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## Past rulers' actions shocked me: CM

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 9: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu stated that land is not just a property, but a source of livelihood, security, and dignity. He said that the previous government had set its sights on your land.

A meeting titled "Your Land - Your Right" was held in Surepalli village of Vemuru constituency. Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister said that land disputes were stirred up in every village and every household, and that someone even put his own photo on the land ownership passbook. He criticized this by saying, "The property is yours, but the photo is his." He further remarked that a person who dragged his own mother to court cannot be an ideal for us. He said that families are fighting among themselves even for a small piece of



land, and such petty land disputes are not desirable. He advised identifying villages with conflicts and resolving land issues through mediation. He criticized that the illegal activities and wrongdoings of the previous rulers are still haunting, and said he himself was shocked after seeing what they had done. He stated that 90% of the petitions

received were related to revenue issues, and that he had then resolved to take responsibility for ensuring land rights to the people.

He said that they have taken responsibility to issue 11.2 crore (112 million) pattadar passbooks and instructed officials to conduct a re-survey of 16,816 villages. He mentioned that 21.23 lakh (2.123 million) new

passbooks have already been issued, and another 9 lakh will be given by July. He added that a total of 80 lakh more passbooks still need to be distributed, and assured that the passbooks issued to people cannot be tampered with. He said that the same technology used for currency is being used for pattadar passbooks. Surveys will be conducted in front of the people and records will be updated transparently. He also stated that passbooks will be issued after taking e-KYC, and emphasized that his goal is to provide these passbooks without any corruption. He said that blockchain technology has been introduced to ensure that passbooks cannot be tampered with, and a lock system has been implemented to prevent anyone from grabbing lands. He stated that land ceiling laws were abolished as soon as

they came to power, and assured that issues related to your lands dating back to '22A' will be resolved. He also mentioned that reforms will be brought in the land registration system.

He said that he came there to solve people's problems and expressed happiness, saying his life feels blessed after seeing the joy among people when they received their pattadar passbooks. He criticized that the state had been completely devastated during the previous government and alleged that women had no safety under the YSRCP government. He further said that if people feel the government has worked well in the past 21 months, they should raise their hands in approval. He stated that the promises made are being implemented and clarified that with investments worth Rs.20 lakh crore, jobs will be provided to 23 lakh people.

## Deputy CM Pawan inaugurates drinking water scheme

From Our Staff Reporter Ambedkar Konaseema district: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, along with district in-charge minister K. Atchannaidu, inaugurated a drinking water scheme under the Jal Jeevan Mission in the district.

They virtually launched a drinking water project worth Rs.17.33 crore to be

constructed at Antarvedi. Additionally, they also laid the foundation stone (virtually) for a safe drinking water project worth Rs.5 crore to be built with ONGC funds at Gudimellanka in Malkipuram mandal. District Collector Mahesh Kumar, Razole MLA Deva Varaprasad, and TDP in-charge Gollapalli Amulya participated in the program.



## Selfie craze claims the lives of three young women

Alluri district, April 9: The obsession with selfies is pushing many people into dangerous situations. The eagerness among youth to take fun photos and selfies is putting their lives at risk. There have been numerous incidents where young people, caught up in the illusion of selfies, fail to notice the dangers around them and lose their lives. A similar tragic incident recently occurred in Alluri

Sitharama Raju district, where a selfie attempt claimed the lives of three young women.

Near a waterfall close to Mallangumi village in Ananthagiri, four young women were taking selfies for fun. Suddenly, they accidentally fell into the waterfall. Out of them, three girls died, while another is in critical condition.

The accident happened when three girls were stand-

ing near the waterfall and another was taking a selfie. Alerted locals immediately tried to rescue all four, but by then, three had already died. One young woman was rescued and shifted to the hospital, where she is reported to be in critical condition.

The deceased have been identified as Trisha, Pavitra, and Ratnakumari, all residents of Jambu Valasa village in Burja panchayat.

## Political leaders' behavior and performance should be role models for youth: Ayyannapatru

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 9: Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyannapatru stated that the current state of politics in society is discouraging youth. He was speaking at the West Zone conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association held in Goa.

He said that some MLAs limit themselves to creating disruptions in legislative assemblies and draw salaries without even attending sessions. He questioned how the youth can develop respect for politics when such leaders are seen openly. He suggested that



for this trend to change, the behavior of political leaders must improve, and their conduct and performance in legislatures should be exemplary. The Speaker noted that student involvement in politics has almost disappeared. He said universities, which were once

considered political laboratories, are now producing very few leaders entering politics. Recalling N. T. Rama Rao, he said that after founding the Telugu Desam Party, NTR provided political opportunities to many from the new generation and those without political backgrounds. He also mentioned that N. Chandrababu Naidu has been elected as an MLA nine times. The Speaker suggested that after implementing women's reservation, 33% of seats in legislatures should be reserved for those under 40 years of age, which would bring fresh energy into politics.

He emphasized that without innovative thinking, it is not possible to attract youth towards politics or provide them opportunities.

Speaker Ayyannapatru, who attended the CPA West Zone conference in Goa, also met Goa Governor P. S. Sreedharan Pillai (note: text mentions Ashok Gajapathi Raju, likely referring to a dignitary). During the meeting held at Lok Bhavan, he presented the book Maverick Messiah, written by Ramesh Kandula based on the political life of NTR, to the Governor and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh.

## AP Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishnam Raju condemns YSRCP attack on ABN Andhra Jyothy

From Our Staff Reporter West Godavari, April, 9: Several political leaders have already condemned the attacks by YSRCP cadres on the offices of ABN Andhra Jyothy. Political leaders warned that a civilized society will not tolerate attacks for speaking the truth fearlessly or attempts to suppress press freedom.

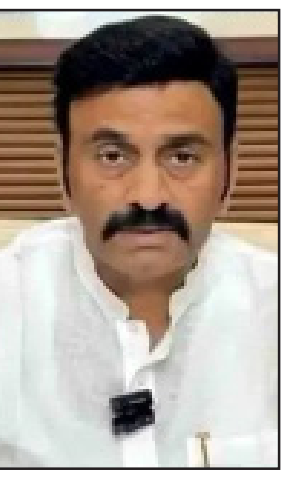
Leaders of the ruling alliance, including Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh, strongly opposed the attacks. Former Vice Presi-

dent M. Venkaiah Naidu also condemned the incident. Reacting to the attacks, AP Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishnam Raju said that there are proper ways to express protest and questioned why attacks were being carried out. He remarked that YSRCP seems to consider violence as a form of protest. He sarcastically commented that earlier, when the Telugu Desam Party office was attacked, the slogan "Why Not 175" was reduced to 11. He also criticized YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for repeatedly talking about bringing "Mavigen," say-

ing that such claims would not materialize. He asserted that even if such a bill is proposed in the AP Assembly, it will not happen.

Raghurama further remarked that people are not free to watch "movies" every day, referring to Jagan's statements. He also spoke about his custodial torture case, stating that he is seeking punishment for those who assaulted him.

Recalling a custodial torture case in Tamil Nadu where a father and son died, he said the consequences faced by the police in that case are well

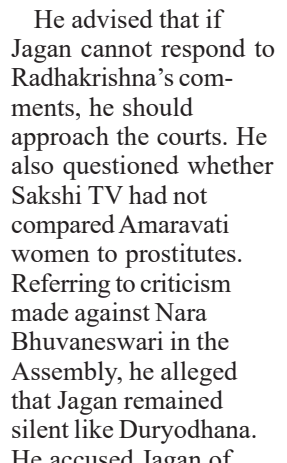


known. He expressed hope that justice would be delivered similarly in his case, adding that this is why "Sunil Kumar and his group" are fearful.

## Jagan's remarks on ABN MD... Minister Atchannaidu gives a strong counter

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 9: Minister K. Atchannaidu strongly criticized former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Speaking to the media on Thursday, he said Jagan has no right to speak about women. "You are talking about a newspaper... your wife is also a media owner," he remarked.

He stated that Vemuri Radhakrishna did not start a newspaper using corrupt money or by misusing his father's power like Jagan allegedly did. He added that Radhakrishna worked as a journalist and rose step by step before establishing his media organization. He said Radhakrishna has been presenting the realities of Andhra Pradesh to the public and speaking to create awareness.



He advised that if Jagan cannot respond to Radhakrishna's comments, he should approach the courts. He also questioned whether Sakshi TV had not compared Amaravati women to prostitutes. Referring to criticism made against Nara Bhuvaneshwari in the Assembly, he alleged that Jagan remained silent like Duryodhana. He accused Jagan of verbally harassing Amaravati women and TDP members. "Where were you when YSR died?" The minister further alleged that after coming to power in 2019 with a request for "one chance," Jagan caused destruction in the state. He questioned why Jagan holds such grudges against Andhra Pradesh. He said people



gave power to the NDA with strong faith, and claimed that within 22 months, the state was put back on track with central support. He recalled that Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy became Chief Minister in 2004 and said everyone knows the financial condition at that time. He alleged that Jagan mentally troubled YSR. He questioned Jagan's

whereabouts at the time of YSR's death, asking: "When everyone was worried about YSR's whereabouts, was Jagan lobbying for the Chief Minister's post? Even before confirming what happened, did he collect signatures for the CM? Why was he in other states at that time?"

"Jagan has no thought beyond power" Atchannaidu further

alleged that Jagan was responsible for his uncle's murder and questioned whether he remembers leaving his mother and sister in distress. He criticized Jagan, saying he has no thoughts beyond power.

He also claimed that there are suspicions regarding Jagan's role in YSR's death. He said Jagan's shows what happens when a "psycho" is given power. He alleged that Jagan had earlier instigated attacks on Reliance agencies blaming them for his father's death, but later allotted a Rajya Sabha seat to a person linked to Reliance.

The minister added that even Botsa Satyanarayana had spoken about Jagan's alleged role in YSR's death.

## Accused arrested in 'Chinna Tirupati' fake ticket scam: DSP

Eluru, April 8: DSP Shraavan Kumar stated that seven accused have been arrested in connection with the fake ticket scam at Dwaraka Tirumala Temple (popularly known as "Chinna Tirupati"). He said that along with the main Raju, six other temple employees have also been arrested. Speaking in Eluru on Thursday, the DSP said that a laptop, printer, and five mobile phones used for printing fake tickets were seized from the accused. The scam came to light in the second week of March this year at the famous pilgrimage site of Dwaraka Tirumala in Eluru district, where fake (darshan) tickets were being sold at the temple of Lord Venkateswara. The issue was exposed when some tickets failed to scan at the temple's scanning point. It became a major talking point as Raju, the son of the



temple's AEO (Assistant Executive Officer) Ramanaraju, was identified as the prime accused in the case. Due to heavy devotee rush, temple staff usually take strict precautions. Devotees purchase tickets at the counter, enter the temple, and present them at the scanning point, where security personnel scan the tickets before allowing entry. Raju, who was working as an outsourcing employee

at the temple, allegedly sold Rs.200 tickets through the counter. However, when these tickets were scanned at the entry point, they failed to register. Security personnel immediately informed higher temple authorities. Officials then examined the issued tickets and identified 61 fake tickets. They questioned Raju regarding the issue, after which temple authorities lodged a complaint with the police.

