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KCR extends Telangana Formation Day greetings, pays tributes to martyrs

BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao extended Telangana Formation Day greetings, paid tributes to statehood martyrs and highlighted the State's progress under the BRS government. He urged people to protect Telangana's interests and asked the Congress government to fulfil its promises

Hyderabad: BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao greeted people of the State and Telangana natives living across the world on the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day on June 2. He paid tributes to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for statehood. Wishing that Telangana would continue its journey of progress, he wished prosperity, good health and happiness for farmers, workers and all sections of society.

In a statement, Chandrashekhara Rao recalled the Telangana statehood movement and its achievement through a democratic and parliamentary struggle after overcoming decades of discrimination and numerous obstacles. He stated that Telangana, which had once suffered neglect under united Andhra Pradesh, emerged as a model of development under self-governance and silenced those who criticised that people of Telangana were incapable of effective admin-



istration.

Pointing to the achievements of the previous BRS government, he said the State registered rapid progress in irrigation, drinking water supply, power, agriculture, education and healthcare within a decade of its formation. He asserted that the State had emerged as a national model in several sectors and credited the BRS government for transforming Telangana into a major agricultural producer through large-scale irrigation and welfare initiatives.

However, the BRS chief cautioned people to remain vigilant in safeguarding Telangana's identity and

progress. Reiterating that the BRS would continue to stand as a protective shield for Telangana, he stated that the responsibility of protecting the State from regressive forces rested with all sections of society.

Chandrashekhara Rao appealed to the present Congress government to ensure sustained development of Telangana by honouring its promises, focus on improving living standards and instil deep sense of confidence among the citizens. He wanted the government to give top priority to farmers' welfare and agricultural development.

Revanth Asks Civic Chiefs to Prevent Waterlogging in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy directed officials to prevent waterlogging on roads within the limits of the three municipal corporations in Hyderabad core urban region (CURE). Reviewing the earlier decision to construct water harvesting wells at 141 identified waterlogging points in Hyderabad, he was informed that 11 wells were complete while work on the remaining sites was underway. He directed special chief secretary Jayesh Ranjan to ensure the works are expedited and reviewed regularly. Revanth Reddy also emphasised close coordination among the three



municipal commissioners in the CURE region and the police commissioners of Hyderabad, Cyberabad and adjoining urban jurisdictions to address monsoon-related challenges effectively.

The Chief Minister instructed officials to prepare a comprehensive contingency plan to ensure there

is no shortage of drinking water anywhere in the state, including Hyderabad, even if drought conditions prevail. Officials informed him that there were currently no drinking water concerns. Revanth Reddy directed that water allocations be managed appropriately for drinking water, power generation, irrigation

and industrial needs depending on evolving conditions. He also asked the energy department to stock necessary equipment in advance for the monsoon season and ensure immediate restoration of power supply whenever transformers are damaged or power lines snap due to strong winds or heavy rains.

PM Modi Meets Myanmar's President U Min Aung Hlaing

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing on Monday at Hyderabad House in the national capital.

President Min Aung Hlaing is on a visit to India from May 30 to June 2 at the invitation of Prime Minister Modi.

This is Min Aung Hlaing's first visit to India in his current capacity as President. He is accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising Cabinet ministers, senior officials, and business leaders.

Earlier on Sunday, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval called on the Myanmar President.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X, "NSA Shri Ajit Doval called on President U Min Aung Hlaing of Myanmar today."

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had also met the Myanmar President on Saturday and appreciated his positive approach towards strengthening bilateral ties.

In a post on X, Jaishankar said, "Pleased to call on President U Min Aung Hlaing of Myanmar in New Delhi today. Appreciate his positive sentiment towards deepening our longstanding bilateral cooperation. Look forward to his meeting with PM Narendra Modi to advance our partnership for peace, progress and prosperity."



Before arriving in New Delhi, Min Aung Hlaing visited Bodhi Gaya in Bihar.

Welcoming the visit, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal highlighted the deep civilisational and spiritual ties between India and Myanmar.

During his visit to Bodhi Gaya, the Myanmar President paid homage at the Mahabodhi Temple, one of Buddhism's holiest sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Earlier, while addressing a weekly media briefing on Friday, Jaiswal had outlined the broad agenda for the bilateral discussions between the two countries.

HYDERABAD POLICE SIT BEGINS REVIEW OF CRIMES INVOLVING ABSCONDING NEPAL NATIONALS

Hyderabad police have launched a Special Investigation Team to review crimes involving Nepal nationals over the past eight years. The team will analyse around 60 cases, execute pending warrants, identify organised networks and trace absconding suspects linked to serious offences.

Hyderabad: The Special Investigation Team constituted by the Hyderabad police to track down Nepal nationals absconding in several burglaries and homicides, started documenting the offences reported in the city.

The SIT team headed by an inspector rank officer comprises 20 police personnel, including sub-inspectors, head constables and police constables from CCS, Task Force, cybercrime wing.

Hyderabad Commissioner of Police, VC Sajjanar issued orders for constituting the SIT following the ghastly murder of the wife of a retired IPS officer, by his housemaid and her



associates at their Jubilee Hills residence.

The SIT team is collecting data pertaining to the cases involving Nepal nationals reported in the last eight years and initially documenting it.

"Around 60 cases were reported in the last six to eight years in the city involving the Nepal nationals. We are doing case by case research and studying the

available evidence/clues to identify and arrest the persons who are absconding," said an official of Hyderabad police.

The police said a majority of the persons involved in the cases were arrested and remanded, while some continue to evade arrest and are absconding. "After completing the study of the previous cases, we will list out the individuals who are absconding and start effort to trace them down and arrest them," the official said.

The SIT also has been tasked with executing pending non-bailable warrants (NBWs) and identifying organized criminal networks linked to such crimes.

Nomination Filing for 27 Rajya Sabha Seats Begins

New Delhi: Filing of nominations for elections of 27 seats in Rajya Sabha began on Monday. While three seats, each belonging to Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Odisha will witness bye-elections, 24 seats covering ten states will see biennial elections. These ten states are Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Mizoram.

The Election Commission of India had earlier announced elections to 27 seats in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) including biennial and bye-elections and for the State Legislative Councils (by MLAs) in Bihar and Karnataka.

The last date for filing of nominations is June 8 till 3 PM. The scrutiny of nominations will be taken up by the Returning Officers (ROs) on June 9 and the last date for withdrawal of candidatures is June 11. In case of contested elections, the polling will be held on June 18 from 8 AM to 4 PM, followed by the counting of votes at 5 PM.



Tummala Sets July Deadline For Marellapadu LIS

Nalgonda: Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Monday expressed displeasure over delays in the Marellapadu Lift Irrigation Scheme (LIS) under the Sitarama project, directing officials to complete the works by July.

During an inspection of the project works in Pinapaka Assembly constituency of Bhadrachalam-Kothagudem district, the minister sought an explanation from officials for missing the June deadline and asked them to expedite execution with greater responsibility.

He said the Marellapadu LIS was intended to provide irrigation to 16,500 acres in Pinapaka, noting that farmers from the constituency had first given their lands for the Sitarama project and should be its primary beneficiaries.

The minister reiterated that the government was prioritising irrigation to support agriculture and farmers' welfare.

He said ₹10,000 crore had been sanctioned for the Sitarama project and ₹4,000 crore for its distributory canal. Irrigation could be extended to Aswaraopeta, Kothagudem, Sathupalli and Madhira Assembly constituen-



cies by next year, subject to cooperation in land acquisition, he added. On the Sitarama Sagar Multi-Purpose Project, he said the government was pursuing clearances in the Supreme Court. The project, with a storage capacity of 38 TMC ft, is expected to provide irrigation to seven lakh acres in the erstwhile Khammam and Mahabubabad districts.

The minister directed officials to remove silt and obstructions along the Sitarama canal to ensure uninterrupted water flow.

District collector Ankith, Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu and officials from irrigation and revenue departments were present.

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KARNATAKA POLITICS — FAMILIAR SCRIPT, PREDICTABLE ENDING

With the resignation of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to pave the way for his long-time rival, DK Shivakumar, to take over the reins, the curtains have finally come down on a political drama that followed a hackneyed script, with predictable twists and turns and behind-the-scenes manoeuvres. Ever since the Congress came to power in the 2023 Assembly elections, the internal power struggle has dominated media headlines, putting the party high command in a tight spot. Karnataka Congressmen are divided into two camps, with supporters of Siddaramaiah — a popular OBC leader with socialist credentials — rooting for him to complete his full term while backers of Shivakumar — a resourceful loyalist to the Gandhi family with unmatched organisational skills — believe it's "now or never" for their leader to occupy the coveted post. An increasingly restless Shivakumar has been staking claim to the chief ministership, citing a purported rotational power arrangement. For the last three years, the simmering friction between the fragile egos of these two ambitious leaders was left unaddressed in the hope that the warring groups wouldn't precipitate matters till the next Assembly elections, due in 2028. Moreover, the grand old party's ability to negotiate with powerful regional leaders has weakened considerably. This is due to a series of electoral debacles that the Congress has suffered in recent times. Finally, the party has decided in favour of a change of guard at a crucial moment. From the start of this term, it was clear that Siddaramaiah, the party's only OBC Chief Minister, would not enjoy a free run or absolute control, as he did between 2013 and 2018.

