

NOVO NORDISK CUTS PRICE BY UP TO 48% AS GENERIC VERSIONS FLOOD MARKET

# Ozempic, Wegovy prices slashed

MANU KAUSHIK  
New Delhi, March 31

**DANISH DRUGMAKER NOVO** Nordisk has slashed the prices of its obesity drug Wegovy and anti-diabetic medication Ozempic in India, following the entry of cheaper generic versions of its blockbuster weight-loss drug semaglutide in the domestic market. Starting April 1, the price of the starting dose of Ozempic will be reduced by 36% while that of the starting dose of Wegovy will be reduced by 48%.

The company said that Ozempic (0.25 mg) and Wegovy (0.25 mg) will now be available in India at an effective daily price of ₹202, or a weekly price of ₹1,415, including taxes. "This is done to make these innovative therapies, that are supported by robust clinical evidence and high scientific standards, more accessible to a larger section of people living with diabetes and obesity in India," Novo said in a statement.

Novo's price cuts come following the March 20 patent expiry of semaglutide in India with at least 10 major pharma companies, including Dr

**RISING COMPETITION**

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Reddy's, Sun Pharma, Natco Pharma, Zydus and Alkem, launching branded generic versions at a 70-90% discount to Novo's previous listed price. The competition in this segment is expected to intensify with 43 brands are likely to have their own generic versions in the market.

Even though Novo's semaglutide drugs will continue to be available in a pre-filled syringe format which has four doses to be taken over a course of one month (or once

per week), the generic versions are sold in vial dosage form as well, offering patients customised dosing and better cost management.

Vikrant Shrotriya, managing director of Novo Nordisk India, said that by revising the price of these innovative treatments, the company is trying to make cardio-metabolic care more affordable for as many people with type 2 diabetes, overweight and obesity in India as possible. "We have heard from patients and doc-

tors, and we are acting on that feedback. The burden of diabetes, obesity and related complications is immense for India, and we aim to bend this curve with effective, safe, and time-tested solutions," he said.

This is the second time Novo has reduced Wegovy prices in India. In November, the company had cut prices by 37% to expand the access of its chronic weight management therapy and counter its arch rival Eli Lilly's Mounjaro which was launched in March 2025.

While Ozempic is GLP-1 drug with the broadest range of benefits for people with type-2 diabetes, Wegovy delivers sustainable weight-loss with proven cardiovascular benefits in people living with overweight or obesity. Both drugs contain semaglutide, which was originally patented as active pharma ingredient for the management of type-2 diabetes, but was later found to be useful to control obesity. The drugs work by regulating appetite and blood sugar.

Ratings agency CareEdge Ratings estimates that India's GLP-1 market is set to expand nearly fivefold, from about ₹1,000 crore in 2025 to ₹4,500-5,000 crore by 2030. "From a therapeutic standpoint, nearly 60-70% of demand is estimated to be driven by type-2 diabetes treatment, with the balance attributable to weight-loss applications. Supported by increased marketing efforts, price rationalisation and a growing patient pool, drug penetration is expected to rise to around 1% by 2030," CareEdge said in a March report.

# Oracle lays off 12,000 employees in India

● **US-tech major planning another mass job cuts within a month**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, March 31

**US-BASED IT FIRM** Oracle is believed to have laid off approximately 12,000 staff in India, with another round of layoffs expected within a month, impacted employees said on Tuesday.

Globally, Oracle has fired around 30,000 employees.

"In India, around 12,000 employees have been laid off. The company is planning another mass layoff within a month," said two people impacted by the retrenchment, including one from the company's human resource department.

The company has approximately 30,000 employees in India, including those affected by the layoffs.

Oracle declined to comment on the development. Oracle, in an email sent to

**SHOCK WAVE**

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staff, said the employees were informed about certain organisational changes and "because of these changes, a decision has been taken to streamline the operations, and as a result, unfortunately, the position you currently hold will become redundant".

The company has offered 15 days' salary to each employee who has completed a year of service in India, in addition to one month of unpaid wages till termination date, leave encashment, gratuity based on eligibility and pay for a one-month notice period.

Oracle has also offered a two-month salary as a top-up.

However, the severance package is available for those who voluntarily and amicably resign from the company.

An ex-employee of Oracle, Merugu Sridhar, said that he was laid off in September for protesting against the 16-hour work shift that the company has in India.

"I contacted my friends and those who are in human resources. They shared that most of the Indians working in the US with the company have been impacted because the local laws there are very strict when it comes to the retrenchment of their citizens," Sridhar said.

# Proposed IT rule changes widen scope, raise overreach concerns

OJASVI GUPTA  
New Delhi, March 31

**THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS** to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 are drawing concern from policy and legal experts, who say the changes could expand government oversight over online content while stretching the scope of the parent Information Technology Act, 2000.

At the centre of the debate are two shifts: giving greater legal weight to government advisories issued to intermediaries, and widening the regulatory ambit to include user-generated news and current affairs content. Together, these changes could alter how platforms moderate content and how users engage online.

Cyberlaw expert Pavan Duggal said the approach raises questions of legal validity. "The IT Act empowers the government to frame rules, but it does not permit converting advisories or standard operating procedures into binding obligations. That goes beyond the scope of the parent law," he said.

The draft links compliance with advisories, clarifications and SOPs to due diligence requirements, meaning platforms risk losing safe harbour protection if they fail to comply. Executives said this effectively blurs the distinction between guidance and enforceable law.

Former ministry of electronics and information technology official Rakesh Maheshwari said while SOPs can form part of sub-

**TIGHTER CONTROL**



Proposed amendments expand role of govt-led oversight mechanism

Changes could increase compliance burdens on platforms

Inter-departmental committee can examine not just escalated complaints but also matters referred to it directly by govt

Ordinary users posting analysis or commentary could be affected, according to experts

was designed as an escalation model to preserve editorial independence. "The idea was that complaints move from publisher-level to self-regulation, and only then to government oversight," he said. Under the proposed changes, however, the inter-departmental committee can examine not just escalated complaints but also matters referred to it directly by the government. "This expands the committee's remit significantly. What earlier depended on escalation can now be directly examined," Kumar said.

