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Committed to supporting state's growth trajectory: PM Modi on Telangana Statehood Day

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah extended Telangana Statehood Day greetings, praising the state's culture, innovation and achievements. The Centre reaffirmed support for Telangana's development and its role in achieving the vision of a developed India



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday extended greetings to the people of Telangana on the Statehood Day and reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to supporting the state's growth trajectory in realising the resolution of a 'Viksit Bharat'.

Telangana Statehood Day is celebrated annually on June 2 to mark the official creation of the state.

Established on June 2, 2014, it became India's 29th state after being carved out of the northwestern region of Andhra Pradesh. The establishment of the state marked the peak of a decades-long democratic movement focused on preserving the region's cultural identity, fostering economic development, and ensuring self-governance.

In a post on X, PM Modi said, "Greetings to the people of Telangana on the special occasion of Telangana Statehood Day. The people of Telangana are known for their spirit of innovation and enterprise. The state is known for its glorious culture and history...one of courage and determination." "The Central Government is committed to supporting Telangana's growth trajectory in realising our dream of a Viksit Bharat. Praying for the good health and success of the people of the state," he added.

Home Minister Amit Shah, extending greetings to the people of Telangana on their statehood day, said, "May the state, distinguished with the vibrant culture and entrepreneurial spirit of its people, achieve heights of progress and prosperity, enhancing India's pride." Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy also took to X and wished the people on the occasion.

"Every year... Remembering yesterday's sacrifices... Reviewing tomorrow's goals... An emotional context... June 2. Heartfelt wishes to all people on the Telangana State Formation Day celebrations," Reddy said in a post on X.

Telangana Statehood Day is a public holiday across all 33 districts of the state. The main official celebrations typically feature the Chief Minister hoisting the national flag at the Secunderabad Parade Ground.

Telangana Accounts For 60 Pc Of Total Paddy Procured Across The Country: CM Revanth

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said the state's share accounts for 60 per cent of the total paddy procured across the nation during the current Rabi season. Speaking after unveiling the National Flag at Telangana Formation Day celebration organised by the state government here, he said his government has so far procured 63.65 lakh metric tons of paddy and deposited Rs 11,903 crores directly into farmers' accounts.

The government also procured nearly 10,000 metric tons of wet paddy to rescue farmers from losses in areas where the harvest was damaged due to unseasonal rains, he said. "Today, no other state in the country is in a position to compete with Telangana in paddy procurement. I take pride in stating that Telangana's share accounts for 60 per cent of the total paddy procured across the nation during the Yasangi (Rabi) season," he said.

According to estimates for the 2025-26 period, Telangana achieved a record high of 236.87 lakh metric tonnes of food grain production. The incentives provided by the government to the farmers yielded outstanding results in the production of paddy,



maize, and cotton. Further, the livestock and fisheries sectors have also achieved substantial growth. Now, the pressing need is for farmers to adopt the diversification of their crop production, thereby transforming Telangana into a land of diverse and abundant harvests, he said.

According to him, the state government is making efforts to build a barrage at Tummidihetti on Godavari river on the Telangana-Maharashtra border and has written to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to seek the neighbouring state's cooperation as there would be submergence in Maharashtra after the completion of the barrage. The Kaleshwaram project constructed by the previous BRS government at a cost of Rs one lakh crore suffered structural failure within just three years of its completion and the burden of carrying out the necessary repairs has now fallen upon the government. The government has already initiated restoration works on Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages of the

Kaleshwaram project, he said.

Noting that the government has filled 67,763 vacant posts in the government departments in a record time, he said the Telangana State Public Service Commission would issue notifications this month to fill vacancies in the Engineering, Pollution Control Board, Forest, Town and Country Planning, and Education departments. The process of issuing these notifications will be continuous, he said. On the reforms initiated in the education sector, he said the government has already introduced pre-primary classes in 1,362 primary schools across the state. "This year, we are establishing pre-primary classes in 2,769 schools. Consequently, the enrollment rate in government schools is expected to rise," he said. Highlighting the implementation and achievements in various government schemes and sectors, the CM said he aims to position the state as a "gateway to the world" and transform it into a USD three trillion economy by 2047. Reddy cut short his speech in view of the severe heat conditions prevailing in the state during the ongoing summer. He directed the officials two days ago to keep the event short in view of the heat and make arrangements to provide relief to the guests and other attendees from the heat.

Telangana Targets \$1 Trillion Economy by 2034: Bhatti

Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday said that plans have been finalized to scale up Telangana's current economy from \$200 billion to \$1 trillion by 2034, and eventually into a massive \$3 trillion economy by 2047.

The state's economy has been categorized into three segments—'Cure, Pure, and Rare'—to kickstart planned and structured growth, he said, while attending as a chief guest during Telangana Formation Day celebrations at the local Police Parade Ground in



Khammam.

Bhatti stated that the government has launched a novel initiative with an aim of providing social security to every family in the state, unmatched by even developed countries globally. "The 'Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bima Pathakam' (Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme) will provide free life insurance worth Rs.5

lakh per family to 1.15 crore families in the State, without any distinction between poor, middle class, or rich.

He assured that this scheme would provide immense financial support to families during times of crisis when they lose their sole breadwinner. Vikramarka said.

He shared statistical details regarding the benefits delivered under the Abhayastham program and the progress of Indiramma Houses in Khammam district. Under the first phase, monitoring is being done at the field level for the construction of 16,243 houses, and Rs.441 crore has been credited to beneficiaries' accounts.

So far, 8,291 house-warming ceremonies have been completed. Soon, 2,000 houses per assembly constituency will be sanctioned transparently under the second phase.

A subsidy of Rs.41 crore was borne to provide gas cylinders at Rs.500 to 2,45,069 beneficiaries in the district. Free travel for women in RTC buses resulted in savings of Rs.303.55 crore in the district.

Subsidies worth Rs.236.60 crore were provided to 2,50,204 families for free electricity up to 200 units while 59,448 new white ration cards were sanctioned, bringing the total to 4,70,591 cards through which fine rice (Sanna Biyyam) is being distributed.

Vikramarka made a major announcement regarding a free nutritious breakfast scheme across the state for government school students from Pre-Primary to Intermediate levels, starting from the upcoming academic year (2026-27).

The goal is to ensure that no child in Telangana goes to school on an empty stomach. "In Khammam district, 61,065 children across 1,187 schools and 6,300 Intermediate students will receive breakfast along with mid-day meals.

KCR will Take Oath As CM By Dec 2028: KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao paid tributes to Telangana martyrs at the party office on Tuesday. He exuded confidence that former CM and BRS president K. Chandrasekhar Rao would take oath as the CM by December 2028.

On the occasion of Telangana Formation Day today, KTR hoisted the party flag at the party headquarters in Hyderabad. He said that Pushkar Telangana has now gone into the hands of Mushkaras (terrorists).

