest listing gains.

The company has fixed the price band at 560-590 per share. Retail investors can apply for a minimum lot of 25 shares, requiring an investment of 14,750 at the upper end of the price band.

The IPO comprises a fresh issue of 8,000 crore and an Offer for Sale (OFS) worth 1,275 crore by existing shareholders. The proceeds from the fresh issue will primarily be used to reduce debt and support the company's future expansion plans.

According to market observers, the current grey market premium suggests that the stock could list at a moderate premium over its issue price. However, analysts caution that GMP is only an unofficial market indicator and should not be considered a guarantee of listing performance.

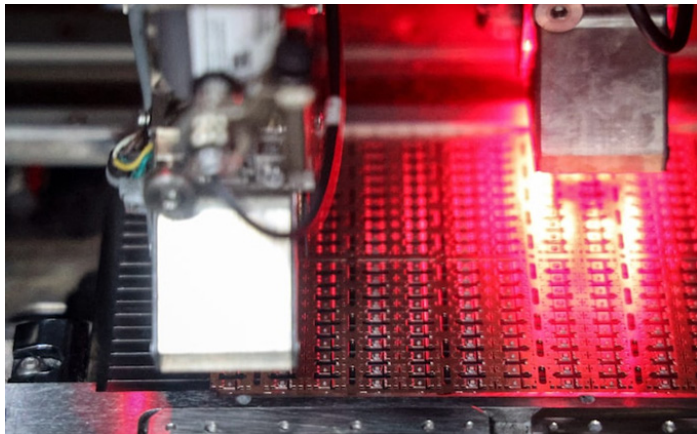
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pected to be finalized on August 3, while successful applicants are likely to receive shares in their demat accounts on August 4. The company is scheduled to make its stock market debut on the BSE and NSE on August 5.

Manipal Health operates one of the country's largest healthcare networks, with hospitals spread across multiple cities. The company has built a strong presence in multi-specialty healthcare and has expanded significantly through acquisitions and capacity additions in recent years.

The IPO comes at a time when investor interest in the healthcare sector remains strong, supported by rising demand for quality medical services and long-term growth prospects. Market experts believe the company's established brand, extensive hospital network and expansion strategy make it an attractive long-term play, although investors should carefully evaluate the valuation and associated risks before investing.

With one of the biggest public issues of the year set to hit the market, all eyes will now be on investor response during the three-day subscription window and the stock's eventual market debut.



# China's Chip Push Shakes Global Tech

China's growing progress in semiconductor manufacturing has sparked fresh concerns across the global technology industry after reports emerged that a state-backed company has begun producing home-grown immersion Deep Ultraviolet (DUV) lithography machines. The development triggered a sharp sell-off in semiconductor stocks worldwide, with investors reassessing the competitive landscape in the chip industry.

Lithography machines are among the most critical and sophisticated tools used in manufacturing semiconductors. For years, Dutch company ASML has dominated the market for advanced lithography equipment, making it an essential supplier for leading chipmakers across the world. China's latest breakthrough is being viewed as a major step toward reducing its dependence on foreign technology.

The reports also weighed heavily on shares of major semiconductor companies, including ASML, Nvidia, AMD, and Micron, as investors worried that China's progress could intensify competition and reshape the global chip supply chain. Companies involved in semiconductor equipment and AI hardware also came under pressure amid concerns over future market dynamics.

China has been accelerating efforts to achieve self-sufficiency in semiconductor manufacturing following years of ex-

port restrictions imposed by the United States and its allies. Developing domestic DUV lithography machines is considered a significant milestone because the technology can support the production of many advanced chips, even though it remains less sophisticated than the latest EUV systems manufactured by ASML.

Industry experts, however, caution that China's new machines are still in the early stages of commercial deployment. While they represent a strategic achievement, they are not yet expected to match the performance, reliability or production efficiency of ASML's established systems. Scaling up manufacturing and proving long-term reliability remain major challenges. Even so, the development signals that China is steadily narrowing the technology gap in one of the world's most complex industries. If domestic production continues to improve, Chinese chipmakers could become less dependent on imported manufacturing equipment, potentially reshaping global competition over the coming years.

For the semiconductor industry, the latest breakthrough highlights the growing technological rivalry between China and the West. While ASML and other global leaders continue to maintain a significant technological edge, China's rapid progress suggests that the race for semiconductor leadership is becoming increasingly competitive.

# Markets End Flat Amid Volatility

Indian benchmark equity indices ended Tuesday's volatile trading session on a flat note as gains in information technology stocks were offset by weakness in banking and FMCG counters. Monthly derivatives expiry kept investors cautious throughout the day, resulting in range-bound trading.