Karnataka is central to the Congress' southern scheme of things, considering that the BJP is a significant player in the State. The party top brass needs to ensure that its gamble strengthens the State party unit rather than sharpening the differences between the rival camps. Siddaramaiah's exit appears to validate speculation about a rotational power-sharing arrangement, though never officially acknowledged. The onus would now be on Shivakumar to prioritise good governance over the next two years and prepare the party for the 2028 poll battle. Siddaramaiah's tenure — the longest for any Chief Minister — was marked by its distinct focus on welfare schemes for the underprivileged sections. Rising from the ranks, he is credited with building a formidable coalition of OBCs, Dalits and minorities. A big challenge for the Congress is to retain the support of these communities who have remained loyal to Siddaramaiah. The outgoing CM's reluctance to accept a central role has made the situation more complicated. During his rule, free rice distribution, milk for schoolchildren and financial aid for poor Muslim women's marriages were among the schemes that reshaped Karnataka's welfare landscape, benefiting millions of households. While these schemes were hallmarks of his first tenure, he started the now-popular guarantee schemes in his second term.

Fulfill 420 promises before contesting elections: KTR dares Revanth Reddy

BRS working president KT Rama Rao challenged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to fulfil all Congress election promises before seeking votes again. He alleged that the proposed Rythu DISCOM would weaken free power for farmers and criticised the government's development record



Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao challenged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to publicly announce that he would contest future elections only after implementing the 420 promises and six guarantees made by the Congress party to the people of Telangana. He said the Chief Minister was attempting to mislead people by claiming that he would not contest elections if electricity meters were installed on agricultural pump sets. Geographic Reference

"Instead of making such statements, Revanth Reddy should announce that he will not seek votes unless all promises made to the people of Telangana are implemented, including housing under the Indiramma scheme, welfare guarantees and other commitments made during the Assembly elections," he said while addressing a gathering of BRS leaders from the Secunderabad Cantonment constituency on Sunday.

On the proposed Rythu DISCOM, the former Minister said it was being created with the sole objective of eventually scrapping the 24-hour free power supply to farmers. He recalled that while in opposition, Revanth Reddy had publicly stated that three hours of electricity was sufficient for farmers and argued that the current proposal was designed to translate that mindset into policy.

"The real intention behind the Farmers' DISCOM is to dismantle the historic 24-hour free power supply introduced by KCR. The Congress is concealing its anti-farmer agenda while claiming the initiative is meant to benefit farmers," he said, adding that Revanth Reddy had no concern for farmers and that the proposed DISCOM was a death noose for Telangana's farmers.

Recalling the power situation before Telangana's formation, Rama Rao said six decades of Congress rule had left the State plagued by severe shortages, frequent outages and industrial power holidays. He credited former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao with transforming the power sector within six months of assuming office and delivering uninterrupted 24-hour electricity.

"KCR is the first leader in independent India's history to provide free round-the-clock power to the agricultural sector. But the Congress government is now attempting to erase that legacy," he remarked. Stating that the Congress had deceived every section of society by failing to implement its electoral promises, he said farmers and citizens should remain vigilant against policies that could adversely affect their interests.

The BRS working president criticised the Congress government for failing to deliver any meaningful development in Hyderabad in the past two-and-a-half years. He reminded the gathering that Ministers, including Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, had promised 6,000 houses in Cantonment during the by-election campaign. "But not a single house has been delivered since then, in Cantonment or anywhere else in Hyderabad," he added. Geographic Reference

Rama Rao listed the BRS government's achievements, including the construction of major flyovers, underpasses and bridges, 20,000 litres of free drinking water per household, one lakh double-bedroom houses, and distribution of government land to poor families under GO 58 and GO 59. However, he said that after coming to power, the Congress government focused on demolishing houses of the poor under the HYDRAA initiative rather than building new ones.

He also recalled the previous government's sustained pressure on the Union government for the transfer of defence lands in Cantonment and the construction of elevated corridors towards Karimnagar and Nizamabad. He said the previous BRS government consistently intervened whenever defence authorities abruptly closed roads, ensuring residents' grievances were addressed.

During the meeting, Rama Rao gave a presentation to party workers on the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. He cautioned that any negligence on their part could deprive genuine BRS supporters of their voting rights and eventually affect the party's prospects. He urged Cantonment constituency leaders and cadre to remain united and continue their fight against the Congress government's anti-people policies. He remarked that while the Congress had been rejected across much of the country, it had unfortunately returned to power in Telangana.

Former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav and several senior party leaders also attended the meeting.

Revanth to Launch Indiramma Housing Phase II, Address Public Meeting in Kagaznagar



ADILABAD: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will attend a series of official programmes in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district on June 1, with arrangements completed for a public meeting at Kagaznagar X Road.

According to officials, the Chief Minister will arrive by helicopter at Kothaguda village at 5.45 pm. He will participate in a mass housewarming ceremony of Indiramma houses in Kolam Kotari gram panchayat of Kerameri mandal and launch the second phase of the housing scheme. He will also interact with beneficiaries in the district before proceeding to the public meeting at Kagaznagar.

Minister for housing and revenue Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy will attend the programme.

Congress leaders have undertaken mobilisation efforts for the meeting, including participation of self-help group members. The meeting has been scheduled in the evening in view of prevailing high temperatures.

Mancherial MLA Kokkiralra Premsagar Rao coordinated party leaders in the district for the event.

Tourism minister Jupally Krishna Rao inspected arrangements at Kagaznagar

on Sunday. He was accompanied by MLA Gaddam Vinod, MLC Dande Vittal, former MLA Atram Sakku, district collector K. Haritha and superintendent of police Nitika Pant.

The Chief Minister is expected to lay foundation stones for works worth ₹112.14 crore, including a solar power plant at Nambala village in Rebbena mandal, development works in Asifabad and Kagaznagar municipalities, and five 33 kV substations in the district.

Police have made security arrangements in Kothaguda village in view of the visit.

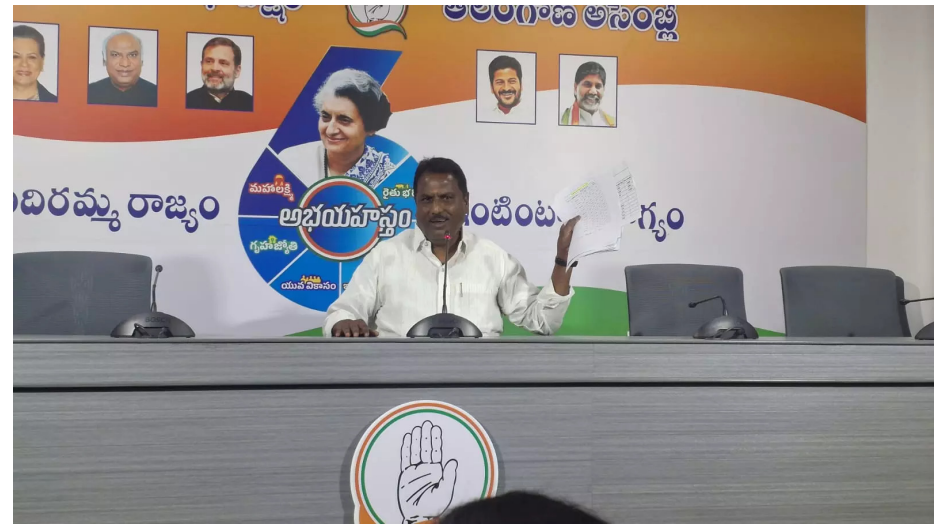
After the meeting, the Chief Minister will proceed to the residence of MLA Kokkiralra Premsagar Rao in Mancherial before returning to Hyderabad by road.

Adluri: BRS Neglected Gurukuls

HYDERABAD: SC and ST welfare minister Adluri Lakshman Kumar on Sunday accused the BRS of neglecting Gurukul institutions during its tenure and challenged its working president K.T. Rama Rao to show that even one Gurukul school building was constructed under the previous government.

Addressing a press conference at the CLP office, he said the BRS had no basis to question the Congress government on Gurukuls, alleging that welfare schools functioned from rented premises without adequate facilities. He said the previous government had announced 104 Gurukul buildings but did not complete them.

He said the present government, under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, had initiated construction of 119 integrated residential educational institutions across



the state, each planned on 20 to 25 acres with an estimated cost of about ₹200 crore.

Defending the common procurement system, the minister said it had reduced expenditure from ₹806.66 crore to ₹643.13 crore, saving ₹163.53 crore. He said items such as uniforms, school bags, shoes, bedsheets and utensils would be supplied at uniform quality and price across institutions.

"Why does saving ₹163.53 crore of public money bother KTR? Should the government protect contractors' interests or students' welfare?" he asked, rejecting allegations of corruption and stating that no agreements had been signed.

He said diet charges for students had been increased after 16 years and cosmetic charges had risen by over 212 per cent. Meals were being designed to provide around 2,200 calories and 40–50 grams of protein daily, based on recommendations of the National Institute of Nutrition. He added that pending bills left by the previous government had been cleared and payments were now being released in the first week of every month.

Citing outcomes, he said Gurukul institutions recorded a 99.12 per cent Class X pass rate and enabled 1,935 SC students to secure seats in professional courses. He added that six candidates cleared the UPSC Civil Services examination, 35 qualified in Group-I, 27 in Group-II and 236 secured State government jobs through SC Study Circles.

Peddapalli MP Flags Voter Deletion Concerns

ADILABAD: Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna on Sunday called upon people to safeguard their voting rights, urging them to draw inspiration from B.R. Ambedkar. Addressing a party meeting in Adilabad, he alleged that the BJP-led Centre was manipulating electoral outcomes by removing voters sympathetic to regional parties and the Congress. He criticised the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that policies had adversely affected students and unemployed youth. He also referred to issues such as the NEET paper leak and CBSE revaluation controversy.

He said BJP leaders were misleading youth and inciting divisions for political gain, while sending their own children abroad for education. The MP said the meeting was organised to strengthen the party at the grassroots and activate Booth Level Agents (BLA-



2) in Adilabad, where he was recently appointed in-charge. He also alleged that the BJP had not responded to allegations raised by Rahul Gandhi regarding electoral practices, and claimed that the BJP and BRS were aligned in their functioning. He criticised BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao in this context. MLA Vedma Bojju, DCC president Naresh Jadhav and other party leaders were present.