Former Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrasekhar Rao is a living legend. Telangana leaders have forgotten KCR's efforts and sacrifice in the carving of separate Telangana and speaking insensibly. KCR ensured that irrigation water replaced the blood of martyrs. KCR had given 1.65 lakh jobs to the youth during the BRS tenure.

He alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was giving the Krishna and Godavari waters as Guru dakshina to his guru in Andhra Pradesh, hinting at Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

He fumed at Revanth's government for neglecting the welfare of Telangana people. The ruling party has failed to give Rythu Bandhu to farmers, he said and accuse the Congress of looting Telangana Talli's



waist belt and crown.

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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.

Revanth Reddy Honours Police Personnel with Gallantry, Jeevan Raksha Medals



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy presented gallantry and Jeevan Raksha Padak medals to distinguished police personnel at Parade Grounds on the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day, in recognition of their exceptional bravery, outstanding achievements, and dedicated service to the nation and society.

Telangana Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and Director-General of Police CV Anand were present on the occasion.

The list of awardees is as follows:

T. Mahesh — Deputy Assault Commander/RI, Greyhounds
Shaikh Nagul Meera — Assistant Assault Commander / SI, Khammam, Greyhounds
K. Adinarayana — Senior Commando, HC-596, Greyhounds
K. Ashok — Assistant Assault Commander, ARSI-82, Greyhounds
R. Sunil Kumar — Junior Commando, PC-848, Greyhounds
H. Sukumar — PC-848, 3rd Battalion TGSP, Ibrahimpatnam
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M. Kalyan Kumar — Junior Commando, PC-703, Greyhounds
G. Sridhar — Junior Commando, AR PC-562 (Ramagundam), Greyhounds
Ch. Raveendra Babu — Junior Commando, PC-2924, Greyhounds
Rathod Ramesh — Junior Commando, PC-1184, Greyhounds
T. Mahendar Rao — ARSI-2963, SIB Hyderabad
B. Shiva Kumar — HC-219, Intelligence, Warangal Range
K. Sandeep Kumar — Junior Commando, P-1194, Greyhounds
M. Karthik — Junior Commando, PC-11519, Greyhounds
V. Madhu — Junior Commando, PC-691, Greyhounds (Converted into Jr. Asst., 3rd Battalion TGSP)
Ch. Sampath — Junior Commando, PC-2498, Greyhounds
B. Sushma (wife of late B. Sushil, JC-8647) — Recipient of Gallantry Medal on behalf of Late Shri B. Sushil, who was martyred in an encounter with Naxalites at Pujari Kanker, Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh on March 2, 2018.
Bandikindi Shraavan Kumar — PC-4487, Traffic Police Station Panjagutta, Hyderabad City (Recipient of Jeevan Raksha Padak-2024)

KTR, Harish Rao pay tributes to Telangana martyrs on State Formation Day

KT Rama Rao and T Harish Rao marked Telangana State Formation Day, paying tribute to movement martyrs and crediting K Chandrashekar Rao for achieving statehood while reaffirming commitment to protecting Telangana's identity and development

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao and BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Tuesday paid homage to the martyrs of the Telangana movement and extended greetings to the people on the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day.

In a statement, Rama Rao called June 2 as the day Telangana was liberated from decades of discrimination, humiliation and oppression.

He said the sacrifices of martyrs and the struggle for self-respect culminated in the formation of the State, realising a 60-year aspiration for statehood.

He credited BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao with leading the movement to success.

He asserted that the BRS will continue its fight to protect Telangana's identity and raise the



issues of its people. He called upon the party cadres to re-dedicate themselves in public service and safeguard Telangana from treacherous forces.

Harish Rao said June 2 marked the fulfilment of the aspirations of four crore people and the triumph of Telangana's self-respect.

He stated that Telangana was achieved under Chandrashekar Rao's leadership and the collective struggle of all sections of society.

He said the State had emerged as a national model in welfare and development over the past decade and called upon people to remain committed to preserving Telangana's identity and self-respect.

Tamil Nadu CM Vijay Explains Meaning Behind His Signature Outfits

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay addressed the public at a rally in Tiruchirappalli. The actor turned politician spoke about his frequent choice of clothing. Many people expected him to wear traditional shirts and veshtis after taking office. Instead, he surprised the public by wearing western suits.

Vijay has worn black and white suits to most official events since his swearing in ceremony. During the rally, he questioned if suits are meant only for certain authorities. He stated that his clothing choice has a deeper meaning.

He explained that black and white represent the hearts of



the people. The two simple colors symbolize his promise to remain transparent and simple in his political work.

Vijay also mentioned that he prefers to let his work speak for itself. He explained that he rarely gives long speeches or speaks unnecessarily at public meetings.

Revanth Warns of Stir Against Maharashtra's Neglect



Rebbena (Komaram Bheem Asifabad): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday criticised the BJP-led Central government and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for ignoring the Telangana government's requests for negotiations on the proposed Tummidihatti barrage on the Godavari river, a key component of the Pranahita-Chevella project. He also warned of a large-scale Adivasi agitation from Telangana.

Addressing a public meeting at Kagaznagar crossroads in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district as part of the 99-day Praja Palana-Pragati Pranalika programme, Revanth Reddy said the Telangana government was prepared to bear the compensation cost for the submergence of around 2,000 acres of land in Maharashtra required for the construction of the Tummidihatti barrage.

He said that despite repeatedly seeking talks with Maharashtra for over a year, Fadnavis had neither responded to multiple letters nor agreed to a Chief Minister-level meeting to discuss the height and other issues relating to the proposed barrage.

Revanth Reddy alleged that Maharashtra was discriminating against Telangana and its people by refusing to cooperate on the project, which he said would irrigate nearly two lakh acres in the erstwhile Adilabad district and also benefit farmers in the erstwhile Nizamabad, Karimnagar and Medak districts. He warned that if the deadlock continued, the people and farmers of Adilabad would intensify their struggle and Maharashtra would "feel the heat" of Telangana farmers.

Recalling the bifurcation-era developments linked to the Polavaram project, Revanth Reddy said seven mandals of the then Khammam district were merged with Andhra Pradesh after the formation of Telangana in 2014 through an ordinance issued by the BJP-led NDA government, resulting in the displacement of lakhs of Adivasis.

He questioned why Fadnavis had remained silent despite repeated appeals for dialogue and remarked that he did not know whether the Maharashtra Chief Minister disliked him personally or shared a "special relationship" with former Telangana chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. "Is the Telangana Chief Minister so cheap for you?" he asked while expressing frustration over the lack of response from Maharashtra.

The Chief Minister also targeted Union minister G. Kishan Reddy for allegedly failing to facilitate talks between the two states. Stating that he cared only about the interests of Telangana farmers, Revanth Reddy said he would go to any extent to protect their rights. While emphasising that he always preferred resolving issues through dialogue rather than confrontation, he added that he would not hesitate to fight if necessary.