# We will intensify the movement if Andhra Jyothi MD Radhakrishna does not change his stance and apologize



Madanapalle, April 09(Skyline daily):It is unfortunate that people like Radhakrishna speak in a way that denigrates women in India, where female idols are worshipped, said Madanapalle YSRCP coordinator Nissar Ahmed. On the remarks made by Andhra Jyothi MD Radhakrishna, spewing venom on the Mavigan proposed by former Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy, YSRCP leaders, under the leadership of Nisar Ahmed, filed a complaint with the

Madanapalle Two Town Police on the instructions of the YSRCP high command, seeking action against Andhra Jyothi MD Radhakrishna, he said. He said that India is a sacred land and there is a culture of worshipping women, and it is unfortunate that some evil forces like Radhakrishna speak in a way that denigrates women. He expressed his regret that women have become unsafe after the coalition government came to power. He expressed his regret that in the Indian culture where women should be respected, it is unfortunate to speak in such a derogatory manner. He warned that Andhra Jyothi MD

Radhakrishna should change his stance and apologize, otherwise the movement will be intensified. He called on all people to boycott Andhra Jyothi newspaper, and all YSRCP ranks should also boycott Andhra Jyothi daily and ABN channel. Former Municipal Chairperson Manuja Reddy, SEC Member Shamim Aslam, Intellectuals Forum State Secretary VS Reddy, Constituency Youth Wing President D Harshavardhan Reddy, senior leaders L Raghunatha Reddy, N Masthan Khan, Seelam Ramesh, Narasimhulu, Surendra, Liakat Khan, Irfan, and others participated in the program in large numbers.

# Water problem solved in government hospital with MLA Shahjahan Basha's initiative

Madanapalle, April 09(Skyline daily): Five days ago, Madanapalle MLA Shahjahan Basha, who received news that the water well in the government hospital was stagnant and the patients and attendants were facing severe difficulties, took steps on a war footing by pumping water with water tankers and arranging water for each ward through sanitation staff, so that no patient would face any problem. Along with that, a new bore was dug immediately. However, since water did not flow in that borewell, without thinking at all, he made it clear that he would not hesitate to



dig as many wells for the hospital, and ordered another well to be dug. The next day, another well was dug and the motor was installed on Thursday. The

hospital staff and attendants expressed their joy and thanked MLA Shahjahan Basha for filling the water. TDP leaders and activists said they were

happy to work under the leadership of Shahjahan Basha, who immediately takes action for the people without thinking twice when there is a problem.

# Thettu Sri Paleti Gangamma Thalli Jatara concludes with devotees' celebrations

Madanapalle, April 09(Skyline daily): The Paleti Gangamma Thalli Jathara, which was held in Thettu village of Kurabalakota mandal, began with Bonalu on April 6th and ended with Thirunala on the night of the 7th and Thirunala on the day of the 8th. In order to fulfill the wishes of the devotees, devotees from different villages came to the Jathara this year with various types of electrical decorations, 36 Chandini carts came to the temple of the goddess and entertained all the devotees. The Kolatas and various dances arranged in front of the Chandini carts impressed all the devotees. The smooth conduct of the three-day Annasantharpana program made this Jathara special.



Approximately 40 thousand devotees participated in the Jathara of the goddess with joy and received the blessings of the goddess, said the temple committee chairman, Pujari Anji. On this occasion, for the smooth conduct of the Ammavari Jathara, the pujari Anji

thanked the devotees, media friends, revenue staff, mandal authorities, electricity department, panchayat and village secretariat staff, health department, police department, MD Suppliers Feroz, devotees who helped in the decoration of Ammavaru, devotees who

conducted various puja programs in the temple, everyone who helped in the Annasantharpana program, devotees who contributed to the development of the temple, temple staff and temple committee members, everyone by name.

# Venkataiah, the greatest Dramatist: Acharya Moola

Kadapa (Skyline Daily) April 09: Acharya Mool Malli Karjuna Reddy said that Alluri Venkata Iyya's life is blessed as he dreamed that my play should survive even after I am gone. Under the auspices of the YSR Kadapa District Rachai Tala Sangam, the 89th birth anniversary of Natak Rath asar athi Alluri Venkataiah was celebrated at the local Kadapa Rajiv Cultural Club on Thursday. Later, Mallikarjuna Reddy said that Venkata Iyya has the honor of winning 28 Nandi prizes for Kadapa district in the



Nandi drama festivals organized by the Andhra Pradesh Government and under his leadership, many plays like Vasavi Kanyaka,

Sati Ahalya, Sri Ramapadukalu, Sri Rama Pattabhishekam, Varudhini Pravarakhyu etc. have achieved Nandi awards.

Stage artistes Mandala Murali, Prakasam, Bala Obayya, Satyanarayana Tatitha participated in this program.

# CBIT Student Wins Gold Medal at JNTUA Convocation

Proddatur (Skyline Daily) April 09: Mr. Siliveru Hari Krishna, a student of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (2021-2025 batch) at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Proddatur, has secured

the Gold Medal at the JNTUA Convocation 2026. Chairman Dr. V. Jayachandra Reddy, CEO Mr. V. Lohith Reddy, Director (Academics & R&D) Prof. Prasanna Venkatesan, Director (Admin) Dr. G. Sree nivasula Reddy,

and Principal Dr. S. Sruthi, along with the faculty, congratulated him on his achievement. They stated that the accomplishment reflects CBIT's commitment to academic excellence and quality education.



# A water security program launched with the aim of developing farmers



Madanapalle, April 09(Skyline daily):In Annamaya district, Madanapalle constituency, MLA Shahjahan Basha and Madanapalle Market Chairman Jangala

Sivaram launched a "Water Security" program with priority given to water conservation. On this occasion, the Venkatamma Cheruvu supply channel was inaugurated. MLA Shahjahan

Basha, Madanapalle Market Chairman Jangala Sivaram, Cheekalabailu ex-Sarpanch Prabhakar and Irrigation Department officials participated in this program. After this program

was organized in Cheekalabailu Panchayat under Madanapalle Mandal, an intimate meeting was held with the farmers. On this occasion, the leaders explained the main objectives of the program. They stated that the development of farmers is possible by increasing groundwater, water conservation and increasing the availability of irrigation water. On this occasion, MLA Shahjahan Basha and Market Chairman Jangala Sivaram suggested that farmers should be careful in water consumption and effectively manage water through irrigation associations.

# Donation of Rs.10 Lakhs to TTD



Tirumala, 09 April 2026(skyline daily) : A devotee from Bengaluru G. Vijay Hemanth has donated Rs.10,00,104 to the Tirumala TTD Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust. The donor handed over the DD to TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary at the Additional EO Camp Office in Tirumala.

# Ambedkar Jayanti Should be Celebrated grandly: ASYF

Kamalapuram (Skyline Daily) April 09: ASYF State President Obayya has called for grand celebration of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar, who played a key role in India's development, the producer of India's national anthem, world intellectual. A meeting was held with the students at Polytechnic College in Kamalapuram. On this occasion, Obayya said that according to the conditions of India, Ambedkar should frame the constitution with his intelligence on the laws that should be in the country and the rights that the citizens should have. He said that Ambedkar, who had studied higher education,



laid the foundation for a solution to the atrocious caste discrimination in India and the atrocious inequality between people. We want to follow his foot-

steps as students. He wants us to study his way of thinking in such a way as to give a better society to the future generations by taking his ambitions and ideals, and

according to that, the world of students should move forward. Obayya called for grand celebration of Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary on 14th of this month.

# Applications are invited for PM Internship Scheme

Kadapa (Skyline Daily) April 09: The Government of India has launched the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (Phase-3) to provide work experience to the youth along with education. District Skill Development Officer C Vijaya Vinil Kumar said. PG students are eligible. Annual family income is Rs. Eligible candidates are advised to apply through mca.gov.in website. For more details contact number 630 0125455



# 92 Students Selected for Jobs at M.V.R Degree College



Palamaner, April 9: (By our Skyline staff reporter) College Correspondent M.V.R. Reddy announced that a total of 92 students were selected for jobs during a campus recruitment drive held on Thursday at M.V.R. Degree College in the town, organized in collaboration with the Magic Bus Foundation. The selections included 26

students for Radical Minds, 7 for Tata Groups, 24 for SBA, 20 for All Set, and 15 for ADECCO. He further stated that the selected students would receive an annual salary ranging from ₹1.8 lakhs to ₹2.8 lakhs. College Principal Lakshmi Sudha and the faculty team extended their congratulations to the selected students.

# EDITORIAL

## Is Kejriwal against questioning?

Aam Aadmi Party has removed Raghav Chaddha, a young dynamic leader, as the Deputy Leader of the Rajya Sabha and appointed another MP from Punjab, Ashok Mittal, in the court. This decision taken by former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has created a sensation across the country. It may be his choice who should be the Deputy Leader in the Rajya Sabha. But, the occasion of his removal, a letter was written saying that Raghav Chaddha should not be given priority to speak in the Rajya Sabha! Kejriwal has so far erased the label of a personality and a person who fought against corruption. He has proven himself to be a representative of a one-man central political system. If the central government suspends Raghav Chaddha from the Rajya Sabha for not being able to answer the questions he raises and the arrows he fires at him, Kejriwal, who claims to be a genuine alternative to the BJP, strengthens it, the decision taken by him is aimed at strengthening the BJP unconditionally, and it cannot be seen otherwise. Aam Aadmi Party MP Raghav Chaddha recently exposed the exploitation of corporate powers in the Rajya Sabha from a new angle. In particular, it was exposed in the Rajya Sabha that various companies have stated a period of 28 days as a month in the name of monthly recharge. Not only has the recharge scam worth hundreds of crores of rupees been exposed, but why are the people's representatives in the legislatures paying ten thousand rupees under phone charges when a recharge of just 300 rupees per month is sufficient for unlimited usage for a month? Isn't this a misuse of public money? He asked. By mentioning such sensational matters in the Rajya Sabha, he created a huge craze among the youth of the country. They were happy that the middle class had been given representation. Kejriwal, who was upset by this, removed him as the Deputy Leader of the Rajya Sabha and wrote that he should not be given priority, which created a sensation in the history of the Rajya Sabha. Can it be said that denying freedom of speech to a member of Parliament or writing that he denies 19(1) of the Constitution is a stain on the political charisma of a person like Kejriwal? In fact, the issues raised by Raghav Chadha brought fame to him and also to the Aam Aadmi Party. But, Kejriwal's action wiped it out. Didn't Raghava Chadha want to gain popularity across the country through the Rajya Sabha? Is it internal hatred that Raghava Chadha is filling the position he lost? Or is it fear that he will replace the position of alternative leadership? It could be anything. Overall, Raghava Chadha's priority has been reduced, and tomorrow he may even be thrown out of the party? Whatever the case, the youth of the country feel that Arvind Kejriwal has once again brought out his inner man and killed the questioning nature. The strangulation of such questioning natures did not start with Raghava Chadha alone. Before the Delhi elections, another Rajya Sabha member, Swati Malaiwal, was expelled from the party. Earlier, in the early days of the Aam Aadmi Party, questioning intellectuals like Yogendra Yadav and Kiran Bedi were smoked without even thinking about it. Kejriwal, who rains questions on his opponents, is strangely unable to tolerate questions and developments from his party leaders. Is it a chronic illness in him? Kejriwal, who came to power using the craze generated by the anti-corruption movement, has failed to transform the Aam Aadmi Party into a democratic party. Aam Aadmi Party does not have a specific political policy or structure. Aam Aadmi Party has joined the list of parties that have made personality worship an official agenda. Moreover, the party does not have a specific political policy or ideology, nor does it have a democratic structure, except for Kejriwal, whose only agenda is Kejriwal. There is no place for organizational meetings and elections in the Aam Aadmi Party, nor is there a tradition of respecting the opinions of the workers. The party units have not been elected democratically, except for the online missed call membership rush. From national committees to local committees, everything in Kejriwal's eyes is nothing but paper rules! Do the party workers not have a platform for their opinions? Even though a national council is held once every two years, there is no room for discussions or opinions except for listening to Kejriwal's speech. There is still no clarity on an economic and political agenda. Even after being recognized as a national party, there has been no change in the policies of the Aam Aadmi Party. The same confusion prevails over the AAP flag. First the white flag, then the yellow-green flag, then the blue color under the green flag. The same is true in political policies. On the one hand, Bhagat Singh and Ambedkar are placed on the right and left. On the other hand, the BJP demands that Saraswati, Lakshmi Devi and Vinayaka pictures be printed on the hundred rupee note. He says Jai Bajrang Bali, while at the same time he says Inqilab Zindabad. Is he actually a secularist? Is he another form of communalism that has taken root? There is no clarity. Moreover, his political affiliations are controversial! The Aam Aadmi Party has no alliances with anyone. He joined the India Alliance while the BJP government was filing cases against him. Chandrababu Naidu, KCR, Shiv Sena, Mamata Banerjee, and others tried to form an alliance with the idea of becoming the Prime Minister by garnering support from regional parties. Even after joining the India Alliance and contesting, he did not win a single seat in Delhi, where they were in power, and even in Punjab, he narrowly escaped death and won only three seats. After that, he contested the elections in his home state of Haryana as an independent in the India Alliance, thereby ushering in the defeat of the Congress. Didn't he get his own ticket? As a result, the Congress not only lost in the Delhi elections because it played the same role, but he also failed to win as an MLA. All these are Kejriwal's self-inflicted political crimes, not the defeat of the Aam Aadmi Party. On the one hand, the BJP is campaigning that the Congress is a team of the Congress, and on the other hand, the Congress is campaigning that the BJP is a team of the BJP, but Kejriwal is currently in a political dilemma and absurd situation where he cannot say that he is an independent team. The structure that has come to power and opportunities at the national level is not a democratic system. But it's not visible in him. He hasn't learned anything from experience.