Experts said the changes could increase compliance burdens and lead platforms to adopt a more cautious approach. Shweta Venkatesan, fellow at Esya Centre, said failure to comply with directions related to user-generated news content could expose platforms to liability. "If platforms fail to comply with blocking orders, they may be seen as not fulfilling due diligence obligations," she said. The widening definition of news content has also raised concerns about its impact on users. Venkatesan said ordinary users posting analysis or commentary could be affected. "This could result in ordinary users' takes on current events being blocked, leading to disproportionate interference with free expression," she said.

Some executives drew parallels with the now-withdrawn Broadcasting Services Bill. "After the pushback on the Broadcasting Bill, this appears to be a way to introduce similar provisions through rules rather than legislation," one executive said.

# Capital flows into tech startups steady in Q1

AYANTI BERA  
Bengaluru, March 31

**EVEN AS CAPITAL** inflows remain steady this year, India's startup ecosystem is seeing a sharp shift in how funds are being deployed across stages. In the first three months of this year, tech startups raised \$3.95 billion across 350 rounds, nearly the same as last year but in barely half the number of deals.

In Q1 2025, tech startups had raised \$3.93 billion across 628 rounds, as per Tracxn data.

The sharp drop in deal volume, coupled with flat funding levels, points to a market that is becoming increasingly selective, with investors writing larger cheques into fewer companies that show sustainable growth. Data showed that the median round size has increased to \$2 million in Q1 from \$807,000 during the same quarter last year.

Despite the sharp contrast in deal volume, both the years saw a few mega rounds leading the list. The largest of them was the \$1-billion Series D round raised by Erisha E Mobility in March last year from a UAE-based industrial investor. IPO-bound building materials platform Infra.market raised \$222 mil-

**FEWER ROUNDS**



Source: Tracxn

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lion as part of its Series F round in January, from investors such as Tiger Global. Besides this, telecom giant Bharti Airtel's data centre arm, Nxtra, raised \$710 million from Alpha Wave Global, Carlyle Group, among others, earlier this week.

# Mindspace, Tata acquire ₹4,841-crore properties

RAGHAVENDRA KAMATH  
Mumbai, March 31

**IN TWO SEPARATE** deals, Mindspace Business Parks REIT and Tata Realty & Infrastructure have bought commercial properties in Chennai and Bengaluru, respectively, for a total of around ₹4,841 crore.

Mindspace REIT acquired commercial properties of 2.6 million square feet in Chennai for ₹2,541 crore as part of right of first offer agreement with the sponsors, K Raheja Corp. Tata Realty and Infrastructure entered into a binding agreement to acquire over 38 acres from Gulf Oil Corporation and Hinduja Realty Ventures in Bengaluru, in a deal valued at around ₹2,300 crore, sources said, adding the deal involves IT building and land. Tata Realty did not comment on the deal and Hinduja could not be contacted immediately. The consideration will be paid by Tata Realty in tranches, source said. TRIL is expected to plan a broader development pipeline of nearly 6-7 million sq ft in Bengaluru, backed by investments of around ₹4,000 crore.

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## A J PACKAGING LIMITED

Our Company was incorporated as "A J Packaging Limited" at Hyderabad as a public limited company under the Companies Act, 1956, pursuant to a certificate of incorporation dated July 06, 1995, issued by the Registrar of Companies ("ROC"), Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. The CIN of our Company is U74999TG1995PLC020965. For details in relation to changes in the registered office of our Company, see "History and Corporate Structure" on page 161 of the draft red herring prospectus dated March 30, 2026 (the "DRHP" or the "Draft Red Herring Prospectus").

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INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF UP TO 30,00,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF Rs.10 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF OUR COMPANY FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF Rs. [-] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A SHARE PREMIUM OF Rs. [-] PER EQUITY SHARE) ("OFFER PRICE") AGGREGATING TO Rs. [-] (THE "OFFER") COMPRISING A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO 27,50,000/- EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF Rs.10 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO [-] BY OUR COMPANY ("FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 2,50,000/- EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF Rs.10 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO [-] ("OFFERED SHARES") BY MRS. RANJANI AGARWAL (THE "PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDER") ("OFFER FOR SALE", AND TOGETHER WITH THE FRESH ISSUE, THE "OFFER").

THE PRICE BAND, AND THE MINIMUM BID LOT WILL BE DECIDED BY OUR COMPANY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRLMS AND WILL BE ADVERTISED IN ALL EDITIONS OF [-], A WIDELY CIRCULATED ENGLISH NATIONAL DAILY NEWSPAPER, ALL EDITIONS OF [-], A WIDELY CIRCULATED HINDI NATIONAL DAILY NEWSPAPER, TELUGU ALSO BEING THE REGIONAL LANGUAGE OF TELANGANA WHERE OUR REGISTERED IS LOCATED, AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID/OFFER OPENING DATE AND SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPLOADING ON THEIR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (ISSUE OF CAPITAL AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2018, AS AMENDED (THE "SEBI ICDR REGULATIONS"). THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES IS Rs.10 EACH. THE OFFER PRICE IS [-] TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES.

In case of any revision in the Price Band, the Bid/Issue Period will be extended by at least 3 (three) additional Working Days after such revision in the Price Band, subject to the Bid/ Issue Period not exceeding 10 (ten) Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company may in consultation with the BRLM, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/Issue Period for a minimum of 1 (one) Working Day, subject to the Bid/ Issue Period not exceeding 10 (ten) Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/ Issue Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchange, by issuing a press release, and also by indicating the change on the website of the BRLM and at the terminals of the Syndicate Members and by intimation to Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Bank(s), as applicable.