The Sensex and Nifty 50 witnessed sharp intraday swings before closing with marginal changes. IT stocks emerged as the biggest support for the market, while banking and consumer goods stocks remained under pressure, limiting the overall gains. Market experts said the indices continue to trade within a narrow range, reflecting investor indecision ahead of key domestic and global triggers.

Among corporate developments, Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL) remained in focus after reporting a decline in its first-quarter profit, leading to weakness in the stock. On the other hand, several companies announced their quarterly earnings, with mixed performances influencing sector-specific movements.

City Union Bank posted healthy growth in quarterly profit along with an improvement in asset quality, while Coal



India reported higher revenue and a modest rise in profit. Ambuja Cements reported a decline in profit despite continued business growth, and Pine Labs posted a sharp jump in quarterly earnings with improved operating margins. These earnings announcements kept stock-specific action active throughout the session.

The Indian rupee erased most of its early gains to end almost unchanged against the US dollar, reflecting cautious sentiment in the currency market. Meanwhile, investors also tracked global developments, including mixed cues from international markets and movements in crude oil prices.

Market analysts believe the

Nifty continues to face strong resistance around the 24,050 level, while immediate support is seen near 23,920. A decisive move beyond either level is expected to determine the market's next direction. Until then, traders are likely to witness continued consolidation with stock-specific opportunities dominating the market.

Despite the lack of a strong directional move, the session highlighted the resilience of Indian equities, with buying in IT stocks preventing a deeper correction. Investors are now expected to closely monitor upcoming corporate earnings, global market trends and macroeconomic developments for fresh trading cues.



# Invesco Launches Two New ETFs

Invesco Mutual Fund has launched two new passive investment schemes—the Invesco India BSE Sensex ETF and the Invesco India Nifty Bank ETF—offering investors an opportunity to gain exposure to India's benchmark equity index and the banking sector through exchange-traded funds. The New Fund Offers (NFOs) opened on July 28 and will remain open for subscription until August 11.

Both schemes are designed to replicate the performance of their respective benchmark indices as closely as possible, subject to tracking error. The Sensex ETF aims to mirror the performance of the BSE Sensex, while the Nifty Bank ETF will track the Nifty Bank Index, which comprises leading banking stocks in the country.

The funds will be managed by Abhisek Bahinipati, who will oversee the portfolios with the objective of delivering returns that closely match the underlying indices. As passive investment products, the ETFs are expected to have relatively lower costs compared to actively managed equity funds, making them attractive for long-term investors seeking market-linked returns.

The launch comes at a time when passive investing continues to gain popularity among Indian investors due to its simplicity, transparency and cost efficiency. Exchange-traded funds also offer the flexibility of being bought and sold on stock exchanges like regular shares, providing liquidity and ease of trading.

The Sensex ETF is aimed at investors looking for broad exposure to India's largest and most established companies across various sectors. Meanwhile, the Nifty Bank ETF is targeted at those who want to participate in the performance of the country's banking sector, one of the key drivers of the Indian economy.

According to the fund house, both ETFs are suitable for investors with a long-term investment horizon who are comfortable with market-linked risks. Since these are passive products, their returns will depend on the performance of the underlying indices rather than active stock selection.

With these launches, Invesco Mutual Fund has expanded its passive investment offerings, giving investors additional options to build diversified portfolios through low-cost, index-based investment products.



# Kotak Sees Earnings Momentum Intact

India Inc.'s stronger-than-expected first-quarter earnings have provided confidence despite growing macroeconomic concerns such as rising crude oil prices, geopolitical tensions and a weaker-than-expected monsoon, according to Kotak Institutional Equities.

The brokerage noted that the robust earnings season has created a positive contrast with the challenging macro environment. While global uncertainties have resurfaced due to geopolitical developments and higher energy prices, it believes India's economic outlook remains resilient unless these risks intensify significantly.

Based on the June quarter results announced so far, Nifty 50 companies have delivered better-than-expected earnings growth. The brokerage expects this momentum to continue over the next two financial years, supported by improving business activity, a favourable base effect in several sectors and stronger commodity prices.

Kotak also pointed to encouraging high-frequency economic indicators, which suggest that the Indian economy continues to remain on a stable footing. Healthy credit growth, improving investment activity and sustained govern-

ment support for manufacturing and infrastructure are expected to drive corporate earnings in the coming years.

On valuations, the brokerage believes the overall market appears reasonably priced, mainly due to the correction witnessed in banking and information technology stocks. However, it cautioned that valuations in several other sectors remain elevated following the sharp rally in mid- and small-cap shares over recent months.