# Pak's 'Global Power' Act Is Fooling No One - Least Of All UAE And Saudi

Pakistan's repeated attempts to project itself as a rising global power continue to collapse under scrutiny, revealing a stark gap between narrative and reality. Structural constraints - economic dependence, geopolitical limitations, and strategic inconsistencies - puncture Islamabad's grand narrative that it is emerging as a significant player on the global stage. This narrative has been amplified through sections of international media, projecting Pakistan as a hub of global diplomacy, capable even of mediating complex conflicts such as the ongoing US-Israel-Iran war. While Islamabad did attempt to position itself in such a role by proposing a ceasefire framework and engaging in diplomatic outreach, these efforts have quickly unravelled. Crucially, the initiative lacked meaningful participation from key stakeholders: Iran showed little willingness to engage on Pakistan's terms, and no direct negotiations between Washington and Tehran materialised. As a result, the much-publicised diplomatic push failed to gain traction, producing neither a concrete agreement nor a credible roadmap for conflict resolution. The meeting in Islamabad with Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey aimed at de-escalating the crisis, thus amounted to little more than a symbolic exercise, underscoring Pakistan's limited capacity to influence outcomes in high-stakes geopolitical crises.

**An Old Pattern**  
This is not a new phenomenon. Previously, a similar narrative was aggressively promoted - that Pakistan's JF-17 fighter jets were experiencing a surge in global demand; in fact, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif went so far as to assert that the country would

no longer require IMF loans or external borrowing, confidently stating that "we may not need IMF loans in the next six months" based on anticipated revenues from defence exports, particularly the Chinese-origin JF-17 aircraft. This assertion, like others before it, proved hollow. Before that, there was yet another claim: that Pakistan had discovered massive oil reserves in the Arabian Sea. That, too, proved to be misleading. Even Donald Trump, while recently backing this narrative, remarked that Pakistan has "massive oil reserves" and that it could one day even "sell oil to India".

**Debt Comes Calling**  
Time and again, such narratives are floated to project Pakistan as an emerging power, but within days, they collapse under scrutiny. The pattern reflects a deeper issue. There has been a consistent habit of manufacturing exaggerated claims about Pakistan's global standing, when the fact remains that the country is structurally, economically, and geopolitically constrained. Its decision-making is not entirely autonomous and is shaped and influenced by external actors, such as Washington, Beijing, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, and institutions like the IMF, on which it remains heavily dependent. A country that survives on loans and IMF bailout packages cannot claim complete strategic independence. There were also claims that Pakistan is performing a "master balancing act" in West Asia - that it is maintaining close ties with all sides amid ongoing regional conflicts. Surprisingly, some voices in India even suggested that India should learn from Pakistan's approach. But recent developments expose the ground reality. Reports indicate



that the UAE has demanded repayment of around \$3.5 billion, a clear sign of deep frustration with Pakistan's stance during the ongoing regional tensions. The UAE reportedly believes that at a time when it has faced severe challenges in the Middle East crisis - including being among the hardest hit by Iranian missile and drone strikes - its ally Pakistan has failed to extend even basic support and has instead chosen to remain diplomatically evasive toward Iran. Pakistan has now reportedly decided to repay its entire \$3.5 billion debt to the UAE by the end of April. Similarly, Saudi Arabia is also reportedly seeking repayment of its financial support and has asked Islamabad to immediately repay a \$6.3 billion loan, signalling deep frustration in a relationship long portrayed as ironclad. This is particularly significant in light of a mutual defence understanding between the two countries, under which an attack on one is effectively treated as an attack on both. Contrary to that commitment, Pakistan, instead of standing firmly with Riyadh dur-

ing the Iran crisis, has chosen to project itself as a 'mediator'.

**China's Concerns**  
China, often described as Pakistan's "all-weather friend", has also begun to display some unease. During a recent visit to China, Ishaq Dar, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, sought Beijing's backing for Islamabad's self-styled mediation efforts. To this, according to some Pakistani analysts, Pakistan was advised by Chinese officials to first resolve contradictions in its own regional policies - particularly its actions in Afghanistan. Beijing is reportedly concerned that Pakistan's contradictory approach jeopardises China's strategic interests in Afghanistan, including security concerns in Xinjiang, access to Afghanistan's mineral resources, and broader economic and connectivity ambitions under the Belt and Road Initiative. China is also displeased that Pakistan is attempting to weaken the Taliban - such actions threaten stability in a country where Beijing has made substantial strategic and diplomatic investments and

recently undertaken massive projects. Further, Beijing worries that Pakistan may be advancing Washington's agenda in Afghanistan to secure access to Bagram military bases, potentially undermining China's long-term interests. These concerns prompted China to arrange a meeting between Taliban and Pakistani representatives in Ürümqi to resolve differences - a process that remains ongoing. At the same time, there are clear signs that Chinese financial enthusiasm for major initiatives like the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has waned. All of this points to a simple reality: a country cannot simultaneously try to align with everyone without facing consequences. Foreign policy is not about short-term optics or daily narratives; it must be assessed over the long term. Pakistan's repeated attempts to project itself as a decisive global player must be seen in this context. Until structural constraints - economic dependence, geopolitical limitations, and strategic inconsistencies - are addressed, such claims will continue to surface, and, just as quickly, disappear.

# 155 Aircraft For One Man - And Other Mysteries About US' Iran Rescue Op

US President Donald Trump's press interaction on April 6, Easter Monday, was awaited with great anticipation, with possibilities of announcements ranging from a possible ceasefire or a declaration of victory or even a reiteration of his threat to bomb Iran to the 'Stone Age' by knocking out its power plants and bridges. Flanked by the CIA Chief, the Secretary of War and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he, however, chose to focus primarily on the massive operation launched to rescue the American officer from the downed F-15 Eagle aircraft, giving minute details of how the operation unfolded and how the US military lived up to its motto of never to leave any personnel behind enemy lines. Yes, he did reiterate his threat of bombing Iran, saying that "the entire country can be taken out in one night", with some analysts saying that this was perhaps a veiled threat at a possible nuclear strike into Iran. The developments in the war zone in Iran, especially related to the downing of the F-15 aircraft and the subsequent rescue, however, raise serious questions. One, how did Iran successfully target the F-15 when its air defences had been completely destroyed? Two, why did a rescue mission require a package of more than 100 aircraft to support it? Why was the extraction site so near to the Isfahan nuclear site? Also, while examining the whole event, it is important to understand the configuration and role of the F-15 Eagle fighter aircraft.

**The Shooting Down Of The Eagle**

The entire episode owes its origin to the shooting down of

an American F-15 Eagle on April 2; the aircraft was on a deep strike mission in Northwestern Iran (perhaps in Isfahan province) when it was shot by an Iranian missile. Initially, Iran claimed to have scored a hit on the stealth fighter F-35, but the debris later confirmed that it was an F-15E Strike Eagle from the Fighter Squadron deployed from RAF Lakenheath in the UK. This was the first time in 20 years that an American-manned fighter aircraft was shot down in enemy territory. When the fighter came down, both occupants, the pilot and the Weapon Systems Officer (WSO), ejected safely. As they ejected from the fast-moving aircraft at an interval of a few seconds, they landed in separate locations, kilometres apart, in hostile and mountainous terrain. The pilot was rescued in the next few hours in broad daylight by the US special operations forces, who located him first and launched a rescue mission with a full package, including two HH-60W Jolly Green II combat rescue helicopters. The extraction was, however, not easy. Facing direct fire from Iranian ground forces, one Blackhawk helicopter, which was carrying the recovered pilot, was shot, and a few crew members on the helicopter, too, were wounded by the missile strike. But the helicopter managed to fly out of Iran into friendly territory, with all members, including the rescued pilot, safe. During this mission, another US aircraft, an A-10 Warthog, which specialises in providing close ground support, was hit by Iranian fire. Once again, the pilot managed to fly the aircraft back into Kuwaiti airspace before ejecting safely. The A-10, how-



ever, crashed.

**The Rescue of the WSO**

It is the rescue of the second officer that is shrouded in mystery and the details of which have posed questions. As per the official version, the WSO, a Colonel-ranked officer, landed 20-30 kilometres away from the pilot and, despite being seriously injured, evaded Iranian forces and tracked for over 30 kilometres overnight, climbing mountainous features of altitude up to 1,700 metres, before being rescued in a daring mission. Detailing the mission himself during the press briefing on April 6, President Trump said that 21 aircraft were deployed to help with the search-and-rescue in the first wave, flying for hours under "very, very heavy enemy fire". The WSO was "bleeding profusely" but was able to climb mountainous terrain and contact US forces to communicate his location. Rescuers mobilised a massive response that included subterfuge to confuse the Iranians about where they were looking. The president added that the entire operation involved 155 aircraft, including four bombers, 64 fighters, 48 refuelling tankers, and 13 rescue aircraft, among others. Under intense air cover, the special operations teams

were inserted into Iran to link up with the WSO. To ensure minimum interference from Iranian forces, areas around it were bombed and roads around the extraction site were destroyed, so as to prevent Iranian reinforcements from reaching there by road. However, near the extraction site, as per official reports, two C-130 transport planes that had been landed at a forward position carrying the special forces on the rescue mission got bogged down and were stuck in the mud and gravel, unable to take off. To ensure that the mission's success was not subverted, the US military flew in three replacement C-130s, kept ready as a contingency. The WSO and all others were thereafter safely extracted under heavy fire from Iran after destroying the two C-130s in situ to ensure that precious American hardware did not fall into Iranian hands. The final result - all US troops made it out safely, including the WSO. The cost of the mission was massive, in excess of USD 400 million. The price paid: at least five to seven aircraft destroyed or shot, namely, one F-15 Eagle, one A-10 Warthog, one Blackhawk helicopter, two C-130 planes (destroyed in situ) and possibly two HH-60W Jolly Green II

combat rescue helicopters. There were also reports that an MQ-9B drone was downed by the Iranian forces during this operation.

