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## Restoration of Supply Systems in Energy Markets



New Delhi, April 15: India's External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, participated on Wednesday in a high-level 'Plus' meeting hosted by the Government of Japan, aimed at overcoming disruptions to supply chains currently being faced in global energy markets. During this meeting, conducted virtually, member nations engaged in extensive discussions regarding energy security, sustainable development, and the evolving geopolitical challenges within the Asian region. Speaking on the occasion, he expressed the view that global economic growth is possible only if there is stability in energy supplies. Dr. Jaishankar expressed deep concern over at-

tacks being carried out against commercial vessels along maritime routes. He emphasized that the safe and unimpeded movement of ships in international waters is of paramount importance. He made it clear that attacks on shipping vessels are contrary to international norms and are completely unacceptable. He warned that such actions not only lead to a rise in commodity prices globally but also pose the risk of creating energy shortages. Jaishankar stated that India, being one of the world's largest energy consumers, opposes the creation of artificial barriers in energy markets. He emphasized that easy access to energy is essential for global growth to con-

tinue uninterrupted. He added that India is prepared to develop 'supply chain resilience' to withstand fluctuations that may arise within supply systems. To this end, he announced that India would formulate a robust action plan in collaboration with like-minded nations. The External Affairs Minister noted that India is working closely with countries such as Japan to explore alternative energy sources, in addition to reducing carbon emissions within the energy sector. Given the rising energy demand in the Asian region, he expressed the view that regional cooperation is imperative to ensure the supply of sustainable and affordable energy. He further gave an assurance that India would fulfill its due responsibility in safeguarding free trade and security, particularly within the Indo-Pacific region. Representatives from Southeast Asian nations, alongside Japan, participated in this 'Plus' meeting. The member nations reached a consensus regarding joint investments and technology transfer as means to foster stability in energy markets. Jaishankar's address underscored India's strategic priorities on the global stage, as well as its commitment to its responsibilities toward the global economy. Diplomatic sources indicated that this meeting paves the way for the possibility of securing further key agreements in the energy sector in the future.

## India-France Parliamentary Ties Strengthened: Om Birla

New Delhi, April 15: Parliamentary-level discussions aimed at further strengthening the strategic partnership between



India and France were held in Delhi on Wednesday. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla met with a delegation from the France-India Parliamentary Friendship Group at the Parliament House. On this occasion, he highlighted the historical ties shared by the two nations and emphasized the imperative to enhance parliamentary cooperation. He expressed the view that India—the world's largest democracy—working in tandem with France is crucial for global stability. During the meeting, Om Birla underscored the strength of the special India-France Global Strategic Partnership and the significance of their shared democratic values. He stated that democratic institutions could be further bolstered by fostering mutual understanding among members of parliament from both countries. He further remarked that the bond between these two nations—founded upon values such as liberty, equality, and fraternity—transcends the realm of politics alone and serves as a guiding light for global peace. During the meeting, extensive discussions were held, focusing particularly on enhancing cooperation across various sectors under the 'Horizon 2047' roadmap. Both sides analyzed the opportunities for technical collaboration in fields such as defense, space, energy, and environmental conservation. The Speaker suggested that parliamentary groups should play a pivotal role in formulating the blueprint for how India-France relations should evolve over the next twenty-five years. He lauded France's cooperation in bringing modern technology within the reach of the common man. Om Birla stated that parliamentary exchanges serve as a key pillar of cooperation between the two nations, offering an opportunity for each side to learn from the other's experiences. He expressed the view that democratic systems would be further strengthened by sharing parliamentary practices, legislative processes, and the approaches adopted to address public grievances. He explained that such interactions among elected representatives transcend diplomatic ties between nations, fostering deeper bonds between their peoples. The Speaker affirmed their commitment to further accelerating parliamentary exchanges in the future and elevating the bonds of friendship between India and France to new heights. The French delegation, too, heaped praise upon the Indian parliamentary system. Diplomatic circles anticipate that this visit will further strengthen the economic and cultural ties between the two nations. Several Members of the Indian Parliament and officials from the French Embassy also participated in this meeting.

