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Hyderabad: Tensions escalate as police arrest Harish Rao, other BRS leaders amid Congress-BRS debate challenge

Hyderabad: High political drama unfolded in Hyderabad on Thursday as the face-off between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS over Telangana's debt burden and alleged irregularities in Gurukul residential school tenders culminated in the arrest of several BRS leaders, even as the leaders from both parties traded fresh challenges for an open debate.

Former Ministers T Harish Rao and V Srinivas Goud, BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar and several party leaders were arrested by the police outside Telangana Bhavan while attempting to proceed to the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial (Gun Park), where Congress ministers had challenged them to a public debate. The arrests came amid heavy police deployment around Telangana Bhavan, Gun Park and other key locations, as hundreds of Congress and BRS workers gathered, raising fears of a confrontation.

Addressing the media before being taken into custody, Harish Rao accused the Congress government of using the police to prevent the BRS from participating in the very debate that its Ministers had proposed. He said they were carrying documentary evidence to substantiate its



allegations of irregularities in Gurukul school tenders.

"We were going only for a debate, not for a fight. We are ready to present all the evidence even now. If the Ministers had challenged us, why are the police stopping and arresting us?" he asked. He also alleged that the police prevented him from speaking to Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar.

The confrontation stemmed from a series of public challenges and counter-challenges between the Congress ministers and BRS working president KT Rama Rao and senior leader T Harish Rao over Telangana's debt burden and allegations relating to residential school tenders.

On Thursday morning, Rama Rao and Harish Rao reached Telangana Bhavan along with other BRS leaders. While Rama Rao remained at Telangana Bhavan awaiting the debate with Minister Jupally Krishna Rao who challenged for debate on the State debts, Harish Rao, accompanied by senior BRS leaders

including RS Praveen Kumar, proceeded towards the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial but were arrested outside the Telangana Bhavan.

However, Jupally Krishna Rao did not arrive either at Telangana Bhavan or Gun Park initially. Instead, he attended the Congress' weekly interaction programme at Gandhi Bhavan with party cadre and elected representatives. Responding to media queries, the Minister took a U-turn from his previous claim of a debate at Telangana Bhavan and said he had accepted the challenge for a debate at Gun Park and would head there shortly.

He dared both Rama Rao and Harish Rao to appear together at the Martyrs' Memorial. "Let both of them come together and I will answer them at once," he said.

Meanwhile, Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar, Adhuri Laxman Kumar and Mohammed Azharuddin reached Gun Park for debate with the BRS leaders over allegations of irregularities in residential school tenders.

Modi, Japan PM Takaichi Hold Annual Summit in Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday welcomed Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on her first official visit to India, expressing confidence that their discussions would further strengthen the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

In a social media post, Modi said he was delighted to host Takaichi and looked forward to wide-ranging discussions during the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit.

"Through our joint efforts, we will continue to advance peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and beyond," the Prime Minister said.

Earlier in the day, Takaichi was accorded a ceremonial welcome at the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, where Prime Minister Modi received her. Marching contingents from the Army, Navy and Air Force, along with a military band, honoured the visiting leader. Following the ceremony, Takaichi, accompanied by Modi, met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and other Union ministers. The leaders exchanged greetings before posing for photographs.

Later, Modi and Takaichi were scheduled to hold bilateral talks at Hyderabad House to review and expand cooperation in trade, investment, defence, technology, connectivity and other key sectors. The leaders were also expected to exchange views on regional and global issues, with a focus on ensuring peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific.

As part of the visit, the two Prime Ministers are also set to jointly inaugurate Maruti Suzuki India's new manufactur-



ing facility at Kharkhoda in Haryana, one of the largest investments in India's automobile sector in recent years. The project is being seen as another milestone in the India-Japan economic partnership.

The inauguration coincides with the India-Japan Economic Forum, which has brought together more than 150 Japanese companies to explore opportunities in manufacturing, semi-conductors, artificial intelligence, clean energy and mobility.

Ahead of the summit, Japan's Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Masanao Ozaki said he hoped the visit would lead to "concrete and remarkable development in Japan-India economic relations." Citing Japanese daily The Yomiuri Shimbun, he said around 120 cooperation initiatives worth nearly 2 trillion yen (about \$12.5 billion) are expected to be announced during the visit, underscoring India's growing importance as a destination for Japanese investment.

