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Retail petrol and diesel prices won't change, excise cut to offset oil firms' losses: Govt

West Asia and associated disruptions to global energy supply chains," the ministry said.
The contrast with global fuel markets is instructive. Fuel prices have risen by 30 to 50 per cent across South and South-East Asian countries, 30 per cent in North America, and 20 per cent in Europe since the onset of the current crisis. India has held the line. That stability carries a fiscal cost, and the government has chosen to bear it.
Earlier in the day, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided to take a hit on government finances to safeguard the Indian citizen.
"The government has taken a substantial impact on its taxation revenues to reduce the high losses being faced by oil marketing companies at this time of sky-high international prices," he mentioned.
Alongside the excise reduction, the government has simultaneously introduced an export levy on diesel. At a time when international diesel prices have surged sharply, the levy is designed to disincentivise exports and ensure that refinery output is directed first towards meeting domestic demand.
Keeping Indian pumps fully supplied takes precedence over export opportunities, however commercially attractive those may be at current global prices. The government will continue to monitor the evolving global energy situation and take all measures necessary to maintain supply stability and price protection for Indian consumers.

AP Ministers visit Rayavaram accident victims, Assure full support

directed officials to ensure the best possible medical treatment for the injured. He added that Vangalapudi Anitha and Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy were promptly sent to the accident site to oversee rescue and relief operations.He further noted that police and revenue departments responded swiftly, ensuring timely rescue and medical assistance. "The injured are currently receiving proper treatment, and both the central and state governments have announced ex gratia to support the victims," he said, adding that strict action would be taken against those responsible for the accident. He also mentioned that leaders at the highest level, including the President, Prime Minister, and Governor, have expressed concern over the tragedy.Minister Gottipati Ravikumar described the accident as deeply distressing and assured that the state government would take full responsibility for the victims until they recover completely and return home. He highlighted that the Andhra Pradesh government has announced Rs.5 lakh compensation for the families of the deceased, while the central government has announced Rs. 2 lakh.For the injured, the state government has announced Rs.2 lakh assistance, and the Centre has sanctioned Rs 50,000. Ravikumar emphasized that most of the victims belong to economically weaker sections and work as daily wage laborers, assuring that the government would extend comprehensive support to help them recover and rebuild their lives.The accident claimed the lives of 14 people and left 28 others injured, sending shockwaves across the region. Authorities are continuing their efforts to provide relief and ensure accountability, while the government reiterates its commitment to stand by the victims and their families.

No Nationwide Lockdown Planned, Says Centre; Rumours Dismissed as False

measures are being taken to prevent any disruption in the availability of fuel, LPG, and other critical supplies.Recent concerns over potential shortages of oil and gas, along with reports related to LPG supply, had fueled speculation about possible restrictions. Additionally, the rumours gained traction as the country marked the sixth anniversary of the nationwide lockdown imposed in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.Adding to the confusion, some sections misinterpreted the Prime Minister's recent remarks in Parliament regarding the impact of tensions in West Asia on the global economy.
His call for preparedness was misconstrued as an indication of possible restrictions. However, government sources have clarified that such preparedness refers to administrative readiness and precautionary planning—not restrictions on public movement.
The Centre has urged citizens to rely only on official sources for information and avoid spreading unverified news. Authorities stressed that maintaining calm and responsible communication is crucial, especially during times of global uncertainty.With this clarification, the government has effectively put an end to speculation surrounding a possible lockdown, reassuring the public that there is no cause for concern and that normal life will continue without restrictions.