## A Sports Revolution in Tirupati



Tirupati, April 15: With the objective of transforming the spiritual city of Tirupati into a sports hub, the government has unveiled several major projects. On Wednesday, State Minister Nara Lokesh inaugurated the state-of-the-art 'NTR Sports Complex'—constructed at a cost of approximately ₹10.10 crores in Gollavanigunta, Tirupati—along with various associated sports academies. Speaking on the occasion, he expressed optimism that this complex would play a pivotal role in encouraging talented athletes across both rural and urban areas. As part of this visit, Lokesh inaugurated several key sports facilities. Notably, he launched academies for Kabaddi,

Kho Kho, Volleyball, Ball Badminton, and Archery, and interacted with the athletes. In addition to these, he dedicated the NTR Cricket Stadium and Cricket Pavilion—facilities that the youth had been eagerly awaiting—to the nation. A standout feature of this center is its design, which ensures that athletes have access to all necessary training facilities under a single roof. The Minister inaugurated the Karnam Malleswari Weightlifting Academy, constructed at a cost of Rs 5.35 crore within the Sri Srinivasa Sports Complex in Tirupati. He remarked that establishing this academy in the name of Olympic medalist Karnam Malleswari is a matter of great pride. He expressed his hope that, through this initiative, the state would produce more weightlifters capable of winning Olympic medals in the future. He further stated that world-class equipment and international-standard coaches have been made available at this academy. Lokesh also laid the foundation for sports development projects in other parts of the district. He performed the groundbreaking cer-

emony for the NTR Sports Development Centers to be constructed at Kota in the Gudur constituency—and at Sullurpeta, at a cost of Rs 2.70 crore. Additionally, he unveiled the plaque for the Sports Development Center to be built at a cost of Rs 80 lakh within the premises of the APSTREIS School in Renigunta. He explained that the creation of sports infrastructure in these constituencies would open up new opportunities for rural youth. Minister Lokesh stated that sports not only foster physical fitness but also instill discipline and perseverance in the youth. He affirmed that his government is committed to establishing Sports Development Centers in every constituency across the state. He further gave an assurance that, in addition to providing weightage to athletes in employment opportunities, the government would also extend necessary financial incentives to them. Local public representatives, officials from the Sports Department, and a large number of athletes participated in this program.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SREERAM NAIK S** s/o Late **PEERANAICK** door no 1-510 Vajrala peta, PENUKONDA, Sri Satya Sai District. Andhrapradesh, As per my Aadhaar card, PAN card And SWR Bengaluru. Name is **SREERAM NAIK S**, As per school certificate my name is mentioned **S. SREERAM NAICK**. bearing R. No. 518742 And T.C.No. 1115/82-83. My name is **SREERAM NAIK S**. From now I may be called as **SREERAM NAIK S**. instead of **S.SREERAM NAICK**.

## Akshara Junior College Creates a Wave of Success in Intermediate Results



Anantapur, April 15 (National News): Akshara Junior College has created a remarkable impact in the Intermediate examination results by achieving outstanding success. Although this is the first year since the establishment of the college, the students have secured notable positions at the district level, which is a matter of pride, said the college management, Khajavali. He stated that the excellent performance of the students in the results announced by the state government was made possible due to a balanced approach of freedom with discipline, affordable fee structure, and a conducive academic environment provided by the college. Khajavali further mentioned that Akshara Educational Institution is committed to shaping students into capable individuals and aims to produce future talents who will contribute to society. He expressed confidence that the institution will continue to achieve such successes in the coming years. On this occasion, he congratulated the students who achieved excellent results as well as their parents. He emphasized that true to its name "Akshara," the college is dedicated to upholding the trust of parents and helping students realize their dreams..