On agricultural procurement, Revanth Reddy warned the BJP-led Centre that Telangana would launch an agitation after June 15 if it failed to procure paddy, maize, jowar and sunflower seeds from the state.

He specifically warned Kishan Reddy that if the Centre did not procure 75 lakh tonnes of paddy, 20 lakh tonnes of maize and other crops by July 15, the state government would dump the produce either in front of the BJP state office at Nampally or at the Union Minister's residence in Barkatpura Chaman.

"The Centre cannot simply announce the minimum support price and wash its hands off from procurement responsibilities," the Chief Minister said, noting that the state government had repeatedly raised the issue with Union food and public distribution minister Prahlad Joshi but had not received any satisfactory assurance.

He declared that a "war" would be launched against the Centre if Telangana's demand was ignored and warned that Kishan Reddy would find it difficult to move among the public if he failed to intervene immediately.

Revanth Reddy, however, assured farmers that the state government would procure 75 lakh tonnes of paddy during the current Rabi marketing season and would also purchase produce damaged by unseasonal rains. He further announced that all pending lift irrigation projects in the erstwhile Adilabad region would be completed soon and called upon legislators across party lines to cooperate with the government to ensure their timely completion.

The Chief Minister also outlined the government's housing plans, stating that he wanted to see the erstwhile Adilabad district free of huts. He said tribal thandas and gudems would receive priority in the allocation of houses under the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme, which would be implemented in saturation mode. Revanth Reddy announced that the government would sanction 2.5 lakh Indiramma houses in the second phase and that a mass house-warming ceremony for one lakh completed Indiramma houses would be conducted across Telangana on September 17.

SIR: CM Calls For Preparedness Across AP For EC's Revision Process

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday called upon his Telugu Desam party leaders and cadre to remain fully alert and create awareness among voters about the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls being undertaken by the Election Commission.

He stressed that the voter registration and verification process must be treated as a top organisational priority.

Addressing a state-level workshop on SIR at the TD central office in Amaravati, attended by MPs, MLAs, MLCs, zonal coordinators, party observers and booth-level agents, Naidu said coordination among TD, Jana Sena and BJP would be critical during the SIR exercise. A three-party coordination committee would soon be constituted and an NDA meeting held to streamline the efforts.

Naidu said the revision process would be closely monitored throughout the state. TD cadres must undertake repeated field visits, verify voter records and coordinate with booth-level officers to ensure



comprehensive voter mapping before the exercise concludes.

"Voter lists form the foundation of every electoral strategy. Every vote must be mapped and every eligible citizen must be enrolled," he said.

The chief minister announced that the TD would conduct periodic reviews of the voter-verification exercise down to the grassroots. He also emphasised the importance of alliance coordination, stating that the TD would work closely with its alliance partners, the Jana Sena and BJP, during the revision process.

A joint coordination mechanism involving the three parties will be established soon to oversee voter-list activities and strengthen grassroots cooperation.

Referring to the recently concluded TD Mahanadu, Naidu said more than 24.5 lakh people participated in it through the hybrid format. The event, he said, reflected the party's organisational strength and highlighted the responsibility of cadres in the run-up to future election exercises.

In a major organisational initiative, the CM announced a 45-day statewide door-to-door outreach campaign be-

ginning on June 25. The programme will feature bicycle-based public interaction across AP, with Naidu himself taking part.

The campaign aims to showcase the achievements of the governments at the Centre and in the state, including welfare initiatives, infrastructure development, restoration of key projects, investment mobilisation, governance reforms and employment generation.

Calling on elected representatives to remain closely connected with the people, Naidu urged party leaders to focus on development, good governance, integrity and public trust. Sustained grassroots engagement, strong leadership and organisational discipline would be crucial for maintaining electoral success and meeting future political challenges.

He urged party workers to remain vigilant, organised and proactive in both voter enrolment efforts and public outreach programmes across Andhra Pradesh.

Pawan Kalyan Says He Shares Deep Bond with Telangana, Warns Against Threats



Hyderabad: Jana Sena Party chief and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday said he shares a deep emotional bond with Telangana, asserting that his connection with the state goes beyond politics.

Addressing a media conference at his residence in Jubilee Hills, Pawan Kalyan said Telangana people have supported him on

several occasions and dismissed recent threats directed at him.

"Who are you to threaten me? Telangana does not belong to anyone's jagir. I will not be intimidated," he said, adding that he has faced more threats in Andhra Pradesh than in Telangana.

He clarified that he is not opposed to Telangana but had earlier objected to the manner in which the state was bifurcated. Emphasising his commitment to a "social Telangana," he said he has always worked for the welfare of the people.

Pawan Kalyan also announced that Jana

Sena will actively expand its presence in Telangana and contest elections in the state. "We will strengthen the party here and, if necessary, I will personally tour Telangana," he said.

He called for unity among Telugu people, stating that criticism should be directed at leaders and not at the public. He also urged that regional differences should not be allowed to create divisions.

The Jana Sena chief further said he is not driven by a desire for power but by the need for change, and reiterated that his party will raise issues concerning the people and fight against injustice.

AP To Receive 'Best Tourism Promotion State' Award Tomorrow



Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh has earned a rare national recognition in the tourism sector with Global Travel Market (GTM) Expo 2026, one of the largest travel and trade exhibitions in South India, selecting AP as the "Best Tourism Promotion State".

State Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh has left for a three-day visit to Kerala on Tuesday to participate in the prestigious GTM Expo 2026.

The minister will attend the inauguration of GTM Expo 2026 on Wednesday, June 3, at Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel & Spa in Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram. On June 4, he will participate in the various expo events at the Golden Palace Convention Centre in Thiruvananthapuram. Later that evening, at a ceremony to be held at The Leela Raviz Kovalam, he will receive the "Best Tourism Promotion State" award in the presence of leading tourism industry stakeholders and delegates from India and abroad.

Expressing his happiness over the recognition, Durgesh described the award as a tribute to the vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan. He said the honour reflects the collective efforts of the Tourism department led by special chief secretary Ajay Jain, managing director Amrapali Kata and other officials, with the support from central government.

The minister attributed the achievement to the state's Tourism Policy 2024-29, which has granted industry status to tourism, supporting tourism policies, and the successful promotion of "Brand AP" across social media and international platforms. He said year-round tourism festivals organised across districts, coupled with innovative digital campaigns, have significantly enhanced Andhra Pradesh's visibility among domestic and international travellers.

Governor Urges Healthcare Graduates To Uphold Professional Excellence and Ethics



Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Governor and Chancellor of Dr NTR University of Health Sciences S. Abdul Nazeer on Tuesday called upon graduating healthcare professionals to uphold the highest standards of professional excellence, ethical conduct and compassionate service.