The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b)(i) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended ("SCRR") read with Regulation 253 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, as amended, wherein not more than 50 % of the Net Offer shall be allocated on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs" (the "QIB Portion"), provided that our Company may, in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("Anchor Investor Portion"), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price. In the event of under-subscription, or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the Net QIB Portion. Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis only to Mutual Funds, and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIBs, including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining Net QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Bidders of which (a) one-third of portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than two lots and up to Rs.10,00,000; and (b) two-third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than Rs.10,00,000, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price and not less than 35% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Individual Bidders who applies for minimum application size in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of their respective bank accounts (including UPI ID for UPI Bidder using the UPI Mechanism) (defined hereinafter), in which the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the Self Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs") or by the Sponsor Bank under the UPI Mechanism, as the case may be, to the extent of respective Bid Amounts. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 302 of this Draft Red Herring Prospectus.

This public announcement is made in compliance with the provisions of Regulation 247(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations to inform the public that our Company is proposing to undertake, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, an initial public offering of its Equity Shares pursuant to the Issue and has filed the DRHP dated March 30, 2026 with the Emerge Platform of National Stock Exchange of India Limited "NSE Emerge" "Stock Exchange" on March 30, 2026.

Pursuant to Regulation 247(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the DRHP filed with Stock Exchange "NSE Emerge" shall be made available to the public for comments, if any, for period of at least 21 days, from the date of publication of this public announcement by hosting it on the website of NSE at [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) where the equity shares are proposed to be listed, the websites of the BRLM, i.e. D and A Financial Services Private Limited at [www.dnafinserv.com](http://www.dnafinserv.com) and the website of our Company at [www.ajpack.net](http://www.ajpack.net). Our Company hereby invites the public to give their comments on the DRHP filed with Stock Exchange, with respect to disclosures made in the DRHP. The members of public are requested to send a copy of their comments to Stock Exchange, to the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer of our Company and/or the BRLM at their respective addresses mentioned herein below. All comments must be received by Stock Exchange and/or our Company and/or the BRLM and/or the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer of our Company at their respective addresses mentioned herein below in relation to the Issue on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day from the aforesaid date of publication of this public announcement in accordance with Regulation 247(2) of SEBI ICDR Regulations.

Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Issue unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their entire investment. Investors are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Issue. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Issue, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares in the Issue have not been recommended or approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Draft Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the investors is invited to "Risk Factors" beginning on page 22 of the DRHP. Any decision to invest in the Equity Shares described in the DRHP may only be made after the red herring prospectus ("Red Herring Prospectus") has been filed with the ROC and must be made solely on the basis of such Red Herring Prospectus as there may be material changes in the Red Herring Prospectus from the DRHP.

The Equity Shares, when offered through the Red Herring Prospectus, are proposed to be listed on the Emerge Platform of National Stock Exchange of India Limited "NSE Emerge". For details of the main objects of the Company as contained in its memorandum of association, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 161 of the DRHP. For details of the share capital and capital structure of our Company and the name of the signatories to the Memorandum of Association and the number of shares subscribed by them of our Company please see the section titled "Capital Structure" on page 67 of the DRHP.

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All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the DRHP.

For A J PACKAGING LIMITED  
On behalf of the Board of Directors  
Sd/-  
Mrs. Sneha Chary Lachapeta  
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place : Hyderabad, Telangana  
Date : March 31, 2026

A J Packaging Limited is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offer of its equity shares and has filed a draft red herring prospectus dated March 30, 2026 with NSE (the "DRHP"). The DRHP shall be available on the website of the book running lead manager at [www.dnafinserv.com](http://www.dnafinserv.com), on the website of NSE at [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com), and on the website of the issuer company at [www.ajpack.net](http://www.ajpack.net). Any potential investor should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risks, please see the section titled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 22 of the DRHP. Potential investors should wait for the red herring prospectus to be filed in relation to the issue for making any investment related decision. The equity shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. securities act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act") or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered, may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. Accordingly, the equity shares are being offered and sold outside the United States in "offshore transactions" as defined and in reliance on regulations under the U.S. Securities Act and the applicable laws of each jurisdiction where such offers and sales are made. There will be no public offering of the equity shares in the United States.



# అన్ని మతాలు సహనాన్ని, శాంతిని బోధిస్తాయి

పశ్చిమాసియాలో యుద్ధం అంతకంతకూ తీవ్రమవుతున్న నేపథ్యంలో టిబెట్ బౌద్ధమత ఆధ్యాత్మిక గురువు, నోబెల్ గ్రహీత దలైలామా కీలక వ్యాఖ్యలు చేశారు. అన్ని మతాల సహనాన్ని, శాంతిని బోధిస్తాయని తెలిపారు. హింసను ఖండిస్తాయని పేర్కొన్నారు. ఏ ఆధ్యాత్మిక సంప్రదాయంలోనూ హింసకు స్థానం లేదని వెల్లడించారు. అలాగే, మతాల మధ్య కరుణ, సహనం, సామరస్యం వంటి ఉమ్మడి విలువలను ప్రముఖంగా ప్రస్తావించారు. పశ్చిమాసియాలో శాంతి కోసం ఇటీవలే పోప్ లియో-14 చేసిన విజ్ఞప్తిని దలైలామా పునరుద్ధరించారు. ఈ మేరకు ఎక్స్‌లో పోస్టు పెట్టారు. “పాప్ నందే ప్రార్థనల సందర్భంగా పోప్-14 శాంతి కోసం శక్తివంతమైన విజ్ఞప్తిని సేను మనస్ఫూర్తిగా సమర్థిస్తున్నాను. శాంతి కోసం ఆయుధాలను విడిచిపెట్టాలని, హింసను కృణించాలని ఆయన చేసిన విలువలను ఎంతగానో కట్టిబిందా. ఎందుకంటే అన్ని ప్రధాన మతాల ఇదే సారాంశాన్ని భోదిస్తాయి. క్రైస్తవ మతం, బౌద్ధ మతం, ఇస్లాం, హిందూ మతం, యూదు మతం లేదా ప్రపంచంలోని ఏ గొప్ప ఆధ్యాత్మిక సంప్రదాయాన్ని చూసినా వాటి సందేశం ప్రాథమికంగా ఒక్కటే. ప్రేమ, కరుణ, సహనం ఆత్మ నిగ్రహం. ఈ మతాల బోధనలలో దేనిలోనూ హింసకు స్థానం లేదు. హింస మరింత హింసను మాత్రమే సృష్టిస్తుంది. అది శాంతికి ఎప్పుడీ శాశ్వత పునాది కాదని చరిత్ర మనకు పదేపదే తెలియజేసింది. “ అని దలైలామా అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు.