## Government Extends Support to Victims of Kummaravandlapalli Fire Accident; Rs 5 Lakh Ex-Gratia Announced

The District Collector responded immediately to the unfortunate fire accident that occurred in Kummaravandlapalli, within the Kadiri constituency of the district. The fire, which reportedly started in a house around 12:00 PM, spread rapidly through the area. Officials expressed deep



shock and profound grief over the loss of four lives in this tragedy, conveying their deepest condolences to the bereaved families. On behalf of the government, an ex-gratia payment of Rs 5 lakh has been announced for the family of each of the four deceased individuals. In this incident, two houses were completely destroyed, while four others sustained partial damage. Officials assured those who lost their homes that new houses would be sanctioned to them through various government housing schemes. Twenty-four people injured in the accident were shifted to the hospital, and seven of them have already been discharged. Officials stated that the remaining patients are expected to recover soon; however, one individual who sustained severe injuries is currently receiving advanced medical treatment at the Anantapur Government Hospital. The district police force has already reached the scene of the incident and collected evidence. Officials clarified that a comprehensive inquiry would be conducted to determine the cause of the accident, and strict action would be taken against those found responsible. The District Collector gave an assurance that the government would stand by the victims and extend every possible form of support to them.

## From Soil to Success: Krishindria Empowers Farmers with Smart, Profitable Agriculture



Bengaluru 15th April 2026, National News Reporter: Across India, many farmers continue to depend on traditional practices without access to timely, scientific guidance. This often results in incorrect crop selection, inefficient input use, and reduced profits. Recognizing this gap, Krishindria introduces a farmer-first digital initiative that combines expert knowledge, field-tested strategies, and AI-driven insights to help farmers make better decisions and increase income. As part of its outreach, Krishindria is offering FREE Soil Testing Services, enabling farmers to understand their soil health and receive precise

recommendations on suitable crops, fertilizers, and best farming practices. This service acts as the foundation for smarter farming—helping farmers improve yield, reduce unnecessary costs, and choose the right crop for their land. Beyond soil testing, Krishindria is launching its intelligent advisory platform, KrishInBot, designed to provide region-wise, crop-specific, and field-tested farming strategies. Whether it is pest management, irrigation planning, or market timing, farmers receive practical, easy-to-follow guidance based on real conditions. The platform is built with inputs from experienced farmers and agricultural experts, ensuring that every recommendation is reliable and applicable in the field. Farmers who enroll early will gain exclusive access to additional benefits, including premium advisory support, participation in promotional farming programs, and opportunities to enhance income through smarter agricultural practices. The Krishindria app serves as a knowledge hub, offering affordable, accessible, and scientifically validated solutions tailored to local farming needs. Getting started is simple. Farmers just need to give a call, and the Krishindria team will guide them through the process and help them get onboarded. Call / WhatsApp: 97413 16315. By connecting farmers with the right knowledge at the right time, Krishindria aims to transform agriculture into a data-driven, profitable, and sustainable enterprise. With the upcoming launch of KrishInBot and early access opportunities, this is the right time for farmers to take the next step toward smarter farming. Krishindria - Where Knowledge Meets Growth.

## Inspections of scanning centers should be intensified.....DMHO



Ananthapuram - NATIONAL NEWS ( Reporter, M. Suleman Saheb ) : in-charge district medical and health officer Srinivas Reddy ordered that repeated checks should be carried out in the scanning centers that examine pregnant women and inform the health of the fetus. He inaugurated a training camp for inspection teams of scanning centers on inspection of scanning centers and implementa-

tion of PCP NDT Act in his chamber at Medical Health Office on Wednesday. On this occasion, the Medical Officers and Deputy Health Education Officers were told to carry out thorough inspections of the 188 scanning centers in the district in the next three months, to issue notices without neglecting any deficiencies, and to take serious legal action immediately if irregularities are detected. The teams of medical officers were asked to prepare reports as per the assigned check list and submit them along with GPS photographs. He warned that no loopholes detected in the scanning centers should be neglected. He warned that the action against the accused will be severe if there is any small information about gender determination. District Mass Media Officer E. Nagaraju said that informative posters and plexiglass must be displayed in the scanning centers to create awareness about the Gender Determination Prohibition Act. The respective teams were asked to include information on violations of the CPNDT Act in the checklist. Deputy Media Officer Lakshminarayana, Health Education Officers Gangadhar, Venu, Venkateswara Rao, Legal Adviser Asharani, Kiran, Srikanth and others participated in this meeting.

# It is distressing that four people lost their lives and 24 others were injured in the explosion incident in Kadiri

- S. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, BJP National Council Member

KADIRI, April 15 – National News : BJP leader Vishnuvardhan Reddy described the explosion accident that occurred in Kummavandlapalli, within the town of Kadiri in Sri Sathya Sai district—in which four people died and five others sustained severe injuries—as a deeply tragic incident. Speaking to the media, he stated that it is suspected the accident occurred due to the detonation of gelatin sticks, which are typically used to blast large rocks. He noted that the explosion, having taken place inside a house inhabited by laborers, resulted in severe damage; the roof of the house collapsed under the impact of the blast, while three neighboring houses were completely razed to the ground. Immediately upon receiving information regarding the incident, BJP National Council member Vishnuvardhan Reddy visited the accident site and subsequently met with the victims who are undergoing treatment at the hospital. He mentioned that he spoke over the phone with the Minister for Health, Satyakumar, requesting that appropriate assistance be provided to the victims; the Minister responded immediately and issued necessary directives to the concerned officials. Describing the incident as highly unfortunate, he demanded that a comprehensive inquiry be conducted into the matter. Furthermore, he urged the State Government to extend support to the affected families. He conveyed that the Bharatiya Janata Party State Committee expresses its deep anguish over this incident. Janasena Assembly In-charge Mr. Baire Prasad, Telugu Desam Party leader Ms. Parveen Banu, BJP leaders Mr. Nagarjuna, Mr. DL Anjaneyulu, and Mr. Nandi Settibabu, as well as Minor-



ity Morcha leaders Mr. Imtiaz, Mr. Pratap, Mr. Chalapathi, and others participated in this program.

## Young woman dies in Visalakshi Nagar Lodge.

Visakhapatnam April 15 National News Reporter.... A young woman who had gone out of her house in the name of a party was brutally killed by her friends, her mother has complained. According to the police report On the 14th, seven friends Vasupalli Saikiran, G Yashwanth, Rampa Lakshmi Sanjana, Narava Saikumar, Puchcha Saikiran and Mani rented two rooms 118 and 119 in Visalakshi Nagar B



Square Lodge. Shanti Kumari, who died after drinking alcohol in those rooms all night, accused her of spreading false information about an illicit relationship between her friend Lakshmi Sanjana and Puchcha Saikiran. When she denied it, Puchcha Saikiran and Lakshmi Soujanya together beat Shanti Kumar. Along with that, it is said that Yashwanth also beat Shanti and she collapsed with humiliation and locked the door of room 118 and hanged herself from the fan in the room. When Vasupalli Saikiran, Sanjana, Yashwanth and Saikumar did not open the door no matter how much they knocked on it, Saikiran brought a snake, broke the door and took Shanti Kumari to Medicover Hospital on a motorcycle. The doctor confirmed that she was already dead. Based on the complaint filed by the deceased's mother, Aakumarthi Ramya, Vasupalli Saikiran, Yashwanth, Sanjana, Saikumar, Pucha and Saikiran Mani have been taken into custody and an investigation is underway, said CI Malleswara Rao and SI Krishna.

## Simhachalam Temple: Issues in Chandanotsavam Ticket Sales Resolved — Temple EO Announces



Simhachalam, April 15: (National News Reporter) — The Temple Executive Officer (EO) stated in an announcement that the ticket sales process for the annual Chandanotsavam (Sandalwood Festival) of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy is now proceeding smoothly and without any interruptions through both online and offline (via banks) platforms. He noted that the technical issues which had arisen in online ticket booking over the past three days have been completely resolved with the assistance of IT experts. He clarified that, starting today, devotees can book tickets through the website without facing any difficulties. "We have successfully overcome the website and server-related issues. Devotees can now easily procure tickets online, subject to the prescribed quota." "We have further streamlined the process for distributing offline tickets through branches of Union Bank



and State Bank. Bank officials have been instructed to make appropriate arrangements to accommodate the anticipated rush of devotees." The EO requested that devotees take note of these changes and extend their cooperation, emphasizing that complete transparency is being maintained in the allocation of tickets. On this occasion, he further revealed that all temple departments are working in close coordination to ensure that devotees can have a peaceful and hassle-free darshan (sacred viewing) during the Chandanotsavam.

# Ramabanam Secures First Rank in Junior Intermediate

Celebrations with Fireworks at the 104 College Campus Management Congratulates Lakshmipriya for Scoring 467/470 Marks



Visakhapatnam, April 15 – National News Reporter... Ramabanam College has achieved outstanding results in the J.P.E. 2026 Junior Intermediate examinations. S. Lakshmipriya secured 467 out of 470 marks, clinching the State First Rank. To mark this occasion, celebrations were held within the academy campus. A festive atmosphere prevailed at the 104 branch, where college staff set off fireworks to express their congratulations and good wishes. Speaking on this occasion, Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar—Chairman of Ramabanam Colleges, YCP Coordinator for the Visakhapatnam South Constituency, and former MLA—congratulated S. Lakshmipriya for studying at their academy and achieving the

State First Rank. He stated that this is a matter of immense pride for their



academy and noted that their institution possesses a superior teaching system. Furthermore, he praised the students studying at the institution, commending them for maintaining focus on their studies, conducting themselves with discipline, demonstrating exceptional talent in their examinations, and securing excellent ranks. He stated that their academy has achieved record-breaking results in various examinations in the past as well. He affirmed that the primary objective of their academy is to pave a golden path for the future of its students. He revealed that students across their branches—located in the 104 Area, Marripalem, Asilametta, Gajuwaka, and Hyderabad regions—are securing top-tier ranks. Speaking on the occasion, Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar expressed that it is a matter of great pride for their institution that female students have recently demonstrated exceptional talent, achieving a 100% success rate in qualifying for employment opportunities.

## Gold Rises, Silver Falls

Hyderabad, April 15: Influenced by global economic and political developments, gold and silver prices are experiencing daily fluctuations. It has become a common trend to observe a rise in prices one day, followed by a decline the next. Against this backdrop, on Wednesday, the price of gold witnessed a slight increase, while the price of silver declined. In the Hyderabad bullion market, the price of 10 grams of 24-carat gold, which stood at Rs 1,53,930 on Tuesday, rose slightly



on Wednesday to reach Rs 1,53,940. Similarly, the price of 10 grams of 22-carat gold was recorded at Rs 1,41,110. As for silver, the price continues to hover at Rs 2,54,900 per kilogram. It is noteworthy that, compared to yesterday, the price of silver has dropped by approximately Rs 5,000. These fluctuations are fostering a sense of caution among investors. Gold prices across major cities in the country remain largely consistent. In cities such as Bengaluru, Kolkata, Pune, Mumbai, and Bhubaneswar, the price of 24-carat gold stands at Rs 1,53,940, while the price of 22-carat gold is Rs 1,41,110. However, in Chennai and Coimbatore, prices are slightly higher, with 24-carat gold recorded at Rs 1,55,140 and 22-carat gold at Rs 1,42,210. In Jaipur, the price of 24-carat gold stands at ₹1,54,090, while 22-carat gold is priced at ₹1,41,260. Silver prices also continue to fluctuate slightly across different cities. The price of a kilogram of silver is ₹2,54,900 in Bengaluru, Kolkata, Pune, Mumbai, and Jaipur, whereas it has been recorded at ₹2,65,100 in Chennai, Bhubaneswar, and Coimbatore. Overall, experts opine that factors such as the influence of international markets, the dollar exchange rate, and fluctuations in crude oil prices are impacting gold and silver rates. They suggest that investors need to closely monitor these changes and manage their investments with caution.

## Will Vehicle Prices Rise Again?

New Delhi, April 15: At a time when vehicle maintenance costs have already risen—thereby increasing the financial burden on the common man—it appears likely that vehicle prices are set to increase once again. Shailesh Chandra, President of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), stated that the automobile sector is facing mounting pressure due to



prevailing global geopolitical tensions and the rising costs of raw materials. Currently, ongoing global tensions are disrupting supply chains. In particular, the prices of metals