Kotak has retained its FY2027 GDP growth forecast at 6.5% and expects corporate earnings to remain on a healthy growth trajectory. It also revised its large-cap model portfolio by increasing exposure to select companies that offer attractive long-term growth potential following recent corrections in their share prices.

Despite near-term macroeconomic risks, the brokerage remains optimistic about India's long-term growth story. It believes strong corporate earnings, healthy domestic demand and continued investment activity will help the market navigate external challenges, although investors should remain watchful of developments related to crude oil prices, monsoon progress and global geopolitical conditions.

# Avendus Turns Bullish On Flexi-Cap Funds

Avendus Wealth has upgraded its outlook on flexi-cap mutual funds to 'overweight', citing attractive valuations after the recent correction in the equity markets. At the same time, the wealth management firm has raised its stance on mid-cap and small-cap stocks from 'underweight' to 'neutral', indicating improving opportunities for investors.

According to Avendus, the sharp market correction has brought valuations to more reasonable levels, particularly in large-cap stocks. As a result, it believes flexi-cap funds, which have the flexibility to invest across large-, mid-, and small-cap segments, are well-positioned to navigate current market conditions.

The firm continues to prefer large-cap stocks over mid- and small-caps but believes the recent decline has reduced valuation concerns in the broader market. Flexi-cap funds remain its preferred investment choice because fund managers can dynamically adjust allocations based on changing market conditions and emerging opportunities.

From a sectoral perspective, Avendus remains optimistic about banking and financial



services (BFSI) and manufacturing, identifying them as long-term structural growth themes. It also sees selective opportunities in auto ancillaries, chemicals, logistics, discretionary consumption, telecom, capital goods, defence, healthcare, and quality IT companies with strong execution capabilities.

The wealth manager has also upgraded its outlook on gold, silver, REITs and InvITs to neutral after recent price corrections. However, it has downgraded high-yield credit from overweight to neutral, citing concerns that higher inflation and interest rates could affect returns in that segment.

Avendus believes India's macroeconomic fundamentals re-

main supportive, backed by healthy corporate balance sheets, improving liquidity and continued government capital expenditure. However, it cautioned that global risks, especially fluctuations in crude oil prices and geopolitical tensions, could influence market sentiment in the near term.

Overall, the firm expects investors to benefit from a diversified investment approach through flexi-cap funds while maintaining a selective stance across sectors. It believes the recent market correction has created attractive long-term investment opportunities for disciplined investors willing to stay invested through market volatility.

# IT Stocks Stage Strong Comeback

India's information technology (IT) sector witnessed a sharp rebound, with the Nifty IT index surging nearly 3% in a single trading session, outperforming the broader market despite weakness in several other sectors. The rally has sparked fresh optimism among investors, raising hopes that the worst of the correction in IT stocks may be over.

The recovery was led by frontline IT companies, including TCS, Infosys, HCLTech and Tech Mahindra, while mid-tier firms such as Coforge and Mphasis also posted strong gains. Positive quarterly earnings, improving investor sentiment and attractive valuations after the recent correction helped drive buying interest across the sector.

According to technical analysts, the Nifty IT index has bounced from key support levels, indicating renewed buying momentum. However, they caution that the index needs to sustain above important resistance zones before confirming a broader trend reversal.

Market experts believe investors should closely watch the 39,000-39,500 range on the Nifty IT index as a crucial resistance area. A decisive breakout above these levels could pave the way for further upside, while failure to hold recent gains may result in another phase of consolidation.

Among individual stocks,



analysts remain constructive on TCS, Infosys, HCLTech and Tech Mahindra, citing improving technical charts and better risk-reward opportunities after the recent decline. Several brokerages also believe the correction has made valuations more attractive for long-term investors.

The rally comes even as global technology stocks remain under pressure due to concerns over artificial intelligence spending, semiconductor developments and global economic uncertainties. Despite these challenges, Indian IT companies have benefited from bargain hunting and expectations that demand for dig-

ital transformation services will remain resilient.

Analysts advise investors to remain selective and focus on quality IT companies with strong balance sheets, healthy order books and consistent earnings growth. While near-term volatility may continue, the latest rebound suggests that investor confidence in the sector is gradually improving.

The coming weeks will be crucial for the IT sector, with upcoming corporate earnings, global economic data and management commentary likely to determine whether the current rally develops into a sustained recovery or remains a short-term bounce.



# Jadeja Returns For Sri Lanka Tests

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced India's squad for the upcoming two-match Test series against Sri Lanka, with veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja making a welcome return to the red-ball setup. His comeback is expected to strengthen India's balance with both bat and ball as the team prepares for an important overseas assignment.

The squad will continue to be

led by Shubman Gill, while experienced batter KL Rahul has been named vice-captain. The selectors have retained the core of the Test side, blending experienced campaigners with promising young talent for the series beginning in Galle.

One of the biggest talking points is the maiden Test call-up for Saransh Jain, the 33-year-old off-spin all-rounder from Madhya Pradesh. After years of con-

sistent performances in domestic cricket, Jain has finally earned an opportunity at the highest level, making his selection one of the highlights of the squad announcement.

Speedster Jasprit Bumrah has also been included in the squad, although his participation will depend on his fitness clearance. The team management is expected to take a cautious approach with the pace spearhead to en-

sure he is fully fit before returning to competitive Test cricket.

The batting unit features familiar names, including Yashasvi Jaiswal, Sai Sudharsan, KL Rahul, Dhruv Jurel, and captain Shubman Gill, providing India with a strong mix of youth and experience. Jadeja's return also boosts the spin department, where he is expected to play a crucial role alongside the other specialist spinners.

The two-match series will be an important part of India's preparations in the ongoing World Test Championship cycle. With challenging conditions expected in Sri Lanka, the selectors have opted for a balanced squad capable of adapting to spin-friendly surfaces while maintaining depth in both the batting and bowling departments.

India will be aiming for a



strong start to the series, with the return of Ravindra Jadeja and the inclusion of fresh talent expected to add greater strength

and flexibility to the squad as they look to continue their impressive performances in the longest format of the game.



## India-Bangladesh Series Awaits Government Clearance

India's proposed white-ball tour of Bangladesh is likely to take place in the first half of September, but the series is still awaiting approval from the Government of India before it can be officially confirmed.

According to reports, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) are working closely to finalise the schedule and logistics. However, the tour can proceed only after receiving the necessary clearance from the government.

The proposed tour is expected to feature three One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and three Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is), marking the resumption of bilateral cricket between the two neighbouring nations after a prolonged gap.

Reports suggest that if the Bangladesh tour is approved, India's scheduled T20I series against Afghanistan could be postponed to create a two-week window in September. The move would help accommodate the Bangladesh series without disrupting the team's international calendar.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board has reportedly kept its venues available during the proposed period, while the BCCI is believed to be considering Dhaka and Chattogram as the primary venues for the matches.

The series carries added significance as cricketing ties between the two countries had been affected by scheduling issues and regional developments in recent times. Officials from both boards are now working to ensure that all arrangements are in place once the required approvals are received.

Although discussions have progressed positively, no official schedule has been announced yet. The final decision will depend on the Indian government's clearance, after which both cricket boards are expected to release the complete itinerary.

If approved, the six-match white-ball series will provide valuable match practice for both teams and strengthen bilateral cricketing relations between India and Bangladesh ahead of future international assignments.



## Greaves Creates Historic Test Bowling Record

West Indies all-rounder Justin Greaves etched his name into the record books with a sensational bowling spell against Pakistan, producing one of the most remarkable performances in Test cricket history.

Playing in the first Test, Greaves ripped through the Pakistan batting line-up by claiming five wickets without conceding a single run during an extraordinary spell. Even more impressively, he delivered five consecutive wicket maidens, a feat never before achieved in the 149-year history of Test cricket.

Pakistan appeared to be in a commanding position after reaching 244 for 3, but Greaves completely turned the match on its head. Bowling with exceptional accuracy and movement, he triggered a dramatic collapse as Pakistan lost their remaining wickets in quick succession to be bowled out for 282.

Greaves finished with outstanding figures of 5 for 27, playing the decisive role in ensuring that the West Indies se-

cured a valuable first-innings lead. His relentless line and length gave the Pakistan batters no room to score, while his consistency forced a string of crucial breakthroughs.

The record-breaking spell has earned widespread praise from former cricketers and fans around the world. Delivering five successive wicket maidens in a Test match is considered one of the rarest achievements in cricket, underlining Greaves' remarkable control, patience and skill.

The performance also marked a significant milestone for West Indies cricket, with Greaves becoming the first bowler in Test history to achieve this unprecedented feat. His heroics not only shifted the momentum of the match but also placed him among the game's record holders.

With his unforgettable spell, Justin Greaves has produced one of the finest bowling displays in recent Test cricket, proving once again that a single inspired performance can completely transform the course of a match.

## Sanju Opens Up On Kohli's Advice

Indian wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson has revealed that he once tried to follow Virat Kohli's disciplined lifestyle but eventually realised it was not something he could sustain. While acknowledging Kohli's incredible commitment to fitness and professionalism, Samson said he chose to find his own path instead of trying to imitate someone else's routine.

Recalling a conversation with Kohli during a gym session, Samson said the former India captain spoke to him about the importance of discipline, fitness and maintaining a consistent lifestyle. Inspired by the advice, Samson decided to adopt a similar approach in his own career.

According to Samson, he followed Kohli's strict routine for nearly a year. However, he later realised that the lifestyle did not suit his personality and natural way of living. He admitted that while Kohli's methods had played a huge role in making him one of the world's best cricketers, he needed to discover a routine that worked for him.

Samson stressed that every



player is different and that success cannot always be achieved by copying someone else's habits. He believes that understanding one's own strengths and staying true to oneself is equally important in building a successful career.

The Kerala batter also said he has decided to stay away from the "rat race" of constantly trying to meet other people's expectations. Instead, he now wants to play cricket on his own terms, trusting his instincts and enjoying the game without being influenced by outside opinions.

Samson explained that this change in mindset has given



him greater confidence and clarity. Rather than worrying about criticism or comparisons, he is focused on expressing himself freely on the field and making decisions that suit his style of play.

The wicketkeeper-batter's candid remarks have resonated with cricket fans, many of whom appreciated his honesty about balancing inspiration with individuality. While he continues to hold Virat Kohli in the highest regard, Samson believes the key to long-term success lies in creating a personal approach rather than trying to replicate another player's journey.

## Raina Credits India's Fielding Revolution



Raina also spoke about the influence of players like Mohammad Kaif, whose athleticism and commitment inspired an entire generation of Indian cricketers. Watching teammates dive, chase every ball and convert half-chances into wickets motivated others to raise their own standards and helped create one of India's best fielding units.

Recalling memorable moments from his career, Raina said fielding often demanded complete commitment, even if it meant risking injury while attempting spectacular catches or saving crucial runs. He believes that this fearless attitude made India one of the strongest fielding sides in world cricket during that era.

Known as one of India's great-

est fielders, Raina earned a reputation for his sharp reflexes, safe hands and lightning-quick throws. His performances inside the 30-yard circle and in the outfield frequently turned matches in India's favour, making him an integral part of the team's success across formats.

Raina believes that India's rise as a world-class fielding side was not the result of individual brilliance but a collective mindset built on discipline, hard work and mutual inspiration. According to him, the culture established during those years continues to influence the next generation of Indian cricketers, ensuring that fielding remains one of the team's biggest strengths.

## Usman Tariq Hits Back At Critics



maintained that if officials have any doubts, they have the authority to report a bowler for testing under the established regulations.

The 31-year-old also recalled a previous incident in the International League T20, where England batter Tom Banton questioned his action. Tariq said he made his feelings clear after dismissing Banton, adding that he prefers to let his performances answer his critics.

Tariq's bowling action has attracted attention because of its unique pause in the deliv-

ery stride and unconventional release. However, he has consistently maintained that his action is legal and has previously undergone the required assessments.

Despite the ongoing scrutiny, the Pakistan spinner remains focused on his cricket and believes repeated questioning by opposition players is both frustrating and unnecessary. He hopes that match officials will deal with such situations appropriately so that players can concentrate on the game rather than engaging in on-field controversies.

## Rinku Wins Laxman's Attitude Award

India's dominant 3-0 T20I series sweep over Zimbabwe ended on a high note, with middle-order batter Rinku Singh receiving the 'Best Attitude of the Match' award, an initiative introduced by head coach VVS Laxman to recognize players who display exceptional commitment, discipline and team spirit.

The unique award has become a special feature of India's dressing room during the Zimbabwe tour. Unlike traditional awards based solely on runs or wickets, the honour celebrates players who consistently demonstrate the right attitude, professionalism and dedication both on and off the field.

While announcing the winner, India's Strength and Conditioning Coach A.I. Harsha praised Rinku Singh for his unwavering commitment and ability to thrive under pressure. He highlighted that the left-handed batter remained consistent in his approach throughout the series, sticking to his routines and maintaining the same level of intensity regardless of the match situation.

Harsha said the coaching staff unanimously agreed that Rinku deserved the recognition because of his relentless effort, positive mindset and willingness to contribute to the team's success in every possible way. According to him, handling pressure with confidence is what separates good players from great ones.



Receiving the medal, Rinku thanked the coaching staff and his teammates for their support. He credited the entire squad for India's unbeaten run in the series and said every player contributed to the clean sweep, making the award even more special.