**The Mystery**

While the US successfully extricated its WSO and all others involved in the mission, questions are being raised about the mission itself. When has it ever been the case that you need to deploy 155 aircraft on a Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) Mission? Why were the two C-130s deployed when each has the capacity to carry up to 90 troops? Does it imply that the mission required almost 200 troops for the rescue - or were the troops already there, inserted for another mission? Was the case of the extraction site being very close to the Isfahan nuclear site just a coincidence, or was it that there was a special operation being planned to extricate 450 kilograms of enriched Uranium from the nuclear plant, deeply buried inside the site? Were the C-130 landed at or near an abandoned airstrip close to Isfahan city for the rescue mission, or was the real operation aimed at extricating enriched Uranium? If the rescue mission did not have the element of Uranium extraction included, why were fixed-wing aircraft deployed when such missions are better executed by small and swift helicopters? Remember, the site of extraction was not more than 200 kilometres from the Iranian border in the West, from where such a mission could have been executed without all the noise and destruction. And finally, if there was indeed another daring mission to retrieve enriched Uranium from Isfahan, does this rescue help cover up a botched operation?



## Sensex Drops 931 Points, Nifty Down 222 As Oil Prices Surge

Indian equity benchmarks ended lower as oil prices rose on Thursday. The rise in oil prices came after reports of ceasefire violations by the US. A day earlier, oil prices cooled down to \$95 per barrel over US-Iran two-week truce. The BSE Sensex started Thursday's trading session at 77,319.33, lower by 243.57 points or 0.31 per cent. The NSE Nifty50 opened with a loss of 88.30 points or 0.37 per cent at 23,909.05. Both the indices extended losses as the progressed. At the close, Sensex settled at 76,631.65, down by 931.25 points. Meanwhile, NSE Nifty50 closed at 23,775.10, down by 222.25 points.

# Income Tax FY27: New Form 39 to claim relief on salary arrears, gratuity — Key details

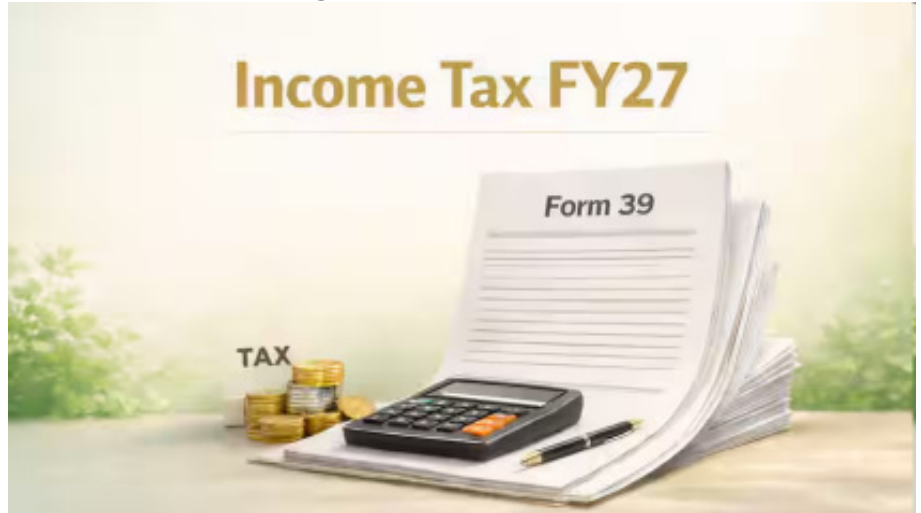
**New Delhi :** Income Tax FY27: Taxpayers receiving salary arrears, gratuity or pension-related lump sums in FY 2026-27 will have a new way to reduce their tax burden. Under Section 157(1) of the Income-tax Act, 2025, the government has introduced Form 39, replacing the earlier Form 10E from the next tax year. The move aims to simplify how individuals claim relief when past income gets added to current earnings - a situation that often pushes taxpayers into a higher tax bracket. The new form is designed to "neutralise" the high tax liability that arises when additional salary or similar receipts are clubbed with current income. With improved features and simplified calculations, Form 39 is expected to make compliance easier for lakhs of taxpayers who deal with arrears or one-time payments each year. **What is Form 39?** Form 39 is the prescribed

form to claim tax relief under Section 157(1) of the Income-tax Act, 2025. It applies when taxpayers receive income such as salary arrears, advance salary, gratuity, retrenchment compensation or commuted pension. Such payments are taxed in the year they are received. This can inflate total income and increase tax liability. Form 39 allows taxpayers to calculate relief so they are not unfairly taxed due to this "bunching" of income. The Income-tax Department has clarified that the purpose is to ensure fair taxation and accurate computation in the Income Tax Return (ITR). **Who should file Form 39?** Any taxpayer - particularly salaried individuals - who receives the following may need to file Form 39: Additional salary or family pension (arrears or advance)

Gratuity for past services Retrenchment compensation Commutation of pension The form is essential if you want to claim relief and avoid paying excess tax due to income clubbing. **Key change: Form 10E replaced from FY 2026-27** Until FY 2025-26 (Assessment Year 2026-27), taxpayers must continue using Form 10E under existing rules. From Tax Year 2026-27 onwards, Form 39 will replace Form 10E as per the updated Income-tax Rules, 2026. This means the new form will apply to income received in FY 2026-27 and beyond. **Key features of the new Form 39** The government has redesigned the form to improve ease of use and reduce errors. Key features include: Auto-populated data using taxpayer profile details

Real-time validation to minimise mistakes Standardised fields for name, address and personal details Structured computation tables for each income category Reduced duplication of information Each category - such as salary arrears or gratuity - now includes clear calculation tables with defined formulas. This reduces manual input and improves clarity for taxpayers. According to the Income-tax Department, the redesign focuses on simplicity, fewer inputs and better system validation. **What documents are required?** To file Form 39, taxpayers need to keep the following documents ready: Permanent Account Number (PAN) Break-up of receipts (salary arrears, gratuity, etc.) Income and tax computation for the current and rel-

evant past years Income Tax Returns of previous years TDS certificates (Form 130/131 or earlier Form 16/16A) Proof of lump sum payments (employer letter, pension order, retrenchment order) Having accurate records is crucial for correct calculation of relief. **How to file Form 39?** The form must be filed electronically through the Income Tax e-filing portal. The process includes: Logging into the portal Selecting 'File Form 39' under Income Tax Forms Entering basic details (Part A) Filling relevant computation columns (Part B) based on the type of receipt Reviewing auto-calculated relief Submitting via digital signature or electronic verification code Once processed, the relief amount is reflected in the taxpayer's ITR automatically. Structure of Form 39 ex-



plained The new form has two main parts: **Part A - Basic details** Includes personal information such as name, PAN, address, residential status and tax year. **Part B - Relief computation** Covers different types of receipts through dedicated columns: Column 3: Salary arrears or family pension Column 4-5: Gratuity (based on years of service) Column 6: Retrenchment compensation Column 7: Commutation of pension Column 8-9: Auto-calculated total relief This structured format helps taxpayers compute relief accurately with minimal confusion. **Why Form 39 is important for taxpayers?** On average, around 6 lakh taxpayers file such relief forms every year, highlighting the scale of the issue. Without claiming relief, taxpayers may end up paying significantly higher tax simply because past income is taxed in one year. Form 39 ensures: **Fair tax calculation** Relief from excess tax liability Accurate ITR filing Reduced chances of defective returns

## Hyundai Creta Summer Edition launched with 10.25-inch display, dashcam and enhanced features; check variant-wise price



**New Delhi :** Hyundai Creta Summer Edition Launched: Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) on Thursday, April 9, launched the "Summer Edition" of its popular mid-size SUV - the Creta - in India. According to the company, this car features significant upgrades in "technology and convenience enhancements across select trims." The starting ex-showroom price of the Creta Summer Edition is Rs 12.05 lakh. It comes equipped with features like a 10.25-inch digital instrument cluster,

Surround View Monitor (SVM), and a multi-mode dashcam. In addition, features like a smart key, push-button start, and LED lighting have also been added. Commenting on the launch of Summer Edition variants of the Hyundai Creta, Sunil Moolchandani, National Sales Head, Hyundai Motor India Limited, said, "The Hyundai Creta is not just a product, it is a legacy that has played a defining role in shaping the SUV market in India. With more than 1.4 million customers and an-

nual sales exceeding 2 lakh units in FY 2025-26, Hyundai Creta continues to reinforce its position as the undisputed No.1 in the mid-size SUV segment since its launch in 2015." "The introduction of the Creta Summer Edition variants reflects our commitment to making advanced technology and comfort more accessible, with features such as the 26.03 cm (10.25") Multi Display Digital Cluster, Surround View Monitor (SVM) and Dashcam among others further enhancing safety,

convenience and driving confidence. These meaningful upgrades will continue to strengthen Creta's leadership and emotional connect with customers across the country." **Variant-Wise Feature Additions** As part of the Hyundai Creta's Summer Edition updates, the following feature additions have been introduced across select variants: Creta EX Summer Edition Smart Key Push Button Start Advertisement Creta EX(O) Summer Edition Quad Beam LED Headlamps **LED Tail Lamps** Horizon LED Positioning Lamp and DRLs Front and Rear LED Turn Indicators Smart Key Push Button Start Rear Window Sunshade R16 (D=405.6 mm) Dual tone styled steel wheel Rear Camera with Dynamic Guidelines

Creta S(O) Summer Edition and Creta S(O) Knight Summer Edition Dashcam Creta SX Summer Edition 26.03 cm (10.25") Multi Display Digital Cluster Dashcam Creta SX Premium Summer Edition 26.03 cm (10.25") Multi Display Digital Cluster Surround View Monitor (SVM) Blind-spot View Monitor (BVM) Front Parking Sensors Introduction of Advanced Multi-Mode Dashcam System A key highlight of the Summer Edition is the upgraded dashcam system. Designed to improve safety, the dashcam offers multiple recording modes and allows instant "on-demand video" downloads directly to mobile devices via a dedicated app. **Dashcam recording modes:** Driving recording Emergency & event recording Vacation recording On-demand video

## TCS Kicks Off Results Season: From deal wins to AI focus, 5 key takeaways from IT giant's earnings



**New Delhi :** Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) -- the country's largest IT company -- kicked off the corporate earnings season on a strong note on Thursday, with better-than-expected headline numbers on the back of robust deal wins despite persistent macroeconomic headwinds. **TCS Q4 FY26 Results in 5 points** Here are five key takeaways from the Mumbai-based Tata group IT giant's latest earnings report: **AI revenue** TCS's consolidated net profit jumped 28.7 per cent on a quarter-on-quarter basis to Rs 13,720 crore for the January-March period. Its top line for the quarter ended March 31 stood at Rs 70,698 crore, marking a sequential rise of 5.4 per cent. Both numbers were better than estimates. According to Zee Business research, the IT major was estimated to register a net profit of Rs 13,631 crore with revenue of Rs 70,222 crore for the final three months of FY26, which ended on March 31. The company's margin -- a crucial metric of profitability -- expanded by 10 basis points sequentially to 25.3 per cent. For the full financial year, its operating margin hit a four-year high of 25 per cent, according to the company. **Deal wins**

The IT major secured strong deal wins. Its quarterly total contract value (TCV) stood at \$12 billion for Q4 and \$40.7 billion for FY26. That marked one of its highest-ever quarterly TCVs, on the back of three mega deals. The company said its total number of clients in the \$100+ million category went up by two over the year-ago period to 66. In the \$50+ million and \$1+ million categories, its client base went up by nine and 65 to 139 and 1,397, respectively. **AI revenue** The company said its annualised AI revenue -- a key AI adoption speed metric that measures the total anticipated revenue from AI products or services -- crossed the \$2.3 billion mark in Q4. In January, the company said it continued to witness AI acceleration, with an ambition to become the world's largest AI-led technology services company. In Q3, its annualised AI revenue was at \$1.8 billion. **Management Commentary | What K Krithivasan says** TCS CEO and MD K Krithivasan said that the company's third straight quarter of sequential growth underscores the strength of the company's five pillar strategy and its AI-led positioning across services. "It is equally encouraging that this momentum was broad based

across major markets and most industries," noted the CEO. He also said: "While the macroeconomic headwinds continue, we see sustained customer conviction in technology investments, which positions us well for the opportunities ahead." CFO Samir Sekaria said that the company intensified its investments through our build-partner-acquire approach in FY26, by acquiring Coastal Cloud & List Engage and establishing HyperVault. "Even as we scaled our investments in AI-led growth opportunities, our margins expanded by 70 basis points, reflecting our strong operational rigour. Our solid cash flow and resilient balance sheet position us to advance strategic priorities, pursue timely investments, and maximise growth," he added. **TCS shares** Earlier on Thursday, the TCS stock closed 1.1 per cent higher at Rs 2,587.8 apiece on BSE, outperforming a Mumbai market that halted its longest winning streak of the year. At the current level, TCS shares have lost 19.8 per cent of their value so far this year, worse than a 9.1 per cent fall in the headline Nifty50 index. The IT behemoth announced a dividend of Rs 31 per share.