**యావత్ ప్రపంచ ప్రజలు శాంతి కోసం కృషి చేయాలి : దలైలామా**  
ప్రపంచ ఐక్యతకు టిబెట్ బౌద్ధమత ఆధ్యాత్మిక గురువు



దలైలామా పిలుపునిచ్చారు. ప్రపంచవ్యాప్తంగా ఉన్న ప్రజలు శాంతి కోసం కృషి చేయాలని కోరారు. పశ్చిమాసియా సహా ప్రపంచవ్యాప్తంగా కొనసాగుతున్న హింస, సంఘర్షణలు త్వరగా ముగియాలని ఆకాంక్షించారు. “పశ్చిమాసియా, రష్యా-ఉక్రెయిన్ మధ్య జరుగుతున్న సంఘర్షణలకు శాశ్వత పరిష్కారం చర్చలు, దౌత్యం, పరస్పర గౌరవంపై ఆధారపడి ఉంటుంది. మనమందరం తోబుట్టువులమనే అవగాహనతో ఈ సంఘర్షణలను పరిష్కరించుకోవాలి.” అని దలైలామా అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు.

**శాంతికి పిలుపునిచ్చిన పోప్**  
కొద్ది రోజుల క్రితం రోమ్‌లోని సెయింట్ పీటర్స్ స్క్వేర్‌లో జరిగిన పాప్ నందే ప్రార్థనల సందర్భంగా పశ్చిమాసియా సంక్షోభం గురించి పోప్ లియో-14 పరోక్షంగా స్పందించారు. యుద్ధం చేసేవారి ప్రార్థనలను దేవుడు (యేసు క్రీస్తు) ఆలకించడని అన్నారు. పైగా ఆ ప్రార్థనలను తిరస్కరిస్తాడని చెప్పారు. పీడితుల వక్షాన దేవుడు నిలుస్తాడని

తెలిపారు. అలాగే ప్రపంచవ్యాప్తంగా శాంతికి పిలుపునిచ్చారు. **జీసస్ యుద్ధాన్ని తిరస్కరిస్తాడు : పోప్ లియో-14**  
“సోదర సోదరిమణులారా మన దేవుడు యేసు శాంతికి రాజు. ఆయన యుద్ధాన్ని తిరస్కరిస్తాడు. యుద్ధాన్ని సమర్థించుకోవడానికి యేసును ఎవరూ ఉపయోగించుకోలేరు. జీసస్ యుద్ధం చేసేవారి ప్రార్థనలను వినుడు. వాటిని తిరస్కరిస్తాడు. పశ్చిమాసియాలోని క్రైస్తవుల కోసం సేను ప్రత్యేకంగా ప్రార్థిస్తున్నాను. వారు ఈ పవిత్ర దినాల ఆచారాలను పాటించలేకపోతున్నారు.” అని పోప్ లియో-14 పేర్కొన్నారు. ఈ క్రమంలో పోప్ చేసిన శాంతి విజ్ఞప్తిని దలైలామా సమర్థిస్తూ సోషల్ మీడియాలో తాజాగా పోస్టు పెట్టారు. పోప్ లియో-14 చేసిన వ్యాఖ్యలపై స్పందించిన అమెరికా వైట్ హౌస్ పత్రికా కార్యదర్శి కరోలైన్ లివిట్‌ను విలేకరులు అడిగారు. ఈ క్రమంలో అమె కీలక వ్యాఖ్యలు చేశారు. “అమెరికా దాదాపు 250 ఏళ్ల క్రితం యూదు-క్రైస్తవ విలువలపై పునాదిగా స్థాపితమైంది. యూఎస్ చరిత్రలో అత్యంత కష్టకాలాల్లో అధ్యక్షులు, యుద్ధ శాఖ అధిపతులు, దేశ సైనికులు ప్రార్థనలు చేయడం మనం చూశాం. అమెరికా సైన్యాధిపతి గానీ, స్వయంగా అధ్యక్షుడు గానీ దేశ సైనికుల కోసం, అలాగే విదేశాల్లో ఉంటూ మన దేశానికి సేవలందిస్తున్న వారి కోసం ప్రార్థించమని అమెరికన్ ప్రజలకు పిలుపునిచ్చడంలో ఎటువంటి తప్పు ఉందని సేను భావించడం లేదు. వాస్తవానికి అది ఒక అత్యంత గొప్ప కార్యమని సేను భావిస్తున్నాను” అని కరోలైన్ లివిట్ అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు.

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**



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## A J PACKAGING LIMITED

Our Company was incorporated as “A J Packaging Limited” at Hyderabad as a public limited company under the Companies Act, 1956, pursuant to a certificate of incorporation dated July 06, 1995, issued by the Registrar of Companies (“ROC”), Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. The CIN of our Company is U74999TG1995PLC020965. For details in relation to changes in the registered office of our Company, see “History and Corporate Structure” on page 161 of the draft red herring prospectus dated March 30, 2026 (the “DRHP” or the “Draft Red Herring Prospectus”).

**Corporate Identity Number:** U74999TG1995PLC020965  
**Registered Office:** Plot No.-120 CIE, Gandhinagar, Balanagar,, Telangana, India, 500037  
**Tel:** +91 79937 28123; 9000176374 **Contact Person:** Mrs. Sneha Chary Lachapeta, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer;  
**E-mail:** companysecretary@ajpack.net ; **Website:** https://ajpack.net/

**OUR PROMOTERS:**  
**MR. AJAY AGARWAL, MR. NITIN AGARWAL, MRS. RANJANI AGARWAL, M/S. A J CANS PRIVATE LIMITED**

**INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF UP TO 30,00,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF Rs.10 EACH (“EQUITY SHARES”) OF OUR COMPANY FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF Rs. [-] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A SHARE PREMIUM OF Rs. [-] PER EQUITY SHARE) (“OFFER PRICE”) AGGREGATING TO Rs. [-] (THE “OFFER”) COMPRISING A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO 27,50,000/- EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF Rs.10 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO [-] /- BY OUR COMPANY (“FRESH ISSUE”) AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 2,50,000/- EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF Rs.10 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO [-] (“OFFERED SHARES”) BY MRS. RANJANI AGARWAL (THE “PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDER”) (“OFFER FOR SALE”, AND TOGETHER WITH THE FRESH ISSUE, THE “OFFER”).**

**THE PRICE BAND, AND THE MINIMUM BID LOT WILL BE DECIDED BY OUR COMPANY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRLMS AND WILL BE ADVERTISED IN ALL EDITIONS OF [-], A WIDELY CIRCULATED ENGLISH NATIONAL DAILY NEWSPAPER, ALL EDITIONS OF [-], A WIDELY CIRCULATED HINDI NATIONAL DAILY NEWSPAPER, TELUGU ALSO BEING THE REGIONAL LANGUAGE OF TELANGANA WHERE OUR REGISTERED IS LOCATED, AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID/OFFER OPENING DATE AND SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPLOADING ON THEIR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (ISSUE OF CAPITAL AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2018, AS AMENDED (THE “SEBI ICDR REGULATIONS”), THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES IS Rs. 10 EACH. THE OFFER PRICE IS [-] TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES.**

In case of any revision in the Price Band, the Bid/Issue Period will be extended by at least 3 (three) additional Working Days after such revision in the Price Band, subject to the Bid/ Issue Period not exceeding 10 (ten) Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company may in consultation with the BRLM, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid /Issue Period for a minimum of 1 (one) Working Day, subject to the Bid/ Issue Period not exceeding 10 (ten) Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/ Issue Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchange, by issuing a press release, and also by indicating the change on the website of the BRLM and at the terminals of the Syndicate Members and by intimation to Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Bank(s), as applicable.

The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b)(i) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended (“SCRR”) read with Regulation 253 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, as amended, wherein not more than 50 % of the Net Offer shall be allocated on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers (“QIBs” (the “QIB Portion”), provided that our Company may, in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations (“Anchor Investor Portion”), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price. In the event of under-subscription, or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the Net QIB Portion. Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis only to Mutual Funds, and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIBs, including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining Net QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Bidders of which (a) one-third of portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than two lots and up to Rs.10,00,000; and (b) two-third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than Rs.10,00,000, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price and not less than 35% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Individual Bidders who applies for minimum application size in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount (“ASBA”) process by providing details of their respective bank accounts (including UPI ID for UPI Bidder using the UPI Mechanism) (defined hereinafter), in which the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the Self Certified Syndicate Banks (“SCSBs”) or by the Sponsor Bank under the UPI Mechanism, as the case may be, to the extent of respective Bid Amounts. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see “Offer Procedure” beginning on page 302 of this Draft Red Herring Prospectus.

This public announcement is made in compliance with the provisions of Regulation 247(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations to inform the public that our Company is proposing to undertake, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, an initial public offering of its Equity Shares pursuant to the Issue and the filed DRHP dated March 30, 2026 with the Emerge Platform of National Stock Exchange of India Limited “NSE Emerge” “Stock Exchange” on March 30, 2026.

Pursuant to Regulation 247(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the DRHP filed with Stock Exchange “NSE Emerge” shall be made available to the public for comments, if any, for period of at least 21 days, from the date of publication of this public announcement by hosting it on the website of NSE at www.nseindia.com where the equity shares are proposed to be listed, the websites of the BRLM, i.e. D and A Financial Services Private Limited at www.dnainfinserv.com and the website of our Company at www.ajpack.net . Our Company hereby invites the public to give their comments on the DRHP filed with Stock Exchange, with respect to disclosures made in the DRHP. The members of public are requested to send a copy of their comments to Stock Exchange, to the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer of our Company and/or the BRLM at their respective addresses mentioned herein below. All comments must be received by Stock Exchange and/or our Company and/or the BRLM and/or the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer of our Company at their respective addresses mentioned herein below in relation to the Issue on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day from the aforesaid date of publication of this public announcement in accordance with Regulation 247(2) of SEBI ICDR Regulations.

Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Issue unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their entire investment. Investors are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Issue. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Issue, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares in the Issue have not been recommended or approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (“SEBI”), nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Draft Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the investors is invited to “Risk Factors” beginning on page 22 of the DRHP. Any decision to invest in the Equity Shares described in the DRHP may only be made after the red herring prospectus (“Red Herring Prospectus”) has been filed with the ROC and must be made solely on the basis of such Red Herring Prospectus as there may be material changes in the Red Herring Prospectus from the DRHP.

The Equity Shares, when offered through the Red Herring Prospectus, are proposed to be listed on the Emerge Platform of National Stock Exchange of India Limited “NSE Emerge”. For details of the main objects of the Company as contained in its memorandum of association, see “History and Certain Corporate Matters” on page 161 of the DRHP. For details of the share capital and capital structure of our Company and the name of the signatories to the Memorandum of Association and the number of shares subscribed by them of our Company please see the section titled “Capital Structure” on page 67 of the DRHP.

<p><b>BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGER</b></p>  <p><b>D and A Financial Services Private Limited</b> Address: 13, Community Centre, 2nd Floor, East of Kailash, New Delhi - 110065 Tel: +91 11 41326121, 40167038; E-mail: smeipo.ajpackaging@dnainfinserv.com Investor Grievance E-mail: smeipo.ajpackaging@dnainfinserv.com Website: www.dnainfinserv.com; Contact person: Ms. Radhika Pushkarna / Ms. Vasudha Aggarwal; SEBI Registration No.: INM000011484</p>	<p><b>REGISTRAR TO THE ISSUE</b></p>  <p><b>MUFUG Intime Private Limited</b> Address: C-101, 247 Park, 1st Floor, LBS Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai 400083, Maharashtra, India. Tel: +91 810 811 4949 Email: ajpackaging_smeipo@in.mgms.mufug.com; Website: in.mgms.mufug.com Contact Person: Ms. Shanti Gopalakrishnan SEBI Registration number: INR000004058 CIN: U67190MH1999PTC118368</p>
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All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the DRHP.

For **A J PACKAGING LIMITED**  
On behalf of the Board of Directors  
Sd/-  
Mrs. Sneha Chary Lachapeta  
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place: Hyderabad, Telangana  
Date: March 31, 2026

**A J Packaging Limited** is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offer of its equity shares and has filed a draft red herring prospectus dated March 30, 2026 with NSE (the “DRHP”). The DRHP shall be available on the website of the book running lead manager at www.dnainfinserv.com, on the website of NSE at www.nseindia.com, and on the website of the issuer company at www.ajpack.net . Any potential investor should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risks, please see the section titled “Risk Factors” beginning on page 22 of the DRHP. Potential investors should wait for the red herring prospectus to be filed in relation to the issue for making any investment related decision.

The equity shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. securities act of 1933, as amended (the “U.S. Securities Act”) or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered, may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. Accordingly, the equity shares are being offered and sold outside the United States in “offshore transactions” as defined and in reliance on regulations under the U.S. Securities Act and the applicable laws of each jurisdiction where such offers and sales are made. There will be no public offering of the equity shares in the United States.

## ప్రపంచ మార్కెట్‌లో విశ్వసనీయ

**సెమీకండక్టర్ సప్లయర్‌గా భారత్**  
దేశంలోని ప్రతి ఉత్పత్తి రంగంలో స్వయం సమృద్ధి సాధించడమే లక్ష్యంగా గత ఐదేళ్లలో తాము సెమీకండక్టర్ మిషన్ 2ను ప్రారంభించామని ప్రధాని నరేంద్ర మోదీ పేర్కొన్నారు. గుజరాత్‌లోని నసంద్‌లో క్రెనెస్ సెమీకండక్టర్ ఫ్యాంట్‌ను ప్రారంభించిన సందర్భంగా ఆయన ఈ కీలక వ్యాఖ్యలు చేశారు. ప్రపంచ సెమీకండక్టర్ సప్లయ్‌లో ఒక భారతీయ కంపెనీ చేరడం చాలా గర్వకారణమని అన్నారు. ప్రపంచ మార్కెట్లో విశ్వసనీయ సెమీకండక్టర్ సరఫరాదారుగా భారత్ తన ప్రాత్యం బలోపేతం చేసుకుంటుందని ఆయన విశ్వాసం వ్యక్తం చేశారు. కొవిడ్-19 మహమ్మారి సమయంలో సరఫరా గొలుసులో అంతరాయం ఏర్పడినప్పుడు, భారత్ సెమీకండక్టర్ తయారీకి కేంద్రంగా మారాలని మా ప్రభుత్వం నిర్ణయించుకుంది. అందుకే భారత్? 2021లో సెమీకండక్టర్ మిషన్? మా ప్రారంభించిందని ఆయన అన్నారు. అయితే ఇది కేవలం ఒక పారిశ్రామిక విధానం మాత్రమే కాదని, భారతదేశ ఆత్మవిశ్వాసానికి నిదర్శనమని పేర్కొన్నారు. 21వ శతాబ్దపు మార్పులకు భారత్ కేవలం ఒక సాక్షిగా కాకుండా, ఆ మార్పులకు నాయకత్వం వహించే సంకల్పంతో ముందుకు సాగుతోందని ఆయన అన్నారు. మంగళవారం గుజరాత్‌లోని నసంద్‌లో క్రెనెస్ సెమీకండక్టర్ ఫ్యాంట్‌ను ప్రధాని నరేంద్ర మోదీ ప్రారంభించారు. మైక్రో ఫ్యాంట్ తర్వాత దేశంలో అందుబాటులోకి వచ్చిన రెండో అతిపెద్ద సెమీకండక్టర్ యూనిట్ ఇదే కావడం విశేషం. సుమారు రూ.3,300 కోట్ల పెట్టుబడితో నిర్మించిన ఈ ఫ్యాంట్, చిప్ల తయారీలో భారతదేశాన్ని స్వాధీనం చేసే దిశగా నడిపించనుంది. ఇక్కడ ప్రధానంగా అడ్వాన్స్డ్ ఇంటిగ్రేటెడ్ పవర్ మాడ్యూల్స్-ఐపీఎంఎలను తయారు చేస్తారు. ఎలక్ట్రీక్ వాహనాలు, పారిశ్రామిక మోటార్ డ్రైవ్లు, గృహోపకరణాల్లో విద్యుత్ వినియోగాన్ని సమర్థవంతంగా నియంత్రించడానికి ఈ ఐపీఎంఎ అంతో కీలకం. అవోమోటివ్, ఇండస్ట్రియల్ అప్లికేషన్లకు అవసరమైన కాంప్లెక్స్, రిలయబుల్ పవర్ సిస్టమ్స్ సెమీకండక్టర్లకు ఈ ఫ్యాంట్లో ఉత్పత్తి చేయనున్నారు. అన్ని దశలు పూర్తయిన తర్వాత ఈ ఫ్యాంట్ నుంచి రోజుకు 63.3 లక్షల యూనిట్ల ఉత్పత్తి జరగనుంది. భారత చిప్ ఎకోస్ట్రమ్‌లో ఉన్న అంతరాన్ని పూరించడమే కాకుండా, ప్రపంచ సెమీకండక్టర్ మార్కెట్లో భారత్ కీలక శక్తిగా ఎదగడానికి ఈ ఫ్యాంట్ దోహదపడనుంది.

**సప్రూట్ సంప్రతి మ్యూజియం ప్రారంభం**  
మరోవైపు, మహావీర్ జయంతిని పురస్కరించుకుని గుజరాత్‌లోని కోటా గ్రామంలో నిర్మించిన సప్రూట్ సంప్రతి మ్యూజియంను ప్రధాని నరేంద్ర మోదీ ప్రారంభించారు. మహావీర్ జయంతి కేంద్రంలో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన ఈ మ్యూజియాన్ని జైన్ గురువుల సమక్షంలో మోదీ ఆవిష్కరించారు. జైన్ వారసత్వం, అహింసా విలువల చాటిచెప్పేలా ఈ మ్యూజియాన్ని తీర్చిదిద్దారు. ఈ మ్యూజియానికి మౌర్య చక్రవర్తి అశోకుడి మనవడైన సప్రూట్ సంప్రతి మహారాజ్ పేరు పెట్టారు. మ్యూజియంలో ప్రాచీన భారతదేశ సాంస్కృతిక, ఆధ్యాత్మిక వైభవాన్ని ప్రదర్శించే 2వేల కన్నా ఎక్కువ అరుదైన కళాఖండాలు ఉన్నాయి. శతాబ్దాల నాటి రాతి, లోహ విగ్రహాలు, పురాతన రాత్రుప్రతులు, నాణేలను ఇక్కడ పొందుపర్చారు. సందర్శకులకు సరికొత్త అనుభూతిని అందించడానికి అత్యధునిక ఆడియో-విజువల్ టెక్నాలజీని ఇక్కడ వినియోగించారు. వాటన్నింటినీ ప్రధాని మోదీ సందర్శించారు. అక్కడ జైన్ మతగురువులతో సంభాషించారు.

## ఎల్‌డిఎఫ్ గెలవాలని మోదీ కోరుకుంటున్నారు

భారత్- అమెరికా వాణిజ్య ఒప్పందంలో దేశ భవిష్యత్తును ప్రధాని నరేంద్ర మోదీ తాకట్టు పెట్టారని లోకనభ ప్రతిపక్ష నేత రాహుల్ గాంధీ ఆరోపించారు. ఆ ఒప్పందం వల్ల దేశ రైతులపై ప్రతికూల ప్రభావం చూపుతుందని ఆక్షేపించారు. కేరళలోని కన్యూట్లో నిర్వహించిన ఎన్నికల ప్రచారంలో పాల్గొన్న రాహుల్ గాంధీ, బీజేపీకి లెఫ్ట్ డెమోక్రాటిక్ ఫ్రంట్‌కి మద్దతు వీకటి ఒప్పందం ఉందన్నారు. ఆ రెండింటితో కాంగ్రెస్ నేతృత్వంలోని ఖణ్ణి పోరాడుతోందని వెల్లడించారు. సీపీఐ (ఎం) ఏమాత్రం వామపక్ష పార్టీ కాదని, అతిపాద రైట్‌వింగ్ పార్టీ అని ప్రధాని మోదీ పేర్కొన్నారు. సిద్ధాంతాలకు వ్యతిరేకంగా ఆ పార్టీ నేతలు బీజేపీతో జత కట్టారని విమర్శించారు. కేరళ అసెంబ్లీ ఎన్నికల్లో రాజీవ్ గెలవాలని నరేంద్ర మోదీ కోరుకుంటున్నారని రాహుల్ ఆరోపించారు.

## నరేంద్ర మోదీని డౌన్‌లోట్రంప్ లాగేతే నియంత్రిస్తున్నారు

నరేంద్ర మోదీని డౌన్‌లోట్రంప్ లాగేతే నియంత్రిస్తున్నారు అలాగే కేరళ ముఖ్యమంత్రిని ప్రధాని నియంత్రిస్తున్నారు. తన కేసు విషయంలో నరేంద్ర మోదీ చర్యలు తీసుకోవడం లేదని కేరళ సీఎంకె తెలుసు. తనను జైలులో ఉంచేందుకు కావాల్సిన తాళం చెవి మోదీ దగ్గర ఉందని కూడా కేరళ సీఎంకె తెలుసు. నరేంద్ర మోదీని కాంగ్రెస్, రాహుల్ గాంధీ విమర్శించడం మీరు చూస్తారు. కానీ, మోదీని కేరళ సీఎం విమర్శించడం మీరు అసలే చూడలేరు. అలానే కేరళ సీఎంను మోదీ విమర్శించడం కూడా చూడరు.