The award has now become an important part of the team's culture under Laxman's leadership. Earlier in the series, other players were also honoured for their commitment and positive attitude, with Rinku becoming the latest recipient of the recognition.

India's impressive performances throughout the tour showcased not only their cricketing talent but also the emphasis on teamwork, discipline and a winning mindset. With the introduction of the Best Attitude Award, the coaching staff has reinforced the message that character, commitment and professionalism are just as valuable as individual statistics in building a successful team.

## Father's Note Inspired Saransh's Dream



India's newest Test cricketer Saransh Jain has finally realised his long-cherished dream of representing the country, but behind his inspiring journey lies an emotional story of courage, sacrifice and a father's unwavering belief.

The 33-year-old all-rounder from Madhya Pradesh recently earned his maiden Test call-up for India's upcoming series against Sri Lanka after years of consistent performances in domestic cricket. His selection marks the culmination of more than a decade of perseverance and determination.

Saransh's biggest source of inspiration came during one of the most difficult phases of his life. In 2014, while he was touring Australia with a club team, his family hid the fact that his father, Subodh Jain, had been diagnosed with oral cancer. They feared the news would affect his focus and confidence while pursuing his cricketing dream.

Whenever Saransh called home asking to speak to his father, family members told him he was busy. Only after returning to India did he discover the painful truth. Following surgery, his father was unable to speak because of severe swelling caused by the treatment.

Unable to communicate verbally, Subodh wrote an emotional note to his son that would become the turning point in Saransh's career. The handwritten message read: "Son, the better you perform, the sooner I will recover."

Those simple words became a lifelong source of motivation. Instead of allowing the difficult circumstances to break his spirit, Saransh used them as fuel to work harder and continue chasing his dream of playing for India.

Interestingly, Saransh learned about his maiden Test selection while visiting a Hanuman temple in Indore. Since he was inside the temple offering prayers, he missed several phone calls. It was only after stepping outside that he discovered he had been selected for the national team.

For his father, the achievement carries even greater emotional value. A former off-spinner himself, Subodh had once dreamed of representing India but could not fulfil that ambition. Watching his son wear the national colours has now turned his own unfulfilled dream into reality.

Saransh Jain's remarkable journey is more than just a story of sporting success. It is a testament to resilience, family support and the power of hope. His father's handwritten message continues to stand as a symbol of determination, proving that even during life's toughest battles, faith and perseverance can lead to extraordinary achievements.



# Katrina Not Part Of Prabhas' Spirit

Speculation surrounding Bollywood star Katrina Kaif joining Prabhas in director Sandeep Reddy Vanga's much-awaited action film Spirit has been put to rest. Despite widespread rumours on social media, there is currently no official confirmation that the actress is part of the project. The buzz began after reports claimed Katrina had been approached for a key cameo or extended special appearance following casting changes in the film. The rumours quickly gained momentum, with fans believing the actress could make her return to Telugu cinema after nearly two decades. However, fresh reports indicate that these claims are inaccurate. Sources close to the production have clarified that Katrina has not been finalised for the film and that no official announcement has been made regarding her involvement.



Spirit remains one of the most anticipated Telugu films, marking the first collaboration between Prabhas and director Sandeep Reddy Vanga. The film features Triptii Dimri as the female lead and is expected to be a high-octane cop action drama. The project has attracted enormous attention ever since its announcement, making every casting rumour a major talking point.

Reports suggest that Katrina was discussed for a special role, but any talks have not resulted in a confirmed agreement. Industry insiders say there is no official update from either the filmmakers or the actress, and the reports remain purely speculative. Fans had welcomed the possibility of seeing Katrina share screen space with Prabhas, believing it would mark a significant comeback to Telugu cinema. However, with the latest clarification, those expectations have been put on hold. For now, Triptii Dimri remains the confirmed female lead, while the makers continue work on the film without announcing any addition to the cast. Until an official statement is released, reports about Katrina Kaif joining Spirit should be treated as speculation rather than confirmed news.