Addressing the 29th and 30th annual convocations of Dr NTR University of Health Sciences at Thummalapalli Kalakshetram in Vijayawada, the Governor described the occasion as a significant milestone marking the transition of students into responsible professionals entrusted with safeguarding human health and dignity.

He commended the university for emerging as a centre of excellence in health sciences education and for its contribution to advancing healthcare in Andhra Pradesh and across the country.

Nazeer observed that healthcare had become central to national development and referred to the country's commit-

ment to making healthcare accessible, affordable and equitable for all citizens.

"The true measure of success is not merely professional achievement but the compassion with which you serve, the integrity with which you act and the positive difference you make in the lives of others," he said.

The Governor urged graduates to carry forward the legacy of former chief minister N.T. Rama Rao, whose life, he said, reflected an unwavering commitment to public welfare and human dignity.

He also welcomed the state government's initiative to establish a Disease Modelling and Decision Intelligence Centre under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme at the university.

Earlier, honorary Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) degrees were conferred on Dr C. Narasimhan, director of Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology Services at AIG Hospitals, Hyderabad, and Dr P.C. Rath, director and head of Cardiac Sciences at Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad, during the 29th and 30th convocations respectively.

Vice-Chancellor Dr P. Chandra Sekhar presented the university's annual reports.

Minister Orders Removal of Ads at Liquor Shops, Bars



Vijayawada: Excise minister Kollu Ravindra has directed officials to remove all advertisement boards, hoardings, flex banners and other promotional materials displayed at liquor shops and bars across Andhra Pradesh.

The minister instructed excise commissioner Ch. Sridhar to expedite the process in accordance with government orders. The move follows a recent decision by the excise department to prohibit all forms of promotional publicity at liquor retail outlets and bars.

Guidelines have already been issued to field officers for strict implementation of the ban. Ravindra said special inspection drives would be conducted to ensure compliance with the government's directions.

He warned that stringent action would be taken against establishments displaying unauthorised advertisements or promotional materials in violation of the rules. The government aims to curb the promotion of liquor through public displays and ensure strict adherence to excise regulations across the state, he said.

Naidu Orders Resolution of Pending House Regularisation Cases



Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to resolve long-pending house and house-site regularisation issues across Andhra Pradesh, stating that delays persisting for years must be brought to an end.

Reviewing the performance of various departments at the RTGS Centre on Tuesday, the Chief Minister instructed district collectors to prepare comprehensive lists of pending applications and dispose of them at the district level wherever possible. Cases requiring higher-level intervention should be placed before the State Cabinet for a final decision, he said.

Naidu noted that many regularisation applications remained pending due to procedural delays and directed officials to place all non-disputed cases before every Cabinet meeting to expedite approvals. He also asked the Housing and

Finance departments to coordinate and clear pending bills in the Housing Department. The Chief Minister ordered stringent action against illegal sand mining and transportation. He said sand excavated in Andhra Pradesh should not be transported to other states and directed authorities to seize vehicles involved in illegal transport across state borders. Stressing the use of technology, he called for GPS-based monitoring of sand-laden vehicles and an alert system to detect violations. He noted that around 50,000 vehicles are already under GPS surveillance and asked the Mining and Police departments to work in close coordination. Expressing concern over the suicide of the Rajavommangi CDPO, Naidu ordered strict action against those responsible and said workplace harassment would not be tolerated. He also emphasised the need to increase public awareness of government welfare and development programmes.

Here's a concise and professional English news version suitable for publication:

Grand Celebrations Mark Telangana State Formation Day in Bhadradi Kothagudem People's Welfare and Inclusive Development are the Government's Priorities: Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao

Bhadradi Kothagudem District Correspondent : Telangana State Formation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and grandeur at Pragathi Maidan in Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Tuesday. State Minister for Agriculture, Cooperation, Marketing and Handlooms, Tummala Nageswara Rao, attended the event as the chief guest along with District Collector Anudeep Durishetty and Superintendent of Police Rohith Raju.

The Minister paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Telangana movement, unfurled the National Flag, and received the ceremonial guard of honour from the police. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the State Government's commitment to public welfare, inclusive growth, and comprehensive development.

As part of the programme, sanction letters under the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme were distributed to selected beneficiaries from Julurupadu Mandal. The Minister also handed over bank linkage loan cheques worth ₹51.06 crore to



478 Self-Help Groups and financial assistance worth ₹59.53 lakh to Farmer Producer Organizations under the Agricultural Mechanization Programme.

The celebrations featured colourful cultural performances by students from various educational institutions, showcasing Telangana's rich culture and traditions. Development exhibition stalls set up by different government departments attracted large numbers of visitors.

Earlier in the day, District Collector Ankit unfurled the National Flag at the IDOC office and Zilla Parishad office and paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the formation of Telangana. He called

upon citizens to work collectively for the State's continued progress and welfare.

In his State Formation Day message, Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao stated that Telangana has completed twelve years of its formation and has emerged as a model state in several sectors. He paid homage to the martyrs and acknowledged the contributions of all those who participated in the Telangana statehood movement.

The Minister highlighted several key achievements of the State Government, including farmer welfare schemes, irrigation projects, housing initiatives, education reforms, healthcare expansion, women empowerment programmes, tribal

and minority welfare, infrastructure development, and employment generation. He emphasized that the government's "Prajapalana Pragathi Pranaliika" (People's Governance Progress Plan) is aimed at resolving public grievances, improving service delivery, and strengthening participatory governance.

The event was attended by Kothagudem Municipal Corporation Mayor Mood Ganesh, District Forest Officer Krishna Goud, Additional Collectors Venu Gopal and Vidya Chandana, DRO Padmavathi, Kothagudem RDO Madhu, public representatives, district officials, employees, women's groups, farmers, students, and a large number of citizens.

Telangana Formation Day Celebrated with Grandeur in Sangareddy

Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha Highlights Welfare, Development and Social Justice

SANGAREDDY, Correspondent : Telangana Formation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Police Parade Grounds in Sangareddy on Tuesday. State Minister for Medical and Health, Damodar Rajanarasimha, who attended as the chief guest, hoisted the National Flag and received the ceremonial guard of honour from the police.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister said Telangana has emerged as a model state for the country by achieving remarkable progress across various sectors. He emphasized that the government is committed to welfare, development and social justice, and called upon citizens to actively participate in the state's growth.

Paying tribute to the martyrs of the Telangana movement, the Minister felicitated the families of those who sacrificed their lives for statehood. He



described their sacrifices as unforgettable and said fulfilling their aspirations would be the true tribute to their legacy.

The celebrations featured colourful cultural performances by students, which drew appreciation from the audience. The Minister presented certificates of appreciation to the participating students and also visited exhibition stalls set up by various government departments to review their services and welfare initiatives.

As part of the programme, laptops

were distributed to four visually impaired students. The Minister also handed over bank linkage loan cheques worth 69.19 crore to 768 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and distributed identity cards to transgender beneficiaries.

Headmasters who rendered outstanding services during the summer camps conducted in PM SHRI schools were also felicitated.

Earlier in the day, the Minister, along with public representatives, District Collector Prateek Jain, Superin-

tendent of Police Paritosh Pankaj, and other officials, paid floral tributes at the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial near IB Guest House.

Among those present were TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy, Additional Collectors Sangeetha and Pandu, District Library Chairman Anjaiah, Municipal Chairperson Vanitha Santosh, councillors, public representatives, district officials, police personnel, students and a large number of citizens.

Telangana Formation Celebrations in Bharasa District Office

Former MLA Nannapuneni Narendra unfurls the national flag

Warangal Bureau; On the occasion of Telangana Formation Day, formation celebrations were organized in a grand manner at the Warangal district office of the Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi Party on Tuesday under the auspices of the first Mayor of Greater Warangal and former MLA of Warangal East constituency Nannapuneni Narendra.

Speaking on the occasion, Nannapuneni Narendra extended his greetings to the people of Telangana on the occasion of Formation Day.

He said that June 2 is the day when the 60-year dream of the people of Telangana will come true.

He said that Telangana State was formed as a result of many sacrifices, struggles and movements, and that the movement leaders who stood as the main architect for the achievement of Telangana were KCR, who fought for 14 years and achieved Telangana State on the peaceful path shown by Mahatma Gandhi.

After the formation of Telangana, under the leadership of KCR, the state achieved development in all fields and became a model state in the country. He praised KCR as a great leader who convinced various political parties in the country and paved the way for the achievement of Telangana state.

He also said that world-class irrigation projects like the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project were built during KCR's rule, and the BRS government fulfilled the



goals of water, funds and appointments that the people wanted during the movement.

Nannapuneni who came under fire on Congress rule He accused the Congress party of coming to power by giving 6 guarantees and 420 promises during the elections. Nannapuneni Narendra came under fire on Congress rule in his own style. He said that currently all sections of people including farmers, youth, women, workers and employees are facing difficulties in the state. Narendra criticized the Congress government for completely ignoring the Telangana activists. He said that he has pledged to continuously fight against the injustices being done to the people of Telangana on behalf of the BRS party and to stand by the people and agitate for the solution of their problems. He called on the BRS party ranks and activists to work towards making KCR the Chief Minister of Telangana again in the coming days.

As part of the Telangana Formation Day programs, first, they garlanded the portraits of Telangana Thalli and Professor Jayashankar Sir and paid tribute. Later, they remembered the Telangana martyrs and paid tribute to them.

Later, the national flag was unfurled and the national anthem was sung. Later, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi party flag was hoisted and the Telangana state anthem was sung.

The movement leaders and activists who participated in the Malidasa Telangana movement remembered the spirit of struggle of that time and remembered the events of the movement in the achievement of Telangana. At the end of the program, fruits were distributed to the people.

Grand Telangana Formation Day Celebrations Held at Sangareddy MLA Camp Office

SANGAREDDY, Correspondent : Telangana Formation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the MLA Camp Office in Sangareddy under the leadership of Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar.

On the occasion, the MLA unfurled the National Flag and paid floral tributes to the statue of Telangana Talli. He also hoisted the party flag alongside the National Flag as part of the celebrations.

Remembering the spirit of the Telangana movement, Chinta Prabhakar paid homage to the martyrs and activists who sacrificed their lives and dedicated their efforts for the formation of Telangana State. He highlighted the importance of preserving the ideals of the movement and called upon party workers to take public issues and the shortcomings of the present Congress



government to the people.

As part of the event, Telangana movement activists were felicitated in recognition of their contributions and services during the statehood struggle.

Senior leader Advocate M A Hakeem, former CDC Chairman Kasala Buchi Reddy, former Dist. Library Chairman Narahari Reddy, Dr. Srihari, Vijender Reddy, Mandal President Vitthal, Chakrapani, Syed Azeem, Mohammed Wajid, Vijay Lakshmi, councillors and sarpanches from various villages, party leaders, workers and a large number of Telangana movement activists participated in the programme.

Former Chairman Participates in State Formation Day Celebrations

Zaheerabad June : The Telangana State Formation Celebrations were held on Tuesday in a grand manner. The national flag was hoisted at the RDO, Tahsildar, Municipal, Mandal Parishad, Retired Employees Association, MLA Camp Office, and Market Office. MLA Manik Rao, Market Chairman Sai Charan, Municipal Chairman Yunus, RDO Devuja, Commissioner Prabhakar, Tahsildar Dasharath, MPDO Mahender Reddy, leaders and others participated. Meanwhile, former SC Corporation Chairman Narottam was invited to the for-



mation celebrations in Hyderabad, where BRS Working President KTR participated. Narottam participated in the celebrations along with his followers.

Congress Government Weakening the Education System

- JAC lashes out at Congress for playing politics with students' future
- JAC leaders question major irregularities in Gurukul tenders
- Leaders recall educational development achieved during BRS rule
- Criticism against the Revanth government for weakening education for poor students
- Warning of intensified protests if issues are not resolved



Hanumakonda Representative: At a press meet held on Monday at Ekashila Park in Hanumakonda district under the leadership of Telangana BC, SC, ST and Minority Contractors JAC district president Bolle Madhukar, strong criticism was directed at the Congress government. JAC leaders alleged that the government is weakening the education system and pushing the future of poor students into darkness.

Speaking at the event, JAC Chairman Manda Shyam strongly condemned the remarks made by Social Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman. He said the minister's claim that tenders are causing injustice to children is far from reality. He pointed out that during the 2023-24 financial year, tenders at the DCP level fixed the price of one egg at Rs.4.80, while under the PMU system in 2024-25, the same tender was awarded to large contractors at Rs.6.05. He alleged that this increase not only burdens the state treasury but also opens doors for corruption in the name of child welfare.

Manda Shyam advised Minister Adluri Laxman to focus on students' welfare instead of reading scripts written by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He reminded that during elections, Congress had promised to transform government schools on par with private institutions and establish integrated schools in every constituency with facilities from LKG to Intermediate. However, he criticized the government for failing to take any steps toward fulfilling those promises.

He recalled that during the BRS government, more than one thousand Gurukul institutions were established to provide quality education for poor students. He also said that under the Higher Education Department, poor students were given opportunities to study in prestigious institutions such as Delhi University, Hindu College, Hansraj College and Lady Shri Ram College, along with hostel facilities and academic support.

He accused the Congress government of systematically dismantling this structure and pushing poor students into uncertainty. He said shutting down institutions like Gowlidoddi, which offered vocational education and MBBS coaching opportunities, is highly unfortunate and reflects an attempt to deny quality education to underprivileged students.

At the same time, he questioned the government's support for private educational institutions, particularly its encouragement for private global schools in Ibrahimpatnam. He asked whether the government has concern for poor students or greater interest in private managements.

Manda Shyam further criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for claiming that his governance would make lakhs of people financially prosperous while allegedly preventing small contractors from participating in Gurukul tenders. He accused the government of being driven by percentage politics rather than public welfare.

He said Congress is unable to digest the support extended to the JAC protest by BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao and BRS General Secretary R. S. Praveen Kumar. He warned the government against targeting those who raise their voice against injustice to poor people.

He made it clear that if the government does not wake up and restore the education system, the JAC is prepared to intensify protests across the state, including dharnas and road blockades.

JAC state co-convenor Shanisharam Srinivas, legal cell advisor Marapalli Manoj, Ontari Chakri, Bollaram Ramakanth, Mottamonika, Ambala Chintu, Mandapalli Maipal, Motla Surender and several others participated in the programme.

Revanth Reddy Reviews Monsoon Preparedness

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy chaired a high-level review meeting on monsoon preparedness at the Secretariat on Monday.

Senior officials from the Agriculture, Irrigation, Municipal Administration, Panchayat Raj, Health, Home, HYDRRA, Disaster Management and Fire Services departments attended the meeting.

Officials from the Meteorological Department made a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the expected rainfall due to the southwest monsoon, the possible impact of El Niño, and other related factors.

The Chief Minister directed officials to create awareness among farmers about possible drought conditions and advised them to promote crops that require less water. He also stressed the importance of crop rotation and diversification, urging authorities to educate farmers on sustainable agricultural practices.

Padamati Ananth Reddy Meets KTR..

- Crucial discussion on future political developments!

- Ananth Reddy briefs KTR on political developments in Sangareddy and farmers' issues.
- KTR appreciates Ananth Reddy's contribution to social service and village development.
- Suggests active participation in party programmes for better future opportunities.

Sangareddy, Kondapur, : K. T. Rama Rao, Working President of Bharat Rashtra Samithi, former Minister and MLA of Sircilla, met with Padamati Ananth Reddy, Sarpanch of Gunthapalli, at his residence in Hyderabad on Monday. During the meeting, they reportedly held extensive discussions on the current political developments in the state, prevailing conditions in Sangareddy district, issues faced by farmers, and various constituency development matters.

During the interaction, Ananth Reddy is said to have briefed KTR on the ongoing developmental activities in Gunthapalli village and the measures being undertaken to address public issues. He reportedly highlighted the challenges being faced by farmers in rural areas and stressed the need for greater encouragement and support for the



agricultural sector.

KTR is understood to have specifically appreciated the social service initiatives being carried out by Ananth Reddy. He reportedly stated that the party would always stand by leaders who consistently work for the welfare of the people. He also assured his support for the development of Gunthapalli village, according to Ananth Reddy.

He further advised Ananth Reddy to actively participate in party programmes and strengthen the party from the grassroots level. KTR reportedly em-

phasized that every party worker must work with dedication for the party's success in the upcoming elections, adding that those who serve the party with commitment would receive due recognition and opportunities in the future.

Speaking after the meeting, Ananth Reddy said that his interaction with KTR was highly inspiring and motivating. He stated that he would continue to work with greater commitment toward resolving public issues and ensuring the development of the village. He also affirmed that he would work collectively with party workers to further strengthen the BRS party.

V. Praveen Kumar Assumes Charge as Shankarpally MPDO



V. Praveen Kumar officially assumed charge as the new MPDO of Shankarpally Mandal. He was transferred here from Jilled Chowdarygudem. After taking charge, he spoke to media representatives.

On this occasion, he greeted the respected electronic and print media representatives and stated that he would make every effort for the development

- Transferred from Jilled Chowdarygudem
- Officially assumed responsibilities as MPDO
- Stated that development is the primary goal
- Committed to resolving public issues
- Revealed plans to move forward with coordination

Gnana Telangana, Shankarpally:

of Shankarpally Mandal. He said that his main objective is to effectively implement government welfare schemes for the people and to resolve pending issues in the mandal at the earliest.

He stated that he considers it his responsibility to provide transparent administration to the people and clarified that he would work collectively with the cooperation of officials, staff, and public representatives. He said that special focus would be placed on rural development, provision of basic infrastructure, and resolution of public issues.

V. Praveen Kumar stated that he would strive to take Shankarpally Mandal forward on the path of development in all sectors and would always remain available to serve the people.



Kalyana Lakshmi Cheques Distributed by MLA Kale Yadaiah

- Cheques distributed under the leadership of MLA Kale Yadaiah
- Rs.38,00,618 distributed to 38 beneficiaries
- Yadaiah said government is supporting poor girls
- MLA called for proper utilization of welfare schemes
- Kale Yadaiah clarified that Chevella development is the main goal



Chevella Representative: Kalyana Lakshmi scheme cheques were distributed to beneficiaries of Chevella mandal and municipality by Chevella MLA Shri Kale Yadaiah. The programme was held on Monday at the MLA camp office in Chevella. MLA Kale Yadaiah participated as the chief guest and handed over the cheques to the beneficiaries.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Kale Yadaiah said that cheques worth Rs.38,00,618 were distributed to a total of

38 beneficiaries belonging to Chevella mandal and municipality limits. He said that the main objective of the state government is to provide financial support for the marriages of girls from poor families.

He stated that the government is standing as a support for poor and middle-class families and that the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme is bringing happiness to many families. MLA Kale Yadaiah advised every eligible family to make proper use of the welfare schemes being provided by the government.

He said that the Telangana government is standing as an ideal for the country in welfare governance and clarified that the welfare and development of poor people is the main objective of the government.

Public representatives, officials, party leaders, workers and beneficiaries participated in this programme.



Congress Govt Balancing Welfare and Development: Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said that the Congress government is giving equal priority to welfare and development, asserting that the state is implementing schemes unmatched elsewhere in the country.

Addressing the Telangana Formation Day celebrations at Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, the Chief Minister extended greetings to the people and said Telangana society would not tolerate autocracy or domination.

He thanked former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress leader Sonia Gandhi for fulfilling the dream of Telangana statehood. Citing poet Kaloji's ideals, he said the government has been working for the welfare of the state since assuming office and has successfully met people's aspirations over the past 30 months.

Highlighting employment generation, Revanth Reddy said over 67,000 govern-



ment jobs have been filled transparently without legal disputes. He added that more job notifications in departments such as engineering, PCB, forest, town planning and education will be released soon through TSPSC.

The Chief Minister also outlined key initiatives in education, including the introduction of pre-primary classes in 1,362 government schools, provision of breakfast in all government institutions this year, and plans to extend mid-day meals to junior college students.

On housing, he said the government aims to free the poor from the burden of rented accommodation. Over 1.25 lakh Indiramma houses have been constructed in 13 months, with ₹22,000 crore allocated for the scheme. An additional 3.5 lakh houses have been sanctioned this financial year.

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 co-ordination 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 Bhadrachal-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 distributary 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 Mahbubabad 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 Venkateshwarlu and officials from irrigation and revenue departments were present.

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 Sergio 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."

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French Open: Kalinskaya survives epic Potapova battle to reach maiden QF

Anna Kalinskaya survived a dramatic three-set thriller against Anastasia Potapova on Court Suzanne-Lenglen, saving multiple match points to win 6-4, 2-6, 7-6(7) and secure her first-ever career quarter-final spot at the French Open

Paris: Anna Kalinskaya won one of the most dramatic matches of the Roland Garros fortnight, defeating Anastasia Potapova in a thrilling three-set match to reach the French Open quarter-finals for the first time in her career.

The 22nd-seeded Russian fought for two hours and 49 minutes on Court Suzanne-Lenglen before winning 6-4, 2-6, 7-6(7) against the 28th-seeded Austrian. The match saw frequent shifts in momentum and could have gone to either player at several points.

Kalinskaya's progress to the quarter-finals is only her second at a Grand Slam, following her breakthrough at the 2024 Australian Open. Notably, she reached Paris having won only one main-draw match at Roland Garros prior to this year's tournament.

Moments after the match ended, the Russian admitted she was still processing what had just unfolded. "I'm shocked. I can't believe the match is over," Kalinskaya said during her on-court interview.

The match was marked by dramatic momentum swings. Kalinskaya came back from 4-1 down in the first set to take an early lead, but Potapova responded strongly by winning the second set and forcing a deciding third.

The final set featured even more surprises. After trailing 4-1, Potapova rallied to get back into the match and had two opportunities to serve for the victory at 5-4 and 6-5. However, Kalinskaya stayed determined each time, extending the contest into a tie-break.

Even then, the drama persisted. Potapova raced to a 4-1 lead in the tie-break and seemed headed for victory, but a series of costly errors allowed Kalinskaya to mount a comeback and complete a stunning turnaround.

In her reflection on the match, Kalinskaya commended her opponent, praised the intense competition, and summed up the contest in similarly emo-



tional terms.

"A really long fight from both of us 'til the last seconds. I've played her many times, but this one was definitely special. She improved a lot, so today was super challenging. It was an unbelievable fight from both of us until the last second," she said.

One of the defining features of the deciding set was Kalinskaya's ability to remain composed despite repeatedly finding herself on the brink of defeat. Asked later how she handled the pressure when Potapova was serving for the match, the Russian revealed an unexpectedly simple approach.

"I don't have any nerves any more whatsoever. I was hoping to stay focused, and things didn't work. So I was a little bit like, whatever."

That shift in mindset helped her reset and focus on the fundamentals. "So I could relax a little bit and get the rhythm, focus on my breathing and try to break her. I'm super happy I could do it."

The victory improves Kalinskaya's head-to-head record against Potapova to 3-0 and sends her into just the fifth clay-court quarter-final of her career. Standing between her and a maiden Grand Slam semi-final will be either French hope Diane Parry or Polish qualifier Maja Chwalinska.

Sabalenka Downs Osaka to Reach French Open Quarter-Finals

PARIS: World number one Aryna Sabalenka took down fellow four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka in straight sets in Monday's night-session match to reach the French Open quarter-finals. Sabalenka produced an impressive display against a battling Osaka to win 7-5, 6-3 and reach the last eight for a 14th consecutive major tournament. The Belarusian is now the only Grand Slam champion left in either the men's or women's singles draws at Roland Garros.

"I'm mostly happy with the way I served and I was able to keep all the pressure on her," said Sabalenka. "I didn't expect I would serve that great... I feel like I'm getting better and better with every match I play and overall I'm super happy with how I played today." She made it three straight wins against Osaka this year, having lost their only previous meeting at the 2018 US Open. Sabalenka will next take on Russian Diana Shnaider as she continues her bid for a maiden French Open crown and to banish the memories of her painful final defeat last year by Coco Gauff.

Japanese star Osaka, again sporting the sequined gold dress she likened to the Eiffel Tower at night, has to make do with her best ever run in Paris ending in the last 16. It was the first women's match to feature in the French Open night session since 2023, after a run of 32 consecutive men's ties which drew repeated criticism of tournament organisers.



French Open 2026: Berrettini Storms into His First Grand Slam Quarterfinal in 4 Years

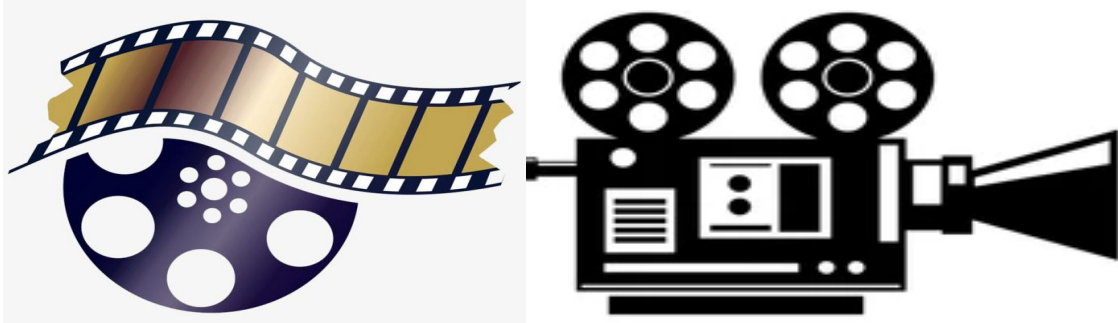
Paris: Matteo Berrettini stormed into his first Grand Slam quarter-final in four years with an impressive straight-sets victory over Juan Manuel Cerundolo in the French Open last 16 on Monday. The former Wimbledon finalist, who has been plagued by injuries, won 6-3, 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (8/6) against Argentinian Cerundolo, who had dumped out world number one Jannik Sinner in the second round. "This (tennis) is the love of my life, I guess, otherwise I wouldn't keep coming back after all the setbacks, the injuries," said Berrettini.

"There were moments it was really tough to come back and hit a ball... But now I'm back and it's thanks to them (his team), my character and my resilience." Berrettini, the world number 105, is the lowest-ranked Roland Garros men's quarter-finalist since Igor Andrejev in 2007. "I feel great, I feel happy," he added. "That's why I'm here, I just want to enjoy this atmosphere with my team, with my family."

The 30-year-old will next face either American 19th seed Frances Tiafoe or fellow Italian Matteo Arnaldi on Wednesday. Berrettini, who lost the 2021 Wimbledon showpiece to Novak Djokovic, is the only Grand Slam finalist left in his half of the draw and one of only two remaining in the men's tournament, alongside Alexander Zverev. "There are so many players who are playing unbelievable tennis," said Berrettini when asked about the open nature of the draw after surprise early defeats for Sinner and Djokovic.

"Tennis -- it's unpredictable... The field is pretty packed and I'm trying to give my best, I'm focusing on my game and I want to enjoy this win." He showed few ill-effects of playing the longest match of his career when he beat Francisco Comesana, saving two match points, in the previous round. Berrettini powered through the first two sets, saving the only break point he faced in the opening game. Cerundolo, who also won in a deciding-set tie-break in round three in the third-longest match in Roland Garros history, dug deep and broke for a 3-2 lead in the third set. But he failed to serve it out and then missed three set points from 6-3 up in the tie-break. Berrettini took full advantage, reaching his first major quarter-final since the 2022 US Open on his first match point, as Cerundolo could only dump a blistering return into the net.





CINEMA

Nikhil's unwavering commitment for Swayambhu won hearts

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Nikhil Siddhartha's Swayambhu has become one of the most anticipated Pan-India warrior epic. Since, the announcement of the excitement surrounding the movie has been building organically with each update. The songs composed by Ravi Basrur and huge visual landscape have always raised expectations from the film.

Directed by Bharat Krishnamachari and produced by Bhuvan, Sreekar the movie promises a spectacular visual experience that will stay with audiences forever. Nikhil has given 3 and half years of his career for the film putting his blood and sweat to achieve a Pan-India pinnacle.

On his birthday, makers released a BTS video of him training with International stuntmen to pull



off his own stunts. He worked hard, dedicated his time and even overcame injuries to finally, deliver a highly realistic convincing warrior portrayal. Currently, the movie VFX works are progressing rapidly and soon, makers will announce the release date.

Peddi Massa Massa Video Song: Hatsoff to Ram Charan

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Mega Power Star Ram Charan has dedicated his blood and sweat over two and half years for Peddi. Playing an athlete who is a cricketer, wrestler and track runner, Charan had to go through body transformations and develop different body languages. Now, the makers have released Massa Massa video song from the film showcasing Charan's incredible dedication.

Cutting between BTS clips and scenes, they have shown the immaculate discipline, commitment and hardwork of Ram Charan. We see him working closely with stuntmen, co-actors, cinematographer and director Buchi Babu to achieve perfection on screen. Each moment from the song captures his



undying spirit equating to Peddi character.

Oscar winning composer AR Rahman has composed a goosebumps inducing song and Vishal Mishra sung it aptly. The song enhances spirit of Peddi and suits the massy energy of Ram Charan in best possible way. Lyricist Ananth Sriram words act as great inspiration to achieve impossible what the character is set out to. Peddi is releasing on 4th June with a cult blockbuster promise.

Sing Geetham Emaiyyindi: Innovative Track

Song does a fantastic job in showcasing little nuances that went into the making of the film.



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 Emaiyyindi Baboi Edo Ayipoyindi song from the film and it introduces us to the musical world that legend created.

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. Emaiyyindi 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.

Save The Tigers Season 3 trailer introduces a fantasy twist to marital comedy

The trailer of Save The Tigers Season 3 promises a mix of comedy, relationship drama and fantasy. As three married men struggle with personal challenges, a divine experiment by Lord Indra places them in alternate realities, leading to unexpected situations.

Hyderabad: The trailer of Save The Tigers Season 3 has been unveiled, promising another dose of laughter, relationship drama and unexpected fantasy. The popular series will begin streaming on JioHotstar from June 19.

Following the success of its first two seasons, the third instalment takes the story in a new direction while retaining its focus on the lives of three married men navigating the challenges of domestic life.

The trailer opens with Rahul, Vikram and Ghanta Ravi gathering at a bar and complaining about the realities of marriage. Rahul, played by Abhinav Gomatam, questions the romanticised idea of married life, while Vikram, portrayed by Chaitanya Krishna, joins in with his own frustrations. Ghanta Ravi, played by Priyadarshi Pulikonda, completes the trio's humorous exchange.

The trailer also highlights ongoing tensions in their personal lives. Vikram finds himself in a legal dispute involving financial responsibilities within marriage, while his wife Rekha, played by Deviyani Sharma, stands firm. The relationships between Rahul and Madhuri (Pavani Gangireddy), and Ravi and Hymavathi (Jordar Sujatha), continue to face challenges. In a surprising twist, the story shifts to a celestial world where Lord Indra, played by Vennela Kishore, discovers that husbands across the world are unhappy. Curious about their predicament, he launches a divine experiment that places the three protagonists in alternate realities.

In these new worlds, Ravi becomes a powerful MLA, Rahul turns into a successful screenwriter and Vikram emerges as a high-profile CEO. The trailer hints at a humorous exploration of whether success, power and recognition can truly solve personal problems.

Directed by Sriiram Eragam, the series also features Rohini, Harshavardhan, Srikanth Iyengar, Gundu Sudarshan, Mirchi Kiran, Abhay Bethiganti and Mukku Avinash. Created by Pradeep Advaitam and Mahi V Raghav, Save The Tigers Season 3 promises a blend of comedy, fantasy and relatable relationship conflicts.



Janhvi Revisits Sridevi's Classic Manava Manava Moment at Peddi Event

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Janhvi Kapoor received a warm welcome at the grand pre-release event of Peddi, held in Vijayawada. The film stars Janhvi alongside Ram Charan and is directed by Buchi Babu. The sports action drama is set for a pan-India release on June 4. Several members of the film's team, including Jagapathi Babu, Divyendu Sharma, A.R. Rahman, and cinematographer Rathnavelu, attended the event.

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Addressing the crowd, Janhvi said, "Seeing the love you are showing us makes me very happy. I hope you come out of the theatres with the same love after watching Peddi. That love gives us the strength to work hard every day. Everything we do is to entertain you. This film is very special. The message of the movie is about finding your identity and understanding the meaning of your life."

She also shared a personal thought about her own purpose in life. Janhvi said, "The meaning of my life is making films and entertaining all of you. My identity is deeply connected with this land and with all of you. I am very grateful for the love

you show me. I hope this film makes you proud, and I believe you will enjoy what we have created."

The actress also praised her co-stars and crew members. She said, "Peddi has already given me so much even before its release. It gave me the opportunity to work with Ram Sir. He is a gem and an amazing actor. Buchi Babu Sir is one of the most passionate directors I know. Randy is my favorite cinematographer, and Rahman Sir is a legend. The entire team has given their best for this film."

The audience cheered loudly throughout her speech. Later, host Suma asked Janhvi to recreate the famous "Manava Manava" dialogue from the classic film Jagadeka Veerudu Athiloka Sundari, which originally starred her mother Sridevi and Chiranjeevi. Janhvi delivered the dialogue in her own style, bringing smiles and laughter to everyone at the event.