## PPF Interest Rate April-June 2026: Has the Public Provident Fund rate been revised? Check latest rate, 7 key benefits



**New Delhi :** PPF Interest Rate 2026?: At the start of FY 2026-27, investors tracking small savings schemes were expecting a revision in returns. However, the government has kept the Public Provident Fund (PPF) interest rate unchanged at 7.1 per cent

per annum for the April-June 2026 quarter. In its notification, the Finance Ministry said interest rates on small savings schemes will remain the same as those announced for the January-March 2026 quarter. This brings clarity for millions of investors relying on

PPF for long-term savings, tax planning and retirement goals. Interest rate: 7.1 per cent per annum Calculation: Monthly (on lowest balance between 5th and month-end) Credit: At the end of the financial year Investment limit: Rs 500 to Rs 1.5 lakh per year This calculation method makes timing critical - deposits made before the 5th of each month earn higher returns. **How returns changed in last 10 years?** The PPF rate has gradually declined and then stabilised:

2016: Around 8.1 per cent 2017-2018: Reduced to 7.8-7.6 per cent 2019-2020: Around 7.9 per cent 2020-2026: Stable at 7.1 per cent Why PPF remains a top investment option in 2026? Despite no rate hike, PPF continues to stand out due to its unique combination of safety, tax benefits and guaranteed returns. 1. Government-backed safety Your investment is fully backed by the central government, making it one of the safest options available. 2. Triple tax benefit (EEE) Investment qualifies for

deduction under Section 80C (up to Rs 1.5 lakh) Interest earned is tax-free Maturity amount is completely tax-free 3. Guaranteed, risk-free returns Unlike equities or market-linked products, PPF offers assured returns. 4. Long-term wealth creation The power of compounding helps build a large corpus over 15 years. 5. Flexible investment amount Start with as little as Rs 500 and invest up to Rs 1.5 lakh annually. 6. Loan and partial withdrawal facility Loan allowed from third

# Irrespective Of Two Week Ceasefire, Demand For Impeachment Of Trump Grows In U.S. Congress



It seems that President Trump's Truth Social post, which threatened "a whole civilisation will die tonight" and raised the spectre of nuclear war, has jolted the American lawmakers, and it has begun a chorus of calls either for Trump's impeachment or for his removal via the invocation of the 25th Amendment. Though the US, Iran and Israel agreed to a two-week truce on Tuesday (April 7), just an hour before Trump's deadline to escalate the conflict expired, Tehran has also presented a counter proposal, which includes lifting sanctions, creating a war-loss fund, a potential US troop withdrawal from the Gulf, and recognition of

Iran's right to enrich uranium in exchange for a pledge not to build nuclear weapons. So far, it is unclear whether the US has agreed to any of these proposals. Tehran agreed to temporarily reopen the Strait of Hormuz, while the White House confirmed Israel's participation. The breakthrough followed talks with Pakistan's leadership, which had pushed for a ceasefire. Under the agreement, safe passage will be coordinated, with Iran and Oman allowed to charge transit fees on passing ships. Tehran plans to use the revenue for post-war reconstruction. All this comes in the backdrop of a post by the POTUS on

Truth Social using F\*\*\* and B\*\*\*\*\* words repeatedly. Apparently, this post forced the Democratic lawmakers to return to Washington immediately to hold a vote on how to end the Iran war. The statement, signed by Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York and other top House Democratic lawmakers, said President Trump is "completely unhinged" and that a vote is necessary to stop the president before he "plunges the country into World War III.", reported the Wall Street Journal. The House is currently out of session until Monday. A bipartisan War Powers Resolution opposing the war in Iran previously failed by a

212-219 vote in the House in March, as lawmakers largely voted along party lines. The reticence expressed by Democrats about removing President Donald Trump from office — even after he ousted Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and attacked Iran without seeking congressional approval — quickly fell away after his latest threat to Iran. "This is a threat of genocide and merits removal from office. The President's mental faculties are collapsing and cannot be trusted," Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, posted to X on Tuesday. "To every individual in the President's chain of command: You have a duty to refuse illegal orders. That includes carrying out this threat." The chance of Trump being removed from office is low, and his Cabinet members — who would have to play an active role in invoking the 25th Amendment — routinely publicly praise him. According to CNBC, talk of removal began even before the Tuesday Truth Social post, after Trump started the clock on Iran with an Easter Sunday post threatening to attack Iranian bridges and power plants if the country did not soon make a deal. Former House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi, said in a statement late Tuesday that Trump should be removed from office one way or another: "If the Cabinet is not willing to invoke the 25th Amendment and restore sanity, Republicans must reconvene Congress to end this war." Pelosi said. Even his close Republican supporters like Wisconsin Republican Senator Ron Johnson broke with Trump on his threats to bomb Iran's civilian infrastructure, saying in a podcast Monday, "I hope and pray" he is "using this as bluster." "I do not want to see us start blowing up civilian infrastructure ... We are not at war with the Iranian people. We are trying to liberate them," Johnson, a Trump ally who rarely breaks with the president, said on the "John Solomon Reports" podcast, reports ABC News. But in reality, as per CNBC reports neither impeachment nor the use of the 25th Amendment is likely at the moment, with Republicans in control of both chambers and no open revolt within the Trump administration over the Iran war. Section 4 of the 25th Amendment has never been invoked and would require buy-in from Vice President JD Vance, the Cabinet and eventually two-thirds of Congress if

Trump argued he is not incapacitated. Vance, who would assume the role of president if the 25th Amendment were invoked, on Tuesday lauded Trump from a stage in Budapest where he spoke in support of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán. Even a Jewish leader in the US has decried President Trump's threat to destroy "a whole civilisation" as his deadline for Iran news. "We know what it means when leaders call for communities and populations to be wiped out," Amy Spitalnick, CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, says in a statement. "Any suggestion that this advances Jewish or Israeli safety is simply an exploitation of our community to advance horrific war crimes and the President's broader extreme anti-democratic agenda", reports Times of Israel. She urged people to recognise "multiple truths" that Iran's government is repressive and dangerous, but the Trump administration is increasingly flouting its constitutional and humanitarian obligations. In its analysis the news website The Hill dissecting the president's post on Truth Social says that let's just strip away the shock value for a moment and consider what this represents in practical terms.

## Oil's Relief Movement Due To Ceasefire Masks Deeper Market Risks

Tehran: Oil markets have responded to the Iran ceasefire in the way they often react to any pause in conflict near a critical supply artery: with visible relief, but not full conviction. Prices have pulled back sharply from their war-risk peaks as traders moved to price in a temporary easing of immediate geopolitical danger. That retreat, however, should not be mistaken for a return to calm. The ceasefire has lowered the temperature, but it has not removed the heat source. What the market is now grappling with is the difference between a short-term de-escalation and a durable restoration of security in one of the world's most sensitive energy corridors.

That distinction matters because crude does not trade only on barrels produced and barrels consumed. It also trades on the perceived reliability of moving those barrels from producer to customer. The Strait of Hormuz remains central to that calculation. Even when open, it is a narrow and exposed transit point through which a large share of global seaborne oil and liquefied natural gas flows. Any hint of disruption there, whether through direct military action, threats to shipping, naval stand-offs, or higher insurance and freight costs, immediately feeds into the price of oil. A ceasefire may reduce the probability of an imminent incident, but it does not erase the vulnerability that has already been exposed to the market.

This is why many analysts treat the pullback in crude with caution rather than confidence. The decline reflects the unwinding of the most acute fear premium, not the disappearance of the broader geopolitical premium. Traders may have marked down the likelihood of a near-term supply shock, but they have not re-rated the region as risk-free. Once a market has been reminded that a chokepoint can become a flashpoint overnight, that memory does not fade quickly. Pricing behaviour changes. Positioning becomes more defensive. Hedging demand increases. Buyers, refiners and shipping firms begin to assign a higher cost to uncertainty, even during periods of nominal calm.

That embedded premium is important because it alters the base from which future prices move. Oil may not need a fresh escalation to remain elevated relative to its pre-crisis range. It only needs enough unresolved tension to keep participants wary. In that sense, the ceasefire acts less as a reset button and more as a pressure valve. It releases some of the extreme upward force but leaves the system structurally tense. The market can breathe more easily, yet it continues to breathe shallowly.

Underlying supply risks also extend beyond the immediate Iran-related confrontation. Global oil balances have for some time been shaped by a mix of fragile spare capacity, producer discipline, sanctions, shipping constraints and uneven investment in new supply. That backdrop makes the system more sensitive to geopolitical shocks than it appears at first glance. When inventories are not abundant and spare production is concentrated in a small number of countries, the margin for error shrinks. Even a theoretical disruption acquires pricing power because the market knows there are limits to how fast replacement barrels can be mobilised and delivered.

This is one reason oil is unlikely to return quickly to earlier lows. A market that has absorbed a geopolitical shock begins to price not only the event itself but also the possibility of recurrence. Traders understand that ceasefires in the region can be fragile, reversible and vulnerable to miscalculation. A single incident involving tankers, offshore infrastructure, militias or military patrols could revive the risk premium almost instantly. The ceiling may have moved lower in the short term, but the floor has also moved higher. That is what an embedded premium looks like in practice.

There is also a logistical dimension that is often underestimated in broader commentary. Reopening Hormuz, even temporarily, is not the same as normalising energy flows. Shipping companies, insurers, commodity merchants and importers do not revert to pre-crisis behaviour the moment a ceasefire is announced. Risk committees remain active. Insurance premia may stay elevated. Tanker availability can remain constrained if operators continue to avoid exposure or demand higher compensation. Delivery schedules may take time to stabilise. Some buyers may continue to diversify routes and supply sources, even at higher cost, because resilience becomes a commercial priority after a shock. The physical market therefore tends to heal more slowly than the headline market.

For large importers in Asia and Europe, that persistence of risk carries wider economic implications. A fall in crude prices after a ceasefire offers immediate relief to inflation expectations, refinery margins and fiscal calculations in energy-importing countries. Yet policymakers know that a renewed spike could come with little warning. That uncertainty complicates monetary policy, budget planning and subsidy management. Central banks may welcome softer energy prices, but they cannot fully trust them. Governments may enjoy a temporary reduction in import bills, but they still face the prospect of another surge if the ceasefire breaks down or if maritime threats re-emerge.

The same tension applies to financial markets. Equity investors often greet lower oil prices as a positive for risk assets, consumer spending and transport-intensive sectors. But when the decline is driven by a ceasefire that the market itself doubts will last, the optimism can prove selective. Energy equities may surrender some gains, airlines and logistics firms may recover ground, and broader indices may stabilise, yet the underlying message from oil remains one of caution. The market is not signalling abundance. It is signalling reduced panic. Those are not the same thing.

If the ceasefire holds and shipping flows remain uninterrupted, crude may continue to shed some of its extreme risk-driven gains. But any further downside is likely to be moderated by the market's awareness that the structural issues remain unresolved. On the other hand, if tensions flare again, prices may rebound faster than they fell because the infrastructure of fear is already in place. Traders now know where the fault lines are, and they know how quickly they can crack. That leaves oil in a zone of uneasy repricing rather than durable correction.

The market has stepped back from worst-case assumptions, but it has not stepped back into complacency. The ceasefire has eased the immediate strain, yet the broader architecture of risk remains intact. As a result, crude may trade lower than it did at the height of confrontation, but it is unlikely to behave as though the crisis never happened.

# Today's Horoscope



**Aries**

Tooth ache or stomach upset may create some problems for you. Take a physician's advice to get relief immediately. Any of your chronic diseases may bother you today, due to which you may have to go to the hospital and spend a lot of money. Spending time with children will be important. Those who stay away from their lover can miss them deeply today. Because of this, you can talk to your beloved on the phone for hours during the night. Tact will be required while handling colleagues. Someone from your past is likely to contact you and make it a memorable day. Today, you will experience that the love of your partner forgets you about the pains of life.  
Remedy :- Keep water in a Copper vessel near bedside at night, and next morning, pour this water at the root of a nearest tree, for excellent health benefits.



**Taurus**

Your energy level will be high. There is a possibility of money loss today, hence you are required to remain alert while making transactions or signing any document. Enjoy a peaceful and quiet day with family members-If people approach you with problems- Ignore them and don't let this bother your mind. Some difference may crop up with your darling-You will have difficulty trying to make your mate understand your position. Your partner will be hard to deal with. While spending free time with your spouse tonight, you will realize how important it is to give them more time. Work pressure had been hampering your married life since long. But today, all the grievances will be vanished.  
Remedy :- For enhanced financial condition, plant a banana tree, tend to it and worship it.



**Gemini**

A beneficial day and you may be able to find relief from a prolong illness. An old friend can ask you for financial help today. However, your assistance can weaken your financial conditions. Children need to concentrate on studies and plan for the future. You are likely to be dazzled by some natural beauty today. You will make beneficial career changes if you present yourself in a professional manner. You should try to understand the things in the right manner, otherwise you'll waste your free time just thinking about such scenarios continuously. Today, you will realize that all the vows taken on your marriage were true. Your spouse is your soulmate.  
Remedy :- Financial life will become better by using green vehicles.



**Cancer**

Misusing personal relations to fulfil your expectations would annoy your wife. You will possess a considerable amount of money today, and with it there will be peace of mind. You will also make important contacts through friends. The ecstasy of entire universe is held between the two who are in love. Yes, you are the lucky one. You need to focus on your way of working to get good results at the workplace, otherwise your negative image can get created in the eyes of your boss. Today, you will be able to spend time with your lover and put forward your feelings in front of him/her. Today, your partner might take you in the realm of a different world of love and sensations.  
Remedy :- Wear Green Coloured clothes



**Leo**

Your mind will be disturbed by recent events. Meditation and yoga will prove to be beneficial for spiritual as well as physical gains. At the beginning of the day, you may suffer from any financial loss, which can spoil the whole day. Try to be reasonable especially with people who love and care for you. Exciting day of romance- Plan something special for the evening and try to make it as romantic as possible. Great day to implement new projects and plans. You have spare time today for socializing and follow up with things that you love doing the most. Your partner might do something fabulous unintentionally, which will be really unforgettable.  
Remedy :- For a good financial life, keep green stones in flower pots, keep plants in green bottles, and also have green tiles in bathroom.



**Virgo**

If possible try to avoid long journey as you are too weak to travel and this could put further weaken you. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Think before sharing your confidential information with your spouse. If possible, try to avoid as she might reveal it to someone else. Be careful your romantic partner may flatter you- don't leave me alone in this lonely world. Bold steps and decisions would bring favourable rewards. The natives of this zodiac sign would like to spend more time alone than meeting people today. Today, your free time can be spent by cleaning the house. Your spouse will be full of energy and love today.  
Remedy :- Include use of white clothes in your daily wear for good health.



**Libra**

Work pressure might bring some stress and tension today. It should be well understood that in the hour of grief, your accumulated wealth will only help you tackle the situation. Hence, start saving from today and avoid excessive spending. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home. Your work will take a backseat- as you find comfort-pleasure and extreme ecstasy in the arms of your beloved. You will be in a strong position to put together a team and work toward a collective goal. Today, you would like to do all the things that you used to love during your childhood. Romantic songs, aromatic candles, good food, and some drinks; the day is all about this with your spouse.  
Remedy :- Distribute sweets and savouries made of ground yellow chana dal to needy people for amazing health benefits.



**Scorpio**

Astrological guidance by a friend will encourage you to improve your health. Try to control your spending- and buy only the essential items today. Good time to get involved into activities that include youngsters. Erratic behaviour of your darling might make your mood upset. This is an excellent time for developing professional contacts in other countries. Good day for some recreation and entertainment. Rude behavior of your spouse might take a toll on you today.  
Remedy :- Offer seven almonds and seven grains of black grams in Shani temple and build a strong love life.



**Sagittarius**

Outings-parties and pleasure jaunts will keep you in good mood today. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. Let family tension not divert your attention. Bad times give us much more. You will be in a loving mood- so be sure to make special plans for you and your beloved. New assignments undertaken would fall short of expectations. Travel and educational pursuits will enhance your awareness. Those who say that marriage is all about sex, they lie. Because today, you will know what true love is.  
Remedy :- For enhanced career/work life/business, brush your teeth with herbal-based toothpaste such as neem and babool.



**Capricorn**

Your frank and fearless views could hurt the vanity of your friend. It's another high-energy day and unexpected gains are foreseen. You will upset your spouse if you spend money on things that you don't immediately require. Beloved will be in a romantic mood. Daydreaming will bring your downfall- Do not count on others to do your work. You need to remember that god helps those who help themselves. Today, you will fall in love with your spouse again.  
Remedy :- Maintain harmony and balance in the family by switching on a white-light zero watt bulb in the Northwest direction.



**Aquarius**

Health will be perfect today. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky day. Domestic work keeps you busy most of the time. Love will show positive vibes Good day for businessmen. A sudden trip undertaken for business purpose will yield positive results. Today, you can think of spending your free time carrying out religious work. During this time, do not get into unnecessary conflicts. Today, you will forget all the hardships of your life with the love of your spouse.  
Remedy :- For enhancing positive experiences in the family, offer 28 drops of mustard oil near Peepal or banyan tree or in a pot filled with mud at home.



**Pisces**

Cheer up as good time ahead and you will have additional energy. You may get into a fight with your spouse today over money-related matters. However, you will fix everything with your calm attitude. A wonderful day to enjoy the company of guests. Plan something special with your relatives. They would also appreciate it. A good communication or a message from your beloved or spouse will enhance your morale today. Added knowledge that you acquire today would give you an edge when dealing with peers. Amidst your busy life, you will get enough time for yourself today and be able to do your favorite things. Marriage had never been so wonderful before than today.  
Remedy :- Accept rice and silver from your mother and keep it in your home to improve your financial condition.

# Allu Arjun's AA22: Release plans are revealed



AA22 or AA22xA6. Film screening tickets. The big-budget visual spectacle is currently under production. However, the recent overseas schedule had to be cancelled due to the Middle East conflict, leading to fresh delays in the shooting plans. According to the latest buzz, the production timeline has been pushed further, and the film is now likely to release in May 2027 or later. The team is not expected to announce a specific release date at the time of the title reveal. Backed by Sun Pictures, the film reportedly features Allu Arjun in a dual role. Deepika Padukone is said to be playing the primary female lead, while multiple actresses are expected to appear in key roles. Names such as Janhvi Kapoor, Mrunal Thakur, and Rashmika Mandanna have been circulating in media reports, though the makers are yet to officially confirm the rest of the cast.

Allu Arjun and director Atlee's much-awaited project is set to unveil its official title in two days. On the occasion of Allu Arjun's birthday (April 8), the makers will release the first-look poster along with the film's title. Until now, the film has been referred to as

## Janhvi Kapoor slams paparazzi for taking 'zoom-in' shots



Actress Janhvi Kapoor has strongly spoken out against the growing trend of paparazzi taking intrusive and sexualised visuals of female celebrities. Celebrities & Entertainment NewsIn a recent YouTube interview, she addressed multiple issues, including how photographers often zoom in on specific body parts while filming actresses. Calling out the practice, she revealed that she had directly confronted paparazzi about it. Janhvi said she clearly told them that such actions are "disrespectful and harmful," stressing that a woman's choice of outfit should never be seen as consent for capturing close-up or suggestive shots. She further pointed out that chasing views and money by focusing on a woman's body amounts to objectification without consent. The actress emphasized the need for setting better boundaries and fostering mutual respect between celebrities and media. On the work front, Janhvi Kapoor is currently awaiting the release of "Peddi," where she stars alongside Ram Charan.

## Malvika Nair reveals the real meaning behind her tattoos

While many actresses in Indian cinema choose tattoos that reflect spiritual beliefs or the names of loved ones, Malvika says hers carry no such symbolic meaning. She clarified that her visible tattoos do not have any spiritual significance. Currently promoting her film "Biker," Malvika revealed that one of her hand tattoos is simply a lemon slice. "I liked the design, so I got it inked," she explained. Another set of small rounded tattoos on her hand is inspired by Maori tribal art. Movie merchandise store

With this, Malvika made it clear that her tattoos are purely a matter of personal style and aesthetic preference, and not linked to relationships or spirituality.



## Priyanka Chopra's fun in Hyderabad



## Adivi Sesh: Dacoit was born from a powerful visual idea

Adivi Sesh is gearing up for the release of "Dacoit," hitting theaters on April 10. In a candid interaction, he spoke about the film's emotional core, inspirations, and his personal journey. Film screening tickets

**Your earlier films had romance too. What makes this one different?**

In my previous films, love stories were just a part of a larger narrative. But in "Dacoit," the love story itself is the main platform. It drives the entire film. If you watch it as an action film with romance, you may miss the depth. But if you see it as a love story unfolding through action and conflict, it will feel very satisfying. The emotions are very organic.

**What inspired the story? Movies**

It began with a simple image in my mind a tiny flower growing out of a crack in a busy concrete road. That visual stayed with me. From there, we built a story about love surviving amid anger and chaos.

**You are seen dancing in this film...**

When I was young, someone told me I was too tall to dance. That stuck with me for years, and I avoided it. For "Dacoit," I decided to break that limitation. The character of Hari is very open and expressive, and that gave me the confidence. I even practiced the Madanapalle dialect so much that I started speaking it at home.

**Why are your films taking a long time to complete?**

I've actually been working continuously for the past two years. Since I'm deeply in-



involved in the writing process, it may appear like there's a delay. After the release of "Goodachari 2," I plan to take a short break and possibly work under another director's vision, without being involved in writing.

**Did you get Bollywood offers after "Major" movie?**

Yes, I received several offers including war films and biopics from big banners. But I didn't connect with those stories, so

I chose not to do them.

**What kind of stories attract you the most?**

I am drawn to broken love stories. Emotions of love and heartbreak stay with people. Even in my writing, there is always some personal experience. My first breakup affected me deeply. I was 19 and completely lost. It took me nearly 10 years to recover. There was a phase of two years where I couldn't understand anything.