# '418' Trailer Release Officially Postponed

The makers of the upcoming Telugu horror thriller 418, presented by acclaimed filmmaker Prashanth Neel, have officially postponed the release of the film's trailer. The announcement came as a surprise to fans, who had been eagerly waiting for a glimpse of the much-anticipated horror entertainer. Sharing the update on social media, the team said the trailer would not be released as originally scheduled. In a cryptic message, the makers hinted that "some doors are better opened at the right time," assuring audiences that the wait would be worthwhile. However, they did not reveal the reason behind the postponement or announce a new trailer release date. Directed by Kirtan Nadagouda, 418 marks his feature directorial debut. He previously worked as an assistant and co-director to Prashanth Neel. The film is presented by Prashanth Neel and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, making it the production house's first venture into the horror genre. The film stars Surya Raj, Charan Lakkaraju, and Preethi Pagadala in the lead roles. Although the makers have kept the storyline under wraps, the project is being promoted as a mystery horror thriller packed with suspense and spine-chilling moments. Despite the trailer delay, the film's theatrical release remains scheduled as planned. Fans are hopeful that the postponed trailer will further raise expectations and offer a better look at the film's eerie atmosphere and intriguing narrative. With Prashanth Neel's name attached to the project and Mythri Movie Makers backing it, 418 has generated significant buzz among movie lovers. The makers have urged fans to stay tuned for the revised trailer launch date, promising that the wait will be rewarded with a memorable cinematic experience.



# Anna Requests Fans To Use Married Name

Anna, the wife of actor and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, has made a heartfelt appeal to fans and the media, requesting everyone to address her by her married name, Anna Konidala, instead of her maiden name, Anna Lezhneva. The emotional message, shared on social media ahead of her birthday, has received an overwhelming response from admirers. In her note, Anna explained that a person's name is deeply personal and carries emotional significance. She revealed that she had wanted to make this request ever since she joined Instagram but struggled to find the right words to express her feelings. Anna recalled that most people came to know her as Anna Lezhneva when news of her marriage to Pawan Kalyan became public. However, she pointed out that the surname "Lezhneva" appeared only on the last official document before her marriage. After tying the knot with Pawan Kalyan in 2013, she officially adopted



his family name and became Anna Konidala. She said that "Anna Konidala" is the name she truly identifies with and feels most connected to. Concluding her message, she made a simple request to everyone: "Please call me Anna Konidala," adding that it

would mean a great deal to her if people respected her choice. Anna also shared a nostalgic photograph taken during her first trip to Saint Petersburg, Russia, with Pawan Kalyan. The throwback picture added a personal touch to her emotional post and quickly attracted attention from fans. The post soon went viral across social media, with many supporters appreciating her honesty and respecting her decision to embrace her married identity. Fans flooded the comments section with messages of support, saying they would gladly honour her request and refer to her as Anna Konidala from now on. Anna's message has resonated with many people, highlighting how a name is not just an identity but also a reflection of one's personal journey, relationships and sense of belonging. Her heartfelt appeal has been widely appreciated for its sincerity, simplicity and emotional honesty.

# Mahesh Babu Blesses Jaya Krishna's Debut

Superstar Mahesh Babu has once again extended his support to the Ghattamaneni family by meeting his nephew Ghattamaneni Jaya Krishna ahead of the release of his debut film, Srinivasa Mangapuram. The actor's warm gesture has delighted fans and further increased anticipation for the upcoming Telugu film. Mahesh Babu recently met Jaya Krishna and the film's director Ajay Bhupathi, conveying his best wishes to the entire team. Pictures from the meeting have surfaced on social media, showing the trio posing together with smiles. The images have quickly gone viral, with fans appreciating Mahesh's encouragement for the young actor. Srinivasa Mangapuram marks the acting debut of Ghattamaneni Jaya Krishna, the son of late actor Ramesh Babu and grandson of legendary superstar



Krishna. The film is considered an important milestone for the Ghattamaneni family as another member steps into Telugu cinema. Directed by Ajay Bhupathi, the film features Rasha Thadani as the female lead, while veteran actor Mohan Babu

Mahesh Babu has been actively supporting his nephew's launch. Earlier, he released a special video message wishing Jaya Krishna and the entire team success. He praised the teaser, trailer and songs, describing the newcomers as promising talents and expressing confidence that audiences would appreciate the film. Fans have welcomed Mahesh's continuous encouragement, calling it a reflection of the strong bond within the Ghattamaneni family. His latest meeting with Jaya Krishna has further boosted excitement for the film's theatrical release. With positive promotional buzz, strong backing from the Ghattamaneni family and the support of leading names in the Telugu film industry, Srinivasa Mangapuram is gearing up for its big-screen release amid high expectations from fans and movie enthusiasts.