Tummala Seeks Speedy Munneru Wall Works

Nalgonda: Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Sunday directed officials to expedite construction of the Munneru retaining wall in Khammam to mitigate flood risks.

Inspecting the works, he said residents in low-lying and catchment areas had faced hardships over the past two years due to flooding of the Munneru stream. The government had taken up the retaining wall project at an estimated cost of ₹690 crore to address the issue.

The minister said land acquisition for about 240 metres was pending and instructed officials to complete works on both sides of the stream — from the bypass road to the cable bridge



Lokesh Meets Maharashtra CM Fadnavis, Discusses Investments and Education Reforms

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh minister for education, information technology and electronics N. Lokesh met Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai on Monday and discussed investment promotion, governance initiatives and reforms in the education sector.

During the meeting, Lokesh briefed Fadnavis on efforts being made by the Andhra Pradesh government to attract investments and the implementation of the "Speed of Doing Business" initiative in the



state.

He also outlined reforms being introduced in the education sector and initiatives undertaken to strengthen skill development. Lokesh sought information on policies adopted by Maharashtra in the fields of information technology and education.

The two leaders exchanged mementoes during the meeting. Lokesh presented a Mangalagiri handloom shawl and a portrait of Lord Venkateswara to the Maharashtra Chief Minister.

Fadnavis, in turn, presented a portrait of Lord Ganesh to Lokesh.

Naidu's Leadership, Speed of Doing Business Help AP Excel: Lokesh



Vijayawada: Education Minister Nara Lokesh has said "able leadership and speed of doing business" helped Andhra Pradesh make a mark at the global level.

He was attending the India Conference-2026 in Mumbai on Monday, with the theme 'Readying India for Future-The Andhra Pradesh Experience'. The event was under the aegis of Bank of America.

In a fireside chat in Mumbai, Lokesh credited Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu with efforts for the fast-paced development of Andhra Pradesh, saying the CM was well-experienced in developing cities and creating suitable ecosystems.

He said that the concept of 'Speed of Doing Business' being adopted in AP helped to bring Google AI Data Centre to Visakhapatnam while the ArcelorMittal project was started in just 17 months.

The minister noted that AP would become one of the major attractions for huge foreign direct investments in the green steel sector. The 'double engine bullet train' government in AP, with support from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was attracting huge investments in the data centre.

Lokesh said that the CM targeted to develop a 6.5 giga watts capacity multi-giga watt digital hub in the state. Google stood first in the row as it had come forward to set up the data centre in

13 months, he said, and noted that the setting up of cable stations in Visakhapatnam would help develop AI and IT ecosystems.

He underlined the importance of MSMEs which would provide employment opportunities at the micro level. Given two divergent opinions on setting up data centres in AP -- with some people saying it would be good while others are opposing it -- Lokesh explained about how the 6.5 giga watts data centres would consume "just one time of water" while one giga watt capacity thermal power plant could consume seven times more water than one giga watt data centre.

He felt the need for more attention to improving quality in the research by using AI and felt the need to change the curriculum in sync with the emerging technologies like AI, machine learning and quantum technologies.

AP Leads States in Social Security Pension Distribution, Says Naidu

Kakinada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday said Andhra Pradesh had spent `65,887 crore on social security pensions over the past two years, benefiting vulnerable sections across the state.

He said the government was spending nearly Rs.32,000 crore annually on pensions and claimed that no other state was extending support on a similar scale.

Addressing a gathering at Praja Vedika in Chamavaram village of Tuni mandal after distributing pensions, the Chief Minister said 5,606 new beneficiaries had been added from this month, including spouse pension recipients for whom `2.24 crore was being spent. He said pensioners who were unable to collect their



benefits for one or two months could receive the accumulated amount for up to three months.

Naidu said pensions worth Rs.2,729 crore were being distributed to 62.34 lakh beneficiaries across the state during June.

Earlier, the Chief Minister handed over a Rs.4,000 pension to Simhachalam, a toddy tapper, and interacted with his family members. He also observed the process of toddy

tapping and tasted fresh toddy during the visit.

Highlighting welfare initiatives, Naidu said the government was implementing schemes aimed at improving the living standards of the poor, including free power for weavers and powerloom units and the Stree Shakti programme.

He said investment proposals worth Rs.23 lakh crore had been

attracted to the state and would generate employment opportunities for about 23 lakh people. The government was also planning to provide skill development training to 25,000 youth annually, he added.

The Chief Minister alleged that the previous YSRC government had left the state with a debt burden of Rs.10 lakh crore and weakened its financial credibility. He said the state government was

pursuing welfare, development and good governance simultaneously.

Naidu accused the Opposition YSRC of attempting to create unrest in the state and referred to recent incidents involving pastors and damage to a statue of former chief minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy. He maintained that investigations had established the facts in those cases and rejected allegations of irregularities in the Mega DSC recruitment process.

He said the government would not tolerate attempts to disturb law and order and expressed satisfaction over the performance indicators of Kakinada district. He also complimented district collector Harindher Prasad for the district's progress.

Panel to Probe Causes of Kidney Diseases: Atchannaidu

Visakhapatnam Agriculture minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu has announced that a special survey panel will be constituted to investigate the reasons for the growing incidence of kidney diseases in Thotada village of Santabommali mandal.

The minister made the announcement while distributing NTR Bharosa social security pensions door-to-door in the village on Monday.

He said a team of experts would conduct a detailed study to determine whether contaminated drinking water or any other environmental factor is responsible for the kidney ailments affecting



local residents.

Atchannaidu said the government is committed to resolving drinking water issues in rural areas. He noted that the chief minister has sanctioned Rs 620 crore for a project to provide safe drinking water to every household in villages across the Tekkali constituency. Of this amount, Rs 100 crore has already been released.

Criticising the previous government for neglecting village development, the minister said that after the present government assumed office, a blacktop road was constructed from Kotabommali to

Thotada village. Around `72 lakh has been sanctioned under the MGNREGS for development works in Thotada and Balarampuram villages.

The minister said the government has distributed pensions worth `65,000 crore to 6.5 million beneficiaries over the past 24 months. The government, he said, is implementing its Super Six election promises with sincerity while simultaneously pursuing welfare and development initiatives.

The minister also announced that women would soon receive coupons enabling them to obtain up to three LPG cylinders annually without the inconvenience of paying first and waiting for reimburse

Month-Long Op Clean Sweep Drive Launched In Tirupati

Tirupati: A month-long sanitation drive under the state government's "Operation Clean Sweep" programme was launched in Tirupati on Monday to improve cleanliness and public health. District collector Dr S. Venkateswar, MLA Arani Srinivasulu and Tirupati Municipal Corporation in-charge commissioner Sharada Devi participated in the programme at LS Nagar. The collector said the initiative would be implemented across municipal corporations, municipalities and gram panchayats through dedicated teams focusing on garbage removal, desilting of drains and resolution of sanitation issues. He noted that Tirupati has about 25 km of stormwater drains and

65 km of major drainage canals. Accumulated waste in these drains could cause waterlogging, flooding and the spread of diseases such as dengue, malaria, filariasis and chikungunya during the monsoon. Dr Venkateswar said cleaning and repair works were underway and urged residents to support 100 per cent segregation of wet and dry waste. He added that Tirupati aims to secure another top ranking in the Swachh Survekshan awards through collective public participation and sustained sanitation efforts.



AP TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATIONS FROM JUNE 7

Vijayawada: International Yoga Day celebrations would be held in a grand manner in the name of 'Yogandhra-2026' with the theme of 'Yoga for Healthy Aging.' Health minister Satya Kumar Yadav announced this on Monday in the presence of health commissioner Veerapandian and government adviser on naturopathy Manthena Satyanarayana Raju.

He told the media that they would hold a series of programmes to bring about awareness among the people on yoga from June 7 to 20 and noted that on June 21, they would hold the main Yoga Day celebrations in Amaravati on June 21.

District-wise themes were kept ready to organise the yoga day celebrations.

The minister said one crore people would take part in the yoga day programme and of them, 10 lakh people would practise yoga on a regular basis.



Toyota Kirloskar Motor Registers 33,128 Units Sales in May 2026

Bangalore, 01st June 2026: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced its sales performance for the month of May 2026 with 33,128 units, reflecting a growth of 7% compared to 30,864 units sold in May 2025. This includes 30,574 units sold in the domestic market and 2,554 units exported.

Commenting on the sales performance, Mr. Sabari Manohar, Executive Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business,

Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "Our sales performance in May 2026 reflects the positive market acceptance of Toyota's offerings and overall ownership experience. The sustained demand across our product portfolio highlights a growing preference for quality, reliability and advanced technologies. This month marked a significant milestone as we crossed 3 lakh Strong Hybrid Electric vehicle (SHEV) sales in India, underscoring

the growing acceptance of SHEV technology and cleaner mobility solutions. This achievement further strengthens our commitment to advancing sustainable mobility through a multi-pathway approach.

We will continue to focus on innovation that aligns with evolving customer needs while delivering long-term value and contributing meaningfully to India's transition towards carbon neutrality."

Massive additions to the Congress party



Nirmal District Staff Reporter : In the presence of Nirmal DCC President and Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju Patel in the MLA camp office in Uttoor mandal center, there was a massive influx in the Congress party.

Kadem Sarpanch Dikonda Vijay Kumar, Upasarpanch Pittala Raj Kumar, Kannapur Sarpanch Mulkal Shankar, many ward members, youths from Nachan Ellapur village joined the Congress party and MLA Vedma Bojju Patel invited them into the party with a scarf of Congress.

On this occasion, the newly joined party said that they joined the Congress party because of the leadership of MLA Vedma Bojju Patel, his efforts for the development of the constituency and the public welfare programs implemented by the state government.

Later, MLA Vedma Bojju Patel said that Congress party's ideologies should be conveyed to the people at the village level and they should be made aware of the welfare schemes implemented by the government. He called upon every worker to work with dedication for the strengthening of the party.

Kadem Mandal Congress President Boddu Ganganna, DCC General Secretary Satish Reddy, Youth District Secretary Mudike Mallesh Yadav, Congress party leaders Srinivas and others participated in this Program.

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra Inspects Arrangements for State Formation Day Celebrations

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to ensure that the State Formation Day celebrations are conducted in a grand and well-organized manner.

On Monday evening, he inspected the arrangements being made at the Collectorate premises for the State Formation Day celebrations scheduled to be held on Tuesday. During the inspection, he reviewed the preparations for the main stage, seating arrangements, sound system, shamiana, flag-hoisting venue, departmental stalls, and other facilities.

The Collector instructed officials to complete all remaining works without delay. He also directed that seating arrangements be made in accordance with protocol. He emphasized that all necessary arrangements should be made meticulously to ensure that the public and officials attending the celebrations do not face any inconvenience.

Additional Collectors

B. Venkateswarlu and Kishore Kumar, along with officials and staff from various departments, participated in the inspection.



Himalaya BabyCare Brings Specialized Skin Care to Everyday Bath Time

~Strengthening its soap portfolio with targeted solutions for delicate newborn skin and seasonal skin discomfort~

Vizag, June 01, 2026: Himalaya BabyCare, one of India's most trusted and No. 1: DoctorRecommended† Baby Care Brands, loved by babies, has unveiled two new DVC for Himalaya Gentle Baby Soap and Refreshing Baby Soap. These campaigns mark a strategic step in repositioning the Baby Soap Portfolio with the message, "More than Cleansing. It's Care." Driven by Himalaya BabyCare's deep understanding of newborn skin, this shift also reflects evolving parent mindsets, where today's parents seek not just safe, but specially formulated solutions that provide gentle everyday care for newborns and babies, while also supporting their skin



through seasonal changes.

The Gentle Baby Soap film unfolds in a slow, almost suspended moment in time. A mother prepares for her baby's bath, but what should be a simple, routine act, is layered with emotions, care, responsibility, and an underlying anxiety about making the right choices. As she gently holds her newborn, her thoughts echo a

familiar concern: "Kaise karoon sahi soap ka selection?" The narrative captures this instinctive concern, where even the simplest decisions feel significant when it comes to a newborn's skin. In a subtle yet reassuring turn; the father steps in with a Himalaya Gentle Baby Soap as a trusted solution, easing the mother's concern. Not just a resolution, but a shift in emotion, from

hesitation to trust, from anxiety to comfort.

At the heart of the communication is the product's specialized formulation. Himalaya Gentle Baby Soap, India's No. 1 Baby Soap*, is specially crafted for newborn skin and enriched with a unique Phytooil-complex made from 100% natural oils of Almond and Olive for gentle cleansing without compromising on skin hydration. This harsh-

chemical free formulation helps prevent post-bath dryness, leaving the baby's skin soft and healthy.

This gentle formulation contains 97% Natural Origin Ingredients^ and helps protect the baby's skin from dryness while ensuring lasting softness after every bath—reinforcing the brand's promise – "More than Cleansing. It's Gentle Care", moving beyond just cleansing to delivering gentle, effective care for newborn skin.

With the message "Sirf Cleansing Nahi. Skin ki Gentle Care bhi," the brand also highlights the importance of choosing products that are specifically designed to nurture and protect newborn skin.

The services of three retired officers are commendable: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : The retirement program of RDO Ratnakalyani, CPO (Chief Planning Officer) Jeevaratnam and ZP CEO Bhagyalakshmi who retired on Saturday was held in the conference hall of the District Collectorate.

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra participated in this program.

On this occasion District Collector Bhavesh Mishra said,

Retirement is a natural process in every employee's life, he said. RDO Ratnakalyani, CPO Jeevaratnam and ZP CEO Bhagyalakshmi, who are retiring from the post, are commendable for serving the public and earning a reputation as the best officers. He lauded their services for the development of the district and for their dedicated work in taking



government welfare schemes to the people. The Collector said that their experience was very useful to the district administration and wished them to live happily with their family members in the future.

Speaking as part of this program, many officers said that the services of such officers who acted as a bridge

between the people and the government and carried out their duties effectively will always be remembered.

Retired officers RDO Ratnakalyani, CPO Jeevaratnam and ZP CEO Bhagyalakshmi said that they expressed special thanks to the district collector, fellow officers, staff and family members for their cooperation during their long service. Sharing their experiences in the performance of duties, they mentioned that they were able to provide services successfully with the cooperation of all.

Later, the retired officers were felicitated with shawls and flowers were presented as souvenirs.

Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, family members of retired officers, officials of various departments, staff, etc. participated in this programme.

BRS leader S. Gopal's birthday celebrations were held in a grand manner



Zaheerabad June: The birthday celebrations of BRS leader S. Gopal of Zaheerabad constituency, Mogudampalli mandal, Sangareddy district were held in a grand manner on Monday night. On the occasion of his birthday, a birthday cake was cut in the presence of former chairman of the State SC Corporation Y. Narottam and a grand celebration was held. Former Sarpanch Siddanna Patil, Manik Prabhu Goud, C.M. Manik Reddy, Chengal Jaipal, Pentann,a, Gafar, B. Vitthal, Imran, Shahid Patel, B. Dilip, Ramulu, Keeru, Viresham, Bakkanna, Pawan Rathod, Meghnath, Mithun Rathod, Pawar Thakur, and others participated in this program.

Inaugural Indira Houses Homecoming Ceremony

-Participated by Officials, Congress Leaders

Zaheerabad June: The Indira Houses Homecoming Ceremony implemented by the state government was formally launched on Monday evening. Officials and Congress leaders participated enthusiastically in the program. A total of 20 homecoming ceremonies were held in Zaheerabad Constituency in Sangareddy district on Monday. Congress Party state leaders Ujjwal Reddy, ZP CEO Janaki Reddy, Special Officer Bikshapati, Mandal Congress President P. Narasimha Reddy and others participated in the program held in Shekhapur village of Zaheerabad mandal. The beneficiaries thanked the government. They spent a happy time with their relatives and friends. The leaders said that the Indira scheme is a boon for the poor.



India–Oman trade pact to kick in from June 1: What CEPA means for trade, jobs and markets

India and Oman will implement their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement from June 1, granting wider market access and boosting trade, services, and investments. The pact is expected to strengthen India's presence in the Gulf region while benefiting key export sectors

New Delhi: India and Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) will come into force from June 1. The two countries will formally announce the decision on Monday.

This will be the fifth free trade agreement (FTA) implemented under the Modi government. Since 2014, India has implemented four trade pacts with "A" Mauritius (April 2021 implemented), Australia (December 2022 implemented), UAE (May 2022 implemented), and EFTA (implemented in October 2025 – Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway).

India has signed similar deals with the UK (July 2025) and New Zealand (April 2026). It has announced the conclusion of talks with the European Union (27-nation bloc) on January 27 this year.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CEPA AND FTA

Both abbreviations are often used interchangeably. Modern trade agreements typically comprise around 20 chapters covering areas such as trade in goods, trade in services, investment, intellectual property rights, customs procedures, and dispute settlement mechanisms.

Other abbreviations commonly used for such trade agreements include Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA), Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA), and Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA).

INDIA-OMAN TRADE

During 2025-26, the bilateral trade was USD 11.18 billion (exports USD 4.02 billion and imports 7.16 billion) as compared to USD 10.61 billion in 2024-25. Services exports to Oman rose from USD 397 Million in 2020 to USD 665 Million in 2024. The top sectors of export have been telecommunications, computer, and information, transport and travel. The imports grew from USD 101 Million in 2020 to USD 197.7 Million in 2024. The top sectors of import have been transport, travel, telecom, and other business services.

GAINS FOR INDIA

India gets 100% duty-free market access for its exports to Oman, covering 98.08% of Oman's tariff lines (or product categories) covering 99.38% of the trade value (average of 2022-23).

Exports from India to Oman that currently face a 5% duty on goods worth USD 3.64 billion. The pact will give a boost to India's price competitiveness. Key sectors poised for strong gains include textiles, agricultural goods, transport equipment, precision instruments, processed food and gems & jewellery.

All zero-duty concessions kick in from "Day One" of the agreement's entry into force. Presently, only 15.33% of India's export value (11.34% of tariff lines) based on the 2022-2024 average, enters the Oman at zero duty under the MFN (most favoured nation) regime. CEPA will create new export opportunities in minerals, chemi-



icals, base metals, machinery, plastic/rubber, transport/auto, instruments/clocks, glass/ceramic/marble, paper.

KEY SECTORAL GAINS

Zero duty access will be granted by Oman to host of Indian sectors such as Iron and steel, electric machinery, marine products, industrial machinery and copper goods.

Removal of the 5% tariff will improve the competitiveness of Indian vehicles. The pact will grant binding zero duty access for key finished medicines and vaccines.

PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE SECTORS

India has placed 2,789 tariff lines in the exclusion list under the CEPA, protecting key domestic sectors such as transport equipment, major chemicals, cereals, fruits and vegetables, spices, coffee and tea, and animal-origin products.

Sensitive value chain industries including rubber, leather, textiles, footwear, petroleum oils, and mineral-based products are also shielded to safeguard manufacturing competitiveness and farmer interests.

Strategic agricultural segments including dairy products, meat, cereals, oilseeds, vegetable oils, sugar, and residues of the food-processing industry remain excluded.

GAINS IN SERVICES SECTORS

Oman's total global services imports in 2024 were USD 12.52 billion, with India accounting for 5.31%, indicating significant untapped potential for Indian service suppliers.

Oman has undertaken strong commitments on temporary entry and stay for natural persons supplying services. The ICT (Intra-Corporate Transferees) ceiling has been raised from 20 per cent to 50 per cent, enabling Indian companies to deploy more managerial and specialist staff.

For the first time under any FTA, Oman has also undertaken commitments for a defined category of professionals, including those in accounting, engineering, medical, IT, education, construction, and consulting services.

GAINS FOR INDIA'S AGRI SECTOR

Items like natural honey, cashew, potatoes, boneless meat and bakery products, will get duty-free access to Oman. Oman has offered to remove duties on various animal products, such as cheese, curd, milk and cream, frozen fish, butter, meat, yoghurt, processed food like bread, pastry, cakes, chocolate, sugar confectionery, and mineral water; and animal and vegetable fats and oils. At present, these items attract duty in the range of 5-100 per cent in Oman.

On the other hand, Indian consumers will get cheaper dates from Oman, as India will provide zero-duty access to 2,000 tonnes of the commodity every year.

India is also giving concessions to Oman's two traditional products, Gum Arabica (used in food, medicines and cosmetics) and Frankincense (used in the incense and perfume sector).

GAINS FOR OMAN

India is offering duty concessions on 77.79 per cent of its total tariff lines (12,556), which covers 94.81 per cent of India's imports from Oman by value.

For products of export interest to Oman and those that are sensitive to India, the offer is mostly a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) based tariff liberalisation, which includes products like dates, marbles and petrochemical items.

INDIA STRENGTHENING PRESENCE IN MIDDLE EAST

In May 2022, India implemented a pact with the UAE and will soon start talks with Qatar. These nations are members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). India and GCC (Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain) have also inked terms of reference to start trade pact negotiations.

Though Oman is a small country, it has strategic importance as it borders the Strait of Hormuz, an important maritime chokepoint. Asian companies use this passage for oil trade. Oman is an important strategic partner in the region for India, as it is a key gateway for Indian goods and services to the wider Middle Eastern and African nations.

Nearly 7 lakh Indian nationals reside in Oman, and India receives about USD 2 billion in remittances from Oman annually.

Indian enterprises have built a strong presence in Oman, with over 6,000 establishments operating across sectors. India has received USD 615.54 million in foreign direct investment from Oman between April 2000 and September 2025.

This is the first bilateral agreement that Oman has signed with any country since the US in 2006. Oman is the third-largest export destination for India among the GCC countries.

Three Accused Arrested in Sensational Armour Theft Case; Property Worth ₹31.48 Lakhs Recovered :

Nizamabad June 1, 2026

In a major breakthrough, the Nizamabad Police successfully solved a sensational theft case reported in Armour town and arrested three accused persons involved in the offence. Police recovered stolen property, cash, gold, and silver articles collectively valued at ₹31,48,000. The details were disclosed by Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, during a press briefing.

The case was registered at Armour Police Station under Crime No. 288/2026 under Sections 331(3) and 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), following a theft incident that occurred on May 24, 2026, in which gold ornaments, silver articles, and cash worth ₹41,31,500 were stolen from a residence in Mahalakshmi Colony, Armour.

According to police officials, immediately after the theft was reported, special teams were constituted under the supervision of senior officers to investigate the case from all angles. During the course of investigation, police received credible information on June 1, 2026, at around 9:00 AM that a few suspicious individuals carrying a bag were moving near Brahmanpalli X Road in Armour.

Acting swiftly on the information, police teams rushed to the spot and intercepted three persons. Upon questioning and verification, the police recovered gold bars, silver articles, huge cash, and mobile phones from their possession. Subsequent interrogation revealed the shocking conspiracy behind the theft.

The arrested accused were identified as Vijay Agarwal (A1), a business-



man and resident of Mahalakshmi Colony, Armour; Salman Khan alias Khaleelullah (A2), a tile worker from Banjara Hills, Hyderabad; and Manjal Sai Kumar (A3), a private employee also residing in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Another accused, identified as Srihari (A4), is currently absconding and efforts are underway to apprehend him.

Police investigation revealed that the prime accused, Vijay Agarwal, had allegedly masterminded the theft targeting his own uncle's house. After learning that his uncle's family had travelled to Vemulawada Temple, he allegedly conspired with the other accused and promised them money in return for executing the theft. As part of the conspiracy, Salman Khan was assigned the task of committing the theft at the residence.

Police stated that after successfully carrying out the offence, the accused gathered near Brahmanpalli X Road to distribute the stolen property among themselves. However, before they could divide the booty, police teams apprehended them and recovered a major portion of the stolen property.

The recovered property includes nine gold bars weighing 580 grams, one gold chain weighing 10 grams, two silver Lakshmi coins weighing 300 grams, one silver plate weighing 50 grams, cash amounting to ₹19,33,000, and two mobile phones. The total value of the recovered property is estimated at ₹31,48,000.

Further investigation revealed that accused Salman Khan had already spent nearly ₹1 lakh from the stolen money for personal expenses, while Manjal Sai Kumar had spent ₹83,500. Police also stated that absconding accused Srihari is suspected to be in possession of around ₹8 lakh from the stolen amount.

Police officials disclosed that prime accused Vijay Agarwal has a criminal background and was previously involved in several criminal cases registered at Armour Police Station. In view of his repeated involvement in offences, police have opened a rowdy sheet against him as part of preventive policing measures.

Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, appreciated the dedicated efforts of the investigating officers and staff for their prompt action and professional investigation in solving the case within a short span of time. He specially commended ACP Armour J. Venkateshwar Reddy, Armour Town Inspector and SHO P. Satyanarayana, CCS Inspector P.D. Sainath and his team members Amarender (HC-15), Kiran Kumar (PC-1351), Satish (PC-617), Ashok (PC-1937), and Anvesh (PC-390) for their commendable performance in tracing the accused and recovering the stolen property.

Police stated that further investigation into the case is in progress and efforts are continuing to arrest the absconding accused at the earliest

New CDS, Navy Chief Take Charge

New Delhi: In a major change in the country's top military leadership, General N.S. Raja Subramani on Sunday took over as India's third Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), while Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed charge as the new Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS). They took charge at a time of heightened global instability and against the backdrop of India's conflict with Pakistan during Operation Sindoor.

General Subramani, regarded as a Pakistan and China front expert, succeeded General Anil Chauhan, who demitted office on Saturday after completing his tenure as the country's senior-most military commander. "I'm honoured to assume charge as the Chief of Defence Staff. We are grateful to the nation for the trust reposed in the Armed Forces. We, the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, Ministry of Defence, strategic institutions and all stakeholders, stand united as part of the whole-of-nation approach to strengthen India's security," General Subramani said.

He said the armed forces were committed to implementing the Prime Minister's vision of "JAI" — Jointness, Atma Nirbharta and Innovation. "Transformation of the armed forces and organisational reforms to enhance jointness, synergy and integration will be the primary focus. Atma Nirbharta is a central pillar of our national security. We will accelerate the development, induction and integration of indigenous weapons in our armed forces," the new CDS said.

As CDS, General Subramani's primary task will be to implement the theatreisation model by rolling out integrated military commands. General Subramani had retired as Vice Chief of the Army Staff on July 31, 2025. Before taking over as CDS, he was serving as Military Adviser in the National Security Council Secretariat, which reports to National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, from September 1, 2025. He was commissioned into the 8th Battalion of the Garhwal Rifles on December 14, 1985.

Meanwhile, Admiral Swaminathan assumed charge as the 27th Chief of the Naval Staff. He succeeded



Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, who superannuated after 41 years of service. "The Indian Navy is deeply committed to jointness, Atmanirbharta and indigenisation, and that will also be one of my key result areas. I'm extremely grateful to have this opportunity to work with the men and women of the Indian Navy, whom I consider the finest professionals anywhere in the world. Their welfare, well-being, professional performance and personal growth shall be of the highest importance to me," Admiral Swaminathan said. "I will devote every single day of my life to making the Navy a better, stronger, sharper and more impactful service so that it can serve the interests of national security, national development and national economic prosperity to the best of its ability," he added. Admiral Swaminathan was commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 1, 1987. A communication and electronic warfare specialist, he has held several operational, staff and training appointments in a career spanning nearly four decades. His sea commands include the guided missile vessels INS Vidyut and INS Vinash, guided missile corvette INS Kulish, guided missile destroyer INS Mysore and aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. Before assuming charge as Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Swaminathan headed the Western Naval Command.

Telangana Bans Cash Wages, Brings New Regulations For Gig Workers



Hyderabad: In a major policy shift hailed as "gold standard for progressive labour governance", the Telangana government has officially banned cash wage payments to workers, mandated electronic transfer, and brought gig workers under the safety net of minimum wages. A new Government Order (GO) on labour governance activates the provisions of the Centre's Code on Wages, 2019, completely repealing and superseding the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, across the state.

A government statement issued on Monday said, "Payouts via paper cash are explicitly banned. Employers must disburse wages through direct electronic transfer (NEFT/RTGS/IMPS) or bank check, building an unalterable trail for labour inspectors and protecting vulnerable workgroups." By bridging structural business requirements with social protections, the GO (No 6) achieves an "elegant legal balance," it said.

The GO eliminates the "fragmented, friction-heavy industry-wise frameworks seen in other states" and implements a unified, transparent grid designed to maximise worker security. It makes Telangana India's most attractive destination for domestic and international capital, it said. To cut corporate red tape and ensure direct compliance clarity, the notification eliminates hundreds of industry-specific schedules. Instead, the notification categorises all non-agricultural, commercial, and industrial setups into four skill categories.

The notification divided workers into four categories- Unskilled, Semi-skilled, Skilled and Highly skilled for fixing minimum wages. The state has been divided into three zones- Zone 1 covers Municipal Corporations, Zone 2-Municipalities and Zone 3-Rural Areas. In Zone 1, the minimum wage for unskilled workers has increased from Rs 12,750 to Rs 16,000, for semi-skilled workers, from Rs 13,152 to Rs 17,000; for the skilled category, from Rs 13,772 to Rs 18,500; and for the highly skilled category, from Rs 14,607 to Rs 20,000.

In its mandate to ensure favourable working conditions for workers, the order said any task executed past standard eight-hour daily shifts, or requested on public holidays and weekly rest days, must be compensated as overtime at double (two times) the standard rate of wages. If an industrial cluster already pays higher rates than this order's baseline, the old wages are legally exempted from the new rules. Furthermore, those workers are granted an additional mandatory 10 per cent enhancement over their old wages. While providing historic safety nets for labour, the GO offers strategic advantages to corporate management and industry. It eliminates hundreds of complex, industry-specific schedules and provides a single compliance matrix. This drastically lowers legal processing overhead and corporate tracking costs. The clear distinction between Municipal Corporations (Zone-I), Municipalities (Zone-II), and Rural Areas (Zone-III) lets large-scale industrial developers set up labour-intensive projects such as textiles, manufacturing in lower-overhead rural zones while managing corporate setups in urban centres, the statement said. It said the GO "positioned Telangana far ahead of regional competitors such as Karnataka or Maharashtra" through several pioneering features. While other states struggle to map digital logistics, Telangana has formalised gig and platform protection by explicitly extending the minimum wage net to eCommerce, Courier Services, and LPG Distribution, the release said. The GO formally recognised specialised designations such as Drone Technology Pesticide Sprayers under the 'Highly Skilled' category, securing premium wages for future professions. The order established absolute gender neutrality, mandating perfectly uniform minimum wage rates for male, female, transgender, and physically challenged employees performing identical or equivalent work. To eliminate the legal loopholes of subcontracting, the order stated that if a third-party agency fails to deliver wages, the principal employer is directly liable under law to ensure immediate payroll settlement.

Farmhouse Mafia Burying GO 111 in Gopularam

- "CM Office Khuresh is backing us" — Open challenge to the law
- Arrogance of owners claiming they have 'managed' the officials
- Corrupt nexus behind the silence of Revenue and Irrigation departments?
- Resorts and commercial rackets under the guise of farmhouses
- Notices for small farmers... political protection for the powerful
- Land-grabbing syndicate devouring natural resources
- Threats to officials using the name of the Chief Minister's Office?
- Public demand for an iron-handed crackdown on illegalities

Hyderabad Special Correspondent: Gopularam village in Shankarpally mandal of Rangareddy district is now allegedly emerging as a hub of illegal farmhouse encroachments, openly challenging lawful governance and triggering widespread public outrage among local residents. Luxurious farmhouse constructions being carried out by a handful of profit-driven developers, brazenly violating GO 111, which was introduced as an environmental protection shield for Hyderabad's surrounding areas, have now become a glaring symbol of administrative paralysis.

By mercilessly trampling over GO 111 and indiscriminately encroaching upon lakes, canals, buffer zones, and agricultural lands, these wealthy builders are allegedly converting ecologically sensitive areas into sprawling private luxury estates.

This is not merely a case of unauthorized construction.

It is a declared war on natural resources.

It is a blatant assault on environmental laws.

It is a tragic tale of collusion between power and wealth, mocking democratic governance.

GO 111 was implemented as a critical protective regulation to preserve ecological balance, safeguard water bodies, and protect green cover around Hyderabad. However, in Gopularam, this regulation appears to have been discarded like waste paper, as concrete monstrosities continue to rise in the very heart of protected lake zones, raising serious questions about the government's commitment to environmental preservation.

As per the law, not even a single brick can be laid within the FTL (Full Tank Level), buffer zones, or natural water flow channels. Yet allegations suggest that in Gopularam, not only are massive compound walls being erected near lake boundaries, but luxury swimming pools, lavish guest houses, and commercial event zones are also being constructed directly on critical water pathways.

This has created a disturbing perception that the constitutional principle of equality before the law has been completely shattered in Gopularam.

According to local residents, if a small farmer constructs even a modest room on his land, Revenue officials immediately issue notices and, if necessary, deploy bulldozers. But when it comes to these multi-crore illegal constructions swallowing lakes and public resources, the same officials appear to deliberately look the other way.

The burning question among villagers is:

Is the law harsh only for the poor, while it melts like wax before the rich and influential?

The matter has become even more sensational due to allegations that despite being served notices twice in the past, the concerned owners have shown no signs of retreat and have instead accelerated their construction activities.

When questioned, one farmhouse owner, Ramesh Reddy, allegedly responded with open defiance:

"We have Khuresh in Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's office. He will take care of everything. We fear no one. Even if it is GO 111, we will continue construction. No official can touch me. We have greased the palms of all concerned officials."

If these allegations are true, this is not a mere display of arrogance.

It is an open challenge to the government's legal authority.

It is a brazen declaration that the administrative machinery has been compromised by corruption.

It is a direct insult to democratic governance.



How has a builder acquired such audacity as to invoke the name of Khuresh from the Chief Minister's Office while openly defying the law? Is there really protection at the level of the Chief Minister's Office? Or is the name of the CM's Office being misused to intimidate officials and silence scrutiny?

The government, the Chief Minister's Office, and district authorities carry an immediate moral and administrative responsibility to answer these questions.

The role of the Revenue Department has become highly questionable. Is issuing notices and then washing their hands of the matter their only responsibility? Should they not monitor compliance and initiate enforcement action when illegal constructions continue despite repeated warnings?

The silence of the Irrigation Department raises even graver suspicion. Why has there been no clarity regarding lake boundaries, encroachments, or blocked water channels? What forces are preventing the department from exposing the truth?

Have departments entrusted with protecting lakes fallen into a deep slumber of administrative negligence?

Or are they intoxicated by the lure of kickbacks?

Residents insist that these constructions are not meant for agricultural purposes in any sense. They allege that these so-called farmhouses are, in reality, fully-fledged luxury resorts, commercial party zones, and corporate event hubs operating under the deceptive label of agricultural structures.

The government must immediately wake up and constitute a Special Investigation Committee to probe all illegal farmhouse constructions in Gopularam. A completely independent inquiry must also be ordered into allegations involving the name of Khuresh from the Chief Minister's Office.

Illegal constructions must be demolished without delay. Criminal cases should be registered not only against the owners but also against the Revenue, Irrigation, and Panchayat Raj officials who allegedly shielded these violations.

Failure to act now will reduce GO 111 to nothing more than a forgotten historical document.

Gopularam, meanwhile, will remain etched as a dark chapter where illegality flourished under the shadow of official complicity.

If those entrusted with protecting the law begin selling it...

If natural resources are devoured under the protective shield of the Chief Minister's Office's name...

Then whom should the people trust for justice?

That question is now echoing across the soil of Gopularam.

Will the government awaken to this roar of public anger?

Or will this cry too be buried under the suffocating dust of corruption?

The people await an answer.

Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah to Meet Cong High Command in Delhi for Cabinet Talks

Bengaluru: Karnataka Chief Minister-designate D K Shivakumar and outgoing CM Siddaramaiah will leave for New Delhi on Monday to finalise the new cabinet with the Congress high command, party sources said. According to their travel itineraries, both leaders are scheduled to land in Delhi in the afternoon, with their return journeys left "open-ended" as high-stakes discussions begin.

Shivakumar, who is also the state Congress President, is scheduled to be sworn-in as the CM along with some Council of Ministers at 4:05 PM on June 3, at the Lok Bhavan premises.

He was officially elected the leader of the Congress Legislature Party in Karnataka on Saturday. Karnataka has a sanctioned strength of 34 ministers, including the chief minister.

With a large number of ministerial aspirants and limited number of berths in hand, Shivakumar has a tight rope to walk, as he risks large-scale disgruntlement by those who will be left out, party sources said.

In response to a query on the number of people to take the oath along with him, Shivakumar told reporters on Sunday: "I don't know. Whatever the party high command decides will be done. I don't want to comment on that."

AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge had main-



tained that no proposal has been received yet regarding the composition of the new ministry. Meanwhile, lobbying has intensified by Ministerial aspirants, and many of them have travelled to New Delhi to push their case before the high command.

Several former Ministers and legislators have met both Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah.

While some ministers from Siddaramaiah's dissolved council of ministers are trying to secure their positions in the new cabinet, legislators hoping for a cabinet berth this time have also reached the national capital.

According to sources, there are indications

that the new cabinet will have a mix of both old and new members. Efforts will be made to strike a balance by ensuring representation while keeping caste equations, regions, and Siddaramaiah loyalists in mind. Speculation is rife that there may be multiple Deputy CMs and that a number of ministers from the Siddaramaiah cabinet may not be retained. However, according to party sources deliberations on the cabinet exercise are still ongoing with the party leadership.

Siddaramaiah's son and Congress MLC Yathindra, after meeting Shivakumar on Sunday, said he was hopeful of a place in the next cabinet and that the party high command had assured him of a ministerial berth.

Talks are also ongoing regarding the new state Congress President, a post currently held by Shivakumar. Senior MLA and former Minister Satish Jarkiholi is said to be the frontrunner for the post. He is reportedly seeking a cabinet berth along with the KPCC chief post.

The leaders are also expected to discuss the candidates for the upcoming Rajya Sabha and Legislative Council polls scheduled for June 18.

The ruling party with its current strength in the Assembly, is expected to win three of the four Rajya Sabha seats and five of the seven MLC seats that will go to polls.

No RCB Victory Parade in Bengaluru As Fans Remember Departed Souls

Bengaluru: The passionate fans will not be able to celebrate Royal Challengers Bengaluru's title defence with the team after the franchise decided against holding a victory parade in the city in order to avoid the crowd frenzy, which led to last year's deadly stampede. The Royal Challengers lifted their second consecutive IPL title, beating Gujarat Titans by five wickets here on Sunday.

The RCB took such a decision also keeping in mind the swearing-in ceremony of newly-appointed Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar.

The function is scheduled to be held at Lok Bhavan at 4.10 pm and the Governor's residence is in close proximity to Chinnaswamy Stadium. The political function is expected to attract a massive crowd from across the state.

The ceremony, which is to be attended by several dignitaries, will also require considerable deployment of police personnel, and it will be tough for the state police department to spare men for another high-voltage function.

In that context, the RCB management felt that it was better to adhere to the police notification, prohibiting public celebrations on city streets.



Remembering stampede victims

On June 4, 2025, 11 fans were killed near Chinnaswamy Stadium as RCB hastily arranged a victory parade following their maiden title win, and clearly no one wanted a repeat of that this year.

That tragic chain of events had invoked huge public outrage and the intervention of state government and judicial powers, including the High Court.

"It is highly unlikely that there will be any activities in Bengaluru. There are certain guidelines in place, and we need to stick to them," a RCB source indicated to PTI.

Bengaluru city police on Friday had issued an advisory urging the public to avoid bursting crackers, holding road celebrations, creating disturbances or engaging in fights if RCB win the IPL final.

"We have issued an advisory asking fans not to celebrate publicly on the streets and especially not to disturb peace and security.

"We will not allow any public celebrations. If anyone wants to celebrate, they can do it indoors," Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh had said.

Besides, RCB top-order batter Devdutt Padikkal will have to join the Indian Test squad on Mullanpur by Wednesday ahead of the one-off Test against Afghanistan, while others like Josh Hazlewood, Tim David (Australia), Jacob Duffy (New Zealand) and Romario Shepherd (West Indies) too have upcoming national team commitments.

Christian Pulisic Scores First Goal Since Dec, Helps US beat Senegal

Relief could be seen on Christian Pulisic's face as he sidestepped goalkeeper Mory Diaw and buried a shot into the net for a first-half goal. "Now maybe we can stop talking about it," Pulisic said later. The drought, that is. Pulisic had a goal and an assist as he ended a five-month scoreless streak for club and country in a confidence-building 3-2 U.S. win over Senegal on Sunday, the Americans' next-to-last World Cup warmup before their June 12 opener.

America's top player finished his AC Milan season scoreless in a career-high 19 club games since Dec. 28 and was without a goal eight straight U.S. matches since November 2024. "I felt this confidence, like I have played really well in recent months, but all everyone seems to want to worry about is goals. So hopefully we can stop talking about it," Pulisic said. "We have games ahead and I have to be ready."

Pulisic's goal seemed like an emotional relief, as if weight had been lifted off the shoulders of the 27-year-old. "We are all happy for him and we didn't doubt him for a second," said midfielder Weston McKennie, who has known Pulisic since he was 13. "People that don't know him may not know his abilities or what he is capable of." Alex Freeman side-footed a pass ahead of a streak-



ing Ricardo Pepi down the right flank. Pepi ran onto the ball and took a touch, then perfectly weighted a pass into the penalty area ahead of a streaking Pulisic. Pulisic took a touch, rounded Diaw and slotted into an open net with his right foot from a tight angle for his 33rd goal in 85 international appearances. He pumped his fists downward as he ran toward toward the corner flag. He first threw a fist in the air. Then he slid to both knees and repeatedly pumped tightly-closed fists in raw emotion. Was it a relief?

"Yeah," said Pulisic, who played just the first half. "I think you could see it my reaction." U.S. coach Mauricio Pochettino had predicted last week that the drought would come to an end in the World Cup. "The performance of Christian, for 45 minutes, was really, really good," Pochettino said. "He still has the potential to improve. But I think it is the way that he is training from day one. How way he played for 45 minutes was the habits that he created last week. Every day training with this attitude, with this commitment, with this energy. I think now we need to try to extend (it) until 90 minutes. "I am happy for him also because after a long time, a few months, he scored again. Obviously, that is important for our players in the preparation to the World Cup." Pulisic said he was more excited about the outcome of the match. The United States fed off the emotion and energy of a pro-American crowd of 57,741 in soccer-crazed Charlotte, home of this summer's Major League Soccer All-Star Game. Pulisic had a goal and assist in the same U.S. game for the eighth time. Only Landon Donovan with 13 has had more since 1995. He was key to the first goal. Pepi took a pass from Antonee Robinson, spun between Iliman Ndiaye and Abdoulaye Seck and made an incisive pass that sent Pulisic streaking alone down the left flank. Pulisic took two touches and sent a cross just outside the 6-yard box for Sergiño Dest, who beat Diaw for third international goal. Senegal captain Sadio Mané scored twice following American mistakes to tie the score 2-2, extending his Senegal record with 54 international goals. He took advantage of an Antonee Robinson giveaway to beat goalkeeper Matt Turner in the 44th and tapped the ball into the net in the 52nd after Nicolas Jackson had lifted it over onrushing goalkeeper Chris Brady. Folarin Balogun scored the tiebreaking goal in the 63rd. Headed to his second World Cup, Pulisic was smiling. "I'm feeling a little more relaxed, even more now — and confident," he said. "That's a really good result. That's a strong team. That's a really good team. So I think that we can feel good about it, but there is still a lot of work to do."

SPORTS



Kohli tells young cricketers: On-field success requires behind-the-scenes work

Kohli believes versatility is what separates good players from great ones

Ahmedabad: After helping Royal Challengers Bengaluru defend their IPL crown, veteran batter Virat Kohli reflected on the evolution of his batting, the demands of modern T20 cricket and the lessons he hopes the next generation of Indian cricketers can take from his journey as he urged the up-and-coming cricketers to read the game well and play according to the demands and situation.

Kohli, who played a pivotal role in RCB's title-winning game on Sunday against the Gujarat Titans and finished the season with another impressive run-scoring effort, said the key to longevity is continuous improvement and adapting to the changing nature of the game.

"The fact that I continue to play and compete, I want to keep improving and find areas in my game where I can make a difference and help the team score. That's always been my focus," Kohli said in a video shared by IPL.

Kohli turned his attention to young cricketers, stressing that success is not solely about power-hitting but about understanding match situations and developing multiple ways to contribute.

"It's about understanding situations in the game. The preparation has to be such that you can play in 3-4 different ways. If the pitch gets tough, you should be able to hit boundaries and not



just sixes. Even if that's not possible, you should be able to rotate, strike and stay in the game," he said.

According to Kohli, the foundation for those solutions is laid long before match day, and the former India captain expressed his desire to pass on those lessons whenever younger players seek his guidance.

"For that, you need to do the work behind the scenes when you're not competing. That's probably the process to go about things when you want to make an impact on the field. Hopefully, whoever comes to have a chat with me, I can convey the same message with clarity. Keep the standard of Indian cricket high," he mentioned.

He believes versatility is what separates good players from great ones, as he said, "I try to prepare a well-rounded game and try to implement that as best as I can in every situation that I play. That's the only thing I urge the youngsters to understand. Play according to the situation and the demands of the game. If you stay with the situation of the game, you're always going to be able to find solutions."

The veteran batter acknowledged that T20 cricket has undergone significant changes in recent years, forcing even established players to reassess their methods. "The game is changing pretty rapidly. Just an opportunity for me to look at areas where I can get better. The explosive side of the game was something that needs to be taken care of nowadays."

While known more for timing and placement than brute power, Kohli explained how he has adapted without straying from his strengths and also pointed to a statistic that reinforces his value to the team.

"I'm not a guy who will hit 40-50 sixes in a season, but I can hit 70-80 fours. I really worked on that aspect of my game. I'm going to hit the shots I can hit more often and take the bowlers on. That's always been my goal to be as consistent and impactful as possible. Feels good to know that when I play longer in the game, our success rate is 100% for the last two seasons. That gives me clarity as well that if I back for long enough in the game, our chances of winning improve significantly. Of course, it's a great feeling," the 37-year-old said.

Looking back at RCB's title defence, Kohli said the champions entered the final with complete confidence in their abilities after dominating the league stage. That belief, he said, was built on months of consistent performances.

"We came to the game today, didn't feel the same as last year. We were so relaxed, so confident of our skill sets and we just knew if we play to our potential, we are the best team in the comp.

"And the league stage was a proof of that. We finished top of the league table and ended up getting to the finals before everyone else. And yeah, just very professional, very mature performance from the whole team throughout the season. And yeah, we just didn't have any doubts coming in today," Kohli expressed.

They Are Family: RCB Skipper Dedicates IPL Trophy to Stampede Victims

Ahmedabad: Royal Challengers Bengaluru skipper Rajat Patidar shelved his stoic side for a few moments and dedicated his team's second IPL trophy to the fans who died in the stampede last year. The hurriedly organised victory celebrations of RCB after they won their maiden IPL title in June last year led to a stampede, causing the death of 11 fans outside the M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

"Obviously, you feel bad. You lost your fans after winning the game. Not just the fans, they are the family members," Patidar said in the post-match press conference after RCB beat Gujarat Titans by five wickets to bag their second IPL title in a row here on Sunday night.

I always want to dedicate this trophy to them. That's it. I don't have words to express that feeling," he added.

The whole train of incidents after the tragic turn of events resulted in the Chinnaswamy Stadium getting deprived of top-flight cricket for nearly eight months.

After several rounds of discussions, inspections and renovation works, the Karnataka Government and the BCCI



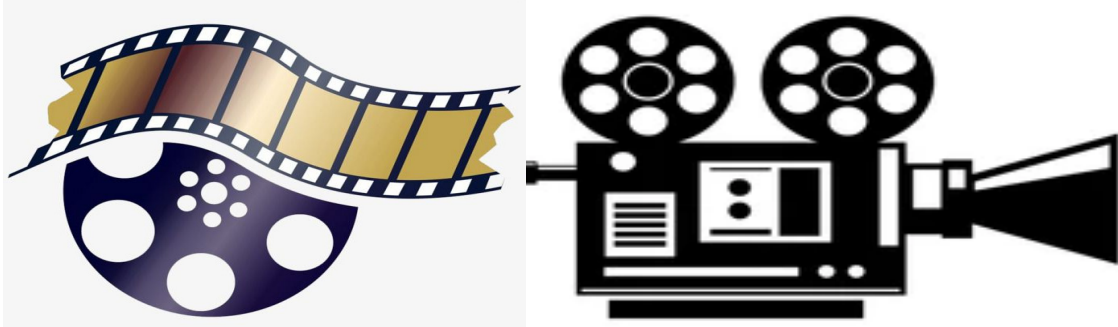
green lighted the return of cricket to the fabled venue.

It allowed the local association, the Karnataka State Cricket Association in this case, and RCB to stage five matches at the Chinnaswamy.

As a mark of respect for the departed souls, the Royal Challengers players wore jersey No.11 during match days and the franchise in association with the KSCA also marked 11 permanent seats in honour of the stampede victims.

Unlike in the previous years, the Royal Challengers fully exploited the home conditions, winning four of the five matches played at the stadium.

In fact, a play-off match and the IPL 2026 final too was scheduled to play at the Chinnaswamy but the BCCI cited the state politicians' high demand for complimentary passes to shift the title clash to Ahmedabad.



CINEMA

Sing Geetham Emayyindi: Innovative Track

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Song does a fantastic job in showcasing little nuances that went into the making of the film. We see, Singeetham working hard on sets even at his age to bring perfection. The leads Ayaan, Ahilya Bamroo, and Shalini Kondepudi are seen rehearsing every moment in sync with all the characters several times.

Also, the song is innovatively sung by 11 singers - a mix of cast members and professionals. Composer Devi Sri Prasad has written lyrics with four others. Emayyindi Baboi Edo Ayipoyindi track creates great curiosity and intrigue about the concept, execution and magical musical world of Sing Geetham. The movie is set to release on 11th June, promising a never-seen-before experience.

Singeetham Srinivasa Rao's musical fantasy, Sing Geetham, has created high anticipation with its crazy concept and different promotional campaign. Now, the makers have unveiled Emayyindi Baboi Edo Ayipoyindi song from the film and it introduces us to the musical world that legend created.



Rashi Singh's Soft Summer Saree Moment

The delicate pastel hue and floral prints make the outfit feel light, fresh, and romantic — truly “The kind of color that makes summer feel gentle”.

Actress Rashi Singh looks absolutely mesmerizing in this stunning photograph, draped in a soft mint-green floral saree that flows like a gentle summer breeze. With her warm smile, long wavy hair, and confident pose, she perfectly captures effortless grace and charm. The delicate pastel hue and floral prints make the outfit feel light, fresh, and romantic — truly “The kind of color that makes summer feel gentle”.

Originally from Bhilai, Rashi left her stable career as an air hostess to chase her dreams in acting. She made her big Telugu cinema debut in 2021 with the romantic film Sashi opposite Aadi Saikumar. She has since impressed audiences with her performances in Prem Kumar, Bhoothaddam Bhaskar Narayana, and Prasanna Vadanam, where she played the strong ACP Vaidehi.

Rashi is now gearing up for several exciting projects, including Paanch Minar and Blind Spot, slated for 2025 release. Her journey from the skies to the silver screen is an inspiring one, and this beautiful summer look showcases the poise and screen presence that's winning her more fans with every project.

Jaya Krishna Carries Several Qualities Of Krishna

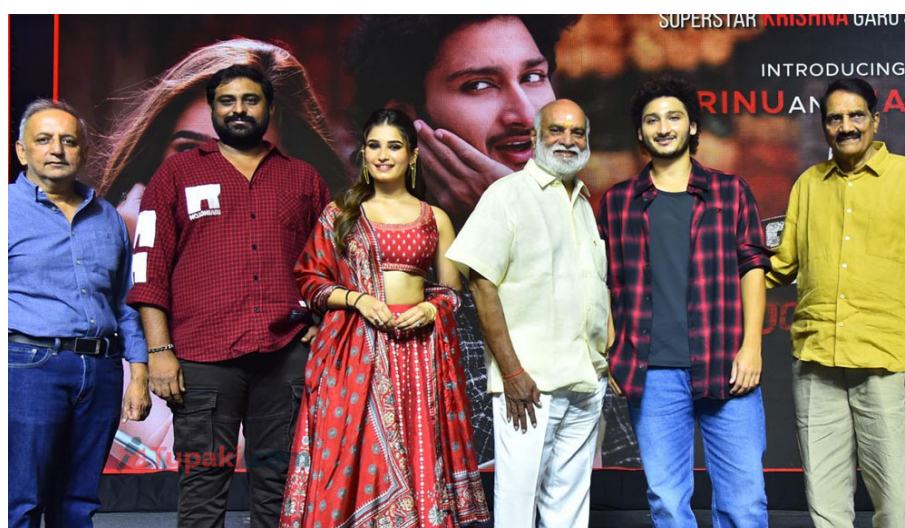
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The launch of a star kid often comes with expectations, but the team behind Sreenivasa Mangapuram believes Ghattamaneni Jaya Krishna is arriving with much more than a famous surname. The grandson of Superstar Krishna and nephew of Mahesh Babu is stepping into Telugu cinema with Sreenivasa Mangapuram directed by Ajay Bhupathi, produced by Gemini Kiran, and presented by Ashwini Dutt.

At an interaction with the media, the film's cast and crew shared their excitement about introducing Jaya Krishna and leading lady Rasha Thadani to audiences.

Director Ajay Bhupathi revealed that the project immediately appealed to him because of the people involved and the story's uniqueness. According to him, Jaya Krishna carries several qualities that made Krishna a beloved star. He praised the debutant's dedication, confidence, and ability to command attention on screen. Ajay also disclosed that Sreenivasa Mangapuram travels through two distinct worlds, a detail that will be explored further in the film's promotional material. Confident about the musical album as well, he stated that all six songs were shot amid natural outdoor locations, adding visual richness to the narrative.

K Raghavendra Rao recalled the long-standing bond between the Ghattamaneni family and Vyjayanthi Movies. Having witnessed the success of films featuring Krishna and later Mahesh Babu, he expressed happiness at seeing Jaya



Krishna continue the legacy. He particularly appreciated the film's title, songs, and traditional aesthetic, humorously wishing that its collections grow as abundantly as the offerings received by Lord Srinivasa from devotees.

For Jaya Krishna, the film represents both a responsibility and an opportunity. He shared that the script instantly impressed him when Ajay Bhupathi narrated it, convincing him that the role would test his abilities and help him establish his own identity. Thanking Ashwini Dutt for backing his debut, he described the association as meaningful given the producer's history with his grandfather Krishna and uncle Mahesh Babu. He also acknowledged Mahesh Babu's constant encouragement and guidance throughout his journey.

Ashwini Dutt reflected on his memorable collaborations with legendary icons like NTR and Krishna and expressed his happiness at introducing another member of the Ghattamaneni family to the silver screen.

Blending a fresh love story with a rooted cultural backdrop, Sreenivasa Mangapuram is steadily building curiosity as it prepares for its theatrical release.

Vanga Backing Raises Curiosity On Youthful Entertainer Romanchakam

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The upcoming film Romanchakam has built a good buzz. What has added even more attention to the project is the backing of blockbuster filmmaker Sandeep Reddy Vanga and producer Pranay Reddy Vanga. Presented and produced under the Bhadrakali Pictures banner, the involvement of the Vanga brothers has naturally raised expectations among audiences.

The makers have unveiled the film's vibrant title poster today, and it has instantly managed to create a pleasant buzz among movie lovers. With colourful visuals, youthful energy, and a heartwarming appeal, the poster hints at an entertaining romantic drama loaded with fun and emotions.

Featuring energetic Sumanth Prabhas and charming Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead roles, the film already looks fresh and promising. Directed by debutant Venu Gopal Reddy, Romanchakam is said to be a complete youthful entertainer that blends romance, humour, and emotional moments.

The film carries the interesting tagline “Prema, Haasyam, Uthkanta,” suggesting a perfect mix of love, comedy, and thrilling emotions that could appeal strongly to the youth and family audiences alike. Music director Vasuki Vaibhav scoring tunes, while cinematographer Pavan Pappula is handling the visuals.



Samantha Using All The Possible Heroines!

Maa Inti Bangaram is directed by Nandini Reddy and written and co-produced by Raj along with Samantha.

Back then, every brand used to run after heroine Samantha Ruth Prabhu when she was at the peak of her stardom. Later, after her failed marriage and the subsequent illness taking over, the actress moved out of the spotlight; offers dried up, and her stardom also faded a bit. However, the heroine has invested in a good number of brands, with herself as the front face, but when it comes to reality, that star power is not enough.

Samantha has an organic food brand, wellness brand, perfume brand, clothing brand, and much more. To promote her perfume brand, Samantha Ruth Prabhu knows one thing for sure: only her charm is not enough to pull huge sales numbers. That's the reason she's using all of her old contacts from the film industry to make sure that her brand gets great attention. Today, the likes of Kajal Aggarwal turned up at the event in Hyderabad, while previously Tamanna Bhatia attended another such event in Mumbai. Whether those heroines are doing it for friendship (if any) or these are paid assignments is not known, but Samantha is making sure that she uses all the possible heroines she knows to get her products into people's hands.

On the other hand, Samantha wants to promote her upcoming release “Maa Inti Bangaram” aggressively, once Peddi hits cinemas on June 4th. After the Peddi hungama gets over, she wants to start promoting her movie such that on June 19th there will be huge openings in theatres. Maa Inti Bangaram is directed by Nandini Reddy and written and co-produced by Raj along with Samantha.