## JD Chakravarthy as Brutal Dharma in Gaayapadda Simham



JD Chakravarthy is set to make a striking impact as Brutal Dharma in "Gaayapadda Simham," starring Tharun Bhascker in the lead. Directed by debutant Kasyap Sreenivas, the film has been steadily building buzz. Movie merchandise store The makers recently unveiled a glimpse introducing JD Chakravarthy's character, Brutal Dharma. Living up to the name, the glimpse presents him as a chilling yet stylish antagonist. With sharp outfits, dark shades, and a chunky gold chain, his look exudes swagger, while his performance carries a strong retro gangster vibe.

JD Chakravarthy's intense makeover, commanding screen presence, and attitude make Brutal Dharma a standout addition, expected to be one of the film's major highlights.

Hyderabad: The 14th SR Mediaworks Open carrom championship, organised by SR Mediaworks and Sanjeevani Systems and Services, will be held at Alkapuri Welfare Association here from April 16 to 19. Competitions will be held in men's singles and doubles, and veterans singles and doubles in the age group of 50 years and above. Registrations close on April 10. For more details, call Rajagopal on 9949142466.

# SPORT

## Ankita Raina backs India's preparation for Billie Jean King Cup



Hyderabad: The Indian team will begin its campaign in the Billie Jean King Cup Asia/Oceania Group I tournament against Thailand at the DLTA Stadium. Speaking at a press conference in the capital, India captain Vishal Uppal expressed confidence in his team's preparation and readiness to perform in front of the home crowd. "We are used to much hotter conditions in April in Delhi," Uppal told the media on Monday. "But the weather is something we cannot control. We can control our practice sessions, and we have had some good practice sessions. I feel the team is ready to give its best and perform at its optimum level." The

Indian squad comprises Vaishnavi Adkar, Sahaja Yamalappalli, Ankita Raina, Rutuja Bhosale and Zeel Desai, who joined the team at the last minute following injuries to Shrivalli Bhamidipaty and Vaidehee Chaudhari. While Uppal did not reveal his singles line-up for the opening tie, he emphasised that having multiple options reflects the growing depth in Indian women's tennis. "That's for me to know and for you to find out on match day," Uppal said when asked about who would play the singles rubbers. "If I have a problem picking players for a tie, then that is a good problem to have. It shows the depth of

women's tennis now. For example, Zeel was just playing a tournament last week and we asked her to come here, and she joined the team." Twenty-one-year-old Vaishnavi Adkar, who climbed to India No 1 in the rankings on Monday and is set to make her debut for the national team, described the experience as a special moment in her career. "It is an honour to be on this team representing the country. It makes it even more special because all of us are on the same team. It is rare that we get to play together, so it is a privilege." Veteran Ankita Raina, who has represented India for over a decade, echoed the captain's confidence.

"We know the players. We have played against them and know their strengths and weaknesses. We are prepared. We will take it match by match, day by day. We have done it before outside India and achieved the same performance goals here too." On Sunday evening, the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA) hosted a welcome dinner in the capital for the participating teams. The evening blended culture with sport, as members of the Indian team arrived in elegant sarees, adding a distinctly Indian touch to the international event. Teams from India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, New Zealand and Thailand attended. AITA President Anil Jain and MLA Kartar Singh Tanwar also graced the occasion. Matches at the DLTA Stadium will begin at 3pm daily, with free entry for spectators. Uppal signed off expressing hope that strong home support would play a decisive role for the Indian team. "I hope Delhi NCR comes out in large numbers and supports the women's team and really becomes the X factor for us. DLTA has always been a happy hunting ground for us. Let's hope we can do that again and come Saturday, we have a bigger smile on our face."

## GMR Sports announces Rugby Premier League 2026 in Hyderabad



Hyderabad: GMR Sports, in partnership with Rugby India, the national governing body for the sport, announced that the second edition of the Rugby Premier League (RPL) will be held at the Gachibowli Stadium here from June 16 to 28. Following a successful inaugural edition last year in Mumbai, the Rugby Premier League returns in the fast-paced Rugby 7s format, aligning with the league's long-term vision of accelerating the growth and global competitiveness of rugby in India. The second edition will feature the six franchises from the first edition, continuing to provide a high-performance platform that brings together leading Indian and international players while offering fans an engaging and action-packed rugby experience. The decision to host the league in Hyderabad aligns with GMR Sports' broader commitment to developing world-class sporting ecosystems. The announcement follows GMR Sports' recent signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana, with a shared focus on developing a Satellite Sports City within Bharat Future City, underscoring the Group's strategic emphasis on sports infrastructure, innovation and athlete development. Welcoming the league to Hyderabad, Sri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary to Government (Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture & Sports Depart-

ment), Government of Telangana, said: "Hyderabad's emergence as a global sporting destination reflects Telangana's long-term policy vision and institutional support for international partnerships. Events like the Rugby Premier League contribute significantly to tourism, urban visibility and the broader sports economy of the State." Echoing this sentiment and outlining the league's continued evolution, Mr Rahul Bose, President of Rugby India, said: "With everything one does in life, the quest is to always do better, be better, deliver better. That will continue to be the cornerstone of the RPL." Elaborating how this philosophy translates into the league's execution, he added: "Building a world-class property will never be enough. We will always strive to deliver a better product for our fans, do better by our sponsors and, last but not the least, be better partners for our franchisees, their owners and their support staff. RPL 2026 at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad sets out to achieve all this and more. We promise a better fan experience, an even more thrilling quality of world-class rugby and a brilliant television and OTT product. As always, we cannot do anything alone. We rely on all our partners, including the media, to guide, advise and be the wind beneath our wings. Here's to a cracking RPL 2026!" Outlining GMR Sports' decision to host the second edition in

Hyderabad, Mr Satyam Trivedi, CEO, GMR Sports, said: "We are delighted to announce that the second season of the Rugby Premier League will be hosted in Hyderabad at the world-class Gachibowli Stadium. Hyderabad's premier sports infrastructure, excellent connectivity and passionate fan base make it the perfect home for the league. One of our franchise partners is rooted in Hyderabad, underscoring the city's pivotal role in our long-term vision for rugby in India. This reflects GMR Sports' commitment to growing participation, delivering world-class sporting experiences and inspiring the next generation of athletes in Hyderabad and beyond." Highlighting the importance of the event from a high-performance perspective, Dr A Sonibala Devi, IFS, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Sports Authority of Telangana (SATG), said: "Hosting the Rugby Premier League at the Gachibowli Stadium strengthens our high-performance ecosystem and provides invaluable exposure to emerging talent. Such international competitions accelerate athlete development and reinforce Telangana's commitment to sporting excellence." With elite competition, a proven league format and a new host city, the second edition of the Rugby Premier League is set to deliver top-tier rugby action while continuing to play a pivotal role in the development of the sport in India.

## Mumbai Cricket Association launches high performance camp in Mumbai

Hyderabad: The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) commenced its High Performance Camp, inaugurated by former India captain and cricket stalwart Dilip Vengsarkar in Mumbai on Monday. A total of 25 high-performing players each from the men's and women's categories, identified based on their consistent performances across BCCI tournaments, have been selected to participate in this intensive three-week programme. The camp is designed to nurture emerging talent and further strengthen Mumbai's cricketing pipeline. The initiative will also feature specialised skill-based training sessions conducted by former India cricketers Nilesh Kulkarni and Sameer Dighe, who will work closely with players to enhance specific aspects of their game. In addition to on-field training, the camp includes a comprehensive development programme with expert sessions by sports psychologists, nutritionists, financial planners, and sleep management professionals. These sessions aim to equip players with the knowledge and tools required to excel both on and off the field. A key feature of the camp is the



integration of senior and junior players in training sessions. This approach encourages the sharing of experience, insights, and practical knowledge, fostering a culture of mentorship. Enhanced communication and interaction among players are expected to contribute significantly to skill development and overall growth. The MCA High Performance Camp is an initiative of the Cricket Improvement Committee (CIC) and the Apex Council, aimed at supporting Mumbai's top-performing

cricketers and helping them excel at the highest level, with the ultimate goal of representing both Mumbai and India. The camp will also serve as a crucial platform for identifying talent for the upcoming UK tour, with standout performers earning selection. MCA President Ajinkya Naik said: "The MCA High Performance Camp reflects our commitment to building a strong future for Mumbai cricket. By bringing together top performers across age groups and providing them

with access to expert guidance, both on and off the field, we aim to create well-rounded cricketers ready for the next level." "Initiatives like these are crucial in preparing players not just to represent Mumbai, but to go on and represent India with distinction," he said. The MCA remains committed to developing excellence in cricket by creating structured pathways and providing top-quality training opportunities for promising players across age groups, the MCA chief said.

## Lalit Modi Slams BCCI On Rs 2,400 Crore IPL 'Loss': "This Is Not What We Sold"

Former IPL commissioner Lalit Modi has made a significant revelation, claiming that the league is missing out on an additional revenue of Rs 2,400 crore by failing to adhere to the originally agreed format. Modi, who expressed delight at the league's soaring valuation after two franchisees -- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Rajasthan Royals (RR) -- were sold for a combined fee of approximately Rs 31,000 crore, wants the board to return to a full home-and-away format to recoup these perceived losses. According to Modi, every side was originally intended to play each other twice. With the

league expanding to 10 teams in 2022, such a structure would result in a 90-match league phase followed by four knockout games. However, the IPL has continued to operate with only 74 matches by altering the home-and-away system. "For every game, the BCCI gets 50 per cent, and the remaining 50 per cent is distributed to teams. Consequently, teams are now losing out on 20 games. It is a contractual obligation, given the fees they are paying, to provide them with home-and-away fixtures," he said in an interview with Sportstar. "The home-and-away format is where the value lies. If there is no space in the



calendar, do not increase the number of teams. It is as simple as that. That is not what we sold. Has everybody signed off on this? I guarantee they have not,"

he added. "Why are they not playing home and away? There are excuses, but it is a contractual obligation and a commercial transaction for the teams." Modi believes the reduction in matches directly impacts the valuations of both the franchisees and the league itself. "If there were 94 matches today on a home-and-away basis at Rs 118 crore per game, the media rights alone would be worth an extra Rs 2,400 crore. That is Rs 2,400 crore in additional revenue for the BCCI," he explained. "Of this, Rs 1,200 crore would have gone to the 10 teams, Rs 120 crore each, and team values would automatically have been higher."

## "Lo, Ditta Ek Point": PBKS Captain Shreyas Iyer's Sister Shresta's Hilarious Post After KKR Get 1st Point After Abandoned IPL 2026 Game

Rain had the last laugh in the Kolkata Knight Riders vs Punjab Kings IPL 2026 match in Kolkata on Monday. KKR had gone two down, losing the wickets of Finn Allen and Cameron Green, when rain forced the match to be stopped at around 7:50 pm. The match never resumed and was eventually called off at 11 pm. Kolkata Knight Riders bagged their first point of the season courtesy of the no-result. After the shared points, Punjab Kings captain Shreyas Iyer's sister Shresta, who is a professional dancer and choreographer, put up a hilarious post. In the video, she said, "Saade Punjabiyen da dil vadda hunda ae. Lo, ditta ek point. (We Punjabis are big-hearted. So, we gave you a point)." When the initial spell of rain fell on Eden Gardens, KKR were struggling at 25 for 2 in 3.4 overs. The proceedings never restarted despite the cut-off time being pushed to 11.14 pm. PBKS too received a point and moved atop the table for the time being with five points from



three games. The Kolkataans now have one point from three matches, ahead of Gujarat Titans and Chennai Super Kings, who are yet to open their account. Incidentally, the fixture between KKR and PBKS here during IPL 2025 was also called off due to

rain. KKR have a third consecutive home match, facing Lucknow Super Giants on Thursday, but rain is predicted on that day as well. Cutting back to the day's match, rain and strong winds lashed the venue from 9pm, gradually turning into a thunderstorm.