# Rana Daggubati To Play Ashwatthama?



Director Prasanth Varma is moving ahead with his ambitious mythological film Jai Hanuman, the much-awaited sequel to the blockbuster HanuMan. While Rishab Shetty is set to headline the film as Lord Hanuman, the latest buzz from the industry is that Rana Daggubati has been approached to portray the powerful character of Ashwatthama. According to industry reports, Rana is being considered for the pivotal role, which is said to have immense importance in the film's narrative. Although there has been no official confirmation from the makers, the speculation has

already generated significant excitement among movie lovers. If the reports prove true, Rana's addition could further elevate the scale of the project. Known for his commanding screen presence and powerful performances in films such as Baahubali, Rana is considered a perfect fit for larger-than-life mythological characters. His portrayal of Ashwatthama is expected to add greater depth and intensity to the story. Jai Hanuman is one of the most anticipated films in the Prasanth Varma Cinematic Universe (PVCU). Following the massive success of HanuMan, expectations are sky-high for the sequel, which promises a grand blend of mythology, fantasy and high-end visual effects. The film is being jointly produced by Mythri Movie Makers and T-Series on a lavish budget, with the makers aiming to deliver a pan-India cinematic spectacle. Work on the project is progressing steadily, though the official release date is yet to be announced. Fans are eagerly waiting for more updates regarding the cast and storyline. If Rana Daggubati officially joins the project, Jai Hanuman is expected to become an even bigger attraction, bringing together an impressive cast for one of Telugu cinema's most ambitious mythological films. For now, the makers have remained silent on the speculation, leaving fans eagerly awaiting an official announcement. Until then, Rana Daggubati's involvement as Ashwatthama remains an exciting industry buzz.

# Ranbir Excited For Yash Face-Off



Bollywood star Ranbir Kapoor has shared his excitement about working with Yash in the highly anticipated mythological epic Ramayana, revealing that the two actors are yet to film their much-awaited confrontation scenes. His comments have further raised expectations among fans eagerly waiting to witness the epic battle between Lord Rama and Ravana on the big screen. Speaking during a promotional interaction, Ranbir said he has not yet shot any scenes with Yash. He added that he is eagerly looking forward to sharing screen space with the KGF star, describing him as an actor with remarkable charisma and screen presence. Ranbir praised Yash's personality, saying he brings a unique aura and intensity that perfectly suits the role of Ravana. He expressed confidence that audiences would enjoy watching their on-screen rivalry once filming of the crucial sequences begins. The actor also spoke about the responsibility of portraying Lord Rama, calling it one of the biggest opportunities of his ca-



reer. He said playing such an iconic character comes with immense responsibility and has inspired him to approach the role with sincerity and dedication. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, Ramayana features a stellar cast, including Sai Pallavi as Sita, Yash as Ravana, Sunny Deol as Hanuman and Ravi Dubey as Lakshmana. The film is one of the most ambitious projects in Indian cinema and is being mounted on a grand scale with cutting-edge visual effects. Ever since the film was announced, fans have been eagerly waiting to see the face-off between Ranbir Kapoor and Yash, two of Indian cinema's biggest stars. Although the filming of their confrontation is still pending, anticipation continues to grow with every update from the makers. With production progressing steadily, Ramayana remains one of the most awaited films in the country. Fans are now looking forward to more behind-the-scenes updates and, most importantly, the powerful on-screen clash between Ranbir Kapoor's Lord Rama and Yash's Ravana.

# Dhanush's 'OM' Release Faces Uncertainty

The release plans for Dhanush's highly anticipated action drama OM have reportedly hit a hurdle, with industry buzz suggesting that the film's scheduled theatrical release may undergo a change. Although the makers have not made any official announcement, speculation surrounding the project has intensified in recent days. According to reports, OM is currently slated for release on October 16, 2026, the same date as Rajinikanth's Jailer 2. With two major films expected to clash at the box office, there are indications that the makers of OM are exploring the possibility of shifting the release to avoid direct competition. The situation has reportedly become more complicated because the film's post-theatrical streaming agreement with Netflix was structured around the original release schedule. Any change in the theatrical release date could require revisions to the existing digital rights agreement. Industry sources suggest that Dhanush and members of the production team are likely

to hold discussions with Netflix officials in Mumbai to renegotiate the release and streaming timeline. If both parties reach an agreement, the makers are reportedly considering a Diwali 2026 release window. If the negotiations do not lead to a revised deal, the film may continue with its originally announced October release. Directed by Rajkumar Periasamy, OM boasts a star-studded cast featuring Dhanush, Mammootty, Sai Pallavi, Sreelatha, Naseeruddin Shah, and Chaitu Jonnalagadda in key roles. The film is jointly produced by Wunderbar Films and RTake Studios. The project has generated tremendous excitement ever since its announcement, and fans are eagerly waiting for clarity regarding its release plans. While the reports have fueled speculation, the makers are yet to issue an official statement on whether the film's release date will be changed. Until then, movie lovers will have to wait for an official update to know whether OM will stick to its scheduled release or arrive later during the festive season.