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Revanth: BRS Squandered Rs.1.81 Lakh Crore On Irrigation Projects



Hyderabad: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday launched a scathing attack on the previous BRS government, alleging that it spent a staggering ₹1.81 lakh crore on irrigation projects during its 10-year rule without completing a single major project or delivering irrigation benefits to farmers.

Addressing a press conference in Nagarkurnool after concluding a two-day tour of the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district to review the progress of barrages and lift irrigation schemes,

Revanth Reddy said the previous BRS government, headed by former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, undertook projects without completing land acquisition or providing relief and rehabilitation packages to displaced farmers.

The Chief Minister alleged that while ₹1 lakh crore was spent on the Kaleshwaram project, the prestigious Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme was neglected despite its potential to supply 90 TMC of water and irrigate 26 lakh acres in the region. He said ₹27,000

crore had been spent on the Palamuru project, but most of the expenditure was on pumps and lifts, which he alleged were designed to generate commissions for the KCR family rather than provide irrigation benefits.

Claiming that not a single acre received water from the project, Revanth Reddy said the BRS government abandoned the scheme midway after spending thousands of crores. He alleged that the KCR family "swindled public money through commissions" by prioritising expenditure on pump sets and lift components while neglecting crucial works, including land acquisition.

He said the people of Palamuru had hoped that the region's long-pending irrigation problems would be resolved after Telangana statehood. If the Palamuru-Rangareddy project had been completed along with the Jurala, Bhima, Nettekoppa, Koilsagar, and Kalwakurthy projects, he

said, irrigation water could have been provided to 26 lakh acres in the district.

Revanth Reddy said that the previous BRS government borrowed ₹84,503 crore for irrigation projects during its decade-long rule, leaving behind a huge debt burden. He said the Congress government had been forced to spend ₹52,120 crore in just 30 months to repay loans taken by the previous regime, leaving limited resources for actual project works. During the same period, the government spent only ₹22,000 crore on project construction works, including ₹8,000 crore for the Palamuru project, he added.

The Chief Minister ridiculed BRS leaders for claiming that 90 per cent of the Palamuru project had been completed during their tenure. Pointing out that the project's estimated cost was around ₹55,000 crore and only ₹27,000 crore had been spent, he questioned how 90 per cent of the works could

have been completed with less than 50 per cent of the required expenditure.

Referring to Chandrashekar Rao's claim of reading many books, Revanth Reddy said, "I do not understand the science or mathematics behind the BRS claim. I have not read 80,000 books like KCR."

He said land acquisition for the Palamuru project had not been completed during the BRS regime and that nearly 4,000 acres still needed to be acquired to complete pending projects in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district. Revanth Reddy appealed to farmers and residents to cooperate with the government, assuring them that compensation and rehabilitation issues would be resolved even if the government had to pay higher amounts for land acquisition.

Earlier in the day, Revanth Reddy inspected the Narlapur Head Regulator

as part of his review of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. He interacted with officials and directed them to expedite all pending works and complete the project at the earliest.

Revanth Reddy challenged the BRS to identify a single major project it had started and completed on its own. He accused KCR of merely renaming projects such as Pranahita-Chevela and using them for political and financial gain. He also asserted that Telangana had achieved record paddy production even after the collapse of the Kaleshwaram project without drawing a drop of water from it.

The Chief Minister said his visit to Mahabubnagar was aimed at bringing all pending irrigation projects to fruition and warned that history would not forgive the present government if it failed to complete them. He appealed to BRS leaders in the district to remain silent for the next two years and allow the gov-

ernment to finish the projects.

Revanth Reddy mocked the proposed padayatra of BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, suggesting that he continue the march all the way to Kashi to atone for the "sins" committed during the BRS government's decade-long rule. He claimed that BRS leaders had lost touch with public sentiment and failed to realise the extent of public resentment against them.

Revanth Reddy dismissed the BRS as a party of the past and compared KCR to a demonised ₹1,000 note, asserting that while the BRS may have a history, it has no future. He maintained that despite severe financial constraints inherited from the previous BRS government, the Congress government remained determined to complete the Palamuru and other irrigation projects and deliver long-promised benefits to farmers.

Putin Offers Su-57 Joint Production to India

St Petersburg: Vladimir Putin has offered India the Sukhoi Su-57 and proposed joint production of the aircraft, signalling continued defence cooperation between the two countries.

Speaking during an interaction with global news agencies, Putin said Russia remained open to collaborating with India on the programme. "As for the Su-57, we offered our friends from India to jointly develop this machine, a fifth-generation aircraft. I think it's the best to date. But our Indian friends said, 'well, let's see'," he said. "In principle, this could have been our (Russia-India) product. We made it independently. And we are ready to work with India. To work and develop. There will be no restrictions whatsoever."



India has been pursuing its indigenous Advanced Multirole Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project, expected to be the country's largest aerospace initiative, though the aircraft is unlikely to enter service before 2035. In the interim, the government is understood to be examining the option of procuring at least two squadrons of Su-57 jets, subject to meeting technical requirements.

Officials indicated that

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is in contact with the Sukhoi Design Bureau for possible collaboration. India had earlier exited a joint fifth-generation fighter aircraft programme with Russia in 2021, citing high costs estimated at about \$30 billion.

Putin also expressed willingness to cooperate with India on air defence systems. India is developing an indigenous system, "Sudarshan

Chakra", alongside induction of the S-400 missile system.

India signed a \$5 billion deal with Russia in 2018 for five S-400 units, of which one squadron is yet to be delivered. A proposal to procure five additional units has also been cleared.

According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, India was the world's second-largest arms importer between 2021 and 2025, with a significant share sourced from Russia.

Responding to Putin's remarks, external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India-Russia defence ties remain strong and added that details on the Su-57 proposal would be provided by the Ministry of Defence.

AP CM Rides Bicycle To Commemorate World Environment Day In Vizag

Visakhapatnam: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday rode a bicycle here to commemorate the World Environment Day. Donning a light green cap, the chief minister began pedalling from Andhra University (AU) to a hotel where he would participate in a workshop on seafood exports. Public representatives, officials and local people joined Naidu on their bicycles. "Today is Environment Day and to increase awareness among people, I will travel on a bi-



cycle. Cycling should become a lifestyle," Naidu said while talking to reporters before mounting his bicycle. Naidu said the AU should set an example for greenery and the environment, directing officials to transform the varsity into

a net-zero campus.

The CM decried that temperatures had increased on one hand and cyclones were striking on the other, pointing to the imbalance in the environment. He called on AU, which owns a land

bank of 450 acres, to develop solar energy and plant trees in empty places. Naidu said the university should tap solar energy for all its energy needs, among other environmentally friendly initiatives. Further, the CM promised to set up a dedicated cycling track in Visakhapatnam and also take measures to increase greenery in the port city to 50 per cent. Moreover, he promised to take measures to reduce pollution in Visakhapatnam from the port and in all institutions.

After Ramalinga Reddy, Muniyappa Voices Discontent Over Portfolio

Bengaluru: Karnataka Minister K H Muniyappa on Friday publicly expressed dissatisfaction over the allocation of portfolios in the newly formed D K Shivakumar government, saying seniority had not been given due consideration and urged the Congress leadership to revisit the exercise. His remarks came hours after senior minister Ramalinga Reddy announced his resignation over portfolio allocation, adding to signs of discontent within the ruling Congress ranks.

Muniyappa was allotted Food and Civil Supplies portfolio, though he wanted to be Social Welfare or Agriculture Minister.

"Seniority has not been maintained. Ramalinga Reddy has won eight times. I have won eight times. There are others who have won seven, six and five times. All this has to be looked at in a balanced manner," he told reporters here.

The senior Congress



leader appealed to AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge to ensure that experienced leaders were treated equitably.

"I am appealing to the All India Congress Committee president. All children should be treated equally and seniority must be maintained," he said.

Muniyappa said he had sought portfolios that would allow him to undertake wider public service and claimed he had already conveyed his preferences to the party leadership.

"When Rahul Gandhi had come recently, I had made a request. I wanted Social Welfare so that I could serve people. I wanted Agriculture to serve farmers. Irrigation is also a department through which farmers can be served. Such portfolios should be considered," he said.

The minister said the allocation of responsibilities should be reviewed keeping in mind both seniority and the party's electoral prospects in the next Assembly polls.

"I am requesting that what has been allotted should be changed and that portfolios which enable public service and are more useful should be given," he said.

Referring to Reddy's objections, Muniyappa said senior leaders deserved greater consideration in the allocation process.

Kharge to File Rajya Sabha Nomination in Bengaluru

New Delhi: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge will file his nomination for the



Rajya Sabha in Bengaluru on Friday, with Rahul Gandhi accompanying him. The Congress has also fielded Mansoor Ali Khan and party spokesperson Pawan Khera as candidates from Karnataka. From Tamil Nadu, the party has nominated Praveen Chakravarthy. The seat has been allotted to the Congress by Tamil Nadu. Pranav Jha has been named as the candidate from Jharkhand, while Meenakshi Natarajan will contest from Madhya Pradesh. Neeraj Dangi has been renominated from Rajasthan.