## Top Priority to Hygiene and Sanitation in Tirumala Continuous and Quality Sanitation Services for Devotees Drinking Water Supplied through Srivari Sevaks with Mobile Water Tanks Devotees Express Satisfaction over TTD Arrangements



**Tirumala, 09 April (Skyline daily):** The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams is giving top priority to the health, sanitation, and environmental protection for the devotees visiting Tirumala. With an average daily footfall ranging from 80,000 to 1 lakh pilgrims, sanitation management is being efficiently carried out across an area of approximately 4.5 square kilometers. Sanitation Management System To improve sanitation, Tirumala has been divided into three zones and seven wards. As a part of environmental protection measures, plastic usage has been completely banned. Additionally, D&O trade licenses are strictly regu-

lated, and "No Stock - No Godown" licenses are being issued. In Ward-1, which covers the Srivari Temple surroundings, sanitation works are carried out directly by departmental staff, while in Wards 2 to 7, sanitation operations are handled by three contracted agencies. Efficient Waste Collection To ensure effective waste management: 9 tipper vehicles are deployed Around 45 trips are made daily Waste is collected from approximately 3,056 bins. Vehicles collectively travel about 400 km every day. Waste Management Statistics for 2025 Biodegradable Waste: 16,689.04 Metric Tons. Non-Biodegradable Waste: 8,221.97

Metric Tons. Total Waste: 24,911.01 Metric Tons. Toilet Facilities Extensive toilet facilities have been provided ward-wise for the convenience of devotees: Permanent Toilet Blocks: 210 Institutional Toilets: 130 Temporary Toilets: 14 Total Toilet Blocks: 354 Drinking Water Supply through Mobile Units To address the high demand during peak hours, drinking water is being supplied through mobile water tanks by Srivari Sevaks at various crowded locations. With the onset of summer, this initiative ensures that devotees receive drinking water directly without inconvenience. Monitoring of Water and Food Quality The TTD Water and Food Analysis Laboratory, established in 1981 and currently accredited by NABL, rigorously tests the quality of food and water supplied to devotees. Daily testing of ingredients used in Laddu and Annaprashadam preparation. Around 20 water samples tested daily. 1,000-1,200 samples tested monthly. Advanced equipment like HPLC and GC used for ghee quality testing. New advanced Food Laboratory A state-of-the-art food laboratory has recently been established at a cost of Rs.19.75 crore with support from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). The facility is equipped with advanced technologies such as: LC-MS/MS GC-MS/MS ICP-MS/MS Devotees Express Satisfaction Devotees have expressed satisfaction with the high standards of sanitation services provided by the TTD Health Department. Continuous waste collection, clean maintenance of toilets, and overall hygiene management unmatched elsewhere in the country have been widely appreciated. Despite the heavy influx of pilgrims, TTD is efficiently managing sanitation, waste disposal, toilet facilities, and food safety, ensuring a clean, safe, and healthy environment for all devotees.

## Grand Celebrations of International Banjara Day in Pileru



**(By our Skyline Staff Reporter)**  
**Pileru, April 9:** The celebrations held in the Pileru region on the occasion of International Banjara Day stood as a symbol of unity, tradition, and culture of the Banjara community. The event, organized on the night of April 8 (Wednesday) at the local K.V.R Function Hall, was conducted in a grand and vibrant manner. A large number of

Banjara community members from various villages in the mandal participated in the celebrations. The enthusiastic involvement of youth and women became a special highlight of the program. The venue came alive with traditional attire, dances, and songs, reflecting the diversity and richness of Banjara culture. Speaking as the chief guest, Dr. Chandrasekar Naik highlighted the glori-

ous history and traditions of the Banjara community. He emphasized that preserving their language, customs, and cultural heritage is the responsibility of every individual. He also urged the youth to stay connected to their roots despite the changes of modern times. Other leaders also addressed the gathering, focusing on the development of the community. They stressed the need for progress in key areas such as education, employment, and healthcare, and called for increased government support in these sectors. They further informed that awareness rallies and meetings would be organized across villages to promote community development. The celebrations turned into more than just an event, serving as a platform to strengthen unity within the Banjara community. The organizers stated that such programs would continue to promote mutual respect, cooperation, and cultural pride. Dr. Chandrasekar Naik, Nagamani Naik, Ravi Naik, Sakshi Ravindra Naik, Gopi Naik, Rammurthy Naik, and several other dignitaries participated in the event, making it a grand success.

## Donors Step Forward to Promote Better Healthcare Services

**(By our Skyline Staff Reporter)**  
**Pulicherla, April 9:** Expressing satisfaction with the healthcare services being provided at the Pulicherla Primary Health Center and encouraging the staff, donors have come forward to support improved medical services for patients at the new Primary Health Center that is soon to be inaugurated. Medical Officer Dr. Venugopal Reddy stated that Mure Srinadha Reddy, a native of Errapapireddy Palle, donated two large oxygen cylinders along with related equipment worth approximately Rs.45,000. Similarly, Surineni Subrahmanyam

Naidu from Aravavandla Palle donated two patient monitors worth around Rs.25,000. For the development of the hospital, Srinivasulu contributed Rs.25,000, while Raja Naidu from Kothapeta donated Rs.13,000 in memory of his late wife Reddemma. Sudhakar Reddy from Gaddam Vari Palle donated Rs.10,000, and Marripadu Choudappa from Yellampalle contributed Rs.1,000. On this occasion, Dr. Venugopal Reddy expressed gratitude to all the donors and stated that they are committed to providing quality healthcare services to rural, poor, and needy



people. He added that efforts are being made to offer high-standard medical care to rural populations by equipping the center with modern medical equipment and facilities. The program was attended by Dr. Aparna, Public Health Nurse Sridevi, Health Extension Officer Chandraiah, Health Supervisors Pramila and Purushottam, along with other healthcare staff.

## Rayachoty alumni share experiences at SEAP Golden Jubilee celebrations



**Rayachoty, April 09 (Skyline daily):** Alumni from Rayachoty participated in the golden jubilee celebrations of the Centre for South East Asian and

Pacific Studies (SEAP) at Sri Venkateswara University. DIET In-charge Principal Madithati Narasimha Reddy and Motakatta High School

Principal Padmaja attended the last day of the international seminar held from 6th to 8th of this month and shared their connections with the Centre as alumni of the 1991-1993 batch. They said that it is a matter of pride that the SEAP department is growing by leaps and bounds and is ranked first in the country. Director Vuka Ramesh Babu, former department directors Acharya Raja Reddy, Muniratnam Reddy, Jayachandra Reddy, Professors Vijay Kumar Reddy, Prayaga, Padmaja, Thimmappa, research students and alumni participated in this program.

## Complaint Filed Against ABN Radhakrishna Over Alleged Objectionable Remarks - Former MLA Biyyapu Madhusudhan Reddy



**Srikalahasti- 9th April (Skyline Daily)** Former MLA Biyyapu Madhusudhan Reddy, along with YSRCP leaders and party workers, lodged a police complaint against ABN Radhakrishna, condemning his alleged inappropriate remarks made during the "Kotha Paluku" program aired on Andhra Jyothy-ABN. The complaint pertains to comments reportedly directed at YSRCP chief and former

Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, party leaders, and their family members. Madhusudhan Reddy strongly criticized the remarks, calling them offensive and disrespectful, particularly towards women associated with the party. Speaking on the occasion, he stated that such comments are unacceptable in a diverse society where people of different religions and communities coexist. He alleged that



Radhakrishna's statements insulted not only political leaders but also women supporters of YSRCP across the state. He further questioned the intent behind such remarks, asking whether any such traditions or practices exist, and warned that such language undermines societal values and respect for women. He urged Radhakrishna to exercise restraint and maintain dignity in public discourse. Madhusudhan

Reddy also expressed dissatisfaction over the police response, claiming that despite submitting a complaint, they were not provided with an acknowledgment receipt. He appealed to senior police officials, including the SP and DIG, to take immediate action on the matter. Several party members and local leaders were present during the complaint filing and voiced their support in condemning the remarks.

## George Reddy's 54th death anniversary celebrations to be held on a grand scale: PDSU

**KADAPA (Skyline Daily) April 09:** Wall papers related to PDASU Pounder, Osmania University Aruntara Geore Reddy 54th death anniversary celebrations to be organized from April 10th to 14th at local government industrial training institute ITI College in Kadapa city on Thursday under the auspices of Progressive Democratic Student Union (PDSU). Vice-President M. Ankanna Avishka Rincha. After his speech, George Reddy, who left an indelible mark in the history of Indian student movements, chose the path of revolutionary struggle for the establish-



ment of Sama Samaj, the goal of scientific education and raised the Pettandari feudal system, was praised as George Reddy, a brave and great fighter, the 70th During the decade, when Osmania University was attacked in the

name of casteism, and most importantly, women were being raped and anarchy was being unleashed. He said that Dishali George Reddy was the one who gave reassurance and instilled the spirit of struggle in the hearts of

the people. District Leader of Medhavi Sangam Dr. Mahub Pira, District City Leaders of PDSU Mahesh, Akhil, Suresh, Siddhartha, Gaus, Irshad, Nagarjuna, Sagar, Venkataramana and Rajendra Tadita participated in this program.

## SKIIMS Students Excel in MCA Results

**Srikalahasti - 9th April (Skyline Daily)**  
A grand "Victory Celebration" was Conducted on April 9, 2026, at Srikalahasteeswara Institute of Information and Management Sciences (SKIIMS), located near Kapugunneri village in Srikalahasti mandal, marking the announcement of MCA (2024-26 batch) second semester results. The event was attended by Principal Dr. Geetha Devi, Heads of Departments, faculty members, and a large number of students. Addressing the gathering, the Principal stated that



SKIIMS students achieved an impressive 82% pass rate, showcasing outstanding performance at the university level in the second semester examinations conducted in August.

**Top Performers:**  
A. Kavitha secured 1st rank with a GPA of 8.35  
C. Chandini secured 2nd rank with a GPA of 8.28  
P. Divya secured 3rd rank with a GPA of 8.28

The college management congratulated the faculty and students for their remarkable achievement and wished them continued success in their academic pursuits.

## MITS Vice Chancellor launched a ride-sharing and vehicle rental platform 'Gosaath' designed by their student



**Madanapalle, April 09 (Skyline daily):** Kalicherla Venumadhav, a third-year student of Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence) at MITS Deemed to be University near Madanapalle, has developed an innovative ride-sharing and vehicle rental platform called 'Gosaath'. The platform was officially launched by the university's Vice Chancellor Dr C Yuvaraj. Designed with an aim to modernize local transportation needs, the app offers low-cost route-matching

facility and reliable ride-tracking features to benefit both passengers and drivers, he said. The platform will enable drivers to earn extra income by utilizing their free time, while passengers can easily reach their destinations at a low cost. Developing such a technological solution from the university level is a testament to the innovative thinking of the youth, he said. In the future, this app will be further expanded, new features will be added and made available to the

public on a larger scale, he said. For more details, you can visit gosaath.com, he said. Chief Technology Officer Sanath Hegde, Dean Academics Dr Rama S Komaragiri, Head of Department Dr R Kalpana, Dr Chokkanathan participated in the event. MITS Founder and Chancellor Dr N Vijaya Bhaskar Chowdhary, Pro Chancellor N Dwarkanath, Executive Director Keerthi Nadella and faculty members congratulated Venumadhav for his innovative invention.