PM Modi watches Surya Tilak of Ram Lalla, prays for nation's well-being

for the well-being of the nation. Ram Navami, which marks the birth of Lord Ram -- the seventh avatar of Vishnu -- is celebrated during the nine-day Chaitra Navratri and is seen as a time to reflect on values such as truth, compassion, and righteousness. Earlier, the Prime Minister extended greetings to citizens and expressed hope that the blessings of Lord Ram would guide India towards becoming a "Viksit" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat."
In a message posted on X, he said: "My fellow countrymen across the nation, unlimited best wishes on the occasion of Ram Navami. From the life of Maryada Purushottam, filled with sacrifice, austerity, and restraint, we draw inspiration to confront every situation with our full strength." "His ideals will continue to guide not only the people of India but all of humanity for eternity. My wish is that by the grace of Lord Ram, the welfare of all may be ensured, paving the way for the fulfilment of our resolve for a Viksit and Aatmanirbhar Bharat," he added. The Surya Tilak ceremony, in which a beam of sunlight is precisely directed onto the idol's forehead, holds deep spiritual significance and has become a major attraction for devotees at the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. The event builds on the grand celebrations witnessed in 2024, when the newly inaugurated temple saw a massive surge of devotees during Ram Navami. On that occasion, the three-minute-long Surya Tilak phenomenon drew widespread attention as devotees gathered in large numbers to witness the spectacle.
Prime Minister Modi had then urged devotees across the world to watch the ceremony, sharing a live streaming link of the event by the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra. He had said, "This is the first Ram Navami after the 'pran pratishtha' ceremony of Ram Lalla. Also, this is the first Surya Tilak of Lord Ram. So, I urge all the 'Ram bhakts' to become witness to the rare spectacle inside the grand Ram Temple."
Lord Ram is widely regarded as a symbol of righteousness, truth, and duty, and his life continues to inspire millions to follow the path of ethical conduct and moral values. His ideals remain central to India's cultural and spiritual consciousness, especially during festivals like Ram Navami.

Raghuramakrishna Raju Calls Temple attack a 'Pre-Planned assassination attempt'

The attack reportedly took place at the Pedapeta Ram Temple on the occasion of Sri Rama Navami, when he had gone to offer prayers along with his supporters.He alleged that the attackers came prepared with stones, knives, and iron nails, and disguised themselves as devotees to carry out the assault. According to him, the situation could have turned far more serious, but he narrowly escaped without major harm.Raghuramakrishna Raju also made strong claims that certain groups were opposing the century-old temple and even objecting to temple cleaning activities. He further alleged that though they identified as Hindus, they were following different religious practices, and were creating disturbances around the temple premises.Describing the incident as alarming, he warned that if such acts are not curbed immediately, they could pose a serious threat to social harmony and public safety. He urged law enforcement authorities to conduct a thorough investigation, identify all those involved, and take strict action against the culprits.The incident has created a political and social stir in Andhra Pradesh, with leaders across parties condemning the attack and calling for swift justice. Authorities are expected to intensify their probe into the matter to ensure accountability and prevent recurrence of such incidents.

CM Chandrababu Naidu welcomes Centre's Fuel Duty Cut, Calls It People-Centric decision

reduce excise duty on fuel is a strong and people-centric measure that will provide significant relief to citizens, especially in the backdrop of rising international fuel prices.
On behalf of the people of Andhra Pradesh, he extended wholehearted support to the decision. Naidu further noted that while several countries are passing on the burden of high fuel costs to their citizens, India has chosen to prioritize the welfare of its people.
He described this approach as a reflection of the National Democratic Alliance's commitment to public welfare.
"The decision taken today will go a long way in shielding the common man from the adverse impact of global price rise," he added, reiterating that such steps strengthen public confidence in governance.
The Chief Minister's remarks underline the importance of policy decisions aimed at balancing economic challenges while ensuring relief for the general public.

AP Emerges as National Model in Mission Karmayogi, Says CM Chandrababu Naidu

He lauded the achievement of Andhra Pradesh in completing over one crore courses on the iGOT platform, marking a major milestone in capacity building.Naidu shared his appreciation by retweeting a post from Karmayogi Bharat, acknowledging the state's impressive performance. He emphasized that such achievements reflect the commitment of the government towards modernizing administrative systems and improving governance standards.Taking this success forward, the Chief Minister announced the launch of a special nationwide learning initiative titled 'Sadhana Saptaha', which will be conducted from April 2 to 8.
He called upon government employees across all departments to actively participate in this week-long programme and enhance their professional skills.Naidu also underlined the importance of preparing for future challenges by adopting advanced technologies. In this regard, he revealed that completing an Artificial Intelligence (AI) course has been made mandatory for government employees. He said this step would equip officials with the necessary knowledge to adapt to rapidly evolving technological demands and improve efficiency in governance.The Chief Minister reiterated that the coalition government is committed to transforming the administrative system through the integration of modern technology. He stressed that such initiatives would help in delivering transparent, efficient, and citizen-centric governance."Sadhana Saptaha aims to strengthen government institutions and ensure better service delivery to the public," Naidu said, urging employees to utilize this opportunity to upgrade their skills and contribute effectively to the state's development.The initiative reflects Andhra Pradesh's proactive approach in aligning governance with digital advancements and setting new benchmarks in administrative excellence at the national level.