## శబరిమల గోల్డ్ స్కాండ్ మోదీ మాట్లాడడం

ఇతర చోట్ల మతం, దేవుడి గురించి మాట్లాడే మోదీ కేరళలో మాత్రం ఆ విషయాలను ప్రస్తావించడం రాహుల్ గాంధీ ఆరోపించారు. శబరిమల ఆలయంలో జరిగిన బంగారు తావడాల కుంభకోణం గురించి ఇప్పటివరకు ఆయన ఎందుకు మాట్లాడలేదని ప్రశ్నించారు. బంగారు తావడాల మూలమవడం వెనక సీపీఐ నేతల హస్తం ఉన్నందువల్ల ఈ విషయంలో బీజేపీ మౌనంగా ఉందని వ్యాఖ్యానించారు. బీజేపీతో సీపీఐ జత కట్టడం ఆ పార్టీలోని కొందరు సీనియర్ నేతలకు సన్నద్ధమై, అందువల్ల వారు యూడీఎఫ్ మద్దతుతో స్వతంత్రంగా ఎన్నికల్లో పోటీ చేస్తున్నారని అన్నారు. బీజేపీకి వ్యతిరేకంగా పోరాడుతున్న వారిపై దాడి జరుగుతుందని రాహుల్ గాంధీ చెప్పారు. “నాపై 36 కేసులు ఉన్నాయి. నా ఇంటిని లాక్కున్నారు. నా లోక్‌సభ సభ్యత్వాన్ని రద్దు చేశారు. ఈ డి నన్ను 55 గంటల పాటు విచారించింది. ఒకవేళ ముఖ్యమంత్రి విజయన్? నిజంగానే కాపాడి పార్టీకి ముప్పు తీసుకోతే ఆయనపై ఎన్‌సీ ఏభ్యూ ఉన్న అవినీతి కేసుల్లో కేంద్ర విజ్ఞానిలు ఎందుకు చర్యలు తీసుకోలేకపోయాయి. ఆయన పిల్లలను ఎందుకు విచారించలేదో? నాకు చెప్పండి? ఆయనపై ఎందుకు దాడి జరగడం లేదో నాకు వివరించండి?” అని రాహుల్ గాంధీ అన్నారు.

## 35 ఏళ్ల తర్వాత 2 స్థానాల్లో మరో అగ్రనేత పోటీ

తమిళనాడు ఎన్నికల్లో 35 ఏళ్ల గ్యాప్ తర్వాత మరో అగ్రనేత రెండు అసెంబ్లీ స్థానాల్లో పోటీ చేయబోతున్నారు. ఈ అసెంబ్లీ పోల్‌లో పెరంబూర్, తిరుచ్చి ఉన్న స్థానాల్లో తమిళ కెట్రి కజగం (టీవీకే) అధినేత, టీఎం ఐజీయో బరిలోకి దిగారు. చివరిసారిగా 1991లో మాజీ సీఎం జయలలిత(అన్నా డీఎంకే) బర్నార్, కంగేయం స్థానాల్లో పోటీ చేసి గెలిచారు. ఆ తర్వాత కంగేయం స్థానానికి రాజీనామా చేసి, బర్నార్ ఎమ్మెల్యేగా కొనసాగారు. ఆ తర్వాత మరో అగ్రనేత ఎవరూ రెండు స్థానాల్లో పోటీ చేయలేదు. మల్లీ ఇన్నాక్షకు దశపతి విజయ్ రెండు స్థానాల్లో పోటీకి సిద్ధమయ్యారు. అయితే, ఏప్రిల్ 23న జరగనున్న అసెంబ్లీ ఎన్నికల్లో విజయ్ ఎలాంటి ఫలితాన్ని సాధిస్తారు? జయలలిత లాగే చివరి ధమాకాను సొంతం చేసుకుంటారా? అనే దానిపై సర్వత్రా ఉత్సాహం నెలకొంది. రెండు అసెంబ్లీ లేదా లోక్‌సభ స్థానాల నుంచి రాజకీయ అగ్రనేతలు పోటీ చేసే సంప్రదాయం 1950వ దశకం చివర్లోనే మొదలైంది. 1957 లోక్‌సభ ఎన్నికల్లో మాజీ ప్రధానమంత్రి అటల్ బిహారీ వాజ్‌పేయి తన సొంత రాష్ట్రం ఉత్తర్?ప్రదేశ్‌లోని బలరాంపూర్, మధుర స్థానాల నుంచి పోటీ చేశారు. ఆయన మధుర స్థానంలో ఓడిపోగా, బలరాంపూర్‌లో గెలిచారు. తదనంతర కాలంలో ఈ విధంగా రెండు లోక్‌సభ స్థానాల నుంచి పోటీ చేసిన ప్రముఖ నేతల్లో ములాం ఎంపీ గి.యూ.దేవ, సోనియాగాంధీ, రాహుల్ గాంధీ, నరేంద్ర మోదీ ఉన్నారు.

## తమిళనాడులో జయలలితతోనే నాంది

తమిళనాడు అసెంబ్లీ, లోక్‌సభ ఎన్నికల చరిత్రను ఓసారి పరిశీలిస్తే, 2 స్థానాల్లో పోటీచేసిన తొలి నాయకురాలిగా జయలలిత నిలిచారు. అన్నా డీఎంకే పార్టీ అధినేత్ర హోదాలో 1991లో బర్నార్, కంగేయం స్థానాల్లో అమె పోటీచేశారు. రెండుచోట్లా గెలిచి తన రాజకీయ సత్తాను చాటుకున్నారు. కంగేయం స్థానానికి రాజీనామా చేసి, బర్నార్ ఎమ్మెల్యేగా కంటిన్యూ అయ్యారు. అయితే ఆ తర్వాత ఎప్పుడూ రెండు స్థానాల్లో జయలలిత పోటీ చేయలేదు. కానీ అనూహ్యంగా 1996 అసెంబ్లీ ఎన్నికల్లో బర్నార్ స్థానంలో జయలలిత ఓటమిని ఎదుర్కొన్నారు. జయలలితపై డీఎంకే ఆభ్యర్థి సుగమం గెలిచారు.

## 2001లో నాలుగు స్థానాల్లో జయ నామినేషన్లు

1996లో మన దేశంలో కీలకమైన ఎన్నికల సంస్కరణలు జరిగాయి. ఒక వ్యక్తి 2 స్థానాల(అసెంబ్లీ, లోక్‌సభ)కు మించి పోటీ చేయకూడదని ఆ సంస్కరణలు నిర్దేశించాయి. అయినప్పటికీ 2001 అసెంబ్లీ ఎన్నికల్లో ఏకంగా నాలుగు స్థానాల్లో (పుదుచ్చోడ్రి, భువనగిరి, క్రిష్ణగిరి, ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్) జయలలిత నామినేషన్లు దాఖలు చేశారు.