MUSI REJUVENATION PROJECT GETS CABINET NOD

Hyderabad: Despite opposition from different quarters, the State cabinet has approved the proposals to float tenders for the Musi Rejuvenation project's first phase covering 21 km with a cost of Rs. 7,345 crore.

In the first phase, works would be executed from Himayath Sagar to River Esa and Osman Sagar to River Musa confluence point to Babu Ghat. To execute works and monitor them, creation of 147 posts has been approved by the cabinet and if required, more staff would be deployed on deputation.

Briefing media persons at the cabinet meeting, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the State government accepted the VB-GRAMG scheme. However, it had also decided to approach the Supreme Court, considering the impact of imple-



menting the scheme as per the prescribed terms and conditions, he said.

The Minister said along with students up to 12th standard, nearly 1.5 lakh teachers, lecturers and staff, would be extended free mid-day meals, milk and snacks.

The cabinet also approved 6,278 posts in different TMS hospital, including Sanathnagar, LB

Nagar and Alwal and super specialty hospital, Warangal. This apart, CMRF LOCs would also be processed at these hospitals, he said.

The cabinet approved allotment of lands for constructing warehouses in five to six assembly constituencies. Accordingly, 50 acres has been approved at Bollikunta in Warangal and 10 acres at

Kakarlapahad in Rangareddy to the State Warehousing Corporation. Similarly, 20 acres has been allotted for establishment of Jawahar Navodaya at Peddaipally in Mahabubnagar and 19 acres at Kodad in Suryapet districts. Also, the cabinet approved allotment of five acres for setting up Kendriya Vidyalaya at Chalga in Jagtial, he said.

Political Heat Rises in Telangana Over Gurukul Tender Allegations



Hyderabad: Political tensions escalated in Telangana after the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) alleged corruption in Gurukul tender allocations.

Responding to the challenge for a public debate, ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar, Adhuri Laxman, and Azharuddin reached the Martyrs' Memorial at Gun Park. They also

stated their willingness to attend a discussion at the Somajiguda Press Club, as suggested by former IPS officer R. S. Praveen Kumar.

Meanwhile, senior BRS leaders were asked to come to Gun Park. Former ministers T. Harish Rao and K. T. Rama Rao reached Telangana Bhavan, following which Harish Rao and other leaders set out towards the Martyrs' Memorial at Gun Park.

The developments underline intensifying political confrontation between the ruling side and the opposition over the Gurukul tender issue.

Oil Firms Lose Rs 74,781 Crore; Fuel Prices May Be Reviewed Soon

New Delhi: Union petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday said that oil-marketing companies (OMCs) suffered Rs 74,781-crore losses for selling petrol, diesel and LPG below cost for the period up to June 30 when global crude oil prices spiked in the wake of the West Asia conflict. However, the minister indicated that the government would relook at petrol, diesel prices, if global oil rates stay low for the next few weeks.

Briefing the media, Puri also said that international crude oil prices have come down but companies are still processing crude they bought at the height of the West Asia crisis. On whether there would be a cut in prices of petrol and diesel, Puri responded 'diplomatically', saying that this would be a legitimate question, if oil prices stayed low for the next few weeks.

Oil companies typically buy crude oil -- the raw material for producing fuel -- at least two months in advance. So, crude oil that is



being processed now is essentially what was bought in April or early May when international prices were very high. Crude oil prices started coming down only in the second half of June after the US and Iran reached an agreement to end the conflict.

The minister also said the government had largely shielded consumers from volatility in global crude oil markets, adding that India navigated the recent Hormuz crisis without any major disruption in fuel supplies. "Not one retail outlet reported a dry-out," he said, saying that India has about 1.07 lakh fuel retail outlets and the government has absorbed most of the shocks arising from the crude crisis.

Separately, Puri said that India's refining capacity is expected to increase to 309.5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) by 2030, with several refinery projects currently under implementation and some scheduled for completion over the next two years. "The global refining landscape is likely to consolidate into three to four major refining hubs, with India expected to emerge as one of them," he said.

EDITORIAL

STUDENT SUICIDES,
SYSTEMIC TRAGEDIES

Attributing student suicides on campuses solely to mental health problems is to ignore the larger structural issues responsible for the alarming trend. These tragedies should not be viewed in isolation as problems of individuals but rather as the culmination of institutional, social, and cultural breakdown. Every death is a cry in the wilderness; a silent scream that should haunt us collectively as a nation. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, over 13,000 student suicides are reported every year across the country. The Supreme Court-appointed National Task Force (NTF) on student suicides, headed by former judge Justice S Ravindra Bhat, has rightly concluded that there is now an urgent need to move beyond reactive measures towards structural, preventive, and sustainable solutions. Despite years of reports, University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations, and government strategies, India has no direct statutory framework for suicide prevention in higher education. The most glaring gap is the complete absence of any direct statutory, regulatory or institutional framework to address and prevent suicides. Most interventions so far have been generic and reactive. The NTF surveyed over 2.43 lakh students and 2,119 higher educational institutions across the country, but despite several deadline extensions, only 3.5% of the institutes submitted their responses to the survey. This shows their callousness towards the problem. Last year, the apex court held that mental well-being is inseparable from the right to life under Article 21 and noted that there was a legislative and regulatory vacuum in the country with respect to a unified, enforceable framework for suicide prevention. An exacting examination system, parental expectations, an individual's limitations, and the debilitating fear of failure can take a heavy toll on young minds. What is more appalling is that student suicides are reduced to cold statistics, and society is becoming increasingly numb to these tragedies. The entire education ecosystem that puts a premium on success and shuts the doors on alternative career avenues is to blame for the sorry state of affairs. A mismatch between rising aspirations and shrinking opportunities has created enormous stress — a pressure-cooker kind of situation for the youth. This must be treated as a public health crisis requiring urgent attention. Parents, too, must candidly discuss career choices and the aptitude of their children and not push them into difficult corners. The government needs to enact a robust oversight mechanism and invest in creating some support structures to lessen anxiety among students. The Task Force identified "extensive delays, inconsistencies and inequities in scholarship disbursement" as a primary factor, compounding stress for students from poorer backgrounds.

Revanth Reddy Hails Osmania Doctors for Historic Surgical Feat

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Thursday congratulated doctors at Osmania General Hospital for achieving a landmark surgical milestone, calling it a moment of pride for the state's public healthcare system.

In a post on social media, the Chief Minister noted that the achievement comes just days after the celebration of National Doctors' Day, adding greater significance to the accomplishment.

He lauded the medical team led by Dr Ch Madhusudan for scripting "medical surgery history" at the historic hospital, one of Telangana's premier government healthcare institu-



tions.

The Chief Minister extended his congratulations to all members of the team, appreciating their dedication, expertise, and contribution to advancing healthcare standards in the state.

Least Bothered By Congress Leaders Remarks: Ramchander Rao



Hyderabad: Telangana BJP President N Ramchander Rao on Thursday hit out at Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president B Mahesh Kumar Goud over his comments targeting BJP National President Nitin Nabin, saying that the BJP is least bothered

about the remarks made by the Opposition.

Speaking to ANI, Rao said that not only the party cadres but the general public had welcomed Nabin wholeheartedly. The Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, TPCC chief also commented on BJP national president Nitin Nabin's visit, calling it a "flop show."

However, the party cadre and the public grandly welcomed Nabin. This has clearly made the Congress Pa and its TPCC president uneasy, as they are worried about the BJP's growing presence in the state.

Nitin Nabin's visit exposed the Congress party's corruption and further strengthened the BJP's prospects in the state. "We are least bothered by the Congress Party's remarks. The BJP is growing stronger, and we will come to power," he said.

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Kuram Ravi Mudiraj Appointed as Manuguru Town Congress President

Recognition for Loyalty to the Party... Celebrations Among Party Cadres

Manuguru Correspondent: Manuguru, July 2: Senior Congress leader Kuram Ravi Mudiraj, who has served the Congress Party with dedication for many years, has been appointed as the Manuguru Town Congress President. His appointment has been welcomed with great enthusiasm by party workers and supporters.

Kuram Ravi Mudiraj previously served as the Manuguru Youth Congress Town President during the tenure of former Chief Minister Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy. Since then, he has remained loyal to the Congress Party, playing a key role in every election and contributing significantly to the party's victories. Despite holding or not holding official positions, he continued to work tirelessly for the party and earned a distinct identity in active politics while remaining accessible to the local MLA.

Speaking on the occasion, Kuram Ravi Mudiraj said that, under the guidance of Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu and in accordance with the directions of the TPCC and DCC, he would work with dedication to strengthen the Congress Party. He also assured that he would remain accessible to the public and party workers and strive to resolve people's issues.

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Bhadradi



Kothagudem DCC President Thota Devi Prasanna, and MLA Payam Venkateswarlu for reposing their trust in him and entrusting him with this responsibility.

Kuram Ravi Mudiraj reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening the Congress Party in Manuguru Town, supporting party workers, and working tirelessly for the welfare of the people.

Demand for 2,000 More Indiramma Houses for Agency Areas: Tribal MLAs Meet CM Revanth Reddy

Bhadradi Kothagudem Correspondent July 2, 2026: Tribal MLAs from the Agency areas have appealed to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to sanction an additional 2,000 Indiramma houses to address the housing needs of tribal families in the region.

A delegation of Tribal MLAs, led by Panchayat Raj Minister Dansari Anasuya (Seethakka), met the Chief Minister at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat in Hyderabad on Thursday and submitted a memorandum outlining their demands.

The delegation urged the government



to issue land ownership titles for podu lands, effectively implement the Indira Girijana Vikasam Scheme, strengthen the Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs), and upgrade tribal residential schools up to the Intermediate level.

The delegation included Ashwaraopet MLA Jare Adinarayana, Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu, Yellandu MLA Koram Kanakaiah, Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao, and Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Adhuri Laxman Kumar, and Mohammed Azharuddin were also present during the meeting.

The public representatives expressed hope that the State Government would respond positively to these demands aimed at the welfare and development of the tribal communities in the Agency areas. If you want,

Special sale to celebrate the 63rd anniversary

A trusted name for shopping enthusiasts for many years, Narsing celebrated its 63rd anniversary in a grand manner. The special sale organized on this occasion received an overwhelming response from customers from all over the region. Narsing Anniversary Sale always attracts record crowds and entertains shoppers with special discounts and festive offers. Speaking about this success, Narsing Group MD Mr. Sanjay Singhania said, "We are extremely grateful for the love and trust our customers show us every year. This



anniversary sale is our way of giving back to the community that supports us wholeheartedly. The event held at Narsing Hyderabad's Kukatpally showroom was graced by actress Varshini Soundararajan, celebrities, fashionistas and influencers who graced the event with glamour. The show showcased an elegant collection of sarees, fabrics, lehengas, half sarees and festive wear.

District Collector Ankit Conducts Surprise Inspection at Kothagudem Government Hospital, Warns Against Negligence

Kothagudem, July 2: District Collector Ankit conducted a surprise inspection of the Bhadradi Kothagudem Government General Hospital on Thursday and reviewed the functioning of medical services. He examined the attendance registers of doctors and staff, assessed their duty schedules, and enquired about the shift system being followed at the hospital.

The Collector later visited the maternity ward, general ward, and other departments. He interacted directly with patients to understand the quality of medical treatment, availability of medicines, and the response of doctors and hospital staff. Doctors informed the Collector that medical services in the maternity ward are being provided in three shifts.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Ankit said that providing timely and quality healthcare to every patient visiting a government hospital is the primary responsibility of doctors and medical staff. He instructed hospital personnel to treat patients with courtesy and ensure that their griev-



ances are addressed without delay.

The Collector issued a stern warning that strict action will be taken against any officer or employee found negligent in the discharge of their duties, with no compromise on accountability.

Hospital Superintendent M. Radha Mohan, Deputy Civil Surgeon Sitaram, RMO Chaitanya, Kothagudem Tahsildar Pullayya, and other officials were present during the inspection.

Three Arrested for Illegal Transportation of Cattle in Dummugudem

Dummugudem, July 2: Police arrested three persons for allegedly transporting cattle illegally during a vehicle inspection at Mulakapadu Junction in Dummugudem Mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Thursday.

According to the police, a vehicle without a registration number plate was intercepted while transporting 12 cattle from Charla towards Panditapuram. The vehicle was seized, and the cattle were rescued.

The accused have been identified as Shaik Kasim, Shaik Hannu, both residents of Palvancha, and the vehicle driver Vamsi. A case has been registered against them, Dummugudem Sub-Inspector Shyam Prasad said. Police stated that strict action will be taken against those involved in the illegal transportation of cattle and that intensified checks will continue across the region.

Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao Strongly Condemns the Arrest of Former Minister Harish Rao

"Stop Suppressing Democracy": Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao

Bhadradi Kothagudem, July 2: Bhadradi Kothagudem District BRS BC Cell leader and National BC Welfare Association District General Secretary Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao strongly condemned the arrest of former minister and senior BRS leader Tanneeru Harish Rao by the police.

In a press statement issued on Thursday, Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao said that it was the Congress leaders who had challenged the BRS to a public debate, and the party had already expressed its readiness to participate. Arresting Harish Rao while he was prepared for



such a discussion was against the spirit of democracy, he alleged.

He stated that questioning the government is not only the right of the opposition but also its responsibility. Seeking explanations on how public money is being spent and questioning government decisions

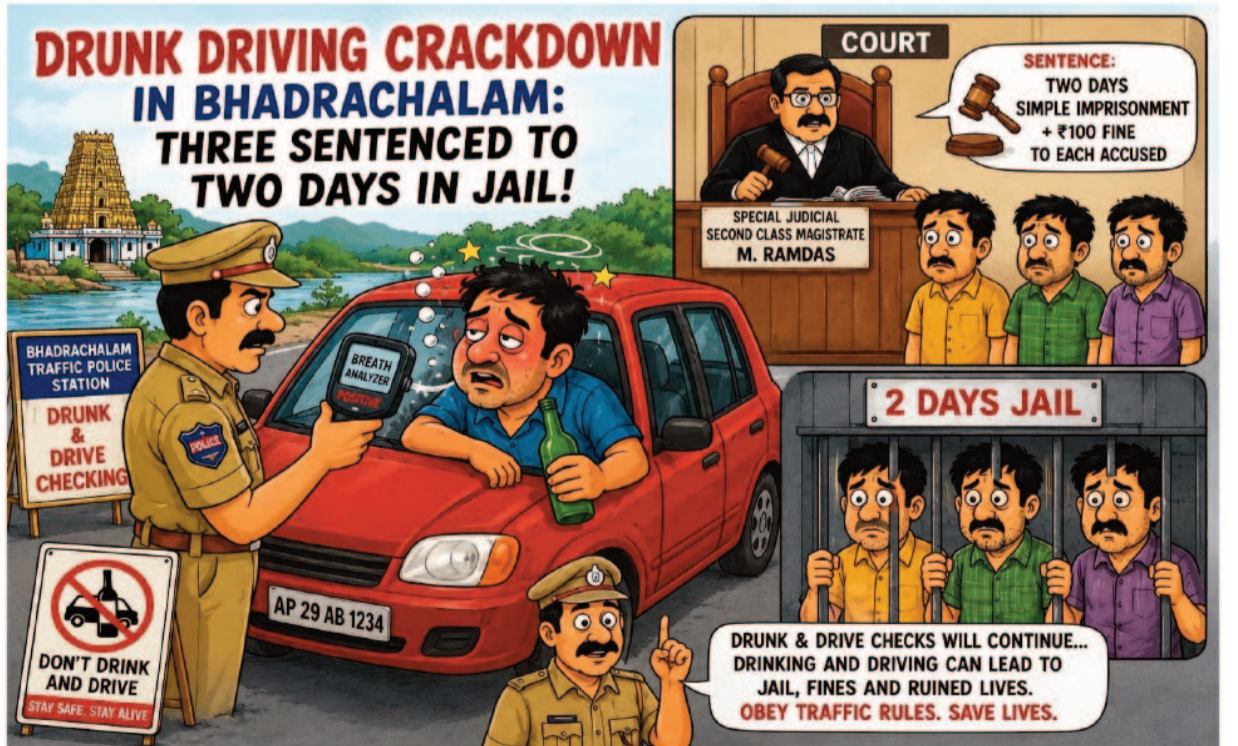
should never be treated as a crime, he said.

Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao demanded that the Congress government immediately stop using the police machinery for political purposes. If the government is genuinely confident about its stand, it should participate in an open debate

and respond with evidence instead of using the police, he asserted.

He further alleged that the arrest of Harish Rao was an attack on democratic values and said that the people were closely observing what he described as politically motivated actions by the government.

Drunk Driving Crackdown in Bhadrachalam: Three Sentenced to Two Days in Jail



Bhadrachalam Correspondent: Bhadrachalam, July 2: Bhadrachalam Traffic Police have intensified their crackdown on drunken driving. Three persons who were caught driving under the influence of alcohol during a special Drunk and Drive enforcement drive were produced before the court. The court sentenced each of them to two days of simple imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹100.

The offenders were apprehended during special drunk driving checks conducted under the jurisdiction of the Bhadrachalam Traffic Police

Station. They were later produced before Special Judicial Second Class Magistrate M. Ramdas, who delivered the judgment.

The Bhadrachalam Traffic Police stated that Drunk and Drive enforcement drives will continue regularly. They warned that anyone found driving under the influence of alcohol will face strict legal action, including imprisonment and fines. Police also urged motorists to obey traffic rules and avoid drunk driving to protect their own lives as well as the lives of others.

7 Reasons Why Heartbeat Season 3 Is a Must-Watch on JioHotstar



Heart Beat Season 3 is all set to return with more drama, emotions, medical emergencies, and relationship twists. The latest poster hints at fractured bonds, personal struggles, and high-stakes moments inside the hospital. Here are seven reasons why fans are excited for the new season.

A New Chapter for Reena

Season 3 appears ready to take Reena's journey to the next level. As she navigates personal and professional challenges, viewers can expect a more mature and determined version of the character.

The Hospital Drama Gets More Intense

From life-or-death cases to ethical dilemmas, the series has always balanced emotions with medical emergencies. Season 3 promises even higher stakes.

Relationships Under Pressure

The broken-heart imagery in the poster suggests that relationships could face major tests this season, leading to emotional confrontations and unexpected decisions.

Strong Female Characters Lead the Story

One of Heartbeat's biggest strengths is its portrayal of ambitious and resilient women. Season 3 is expected to continue celebrating their growth and determination.

Fresh Twists and Unexpected Conflicts

No season of Heartbeat is complete without surprises. Fans can look forward to new challenges that will keep them guessing until the very end.

A Perfect Blend of Emotion and Inspiration

The show stands out for delivering heartfelt moments while highlighting the dedication of healthcare professionals and the realities of hospital life.

A Stellar Ensemble Cast

The cast has been one of the driving forces behind the show's popularity. Their chemistry and performances are expected to make Season 3 another engaging watch.

Final Thoughts

With emotional storytelling, compelling character arcs, and gripping hospital drama, Heartbeat Season 3 looks poised to deliver another memorable chapter. Streaming from July 30 on JioHotstar.

Playing Mother Roles Showcases Their Acting Versatility



Mother roles, once considered a career-ending move for heroines in Tollywood, are gradually losing their stigma. Popular actress Srinidhi Shetty, who rose to fame with the KGF franchise, will be seen playing the mother of two children opposite Venkatesh in the upcoming Telugu family drama Adarsha Kutumbam. Her casting reflects a noticeable shift in the industry's attitude towards mature female characters.

The trend is not limited to Telugu cinema. Samantha Ruth Prabhu portrayed a mother in the Hindi web series Citadel: Honey Bunny, while Tamannaah Bhatia played a mother in the horror hit Aranmanai 4, released in Telugu as Baak. Anushka Shetty also stepped away from conventional glamour by essaying a pregnant woman in Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty, proving that unconventional roles need not diminish an actress's star value.

"It is true that Tamannaah, who is known for glamorous dance numbers like Kaavaalaa and Aaj Ki Raat, accepted a mother's role in Aranmanai 4 because the character had substance. Similarly, Anushka's role as a pregnant woman in Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty added emotional depth to the film. They are expanding their versatility with meaningful characters," says director Hemant Madhukar.

However, not every actress is ready to make the transition. Producer M.S. Raju believes some leading stars still hesitate to take up mother roles.

"Certain actresses fear losing their glamorous image. Playing the mother of one or two children could make them appear older on screen, affecting opportunities to play romantic leads or pair opposite younger heroes. But that mindset is slowly changing, thanks largely to OTT platforms and audiences accepting well-written characters regardless of age," he says.

Raju points out that several actresses have already broken this barrier. "Shruti Haasan appeared as the mother of a child in Krack. Keerthy Suresh, Shraddha Srinath in Saindhav, and Neha Shetty in Gangs of Godavari have all shown that motherhood is simply another character to portray. More recently, Meenakshi Chaudhary impressed audiences in Lucky Bhaskar while simultaneously playing a romantic lead in Matka. Today's actresses are smart enough to balance varied roles without getting stereotyped."

Actress Priyamani, who played a mother in The Family Man, believes the fear of being typecast no longer exists. "Earlier, actresses were worried that playing mothers would define their careers. Today, filmmakers are writing far more layered and interesting female characters. I accepted The Family Man because it was a beautifully written role. That doesn't mean I will only play mothers. I simply choose characters that challenge me as an actor and help me grow," she says.

"When leading heroes have no hesitation in portraying fathers, it is only natural that actresses like Shruti Haasan, Nayanthara, Neha Shetty and now Srinidhi Shetty are equally open to playing mothers if the role is meaningful," adds Hemant.



CINEMA

Chiranjeevi, Pawan Kalyan Grace Meher Ramesh's Daughter's Wedding



At least three major Telugu stars turned up in full force for the wedding of director Meher Ramesh's daughter, Krishna Mohana, to Anirudh.

Megastar Chiranjeevi and his wife attended to bless the couple, closely followed by Andhra Pradesh Deputy

CM Pawan Kalyan and Anna Lezhneva. Victory Venkatesh Daggubati was also among the high-profile guests from various industries.

Given Meher Ramesh's long-standing personal and professional ties with Mega family, it was no surprise they were present.

If Nagabandham Delivers, Two Things Will Prove

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This Friday, the film Nagabandham is hitting cinemas and Akhanda producer Miryala Ravinder Reddy's brother-in-law, Virat Karna, is testing his luck for the second time. More than the hero, two other things will be proven if the film turns out to be a blockbuster.

Back then, when producer Abhishek Nama overtook the film "Eagle" featuring Kalyan Ram from a director, many criticised him for putting his name as a 'director' just because he poured money into the project. Taking that criticism into mind, Abhishek has now taken up the direction mantle and carved out Nagabandham. Going by the trailer, it's not looking like any basic attempt but like something a talented and experienced filmmaker could do. So if the film clicks, earlier rumours on Abhishek Nama will be wiped off.

The second thing is an interesting one. In recent times, many films that have promised amazing Visual Effects in the trailer have turned out to be damp squibs when it



comes to the silver screen. Most of the effects fizzled out, some are unclear, some are illogical, and some are very cheapish quality and this happened with some big-ticket films. If Nagabandham's VFX stand out, then the film will show the way for others when it comes to producing films with realistic-quality CGI imagery.

Within a few hours, the truth of Nagabandham will be out, so let's see what happens.

Half Dozen Heroes Bank On 'Uncertain' Month

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Just after the monsoon rains start, usually in the month of July, the cinema industry considers this a dry season. Because schools and colleges will be at full capacity, there are not many holidays, and at the same time, the footfall will be low. However, this year, Tollywood's young chaps are thinking that July will bless them with luck and sunshine.

On July 3rd, we have Satyadev testing his luck with Rao Bahadur at the box office, though he wants to score that blockbuster which never came his way. At the same time, a big producer's brother-in-law, Virat Karna, made his debut with Pedda Kapu, but things didn't work out; now coming up with Nagabandham, which is also another heavy-budgeted movie. Similarly, on July 10th, Akhil Akkineni



is testing his luck with Lenin to score that hit film that's evading him for a decade.

The buck goes to Tiruveer's Oh Sukumari on July 17th, who is another struggling hero waiting for a blockbuster to come his way. Then comes the dubbed film Makutam, which has Vishal in the lead, and after 20 years of a good run at the Telugu market, this hero is struggling to get things right. Though his last couple of films spun some money, somehow Kiran Abbavaram is waiting for the right blockbuster, and his July 24th-releasing Chennai Love Story is what he pins his hopes on.

These half dozen heroes are betting big on their respective movies in the uncertain month of July, and hope all of them gets their dreams fulfilled.