PM Modi Chairs High-Level Meeting with Chief Ministers on Energy Security Amid West Asia Crisis

cooperation from state governments. In this context, the Prime Minister urged all states to remain vigilant and proactive in managing local distribution systems and maintaining adequate stock levels of essential commodities.
Addressing the larger geopolitical situation, Modi noted that the ongoing conflicts in West Asia have far-reaching global implications and are affecting multiple countries, including India. He highlighted that the uncertainty in the region, especially around critical oil transit routes, poses a significant challenge to energy-importing nations.
Drawing parallels with the collective response during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Prime Minister called for a unified approach under the "Team India" spirit. He stressed that both the Centre and states must work together with a shared sense of responsibility to effectively manage the current situation.
"Just as we successfully navigated the challenges of the pandemic through cooperation and coordination, we must now come together to address the emerging energy concerns," he conveyed.Modi also directed state governments to make special arrangements to ensure that the supply of essential goods remains unaffected under any circumstances. He underlined the need for contingency planning, efficient logistics, and close monitoring of supply chains to prevent shortages or panic among the public.The meeting holds particular significance as it comes at a time when global markets are witnessing volatility due to geopolitical tensions. Ensuring energy security is critical not only for economic stability but also for sustaining essential services across sectors.It is noteworthy that Chief Ministers of states where Assembly elections have been announced did not participate in the meeting, in line with established protocols. However, several prominent leaders joined the virtual discussion, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.Among the Chief Ministers who attended were N. Chandrababu Naidu, Vishnu Deo Sai, Revanth Reddy, Yogi Adityanath, Omar Abdullah, Bhagwant Mann, Mohan Yadav, Hemant Soren, Pushkar Singh Dhami, Bhupendra Patel, and Devendra Fadnavis, among others.The meeting underscored the importance of cooperative federalism in addressing national challenges. With uncertainties looming over global energy markets, the Centre and states are expected to work closely to safeguard the country's energy security and ensure that citizens are not adversely affected.

Pawan Kalyan condemns Attack on Deputy Speaker Raghuramakrishna Raju, orders strict action

there might be a larger conspiracy behind the incident, especially as it occurred on a significant religious occasion."It is atrocious that such an attack took place on the sacred day of Sri Rama Navami, which is celebrated with great devotion by Hindus. I strongly condemn this act," Pawan Kalyan stated in an official release.The Deputy Chief Minister directed the police department to treat the matter with utmost seriousness. He instructed officials to conduct a thorough investigation, identify those responsible—including any masterminds behind the attack—and ensure that strict legal action is taken against them.He also extended his wishes for the speedy recovery of those injured in the incident and assured that the government would take all necessary steps to ensure justice.The incident has sparked concern across political circles, with calls for swift action to maintain law and order and prevent such occurrences in the future.

Lokesh welcomes Centre's Excise Duty Cut on Fuel, thanks PM

This decision, taken without burdening the common and middle-class people, is truly commendable," Lokesh said in his post.According to the minister, the excise duty on petrol and diesel has been reduced by ?10 per litre, with diesel witnessing a complete removal of excise duty. He noted that the decision would provide significant relief to citizens facing rising fuel costs and inflationary pressures.Lokesh further emphasized that the Centre's move comes at a crucial time when global fuel prices are under pressure due to geopolitical tensions, particularly in West Asia. He said the decision would help cushion the impact of international developments on domestic consumers and prevent further escalation in fuel prices."The NDA government has once again demonstrated that it prioritizes the welfare of the people. By reducing excise duty, the Centre has taken proactive steps to prevent fuel shortages and control price rise," he added.Meanwhile, the central government on Friday officially announced the reduction in excise duty on both petrol and diesel and issued corresponding orders. As per the revised structure, petrol prices will see a reduction of ?3 per litre, while excise duty on diesel has been brought down to zero.The decision is expected to ease the financial burden on consumers and contribute to stabilizing the overall economic environment. It also reflects the Centre's strategy to balance revenue considerations with the need to provide relief to the public during challenging global conditions.