and other raw materials used in vehicle manufacturing have risen significantly. This situation is imposing an additional burden on automobile manufacturers. Although some companies have already hiked vehicle prices, industry sources believe that if costs continue on this upward trajectory, a second round of price hikes is inevitable. Specifically, factors such as the rising cost of raw materials like steel and aluminum, increased transportation expenses, and disruptions within the global supply chain are driving up vehicle manufacturing costs. Consequently, reports suggest that manufacturers are contemplating price revisions in an effort to sustain their profit margins. Against this backdrop, Shailesh Chandra indicated that greater clarity regarding the situation is expected to emerge over the next four to five weeks. He noted that a final decision regarding any potential hike in vehicle prices would be taken only after carefully assessing raw material costs and changes in the global geopolitical landscape. If implemented, this decision is likely to impose an additional financial burden on the middle class—particularly on those individuals planning to purchase new vehicles. Experts opine that, given the already rising fuel prices and maintenance costs, circumstances may arise where individuals decide to postpone their vehicle purchases. Overall, industry sources suggest that unless global conditions stabilize, a further increase in vehicle prices is inevitable.

## M.S. Raju Ventures into Horror 'Agadha' First Look Unveiled



Hyderabad, April 15: Renowned producer and director M.S. Raju—who has carved a niche for himself in the

Telugu film industry through his memorable love stories—has now embarked on a brand-new experimental

venture. Having previously delighted audiences with classic films such as \*Okkadu\*, \*Varsham\*, and \*Nuvvostanante Nenoddantana\*, it is noteworthy that he is now stepping into a completely different genre: the horror thriller. Recently, the first-look poster for his upcoming directorial project, titled \*Agadha\*, was released. Accompanied by a tagline that encapsulates the sentiment, "The man who once stirred your heart... will now terrify you," the poster has significantly heightened curiosity surrounding the film. M.S. Raju, who has hitherto won the hearts of audiences with his melodious films and love stories, has sparked considerable discussion within Tollywood by choosing to tell a full-fledged dark horror tale this time around. Reports suggest that the film is being crafted as a gripping narrative revolving around themes such as dark forces, forbidden secrets, blood, and trust. Produced under the banner of Sri Adivaraha Productions, the film sees M.S. Raju personally handling both the story and directorial duties. The cast features Shruvan Reddy, Ulka Gupta, Jovika Vijaykumar, Junaid Siddiqui, and others in pivotal roles. Chaitanya Vegi is composing the music, while Nani Chamidisetty is handling the cinematography. Film industry circles opine that the dark atmosphere and horror elements evident in the first-look poster will serve as key highlights of the movie. They suggest that the mystery and thrilling aspects of the storyline are bound to captivate the audience. All in all, with M.S. Raju—renowned as a director of love stories—now venturing into the horror genre, expectations surrounding the film \*Agadha\* have risen significantly. Should this film prove successful, it would mark the beginning of a new trajectory in his career.

## Is Dhoni Ready for the Hyderabad Match?



Hyderabad, April 15: There is good news for the Chennai Super Kings, a team currently surging ahead with a string of consecutive victories in IPL 2026. Reports suggest that the team's legendary player, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, has recovered from his injury and may soon make his return to the field. It appears highly likely that he will be available for the crucial upcoming match against the Sunrisers. According to the latest updates, Dhoni has made an almost complete recovery from his leg muscle injury. Clarity regarding his travel to Hyderabad is expected to emerge fol-

lowing his final fitness test. Should he rejoin the squad, it is certain to provide a massive boost to the Chennai team. At the start of this season, Sanju Samson shouldered the wicket-keeping responsibilities to fill the void left by Dhoni's absence. However, with Dhoni's return, he is poised to once again dazzle behind the wickets with his trademark agility. The strategic inputs he provides to Captain Ruturaj Gaikwad on the field are expected to play a pivotal role in the team's continued success. Beyond his wicket-keeping duties, Dhoni continues to prove his worth as a for-

midable finisher. In previous seasons, his aggressive batting style delivered numerous victories for the team. Analysts believe that Dhoni's return is currently vital for bolstering the team's middle-order batting lineup. Meanwhile, the Chennai team—buoyed by their string of consecutive victories—is all set to maintain their winning momentum. This clash against the Sunrisers is scheduled to take place on April 18th at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad. Whether or not Dhoni will return to the field is sparking curiosity among fans.