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INDIA MUST REASSESS SEMICONDUCTOR STRATEGY

If India is to realise its dream of emerging as a major global player in the semiconductor sector, it needs to reassess its core strengths and craft suitable strategies. The stark reality is that the country imports 90-95% of the semiconductors it uses today, and the domestic demand is projected to exceed \$240 billion by 2035. India spent nearly \$150 billion importing semiconductor products between 2017 and 2025. In this scenario, it would be imprudent to reinvent the wheel and end up as an also-ran in the global race, particularly in the face of the widening gap between demand growth and limited domestic capability. Given the complex nature of the industry and the changing geopolitics surrounding it, the Centre must favourably look into a wide range of suggestions made by the NITI Aayog to make India an indispensable player in the global semiconductor value chain. One of the important recommendations made by the think tank is that India must stop trying to catch up with global leaders in cutting-edge semiconductor manufacturing and instead focus on areas where it can become irreplaceable within the global chip supply chain. It has been rightly argued that we should move away from the race to build the world's most advanced chips and focus instead on advanced packaging, system integration and manufacturing scale. Winning the semiconductor race will not be easy if India continues to run the existing race; instead, it should shift gears and target becoming the ecosystem player that the global semiconductor industry cannot run without.

India's semiconductor demand is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 19%. This demand is expected to be driven by electronics manufacturing, rapid expansion of data centres, increasing semiconductor content in vehicles, particularly electric vehicles and advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS), and the rapid adoption of artificial intelligence across consumer and enterprise applications. Given the rising demand, excessive dependence on imported chips poses risks not only to economic growth but also to national security, as many semiconductor components used in defence systems are sourced from abroad. The global chip supply chain is currently undergoing massive geopolitical pressure as the United States and its allies are trying to reduce their dependence on Chinese semiconductor players and their markets. Though India traditionally had a strong base for the semiconductor design industry, hardware manufacturing has remained elusive. Over the last two decades, several consortia made multiple attempts at chip-making, but things never worked out. It is estimated that India will require between \$135 billion and \$180 billion in capital expenditure over the next decade to build infrastructure for semiconductor manufacturing, packaging, design and related ecosystem capabilities. The Centre must consider NITI Aayog's key recommendations, including setting up National Fab Academy, semiconductor-focused engineering curriculum, large-scale technician training programmes and a global talent initiative, to attract experienced semiconductor professionals.

Why government doctors in Telangana are protesting over transfer process

Government doctors in Telangana have intensified protests over the implementation of transfer guidelines under G.O.Ms.No. 38. Doctors' associations allege arbitrary changes to transfer rules, demand physical counselling, and seek protection for long-serving rural doctors.



Hyderabad: At the heart of the ongoing protests by government doctors in Telangana, which led to the suspension of outpatient services on Friday, are allegations that the State Health Department is failing to properly implement G.O.Ms.No. 38, which is the official government framework issued by the Finance Department to regulate state employee transfers.

Senior doctors under the umbrella of the Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGGDA) and the Telangana Teaching Government Doctors Association (TTGDA) allege that the Directorate of Medical Education (DME), Directorate of Public Health (DPH), and Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP) are attempting to bypass the rules of G.O.Ms. 38 by introducing arbitrary guidelines.

The TGGDA alleges that doctors who have served diligently for years in rural or peripheral areas are being denied fair opportunities due to these sudden administrative changes.

According to the protesting doctors, health officials have attempted to redefine 'focal' (preferred/prime locations) versus 'non-focal' (peripheral/rural locations) posts. The TGGDA leadership has warned senior State health authorities against changing these definitions, stating it has the potential to breed discrimination, favoritism, and widespread resentment across the state's medical framework.

While the State government has moved the transfer process online, doctors are experiencing a massive trust deficit due to technical issues. According to the TGGDA, the web portals do not display all existing or upcoming vacancies clearly. Consequently, both the TGGDA and TTGDA are demanding offline, physical face-to-face counselling to maintain absolute transparency.

Another major demand of the government doctors is the protection of the interests of long-serving doctors in rural areas.

The TTGDA pointed out that during the 2024 transfer cycle, many city-based doctors were shifted to peripheral areas. Under the spirit of G.O. 38, those who have spent years serving the rural public are now legally entitled to return to Hyderabad or nearby zones—an opportunity they claim is currently being stalled by administrative delays.

"Doctors working in rural areas should not face mandatory, forced shifting unless they voluntarily ask for it or another doctor steps up to take that specific posting. We need transparency, not sudden, selective rule changes behind closed doors," said Dr. B. Narahari, State President, TGGDA.

Key demands of government doctors:

Strict adherence to G.O.Ms.No. 38 to transfer doctors

No new criteria, hidden conditions, or selective implementation.

Physical counselling should be taken up by scrapping online allotment

Provide proper exemption orders to 186 recognised association office-bearers

TGGDA asks doctors to boycott the process and withhold their transfer option forms

Delhi Orders Fire Safety Audit After Guesthouse Tragedy

NEW DELHI: The deaths of 21 people, including 12 foreign nationals, in a South Delhi guesthouse fire have triggered a sweeping government crackdown on illegal hotels and unauthorised constructions across the national capital. Probing the deadly inferno, investigators uncovered fresh evidence of multiple violations of "safety and licensing norms" in the Malviya Nagar building operating under the now-withdrawn bed-and-breakfast (B&B) scheme.



As grief enveloped victims' families, Delhi chief minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday visited injured survivors undergoing treatment at Max Hospital in Saket and announced an ex gratia of `10 lakhs for the next of kin of each deceased and `5 lakhs for those seriously injured.

After reviewing treatment arrangements, Gupta directed officials to ensure the best possible medical care and all necessary assistance to victims. The CM further ordered a special fire safety audit of hotels, commercial establishments and other public buildings in the city.

The Max Hospital authorities, on their part, said 15 injured patients, including 13 foreigners, remained admitted, six of them on ventilator support, though all are stable and showing signs of improvement.

Meanwhile, the Delhi police widened its probe into the blaze at Flourish Stay B&B in Hauz Rani. Preliminary findings indicated that access to the rooftop, a potential escape route during the fire, was blocked. The police also found cooking heaters being used in several guest rooms occupied by foreign nationals and are examining whether they had any role in the tragedy.

The police have formed five teams to trace and arrest hotel manager Jai Mishra, who remains absconding. The police officials said that the role of all persons connected with the ownership, management and licensing of the property will be scrutinised. In another development, the hotel owner Lavkesh Bajaj was sent to four days of police custody.

According to police sources, the hotel owner has been largely uncooperative during questioning. He allegedly justified the illegal expansion of the property by saying, "Delhi mein sab chalta hai (everything works in Delhi)". The officials claim that once the hotel business became profitable, Bajaj expanded the structure from two-and-a-half storeys to nearly five floors despite lacking the required permissions.

According to police, Bajaj purchased the property in 2022 when it comprised only two-and-a-half floors. Additional floors were allegedly added later. While the establishment was permitted to operate only six rooms under the Delhi government's bed-and-breakfast policy, the police said it was running around 25 to 26 rooms, including accommodations in the basement.

Officials said room tariffs ranged from `3,000 to `15,000 per day. The property also generated revenue through a ground-floor restaurant despite allegedly possessing permission only for a tea shop.

Joint-commissioner of police (southern range) Vijay Kumar said Bajaj is being questioned regarding staff members present at the time of the fire. "We will ask him about the staff members who were present there, as all of them are absconding," he said.

A visit to another property reportedly linked to the owner of Flourish Stay revealed a maze-like basement with cramped rooms, narrow corridors and extensive wooden panelling features that could prove hazardous during a fire.

In the aftermath of the deadly fire, the usually bustling lanes around Hauz Rani had fallen unusually silent by Thursday morning. Many guesthouses, homestays and shops remained shut. Residents said several occupants had hurriedly vacated nearby establishments after authorities began inspections. Some stared silently at the blackened facade while others recounted scenes from Wednesday morning.

Among the most heartrending stories to emerge from the tragedy was that of an African couple who had travelled to Delhi for fertility treatment. Rescuers found them dead in each other's arms inside a ground-floor bathroom where they had apparently sought refuge from the smoke.

According to hospital staff involved in the rescue, the woman was seated on a toilet seat while her husband sat beside her, both embracing each other in what appeared to be their final moments before succumbing to smoke inhalation.

Another victim was 29-year-old Iraqi national Ali Amer Mosa, who had accompanied relatives seeking medical treatment. His brother-in-law Habib Abid survived by escaping through a window from the fifth floor.

"My bother died because he took the stairs. He couldn't escape through the smoke," Abid said, recalling how thick black smoke rapidly filled the corridors. Eight members of a Gurugram-based family died in the fire, including chartered accountant Vivek Agarwal, his wife, two daughters, mother and three other relatives.

Standing outside a mortuary, Vivek's cousin Mahender Garg recalled receiving a frantic call minutes before the situation turned fatal. "He told me that he was trapped in the basement and asked me to send the fire brigade quickly. Ten minutes later, everything was over," Garg said, adding that the family had chosen the hotel because it was close to a hospital where Vivek's father was undergoing treatment.

As police piece together what happened inside the building, authorities are also completing DNA profiling and legal formalities before handing over the bodies of foreign nationals to their families and embassies.

Delhi HC Refuses Urgent Hearing on Plea Against Cockroach Janta Party Protest

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday refused to hear a petition raising law and order concerns arising from digital outfit Cockroach Janta Party's call for a protest at Jantar Mantar here on June 6 to demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over examination-related lapses. The counsel for 'Save India Foundation' mentioned the plea for urgent hearing before a vacation bench of Justices Saurabh Banerjee and Amit Sharma.

The bench, however, refused to list the case. Earlier this month, Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke called on supporters and students to join his protest in Delhi.

Dipke had also urged supporters to join him at the airport on June 6.

The Cockroach Janta Party, a youth-driven social media movement, has gained traction since its formation and has been subscribed to by many public figures.

The petitioner, in his plea, sought deployment of "immediate preventive, regulatory, and crowd-control measures" at the IGI Airport, metro stations, and highway entry points.

It also sought directions to the authorities to "restrict, regulate, or relocate the scheduled gathering" to maintain public order and ensure that



vital infrastructure and emergency services, like hospitals, railway stations, the high court and the Supreme Court, function without compromising public safety.

The PIL alleged that Cockroach Janta Party has turned the youth into an "unregulated contingent" by "utilising overseas-tethered servers to execute a transnational institutional destabilization agenda".

It demanded that the June 6 mobilisation be either relocated to an alternative designated site or be strictly regulated with comprehensive videography of the proceedings to ensure that those who are "instigating" from "overseas jurisdictions", including the USA and Australia, are prevented from compromising airport security and essential emergency machinery.

Meenakshi to Contest for RS Seat from MP

Hyderabad:AICC Telangana Incharge Meenakshi Natarajan will be contesting in the upcoming bye-elections to the Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh. Her nomination to the Rajya Sabha election has triggered speculation of her getting replaced by a new AICC incharge for the state. The former MP was appointed on February 14, 2025, replacing Deepadas Munshi, as the incharge.



Naidu Promises Aqua Corridor Linking Six Coastal Hubs

Visakhapatnam: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has said Andhra Pradesh is ready to establish the ecosystem required for rapid development of the aquaculture sector, positioning the state as the central hub of India's seafood industry.

Speaking at a national workshop on seafood exports in Visakhapatnam, he announced plans to create an Aqua Corridor linking Amaravati, Bhimavaram, Kakinada, Visakhapatnam, Krishnapatnam and Nellore.

The corridor would host facilities for research, innovation, startups and technol-

ogy, all aimed at maximising output at minimal cost.

Naidu noted that economic progress could be driven not only by raw output but also by value-added aquaculture products.

The CM unveiled two new brands, Andhra Shrimp and India Seafood, to strengthen the nation's presence in global markets. He welcomed the participation of Union ministers from four departments, noting that their collaboration on a single platform was a positive sign for the sector's growth.

Expressing delight at Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh's announcement of ₹72 crore for the



modernisation of Kakinada port, Naidu said land for the Union fisheries department's regional office would be allocated within 15 days. He urged the Centre to begin construction within a month, while also calling for measures to expand aquaculture exports on a larger

scale. Highlighting the Centre's pledge to establish mega seafood processing parks, the CM stressed that the blue economy is vital to achieving the vision of 'Viksit Bharat.'

He outlined guiding principles such as 'Pond to Port,' 'Farmer to Global Consumer,'

and 'Blue Economy to Viksit Bharat,' asserting that Andhra Pradesh's contribution would be central to realising India's aspirations.

India currently holds only a 5 per cent share of the global seafood business, but immense opportunities lie ahead, he said.

The CM pointed out that AP is the second-largest seafood producer state, with an annual output of 19.7 million metric tonnes. The state accounts for 28 per cent of the nation's total fish production and 66 per cent of its shrimp production, generating nearly 38 per cent of

the nation's seafood export revenue -- over Rs 28,000 crore annually.

He said strengthening the blue economy in Andhra Pradesh would contribute to national progress. With a 1,053-km coastline, ports, and airports, the state is well-positioned to lead innovation in aquaculture.

Naidu underlined the importance of quality, sustainability, traceability, innovation and zero pollution as cornerstones of success, urging all stakeholders to cooperate to boost seafood exports.

The CM said, "Andhra Pradesh welcomes innovators in aquaculture and oper-

ates with a focus on the 'speed of doing business.'" He promised incentives and growth opportunities for investments in the state.

Stressing the health benefits of aquaculture products, he noted the rising global demand for protein-rich foods. Despite tariffs imposed by the US, India managed to surpass last year's export figures, with aquaculture products entering new international markets.

He noted, "Aquaculture exports not only drive economic growth but also significantly benefit the fishing community, reinforcing Andhra Pradesh's role as the engine of India's blue economy."

AP CM Promises Quick Land Allocation For Fisheries Office

Visakhapatnam: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has said Andhra Pradesh would meet 30 per cent of the annual aqua export target set by the central government.

Speaking at a joint press conference with Union ministers here on Friday, Naidu highlighted the significance of the workshop on aqua exports held in Visakhapatnam, labelling it crucial for Andhra Pradesh's aquaculture sector.

The chief minister announced that land would be allocated for the fisheries development corporation's regional office within 15 days and expressed satisfaction over the allocation of ₹72 crore for the Kakinada fishing harbour.

He said the central government has identified opportunities even amidst challenges such as US tariffs, with aqua exports surpassing last year's figures and reaching new international markets. Andhra Pradesh continued to account for the largest share of India's aqua exports.

Naidu noted that the Central government is allocating special funds under the 'Blue Economy' initiative, recognising aquaculture as a driver of eco-



economic growth and a lifeline for fishermen. He said 200 modernised boats would arrive in the state to support the fishermen.

Aquaculture, he said, has emerged as the largest industry in the state after agriculture. "With the rising demand for protein-rich foods, there is a need to expand seafood processing as only 12 per cent of the produce is currently processed."

The CM highlighted the importance of innovation and technology in aquaculture, noting that electricity is being supplied to the sector at ₹1.50 per unit. However, he raised concern over the sharp rise in fish feed prices and proposed that fish meal exports be capped at 50 per cent, while also seeking the Centre's cooperation

on soyabean.

As for trade, Naidu called for the finalisation of free trade agreements to enhance market access, noting that the Centre was already providing support. He said Andhra Pradesh would implement the PMMKSSY scheme and resolve issues at the Visakhapatnam

fishing harbour.

With the Centre aiming to raise the quantum of annual aqua exports to 30 billion dollars, he said Andhra Pradesh would contribute 30 per cent of this target. Additionally, he welcomed support for projects in Bhimavaram to integrate aquaculture with the circular economy

and requested central assistance for farmers who have lost out on minimum support prices due to market challenges.

The CM described his bicycle ride on Friday as part of conservation efforts and praised initiatives such as Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM. Highlighting India's single central power grid, he contrasted it with the US system of four grids, noting that this has allowed electricity generated anywhere in India to be utilised nationwide. He noted that solar power costs have dropped from ₹14 to ₹2.40 per unit since 2014, and that AP was now manufacturing solar panels domestically due to decisions made by the Prime Minister.

AP Defends DSC 2025 Recruitment; Calls It Fully Transparent, as Per SC Norms



Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh government on Friday asserted that the DSC 2025 teacher recruitment process has been completely transparent and conducted in strict compliance with the Supreme Court guidelines and G.O. Ms. No. 77 governing horizontal reservations. Addressing a press conference at the State Secretariat, special chief secretary (Services) S.S. Rawat, along with secretary (School Education) Kona Sasidhar and Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) vice chairperson and managing director S. Bharani, dismissed allegations and misinformation circulating on social media regarding implementation of sports quota, horizontal reservations, and persons-with-disabilities (PWD) quota.

Rawat explained that reservations are broadly classified into vertical and horizontal categories. While SCs, STs, BCs and EWS candidates come under vertical reservations, women, PwDs, ex-servicemen and sports persons fall under horizontal reservations. Unlike vertical reservations, horizontal reservations do not carry fixed roster points. They are implemented within the respective community categories.

The special chief secretary maintained that the recruitment process strictly followed constitutional provisions, Supreme Court judgments in the Indra

Sawhney, Rajesh Kumar Daria, and Uttarakhand government vs. Mamta Bisht cases, apart from G.O. Ms. No. 77.

Rawat pointed out that G.O. 77 had been issued after a high-level committee headed by the Chief Secretary examined the issue in detail.

School Education secretary Sasidhar said DSC 2025 had been the first major recruitment exercise undertaken after G.O. Ms. No. 77 came into force, leading to some confusion among candidates. He asserted that selection of each candidate had been made solely on the basis of merit and reservation norms, and without violating any rules.

On the PwD quota, Sasidhar said all applicants had been referred to medical boards. Only those certified with 40 per cent or more disability had been considered eligible, as specified in the notification.

PAWAN KALYAN LAUNCHES SEED BALL DRIVE, URGES CITIZENS TO PLANT TREES IN MOTHERS' NAMES

Vijayawada: Calling environmental protection a collective responsibility, deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan on Friday urged all to plant and nurture at least one tree each to safeguard the planet for future generations. He was participating in the World Environment Day celebrations at the Butterfly Park in Mulpadu near Kondapalli in NTR district. The deputy CM, who handles the department of forests and environment, launched an ambitious programme to produce 2.5 crore seed balls. He announced a statewide plan to disperse them during the monsoon season. Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, Pawan Kalyan planted a White Poniki sapling in the name of his mother, Anjana Devi. He urged people to plant a tree in honour of their mothers, emphasizing, "While a mother gives life, a tree protects and sus-



tains that life." The deputy CM joined self-help group members, students and villagers in preparing seed balls and called for the programme to be transformed into a people's movement.

Kalyan said, "The state government will carry out a 10-day seed ball preparation drive across all dis-

tricts until June 15. Made organically, using red soil and compost, the seed balls will be scattered across forests, hill tracts, riverbanks, tank bunds and other barren lands during the rainy season." Drones will also be deployed to reach inaccessible areas, he said. Pawan Kalyan announced plans to establish region-wise wood banks within two months to support traditional artisans. The initiative will ensure a sustainable supply of White Poniki wood for Kondapalli toy makers, Ankudu wood for Etikoppaka artisans and jackfruit wood for Bobbili veena craftsmen, thereby protecting both the environment and Andhra Pradesh's cultural heritage. Citing Padma Shri awardee environmentalist Vanajeevi Ramaiah as an inspiration, the deputy CM urged citizens not only to plant saplings but also nurture them until they grow into full-fledged trees.

CM NAIDU LEADS NET ZERO DRIVE AT AU

Visakhapatnam: On World Environment Day, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has reaffirmed his commitment to sustainability with a series of symbolic and practical measures in Visakhapatnam. Beginning the day at the Andhra University Engineering College grounds, Naidu planted saplings. Then he cycled 5.5km to his next engagements, underscoring the importance of adopting environment-friendly lifestyles. Addressing the media, he stressed that Andhra University should serve as a model of environmental consciousness and evolve into a 'Net Zero' campus. "With its legacy of producing distinguished personalities, AU must now lead the way in sustainability," the CM said.

Highlighting the urgency of climate action, Naidu pointed to rising temperatures and frequent cyclones as clear signs of environmental imbalance. He



highlighted the need for solar energy generation, noting that AU's 450-acre campus offered ample scope for tree planting and solar panel installations.

The chief minister's vision is for the university to meet its entire electricity demand through solar power.

Drawing a parallel with Tirumala, which boasts nearly 90 per cent greenery, he proposed that AU be developed into a biodiversity park.

Naidu outlined a comprehensive blueprint for transformation, including solid waste management, biogas production, recycling under the 'Swachh Patham' initiative, and waste-to-energy plants. Plans also involve wastewater management, the adoption of PNG and electric stoves for cooking, and the formation of a team of professors to implement the 'Net Zero' policy.

Chief Minister Inspects Narlapur Reservoir and Vattem Pump House



Nagar kurnool : As part of his two-day visit to major irrigation projects in the undivided Mahabubnagar district, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday inspected several key components of the Palamuru – Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) along with Cabinet colleagues and senior officials.

The Chief Minister began the day with a breakfast meeting at the residence of Excise, Prohibition and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao in Kollapur, where he also interacted with lo-

cal public representatives. Later, he visited the Head Regulator of Packages 2 and 3 of the Palamuru – Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and reviewed a photo exhibition showcasing the project's progress. Irrigation engineers and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy briefed him on the status of the works.

The Chief Minister then inspected the delivery system of the Narlapur (Anjanagiri) Reservoir, which has a storage capacity of 6.4 TMC. Officials explained that the reservoir is designed to lift

water through eight pumps and serves as a key component in supplying irrigation water to the scheme's targeted ayacut of 1.23 million acres. Water lifted from the Srisaillam backwaters reaches Narlapur Reservoir and is then conveyed to Packages



4 and 5 through the delivery system.

CM Revanth Reddy reviewed the operational challenges and present conditions involved in transferring water from Narlapur Reservoir to the Yedula Pump House through Packages 2, 3 and 4. Senior irrigation officials provided a detailed presentation on the project's progress and technical issues.

The Chief Minister also inspected the MGKL Lift Irrigation Pump House before proceeding to the third lift of the Vattem Pump House near Kummera village in Nagarkurnool district. He reviewed the progress of works being executed under the SJRPLIS component of the

Palamuru – Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and sought detailed information from officials.

Officials informed the Chief Minister that ₹3,300 crore had been spent on the project between 2020 and 2023, while an additional ₹800 crore had been invested since 2023. The remaining civil works, estimated at ₹90 crore, are expected to be completed within the next three months.

At the Vattem Pump House, officials stated that five of the ten pumps have already been installed and successfully tested. Once water becomes available during the monsoon season, it will be lifted to the Venkatadri



Reservoir, which has a storage capacity of 16.74 TMC. The reservoir will be filled in phases under a standard operating system.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said the Palamuru –

Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme is designed to provide irrigation facilities to 12.30 lakh acres while also supplying drinking water and industrial water to the districts of Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Rangareddy and Nalgonda.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Prohibition, Excise and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, Dairy Development and Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari, Government

Whip and Mahabubnagar MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy, MLA Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy, Minority Finance Corporation Chairman Obedulla Kotwal, Sports Authority Chairman Shivasena Reddy, Irrigation Secretary Sridhar, District Collector Hemant Keshav Patil, Superintendent of Police Sangram Singh G. Patil, Chief Engineer Vijayabhaskar Reddy, engineering officials, other government officials and public representatives.

Be Prepared Before the Monsoon Season!

Memorandum Submitted to Manuguru Municipal Commissioner on Civic Issues
Demand for Desilting of Drains and Streams, Along with Dengue Prevention Measures

Manuguru Correspondent | June 05: Keeping the upcoming monsoon season in view, BRS party leaders submitted a memorandum to Manuguru Municipal Commissioner Naga Prasad on Friday, urging the authorities to take preventive measures to address civic issues and safeguard public health.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders stated that drainage systems across the Manuguru Municipality are clogged with silt and require immediate desilting before the onset of heavy rains. They also requested the authorities to undertake desilting works in the town's main stream, Katta Vagu, to ensure smooth water flow and prevent flooding.

The leaders pointed out that low-lying areas such as Sundarayya



Nagar, Adarsha Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Balaji Nagar, and Kali Mata Area face severe waterlogging during every monsoon. They urged the municipality to strengthen the drainage infrastructure in these localities and clear all side drains to facilitate the free flow of rainwater.

Expressing concern over the possible outbreak of seasonal diseases such as dengue, malaria, and viral fevers during the rainy season, they demanded that the municipality initiate preventive measures immediately. They also called for regular fogging operations throughout the town, systematic sanitation drives, and the spreading of bleaching powder in all streets.

Furthermore, the leaders requested the municipality to disinfect public wells and water sources by applying bleaching powder to ensure safe drinking water for residents.

They stated that the memorandum was submitted with the objective of ensuring "Public Health, Urban Cleanliness, and Monsoon Preparedness."

The programme was attended by Manuguru Mandal BRS Youth Wing President Boshetti Raviprasad, Jakkam Ranjith, Avula Srinu, Maroju Ramesh, Guntaka Esavu, Tallapalli Nagaraju, and BRS Social Media President Degala Sampath, among others.

The leaders warned that if precautionary measures are not taken before the monsoon begins, residents may face serious hardships in the coming months

Plant a Tree in Mother's Name :

MLA Dhanpal Calls for Green Initiative on World Environment Day—

Nizamabad June 5, 2026 : On the occasion of World Environment Day and marking the completion of 12 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta participated in a plantation programme at the Government General Hospital (GGH) in the district headquarters and appealed to people to plant trees in the name of their mothers.

Addressing the gathering after planting saplings, the MLA said the initiative was inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call encouraging citizens to contribute towards environmental protection by planting and nurturing trees. He emphasized that merely planting saplings is not enough and that every individual must take responsibility for protecting and nurturing them until they grow into healthy trees.



Dhanpal stated that planting trees is a priceless gift to future generations and highlighted the crucial role greenery plays in maintaining ecological balance and ensuring abundant oxygen for human life. He noted that environmental conservation has become the need of the hour amid rising pollution and climate-related challenges.

The MLA further recalled that the Central Government has been implementing several initiatives aimed at protecting the environment. Referring to the "Mission LiFE" campaign launched by Prime Minister Modi, he said awareness is being created among people regarding reduction of plastic usage, water conservation, and sustainable lifestyle practices.

He added that plantation drives are being actively carried out in schools, colleges, government offices, and public institutions across the country. Dhanpal also mentioned the Prime Minister's recent appeal promoting the use of electric vehicles to reduce pollution and said many citizens are already responding positively to the initiative.

The programme was attended by Government General Hospital Superintendent Dr. Nagamohan, BJP State Secretary Sravanthi Reddy, Corporators Nagolla Lakshminarayana, Bantu Preethi Praveen, Jyothi Murali, Dr. Harish Swamy, Dr. Raghavendra Chidrawar, leader Mayavar Krishna, hospital staff, and other public representatives.

Completed ITI? A Golden Opportunity for Your Career..!

Massive National Apprenticeship Mela at Government ITI, Manuguru on June 8

Manuguru Correspondent | June 05: Good news for ITI graduates who are eagerly looking for career opportunities. A National Apprenticeship Mela will be organized at the Government ITI campus in Manuguru on June 8, informed ITI Principal D. Venkateswara Rao.

Speaking to the media on Friday, he stated that every ITI graduate should undergo apprenticeship training to gain practical industrial experience. Representatives from various companies based in Hyderabad will participate in the mela and pro-



vide apprenticeship opportunities to eligible candidates.

He urged candidates from all ITI trades to make the best use of this opportunity. Apprenticeship training not only offers hands-on industry exposure but also enhances future employment prospects and career growth.

Officials appealed to all ITI graduates to attend the mela and lay a strong foundation for their professional future.

For more details, contact: 79815 21746, 99896 37594

"Have you completed ITI? Then June 8 could be the day that changes your future!"

AP's Polavaram Project Will Hit TG, Harish Cautions Authority



Hyderabad: Former irrigation minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Thursday warned the Polavaram Project Authority that once Andhra Pradesh completes the Polavaram project, the temple town of Bhadrachalam could face a permanent flood threat.

In a letter to the chief executive officer of the authority, Harish Rao called for urgent intervention to protect the flood-prone areas in Telangana from the Polavaram project backwaters, Harish Rao pointed out that the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of the Polavaram Project is 45.72 metres, which is exactly the same as the first flood warn-

ing level at Bhadrachalam.

Recalling the 2022 floods, Harish Rao said after completion of the Polavaram coffer dam, backwater effects contributed significantly to flooding in Bhadrachalam, Burgampahad and Sarapaka. Nearly 40 per cent of Bhadrachalam town was submerged, causing severe hardship to more than one lakh people.

Referring to studies by IIT and WAPCOS, he said they found that nearly 184 square kilometres across 36 villages would be affected by the backwater impact.

He also said that the threat was not limited to villages alone. Major industrial establishments, including ITC Paperboards, the Heavy Water Plant at Manuguru and the Dummugudem Hydel Project, are also vulnerable to backwater flooding.

He urged the Polavaram Project Authority to provide adequate compensation, undertake flood protection measures and establish a dedicated PPA Division Office in Bhadrachalam to monitor rehabilitation, flood management and backwater-related issues affecting Telangana.

BJP Alleges Telangana Interests Sacrificed in Karnataka Hydel Deal



Hyderabad: Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday alleged that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had compromised the state's interests by permitting construction of the Korata Kunta hydel project in Karnataka.

Addressing reporters, he claimed the agreement allowed Karnataka to use Krishna waters despite having no additional share, and accused the state government of yielding to political considerations.

Rao criticised successive governments, including the BRS and the Congress, stating they had failed to deliver on key Telangana movement demands of water, funds and jobs. He alleged pending dues of ₹20,000 crore to contractors and ₹10,000 crore towards fee reimbursements, and claimed delays in retirement benefits had led to deaths of several retirees. He also alleged that neither government had implemented a transparent job calendar.

On irrigation, he accused former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao of compromising state interests in Krishna water allocations. He further questioned the Congress government over alleged inaction on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, referring to it as a scam, and criticised demands for a

CBI probe into issues at the Medigadda project.

On electoral strategy, Rao said the BJP would contest the upcoming municipal elections in Greater Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri independently, while adding that any alliance decision would be taken by the party's national leadership. He also supported allowing a public meeting proposed to be addressed by Pawan Kalyan, and questioned the BRS over its past ties with the All India Majlis-e-Lttehadul Muslimeen.

Referring to the Telangana movement, Rao said it was a collective effort of various groups and individuals, and paid tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for statehood. He added that the National Democratic Alliance government had extended significant financial assistance to the state over the past 12 years.

On student politics, he dismissed certain groups as having limited grassroots presence and said the younger generation would not be influenced by external narratives.

Aruna Calls Revanth's Heli-tour Publicity Stunt

Hyderabad: BJP national vice president and Mahbubnagar MP D.K. Aruna on Thursday accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of staging a publicity-driven heli-tour to inspect irrigation projects in Mahbubnagar, saying the two-day visit will not advance stalled irrigation works and even just help in finding potholes on the roads.

Speaking at the party's Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan programme in Gadwal, Aruna urged the state government to release funds for pending irrigation schemes and said Revanth had failed to make meaningful progress in his two and a half years in office—mirroring the lack of any progress under K. Chandrashekar Rao's decade-long tenure.

Aruna pointed to a series of unfinished and neglected projects, saying the Jurala safety bridge remains incomplete despite repeated promises. She said the Ryalampadu project has been unable to store water for five years because its gates have not been repaired and the Gattu lift irrigation scheme has been pending for 12 years.

She also accused the government of proposing to increase the capacity of the Gudemdoddi reservoir to 15 tmc without properly assessing its base strength and capacity and said there has been no visible progress on reservoir and canal construction under the Tummilla lift irrigation project.

"When Jurala faced heavy floods, irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy visited and announced a safety bridge to strengthen the project, but there has been no headway," she added.

Aruna further accused the Congress government of facing criticism from all sections of the society including farmers, unemployed youth and women and said she has received complaints that Congress party activists were being favoured in the allocation of Indiramma houses over genuine beneficiaries.

She urged party workers to stage protests outside district collector offices if activists receive Indiramma homes in place of eligible claimants.



T-Mobile Sets Up Its New GCC Centre in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: TMUS Global Solutions, the global arm of T-Mobile, one of the leading telecommunication companies in the US, has inaugurated a 2.5-lakh square feet global technology centre in Hyderabad, marking a major expansion of the US technology giant outside its home country.

The facility, opened in the presence of IT and industries minister D Sridhar Babu and IT advisor Sai Krishna, will serve as a strategic innovation hub within T-Mobile's global network, building advanced capabilities across software engineering, DevOps, product development, data analytics, cybersecurity and next-generation digital solutions.

Officials from TMUS Global Solutions India, including Chandra Gupta, vice-president IT operations, joined the state delegation to discuss long-term growth plans. The company intends to scale the Hyderabad centre to nearly 1,000 employees by 2027.

Designed as a globally integrated technology and innovation centre, the office will focus on cloud technologies, artificial intelligence, automation and enterprise digital transformation to de-



velop scalable solutions that support the company's technology operations and customer experience goals.

Speaking at the launch, Sridhar Babu thanked T-Mobile's leadership for choosing Telangana, saying the state's diverse talent pool and rapidly built GCC ecosystem enable global firms to scale quickly across sectors such as telecom, AI, semiconductors, life sciences and BFSI.

Chandra Gupta said Hyderabad's talent and established innovation ecosystem align with T-Mobile's long-term objectives and will help strengthen the company's engineering and digital capabilities. Hyderabad, which now hosts over 450 GCCs and more than 3 lakh professionals, has in recent years emerged as one of the fastest-growing hubs for high-value technology centres.

Nalgonda Mayor Distributes Indiramma Saris



Nalgonda: Nalgonda municipal corporation mayor Burri Chaitanya Srinivas Reddy on Thursday said the Congress government has been implementing several initiatives aimed at the empowerment of women.

As part of the "Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika", the mayor distributed Indiramma saris to women under the Indra Mahila Shakti scheme in Divisions 10, 11, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 41 of the municipal corporation.

Speaking on the occasion, she said the state government was implementing a range of welfare schemes to promote women's empowerment. She said the initiatives were

aimed at helping women achieve financial self-sufficiency, which would contribute to their overall empowerment.

She urged women to make use of the welfare schemes being implemented by the government and improve their financial well-being. Referring to development works in Nalgonda, she said the town was witnessing rapid progress with the support of roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. Development works worth hundreds of crores of rupees had already been taken up in the town, she added.

The mayor expressed confidence that the Nalgonda municipal corporation would emerge as a model civic body in the coming years. Municipal corporators Palakuri Sumalatha, Pilli Krishnam Raju, Regatte Andalu Lingaswamy, Edulla Sridhar Reddy and Kesani Venugopal Reddy were present.

India-UK Minerals Tie Hits Milestone, Says Kishan

Hyderabad: The India-United Kingdom strategic partnership in critical minerals marked a significant milestone on Thursday with the inauguration of the India-UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO) satellite centre. The launch follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2025 announcement, during a bilateral meeting with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, to establish a supply-chain observatory for critical minerals.

The satellite centre was inaugurated by Union minister for coal and mines G. Kishan Reddy, alongside UK foreign secretary Yvette Cooper.

Addressing the gathering, Kishan Reddy said the observatory would play a pivotal role in building secure, sustainable and reliable critical minerals supply chains worldwide. With the rapid expansion of clean energy, advanced technologies and digital transformation, he said, critical minerals have become the backbone of the global economy and the observatory would be central to developing the world's largest digital material-flow map.

Under Prime Minister Modi's vision for a developed India by 2047, the government is prioritising self-reliance in the critical minerals sector, Reddy said.

To support that goal, New Delhi has launched a \$4-billion National Critical Minerals Mission aimed at strengthening systems across mineral discovery, exploration, processing, recycling and innovation.

To promote recycling of critical minerals, the government has rolled out a dedicated \$180-million programme and set up nine Centres of Excellence across the country, he added. Measures include recovering valuable minerals from industrial waste and sourcing minerals from overseas where needed.

Reddy also outlined policy reforms to attract



investment into the minerals sector, including transparent e-auctions, incentives for private companies and opportunities for junior mining firms. Faster approvals and a more business-friendly regime, he said, are positioning India among the most attractive destinations globally for minerals investment.

Kishan Reddy urged British industry, investors and technology firms to invest in India's critical minerals ecosystem.

He said the UK's strengths in mineral processing and extraction technologies can accelerate growth in India's electric vehicle, defence, aerospace and semiconductor sectors. He expressed confidence that the observatory would evolve into a globally recognised centre for critical-minerals intelligence, providing valuable data and insights to industry, researchers and investors.

The GSCO initiative is a joint effort led by the ministry of mines, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Texmin and the Technology Translation Research Park under the Department of Science & Technology, with academic collaboration from the University of Cambridge.

The launch was attended by representatives from the UK Foreign Office, officials of the British High Commission, Cambridge University delegates and senior officials from IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Texmin and the ministry of mines.

Government is Making Significant Efforts for the Welfare of Persons with Disabilities:

State Disabled Welfare Corporation Chairman Muthineni Veeraiah

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : State Disabled Welfare Corporation Chairman Muthineni Veeraiah said that the State Government is making extensive efforts for the welfare and empowerment of persons with disabilities.

A distribution program for assistive devices to persons with disabilities was held on Friday at the Collectorate Conference Hall. The event was attended by State Disabled Welfare Corporation Chairman Muthineni Veeraiah and District Collector Bhavesh Mishra.

Addressing the gathering, Veeraiah stated that the government is providing substantial support to help persons with disabilities become self-reliant. He noted that special self-help groups have been established across the state for their benefit. Around 80,000 persons with disabilities are benefiting through approximately 11,000 disability savings groups. He also mentioned that stringent eligibility norms for the distribution of assistive devices have been relaxed, enabling more beneficiaries to receive support. Additionally, Bala Bharosa Centers have been established to improve the health and well-being of children with disabilities below six years of age.

Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Bhavesh Mishra said that the government is creating numerous opportunities for the advancement and empowerment of persons with disabilities. He encouraged beneficiaries to make use of these opportunities and move forward with confidence and determination.

The Collector highlighted that the government is providing scooters, advanced wheelchairs, laptops, smartphones, hearing aids, and other assistive devices free of cost to eligible persons with disabilities. He said these initiatives would significantly improve their quality of life and assured continued efforts to address their concerns



and challenges.

During the program, the Chairman and the Collector distributed laptops, smartphones, and advanced wheelchairs to eligible beneficiaries. Later, in the Collectorate premises, Chairman Muthineni Veeraiah and Vedma Bojju Patel jointly distributed specially designed scooters to 38 persons with disabilities.

Women, Child and Disabled Welfare Officer Vinutha, other officials, beneficiaries, and members of the public participated in the event.

Everyone should be a partner in environmental protection: Additional District Judge K. Swapna Rani

Planting of seedlings in the District Court grounds on the occasion of World Environment Day Promotion of clean environment for future generations through awareness programmes, bike rallies under the direction of the Forest Department throughout the District

P e d d a p a l l i Correspondant : On Friday, World Environment Day, an extra-judicial district magistrate K. Swapna Rani, under the supervision of the junior civil judge N. Manjula, held a planting drama programme at the district court complex, Peddapalli district, Rangampalli. The importance of forests was emphasized on this occasion and the need for environmental conservation was instilled. K. Swapna Rani, the additional district magistrate, said that everyone should do their duty for environmental conservation against the background of global challenges posed by climate change. She also said that it was important not only to plant but also to care for the plants. M.



Naveen Reddy, District Forester, Ramagundam, and IFS Forester, both of the IODC, were the keynote speakers at the plant planting programme held in the office premises of the IODC. E. Kanaka Jyothi, assistant scientist of the Kihalvanaparathi Regional Office of the Pollution Control Board, participated in the programme. A bicycle rally was held on the eve of the World Environment Day from the IODC office to the village of Kihalvanaparathi Rampalli Reserve Forest. As part of the programme a special plant planting programme was undertaken at a 2-hectare high-density mixed plantation plot at compartment no. 479/1 in the Ramalli Reserve Forest block of Kihalvanaparathi in the Dharamaram. As part of the programmes 30 plants were planted in the District Court complex, 10 in the IOOC office premises and 20 in the Kihalvanaparathi area. The programmes were attended by officials of the Forest Department, T. Satish Kumar, Vinayak Nayak, Devdas, Ramachandra Komurayya, Rahmatullah, Kihalvanaparathi Sarpanch Motte Kanukaiah and others.

Everyone Must Come Forward for Environmental Protection: District Collector Ankith

Grand Plantation Drive Held on World Environment Day

Bhadradri Kothagudem District Correspondent | June 05: District Collector Ankith called upon everyone to actively participate in environmental protection to ensure a clean and healthy environment for future generations. She was the chief guest at a tree plantation program organized by the Forest Department on Friday at the VKCM area of Rudrampur in Chunchupally Mandal, marking World Environment Day.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector planted saplings and emphasized the importance of nurturing and protecting them. She stated that trees play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance and urged every citizen to plant at least one sapling and take responsibility for its growth and care.

"Planting a sapling is a noble act, but protecting and



nurturing it is an even greater responsibility," the Collector said. She highlighted the need to increase green cover to combat pollution and reduce the impact of climate change.

District SP Rohith Raju, District Forest Officer Krishna Goud, Forest Department officials, staff members, public representatives, and local residents participated in the plantation drive and planted saplings. The officials appealed to all sections of society to contribute towards environmental conservation.

"One Tree... A Breath of Life for Millions"

Participants expressed that the saplings planted today would become the lifeline for future generations and help build a greener and healthier tomorrow.

Protecting nature is the only way to ensure the future

Protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada's call

Warangal Mandal : Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada said that nature is the source of life for all living things and only if we protect nature, it will protect us.

As part of the 99-day action plan of the 10th theme of the Public Administration Progress Plan, on Friday, the 5th day, District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada flagged off an awareness rally organized by district officials and voluntary organizations from a



sasters are increasing. He said that tsunamis, cloudbursts and other disasters are increasing due to human intervention in nature.

He suggested that the use of environmentally friendly fuels like green hydrogen should be encouraged instead of relying on conventional fuels like petrol, diesel and gas.

He called on the people to bring back nature-friendly items like clay pots and earthenware, as was the way of life of our ancestors.

The Collector said that environmental protection is the responsibility of every citizen and everyone should be a partner in providing a clean nature for future generations.

District Collector Dr. Satya Sarada inaugurated the rally by taking a pledge and waving the flag on the occasion of Environment Day.

Speaking on the occasion, retired Forest Officer Purushottam said that everyone should take responsibility in controlling plastics by bringing steel bottles from home, which will reduce the use of plastic.

Pollution Control Board E E Sunitha took a pledge on environmental protection.

Additional Collector G Sandhyarani, ZP CEO Ramireddy, Pollution Control Board E E Sunitha, retired DFO Purushottam, Environment Protection United Platform K. Purushottam, T. Sravan Kumar, A. Sampath Kumar, V. Srinivas, Radha Madam, Bhagavan, Venkanna Singer M. Parusharamulu, Rajagovindu, Damodar, Dr. Sambamurthy, Faizul Rahman, along with representatives of various voluntary organizations, walkers, yoga associations, and staff of the Forest and Horticulture departments participated in this rally.

Banks Should Provide Better Services to the Public: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District : Staff Reporter : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra stated that banks should provide better services to the public.

A DCC and DLRC meeting for the fourth quarter of the financial year 2025-26 was held on Friday at the Collectorate conference hall.

Addressing the meeting, the Collector said that the economic condition of people improves with the support of banks, and therefore banks should extend the necessary assistance. He noted that both the Central and State Governments are implementing several wel-



fare schemes linked to banks for the upliftment of poor citizens, and bankers have the responsibility of ensuring that all eligible beneficiaries at the grassroots level receive these benefits.

He also emphasized the need to conduct extensive awareness programmes on cybercrime prevention, savings habits, and banking services. The Collector instructed banks not to delay the sanctioning of loans to backward-class communities, women self-help groups, farmers, street vendors, and students. He further directed that eligible applicants should be provided with the appropriate loans under various schemes.

Later, the Annual Credit Plan Report for 2026-27 was formally released.

The meeting was attended by District Lead Bank Manager Ram Gopal, SBI Regional Manager Ranjan Kumar, TGB Regional Manager Naveen Kumar, RBI Linked Banking Officer Ramulu, along with other officials and bankers.

SPORTS



French Open 2026: Chwalinska Downs Shnaider, Becomes First Qualifier To Reach Final



Paris: Polish world number 114 Maja Chwalinska made French Open history on Thursday as she beat Diana Shnaider in straight sets to become the first qualifier to go all the way to the final at Roland Garros in the professional era. The 24-year-old's 7-6 (7/4), 6-4 victory over Russian 25th seed Shnaider made her only the second woman to come through qualifying and reach a Grand Slam final in any major since the Open era began, after Emma Raducanu's title run at the US Open in 2021.

Chwalinska will meet Russian eighth seed Mirra Andreeva in Saturday's title-decider. Appearing in her first main draw in Paris, Chwalinska, who had on three previous occasions failed to qualify for Roland Garros, has won nine matches across her three-week French Open campaign to stand on the brink of glory. Chwalinska said her run to the final was "like a dream" moments after beating Shnaider.

"I don't know what's going on, I just, I dunno what to say. I'm sorry, I'm just very happy," she added to raucous applause on Court Philippe Chatrier. One aspect of run to the final has been the ice-cold composure she has displayed on court across all her matches. "I'm crazy sometimes also, yeah," Chwalinska said of her emotions. "But I try to stay composed because I know it's the best way for me... But inside there's a storm believe me."

In an intriguing clash of styles between the variety of Chwalinska's game and the power-hitting of Shnaider, it was the diminutive Pole who earned the first break to get 3-1 ahead. A deft drop-shot followed by a beautifully disguised deep backhand slice helped bring three break points, she converted the first when Shnaider drove a forehand into the tramlines. The Russian hit back straight away to wipe out the break, even drawing an admiring thumbs-up from Chwalinska after a perfectly-weighted backhand drop-shot.

A wild forehand by Chwalinska gave Shnaider daylight at 3-1 in the tie-break but the patient Pole won six of the next seven points to claim the opener. With the sun peeking through the sides of the roof on centre court, the pair exchanged breaks of serve to start the second set. Shnaider called for a medical timeout to receive a back massage when leading 4-3. Chwalinska began drawing the rallies out in response and promptly broke Shnaider in the Russian's next service game to move to the edge of victory. She sealed her spot in the final with a forehand winner. "I will give my all, it's a Grand Slam final," Chwalinska said. "Let me enjoy this moment for now... I just want to breathe a little, enjoy it today then just recover as best I can," she added of preparations for her 10th and final match of the tournament.

French Open 2026: Andreeva Races Past Kostyuk To Reach Final

Former Indian cricketer Mohammed Kaif has criticized BCCI, over reports suggesting a possible change in the men's India T20I leadership. Kaif called it unfair to judge Suryakumar Yadav's leadership based on franchise cricket.

The criticism comes amid reports that the board has decided to hand over the leadership role to Shreyas Iyer, with Tilak Varma likely to be named Vice-Captain, despite Suryakumar leading India to the T20 World Cup title earlier this year. Kaif argued that a captain should not be judged solely on IPL performances and urged the selectors to show greater consistency in their decision-making.

According to multiple reports, India's next T20I assignment begins with a two-match series against Ireland before the team travels to England for a five-match T20I series and three ODIs. Sources indicate that chief selector Ajit Agarkar, head coach Gautam Gambhir and the selection committee have reached a consensus on appointing Shreyas Iyer as the new T20I captain, signaling a leadership transition in the shortest format why Suryakumar Yadav is not even in the T20I Squad.

Mohammed Kaif said that "It is very unfortunate that a World Cup-winning T20 player is being removed from the captaincy and even from the team. No player deserves to be treated this way. But why is this happening? The selection committee has been making such decisions for some time now. Even after winning the Champions Trophy, removing Rohit Sharma from the captaincy made no sense at all. I



still believe it was a very poor and unfair decision. And now the same thing seems to be happening with Suryakumar Yadav. Suryakumar Yadav deserves far more respect. He is still one of India's finest T20 batters, and his strike rate is better than that of many others. Yes, I agree that he has not scored many runs in the last two or three months, but what do Indian fans really want? They want championships, and Suryakumar Yadav has helped India win trophies. He deserves much more respect than this, and every player deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. This is a very poor decision by the selectors."

This decision has sparked debate among cricket fans on social media with many applauding Mohammad Kaif for calling out the BCCI.

"Kaif isn't wrong – champions deserve respect. If SKY is dropped, it will be one of the most debated decisions in Indian T20 cricket." Wrote an user on X.

Why other section of nitizens are with the BCCI's decision.

"it a good call, SKY hasn't been making any runs recently and has become a liability in the Tournaments. He didn't even perform in 2024 WC, Asia Cup, WC26, IPL. These are enough reasons to sack him". Said another X user.

While the BCCI's official stance on the matter remains awaited, Kaif's criticism has brought the spotlight back on India's selection process, raising questions about the criteria used to assess captains and the importance of continuity in a team that recently tasted World Cup success.

India's No.3 problem unsolved since Pujara left, give next man longer run, says Gandhi

Former selector Devang Gandhi has urged India to give its next number three Test batsman a sustained run to solve the team's batting instability since Cheteshwar Pujara's exit, ahead of the one-off Test against Afghanistan

New Delhi: The number three batting position remains India's biggest concern heading into the one-off Test against Afghanistan in New Chandigarh. Former national selector Devang Gandhi noted that the slot has been unsettled since Cheteshwar Pujara's exit and urged team management to give the next incumbent a longer run.

India's number three position remains the most unstable seat in its Test batting line-up. Since Pujara's departure, seven batters have auditioned at one-drop, but none have nailed it down so far. Shubman Gill had the longest stint before shifting down the batting order after taking over as Test captain.

Since then, Sai Sudharsan, Washington Sundar, Dhruv Jurel, and Devdutt Padikkal have all batted at number three. The recent 2-0 home series loss to South Africa laid bare the chaos—Washington was thrust into the role on a raging turner at Eden Gardens, only to be dropped down the order after India's batting collapse.

Sudharsan returned for the game in Guwahati but is yet to make the spot his own. For the upcoming Test against Afghanistan, Sudharsan is again in the mix, though Padikkal's prolific domestic run puts him firmly in contention.

"See, the number three spot has been a spot of bother. Nobody has settled in since Pujara left. So, that will be one area where India would like to try out the youngsters. Even Kuldeep [Yadav] hasn't had a game for a long time. If Kuldeep comes into play, his form is going to be very crucial going into the Sri Lanka tour," Gandhi said in an exclusive conversation with IANS on Friday.

"I think India will definitely keep those options in mind and then go ahead because this is a very good chance—we're playing in Chandigarh, and the wicket is also going to be good. India hasn't played a Test match for quite some time. Before heading to Sri Lanka, this is the right time to get most of the players back in form and give them some game time," Gandhi added.



On Sudharsan's prospects, Gandhi—who featured in four Tests and three ODIs for India—suggested the young left-handed batter may be left out after failing to capitalize on his chances in England and at home, while backing an in-form Padikkal to get a fair run.

"In all fairness, Sai has had a fair run. He played in England and thereafter in India as well. Unfortunately, he didn't grab those chances. So, I think he will probably have to sit out of this Test match. Padikkal has only played two Test matches, where he scored a half-century once. I think whoever is playing should be given a fair run—give him at least four or five Test matches to prove himself. It's not an easy spot to bat, especially number three. It requires sound technique and temperament. Whoever they have identified, they need to give him a longer run," he added.

On the evolution of Shubman Gill after taking over as India's Test skipper last year, Gandhi was effusive in his praise. "There has been a steady growth as far as his captaincy is concerned. Since he took over, we know how well he took to captaincy as a batter, right? Scoring 700 runs on his first tour of England was very good."

"I think that will help him a lot. Over the years, if you look at the way he was captaining in the IPL, there has been steady progress. He lends balance to the side and brings a calmness to the table, which I think is very important. It's heartening to see the way he has been evolving as a captain and as a batsman."

The inclusion of left-arm spinners Harsh Dubey and Manav Suthar in the Test squad has been a major talking point. Gandhi noted that all-round ability has become a key selection parameter, especially when planning for life after Ravindra Jadeja. "Yes, definitely. Jadeja has served for a very long time. But looking ahead, we are definitely looking for spinners. At the same time, it helps if you are able to bat. It lends a lot of balance to the side as you bat deep, providing an added comfort."

On tall right-arm fast bowler Gurnoor Brar being included in the Test setup ahead of Jammu and Kashmir pacer Auqib Nabi—who picked up 60 wickets in a victorious Ranji Trophy campaign—Gandhi said physical attributes and an 'X-factor' sometimes tipped the scales.

Indian football needs everyday engagement, not just a four-year World Cup carnival, says Shaji Prabhakaran

Former AIFF general secretary Shaji Prabhakaran has called on India to convert its temporary, quadrennial FIFA World Cup fanaticism into a sustained, year-round movement focusing on youth qualification, grassroots development, and robust institutional governance for domestic football

New Delhi: Former All India Football Federation (AIFF) general secretary Shaji Prabhakaran has urged India to transform its periodic FIFA World Cup enthusiasm into a sustained movement for domestic football development, arguing that the country must celebrate the sport year-round rather than strictly during the quadrennial global tournament.

Writing in a column ahead of the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2026, Prabhakaran noted that while football's popularity spikes dramatically in India every four years, the mainstream interest abruptly vanishes once the tournament concludes.

"Football must become part of everyday life in India rather than a four-year carnival. When football is celebrated 365 days a year, it becomes part of the country's cultural bloodstream. That is the level of adoption India should seek," Prabhakaran wrote on his personal blog.

He observed that during the World Cup cycle, television networks, print media, and social platforms are saturated with football analysis, with casual viewers frequently asking why India has yet to qualify for the world stage. However, that intense spotlight is glaringly absent when the Indian national team plays crucial qualifiers or when the domestic club ecosystem faces existential challenges.

"The FIFA World Cup motivates India to envision a new era for football in the country," the 54-year-old former AIFF executive wrote. "Newspapers dedicate entire pages to the event, social media is flooded with analysis, television channels transform football into a national craze, and prominent figures from various sectors suddenly become enthusiastic commentators. During this brief window, India mirrors one of the world's great football cultures."

"However, beneath this spectacle lies an uncomfortable truth: much of this enthusiasm is temporary," he added. "The same individuals who fervently question why India is not part of the World Cup often remain silent when the Indian national team plays important matches, when local clubs face survival challenges, and when the sport requires consistent, grassroots support."

Prabhakaran highlighted the qualification of historically smaller footballing nations, such as Cape Verde and Curaçao, for the newly expanded 48-team FIFA World Cup 2026 as concrete evidence that international success is dictated by administrative governance and structural planning rather than gross population size.



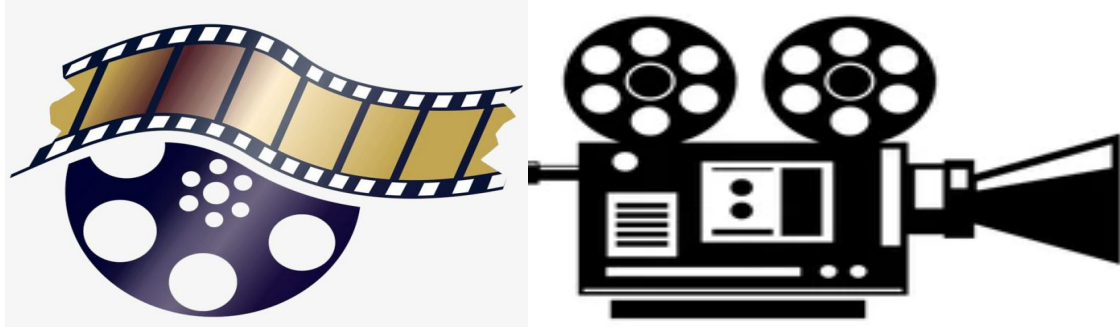
"Football success is not solely determined by population size. Vision, structure, coaching, scouting, development pathways, administrative competence, governance standards, and long-term execution are far more significant," he explained. "Smaller nations qualify by systematically aligning talent with long-term strategy. India cannot continue using its size as a comfort zone while ignoring the systems that transform raw passion into performance."

To bridge this gap, Prabhakaran insisted that India prioritize grassroots infrastructure, formalized coaching pathways, stable domestic competitions, sports science, and transparent institutional governance. Crucially, he noted that qualifying for major youth tournaments must become a non-negotiable national objective.

"If India wants to compete seriously on the global stage in the coming decade, then qualifying consistently for major youth tournaments must become a core national target. The men's and women's U-17 national teams should be developed with the specific, well-funded ambition of reaching future FIFA U-17 World Cups," he wrote.

Concluding his column, the former general secretary urged Indian fans to view the imminent kick-off of the FIFA World Cup 2026 not just as an entertainment product, but as a catalyst to construct a functional domestic football ecosystem.

"The World Cup can be the spark, but sparks do not sustain themselves. They must be safeguarded, nourished, and transformed into a lasting flame. Let this tournament be more than just a celebration of other nations. Let it mark the start of a stronger football culture in India—one that honors the national team, empowers young players, builds a robust fan base, and works tirelessly until the dream of seeing India on football's biggest stage is no longer distant, but inevitable," he concluded.



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BHOLA BALAYYA CELEBRATIONS SET TO RESOUND ACROSS THE GLOBE

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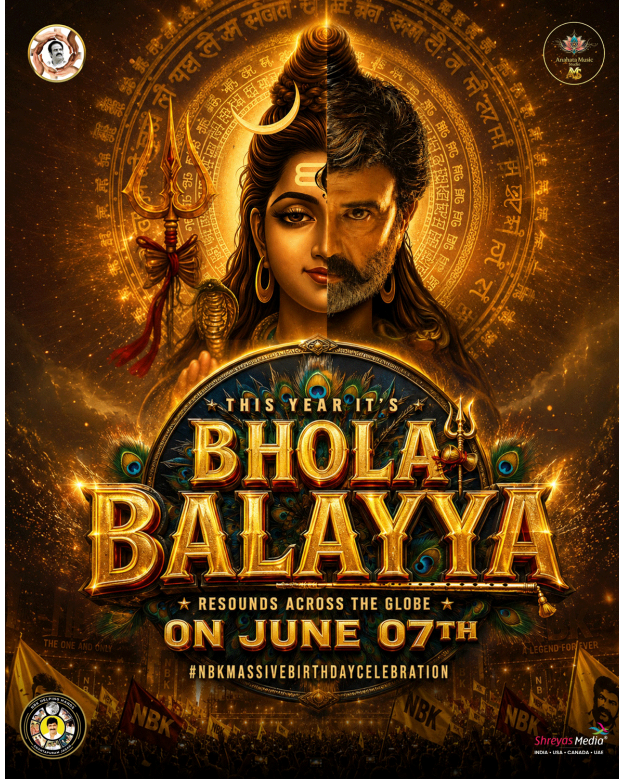
The poster carries the message, "The Wait Is Over. The Celebration Begins." It also announces that BHOLABALAYYA will resound across the globe as Hyderabad prepares for massive birthday celebrations for Nandamuri Balakrishna. The event is scheduled for June 7 and is expected to attract thousands of fans.

The newly released poster features a powerful and spiritual design. It combines the image of Lord Shiva with Balakrishna's face, creating a unique and eye-catching visual. The golden-themed artwork has received positive reactions from fans on social media. Many fans are sharing the poster and expressing their excitement for the upcoming celebrations.

Balakrishna enjoys a huge fan following not only in Telugu states but also across India and overseas. His fans celebrate every important occasion with great enthusiasm, and his birthday is always a special event.

According to the announcement, Hyderabad is gearing up for one of the most massive birthday celebrations ever organized for the actor. Fans from different countries are expected to join the celebrations directly or through social media. Several fan groups are also planning special programs, charity activities, and cultural events to mark the occasion.

The organizers, Shreyas Group and Shreyas Media, have promised



a memorable celebration for Balakrishna fans. As June 7 approaches, excitement continues to grow. Fans are eagerly waiting to be part of the grand event and celebrate the birthday of one of Telugu cinema's biggest stars.



Young and talented actor Ram Nitin, who gained fame with MAD franchise continues to strengthen

MAD Actor & Sundarakanda Director for a Kickass college entertainer

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Successful producer Dheeraj Mogilineni is producing the venture, while Vallabhaneni Giribabu presents it. Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainments bankrolling the film along with Youth producers Vineeth and Sandeep under the E2C Talkies banner.

As part of the actor's birthday celebrations, the production team released a special poster that has been receiving encouraging responses online. The poster showcases a lively college festival atmosphere and perfectly reflects the fun-filled spirit of the movie.

The tagline hints that audiences can expect a rollercoaster of entertainment. The film is set against the backdrop of a college in Kakinada and is expected to capture the colorful experiences of student life.

Friendship, celebrations, emotions, and humorous situations are likely to play a significant role in the narrative. The youthful theme has already attracted attention from movie enthusiasts. Music composer Sinjith Yerramilli has come on board to score the soundtrack.

Sigma Style: Jason, SK, Faria Bring Youthful Vibe

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More than just a promotional number, Sigma Style serves as a statement of the film's contemporary appeal. Composed by S Thaman, the track thrives on thumping electronic beats that instantly captures attention. The music is designed to resonate with younger audiences, blending modern rhythms with an unapologetically stylish presentation.

Interestingly, Jason Sanjay extends his contribution beyond filmmaking by writing the song's lyrics. The words carry a vibrant, self-assured energy that mirrors the film's youthful spirit, while the vocal combination of Thaman, AsurA, and MC Rude injects the number with additional punch and personality.

The visual presentation is where the song truly scores. In a pleasant surprise, Jason Sanjay shares screen space with



Sundeep Kishan, Faria Abdullah, and Raju Sundaram master. Rather than remaining behind the camera, the young director confidently joins the celebration, bringing freshness to the frame. Sundeep Kishan matches the song's energetic mood with ease, while Faria Abdullah adds vibrancy.

Sigma is gearing up for its worldwide theatrical release on July 31.



Ritika Nayak's Ethnic Elegance by the Lake

Young and promising actress Ritika Nayak is quickly becoming one of the most talked-about faces in Telugu cinema. Known for her elegant screen presence and expressive performances, Ritika has steadily built her career with a mix of strong roles and visually rich films.

She gained wider attention with the fantasy action adventure "Mirai" (2025), where she played a key role in a high-budget pan-Indian setting. The film helped her establish a solid fan base across multiple languages. Her performance was appreciated for blending grace with intensity in a visually grand narrative.

Following the success of Mirai, Ritika is now gearing up for multiple exciting projects. She was recently announced as the female lead opposite Nithiin in an upcoming Sithara Entertainments production, which is currently in early stages of shooting.

Her upcoming slate also reportedly includes new Telugu films like a romantic entertainer directed by Mithun Varadharaja Krishnan and another project with Merlapaka Gandhi, both expected around 2026.

With a growing lineup and strong backing from major banners, Ritika Nayak is clearly entering a crucial phase of her career, positioning herself as one of the most promising young heroines in South cinema.

Deepika Pilli Dazzles in a Vintage Pattu Saree

In this radiant photograph, Deepika Pilli looks absolutely mesmerizing in a vibrant blue pattu saree with rich purple and gold borders. The classic vintage saree colours glow beautifully against the traditional floral backdrop, highlighting her graceful smile, elegant jewellery, and joyful expression. As she shared playfully: "Vintage saree colours and completely unauthorized use of my akka's pattu saree without her knowledge! (sorry not sorry @hasitha_pilli) — two things that never fail to improve my mood."

Born on April 15, 1999, in Hyderabad, Deepika Pilli is a talented Telugu actress. She made her film debut with the movie Gulf (2017) and gained wider recognition with supporting roles in films like Wanted PanduGod (2022). She also hosted the TV show Comedy Stock Exchange.

Her career took a strong turn with the lead role as Raja Kumari in the 2025 comedy Akkada Ammayi Ikkada Abbayi opposite Pradeep Machiraju, which received a positive response for her charming screen presence.

Deepika continues to balance traditional grace with modern appeal, building a promising career in Telugu cinema. With her natural charm and dedication, she is steadily making her mark and has more exciting projects in the pipeline.