Bhuvaneshwari continues Kuppam tour, Distributes aid under NTR Trust initiative

NTR Memorial Trust, was held at the TTD Kalyana Mandapam in Kuppam. As part of the initiative, Bhuvaneshwari distributed sewing machines to 40 women to encourage livelihood opportunities. In addition, 30 individuals were provided with push carts (thapa carts) to support small businesses, while several beneficiaries received hearing aids, highlighting the trust's commitment to inclusive welfare.Addressing the gathering, Bhuvaneshwari elaborated on the various service-oriented programmes undertaken by the trust. She recalled the legacy of N. T. Rama Rao (NTR), stating that public service was always his foremost priority. She noted that it has been 29 years since the establishment of the NTR Memorial Trust, which was founded with the inspiration and ideals of NTR.She further explained that due to Chandrababu Naidu's active involvement in politics, the responsibility of managing the trust was entrusted to her. With his continuous encouragement and guidance, she has been carrying forward multiple welfare initiatives through the organization. Bhuvaneshwari also highlighted the trust's ongoing efforts in supporting patients suffering from Thalassemia. She announced that new thalassemia care centers will soon be established in Vijayawada and Anantapur to extend better medical support to affected individuals.The programme witnessed participation from local leaders, beneficiaries, and residents, reflecting the trust's continued focus on empowering communities through sustainable and compassionate initiatives.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (formerly M/s Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Physical Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 02.05.2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table.

Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of Inspection are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
1,.MR.MUNAGALA ASHOK REDDY S/O.MR.RAMANA REDDY 2.MRS. MUNAGALA ANJAMMA W/O MR. MR.RAMANA REDDY 21-2- 10 INDIRANAGAR MAIN ROAD NARASARAOPET GUNTUR ANDHRA PRADESH INDIA 522601 Loan Account No. SHLHNRPT0000052 Date of Possession & Type 21st Feb, 2026 and Physical Possession Encumbranches known Not Known	Demand Notice Date – 04-12-2024 Demand notice Amount Rs.3313097/-(Thirty Three Lakhs Thirteen Thousand and Ninety Seven Only) as on 30-11-2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHNRPT0000052	Rs.22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two lakhs Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)(Rs.) Rs.220000/-(Two Lakh Twenty Thousand only) Last date for submission of EMD : 01 May , 2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	02-MAY-2026 Auction Time: 11.00 A.M. to 01.00 p.m.	Mr. SATISH & Anjibabu 9849225412(M) & 9966365296 Property Inspection Date : 30-April -2026

Description of Property

Palnadu District, Narasaraopet Reg-District and Sub-District, Narasaraopet Municipal limits, Narasaraopet Revenue Area, Sattenapalli Road, back side of Sri Ayyappa Swamy Temple, Narasaraopet Revenue D.No.65, covering an extent of Ac. 22.35 cents, D.No.66/A, covering an extent of Ac. 0.76 cents, D.No.67/A, covering an extent of Ac. 1.44 cents, D.No.68, covering an extent of Ac. 14.22 cents, D.No.69, covering an extent of Ac. 12.25 cents, total extent of Ac. 51.02 cents, in it Ac. 2.70.1/2 cents of land divided into plots bearing Plot Nos.36, 37 covering an extent of 533.33 Sq.yds of "SAI VENNELA HEIGHTS" Apartment (Nearest Door No.21-5-15) is being bounded By. EAST: Site Sold by Choda Seetharavamma, 63 ft , SOUTH: Site Belongs to Sure Venkata Naraiah and Others, 75 ft , WEST: 25 ft, Wide Road, 62.6 ft; NORTH: Site belongs to Plot No.38, 78 ft; Within these boundaries covering in an extent of 533.33 Sq.yds (or) 448 Sq.mts of site in which,

SCHEDULE-B: An undivided and unspecified share measuring 26.66 sq.yds (out of total extent of 533.33 sq.yds, of 'A' schedule site and along with bearing Flat No.204, located in FIRST FLOOR of "SAI VENNELA HEIGHTS" with a plinth area of 1100 sq.ft., which is allotted for the above mentioned share of site is being bounded by; EAST : Open to sky; SOUTH: Open to sky; WEST: Common Corridor and steps: NORTH: Open to sky and Lift;

Within these boundaries covering in an extent of 1100 sq.ft., One Flat No.204, located in FIRST FLOOR i.e., above the said "SAI VENNELA HEIGHTS" Apartment and along with all the rights.

1) **For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website.**
2) **The intending bidders have to submit their EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: BANK NAME: AXIS BANK LIMITED BRANCH: BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI BANK ACCOUNT NO. Current Account No. 911020045677633 IFSC CODE: UTIB0000230.**

Place : Narasaraopeta
Date : 28-03-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited)