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Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday warned the Central government of "serious consequences" if it failed to procure the entire 75 lakh tonnes of paddy that Telangana will procure from farmers by June 15.

Addressing a public meeting at Koheda in Rangareddy district after laying the foundation stone for the proposed International Integrated Fruit Market, the Chief Minister asserted that the state government would complete procurement of 75

lakh tonnes of paddy produced during the recent rabi season and demanded that the Centre purchase the entire stock.

Questioning the Centre's reported stand that it would procure only 30 to 40 per cent of Telangana's paddy stocks, Revanth Reddy asked how the Centre could refuse to buy paddy, maize and jowar produced by Telangana farmers. "I will see how the Centre will not purchase paddy, wheat and maize stocks from Telangana after June 15," he

Revanth Puts Centre On Notice Over Paddy

said.

The Chief Minister came down heavily on Union ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar for criticising his demand for Central procurement of foodgrains. Warning the BJP leaders, Revanth Reddy said they would find it difficult to even cross Telangana's borders if the Centre failed to purchase farmers' produce. He declared that while the state was maintaining cordial relations with the Centre to secure funds and approvals, it would not hesitate to fight for Telangana's rights.

Revanth Reddy said he would press the Centre to approve Hyderabad Metro Rail expansion, provide national project status to the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and ex-

tend support for airports proposed at Warangal and Adilabad. "After June 15, once all 75 lakh tonnes of paddy are procured by the state government, I will deal with the Centre," he said.

Revanth Reddy said farmers in Rangareddy district had historically supplied fruits, vegetables and milk to Hyderabad, but agriculture had suffered due to rapid real estate expansion. With Hyderabad's population crossing 1.3 crore and the city emerging as an international metropolis, he said the existing infrastructure was unable to meet the growing demand for fruits, vegetables and dairy products.

The Chief Minister said the International Integrated Fruit Market would be developed across 240 acres to ensure seamless availability

of fruits, vegetables, milk and other agricultural produce. He expressed confidence that the facility would bring global recognition to Telangana, second only to Hyderabad's international airport. He noted that even coriander was being sourced from neighbouring states and urged farmers to diversify beyond paddy, maize, cotton and chilli cultivation. He also announced plans to establish a tomato processing and sauce manufacturing unit in the Kandukur region.

Alleging attempts to obstruct the fruit market project, Revanth Reddy said the government would proceed with it regardless of opposition.

He said the proposed Bharat Future City was being developed to provide a

pollution-free alternative to areas affected by pharmaceutical industries and promised to attract 500 globally renowned companies to the project. He accused BRS leaders of opposing Bharat Future City, the Regional Ring Road, airports at Warangal and Adilabad, the Palamuru-Rangareddy project and the Tummidihatti project.

"Whatever development initiative we take, they come onto the roads and stage protests," he said, adding that if the opposition continued with such tactics, it would struggle even to remain politically relevant. He directed officials to commence operations at the fruit market by December and complete construction within two years, assuring that funds would be released

through a "green channel" without delay.

The Chief Minister asserted that the Congress government would continue development works despite criticism and opposition. "Whether they curse us, abuse us or try to obstruct us, we will build Bharat Future City, the fruit market and the Regional Ring Road," he said. He accused both the BJP and the BRS of becoming obstacles to Telangana's progress by creating hurdles for every major development initiative undertaken by the government. The Chief Minister said that Rangareddy district alone contributes nearly 60 per cent of the state's revenue and that these resources were being utilised to implement welfare programmes across Telangana.

1,076 Indians Deported From US in 2026: MEA

New Delhi: Amidst a sustained focus on secure and orderly international travel, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has confirmed that India and the United States are engaged in continuous high-level dialogue regarding migration and mobility. Official Spokesperson for the MEA, Randhir Jaiswal, addressed the media on Friday, revealing that 1,076 Indian nationals have been deported from the US in the current year, following the deportation of 3,567 individuals throughout 2025.

"I can share that 1,076 Indian nationals have been deported from the US so far this year. Last year, that number was 3,567," he said. The ongoing talks between New Delhi and Washington are centred on a dual objective: facilitating legitimate professional and educational migration while effectively curbing the rise in illegal border crossings and undocumented status. "We are in continuous dialogue with the US regarding migration and mobility to ensure that legal migration is facilitated while illegal migration is effectively curbed," Jaiswal stated during the weekly briefing.

The briefing coincided with recent high-profile enforcement actions by US authorities. On May 21, 2026, ICE Los Angeles arrested a 26-year-old Indian national, Parminderpal Singh, who was subsequently placed in custody pend-



ing removal proceedings. According to official reports, Singh's criminal history in the US included charges of grand theft, vehicle theft, vandalism, and trespassing. In a post on X, the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Los Angeles said, "ICE Los Angeles arrested Parminderpal Singh, 26, of India, on May 21. Singh's criminal record includes vehicle theft, grand theft, trespassing, and vandalism. He is in ICE custody pending removal."

According to the official statement, Singh has a prior criminal record that includes vehicle theft, grand theft, trespassing, and vandalism. ICE stated that he is currently in custody pending removal proceedings. During the weekly media briefing in September 2025, Jaiswal reiterated India's firm stance against illegal migration, emphasising the commitment to promoting legal pathways for migration. He stated that India aims to encourage legal migration, discouraging illegal activities that undermine these efforts. He added that the government verifies nationality and takes back individuals without legal status upon receiving proper documentation.

KCR will return to power in 2028, BRS alone has vision for Telangana, says KTR

Hyderabad: Expressing confidence that the BRS will return to power in Telangana in 2028, BRS working president KT Rama Rao said the party has a comprehensive vision for the State's development over the next 25 years. Geographic Reference

He was speaking at Telangana Formation Day celebrations organised jointly by the Malaysia Telugu Association (MAITA) and the BRS NRI Malaysia Chapter in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday.

"K. Chandrashekhara Rao will once again become Chief Minister. BRS is the only political party with a long-term vision for Telangana's future," Rama Rao said.

Launching a sharp attack on the ruling party, he accused its leaders of trying to undermine Telangana's development achievements through what he described as false propaganda.

Rama Rao said some leaders, whom he referred to as "four-foot leaders", knew little about Telangana's his-



tory, development, water resources and economic progress, but were spreading misinformation about the State.

"When times are not in our favour, even harmless creatures begin to hiss like cobras. People must remain cautious about such political cobras," he said, adding that public opinion was steadily shifting in favour of the BRS.

He said Telangana's growth under BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao remained unmatched in the country. AP News Updates

Drawing comparisons with the development journeys of Malaysia,

him uniquely positioned to implement that vision.

He said the next phase of Telangana's development would focus on uninterrupted access to safe drinking water, stronger public transportation systems, future-ready infrastructure and the use of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence to drive economic growth.

"NRIs have a critical role to play in shaping Telangana's future through investments, expertise and knowledge-sharing," he stressed.

He appealed to overseas Telangana communities to remain connected to their roots while contributing to the State's next phase of growth and transformation.

Rama Rao also praised NRIs for preserving Telangana's culture, identity and traditions despite living abroad. Every Telangana child should proudly identify with the State and take pride in its unique history, culture and legacy of struggle, he added.

India's economy resilient with 7.7 pc GDP growth in FY26, asserts PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking in Daman, highlighted India's strong economic foundation as GDP grew 7.7 percent in FY 2025-26, with 7.8 percent growth in the January-March quarter.

Daman: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the 7.7 per cent GDP growth for fiscal 2025-26 shows the foundation of India's economy was strong, and the country can manage itself amidst the ongoing global turmoil with the collective effort of its 140 crore citizens.

He maintained that India is the fastest growing major economy in the world.

Modi said India clocked 7.7 per cent GDP growth in the fiscal year 2025-26, while the expansion was 7.8 per cent in the January-March quarter.

"The news that has come today makes it clear how strong the foundation of India's economy is," he said while speaking at an event in Daman, where he launched development projects of Rs 2,970 crore and inaugurated a new terminal of the airport in the Union Territory.

"I left Delhi this morning, but the (GDP) figures that



have come in front of me are really making me happy, and I also want to share this happiness with you," Modi told the gathering.

Even in this bad phase of global crisis, India is managing itself well with the collective efforts of its 140 crore citizens, the PM asserted in comments coming in the backdrop of the more than three-month-old conflict in West Asia which has disrupted global energy supplies.

Speaking about improvement in the health sector, Modi maintained that before 2014, when he assumed office, only 60 per cent of children were fully vaccinated in the country, but today this figure has risen to nearly 90 per cent.

On improvement in institutional deliveries, he pointed out that more than 90 per cent of the child births are now taking place in hospitals.

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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.

You Can Remove Our Social Media Posts, But Not Us: CJP's Dipke

New Delhi: Abhijeet Dipke, founder of the online movement Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), criticised the government for focusing on the organisation's social media activity rather than addressing their demands, which include Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation over alleged irregularities in examinations and recruitment tests. Dipke participated in a planned demonstration at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on Saturday, which was held under heavy security and joined by scores of youth.

"My friends, this is a long struggle. It has been a month since we started demanding Pradhan's resignation on social media, but these individuals are so shameless that instead of taking action, they have been focused on other distractions, like hacking our accounts and getting our posts deleted. You may be able to delete our posts, but you cannot erase us from this space," Dipke stated during his address to the crowd, which energetically supported his words.

He also mentioned that activist Sonam Wangchuk would be joining the protest shortly and thanked him for his sup-



port. Recalling his arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport that morning, Dipke said that just before his flight was about to land, he felt as though he was living his last moments of freedom. "I was fully prepared to sacrifice my freedom for this cause," he said. The CJP founder claimed that many people have compromised themselves and 'sold out' due to the fear of imprisonment. "Lekin is desh ka chatra, yuva nahi bika hai (The youth and students of this country have not sold themselves)," he said amid loud cheers from the crowd.

Hundreds of people, mostly young individuals, turned out for the demonstration, many of whom were wearing cockroach masks and holding flowers. School students were also seen attending the protest along with their parents. The majority of participants were a mix of school and college students, along with young professionals. Scores of students gathered at the venue, chanting slogans and demanding the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

More than 1,000 police personnel have been allocated for deployment throughout New Delhi and other strategic locations as a precaution. In the run-up to the protest, the CJP had circulated guidelines urging participants to maintain non-violent conduct and avoid confrontation. Dipke's latest appeal reiterated those instructions, emphasising respectful engagement with law enforcement personnel during the demonstration.

Minister Ramalinga Reddy's Resignation Issue Resolved: CM Shivakumar

Bengaluru: Karnataka Chief Minister D K Shivakumar early on Saturday said that the crisis triggered by Minister Ramalinga Reddy's resignation over portfolio allocation has been resolved after marathon discussions with the senior Congress leader. Shivakumar met Reddy for nearly two-and-a-half hours at a private hotel in Jayanagar late on Friday night amid efforts by the Congress leadership to persuade the veteran leader to withdraw his resignation.

The meeting went on till the wee hours of Saturday.

Senior Congress leaders and some of Reddy's close associates were also involved in the discussions.

"This is a family matter. We will all sit together and talk. Everything has been resolved," Shivakumar told reporters after emerging from the meeting around 1.30 am.

"He has expressed his grievance; it was a case of miscommunication. Something has happened, and we will sort it out. Don't worry, we will run everything first-class. We have given opportunities to all senior leaders, and we will set everything right," Shivakumar said and expressed confidence that the government would move forward unitedly.

Emphasising his long-standing association with the senior minister, he said, "Ramalinga Reddy and I have been friends since 1980. At present, I am working as the chief minister; ear-



lier, I was a minister, and he is a minister. We are all friends." Reddy had announced his resignation on Friday, alleging that assurances made to him regarding the Bengaluru Development portfolio had not been honoured after the allocation of portfolios in the newly formed Shivakumar government.

Asked whether he would withdraw his resignation if the chief minister requested him to do so, Reddy refrained from elaborating and echoed Shivakumar's remarks.

"I am saying the same thing that he (CM) told you. Everything has been resolved. That's all," Reddy said.

The late-night meeting came amid intense efforts by the Congress leadership to contain discontent within the Cabinet after Reddy's resignation triggered the first major political challenge for the three-day-old Shivakumar-led Congress government.

AIADMK Exodus continue, Four Ex-Ministers Jump Ship to TVK

Chennai: In yet another setback for the AIADMK, which faces a severe internal crisis, the party's four former ministers and ex-MLAs have joined ruling TVK at its headquarters in Chennai on Saturday. The AIADMK leaders who joined TVK include Udumalai K Radhakrishnan, M C Sampath, Kadambur C Raju and N R Sivapathi. All of them joined the ruling party in front of TVK General Secretary Anand and General Secretary for election campaign management Aadhav Arjuna.

After the April 23 poll debacle, the AIADMK is facing a series of setbacks. First, a rebel group of 25 MLAs supported a motion of confidence moved by CM C Jo-

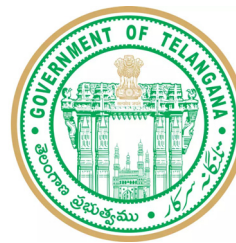


seph Vijay on the floor of the Assembly, violating the party whip to vote against the motion. Four of those rebel MLAs resigned and joined TVK before the rebel group patched up with General Secretary Edappadi Palaniswami. Since then, several AIADMK functionaries have quit their party to join TVK.

The four former AIADMK ministers quitting the party and joining TVK is the

CM Revanth to Lay Foundation Stone for Rs.2,284 Crore Project

Hyderabad: The Telangana government is set to construct a massive International Integrated Fruit Market at Koheda in Rangareddy district, which will catapult Hyderabad into a premier agricultural export hub. It will be one of Asia's largest integrated market facilities and will position Telangana as a pioneer in the horticulture sector.



Aligned with 12 priority areas identified in the Telangana Rising Vision 2047 document, the market yard — with separate vegetarian and non-vegetarian zones — will be developed at a cost of Rs 2,284 crore across 239 acres of land abutting the Outer Ring Road at Koheda in Abdullapurmet mandal, empowering the farming community like never before.

The state government anticipates the turnover to surge nearly six times the existing Gaddiannaram Fruit Market, transforming from the current Rs 1,277 crore to Rs 7,765 crore upon completion within three years.

The number of traders will jump from 341 to 967, while market beneficiaries will swell from 16,450 to 53,000 members. The facility will also provide marketing infrastructure for 3,661 flower farmers across the state. The new market will drastically reduce food waste through integrated storage, grading, packaging, logistics, transport, and marketing facilities, said Surendra Mohan, principal secretary (agriculture).

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lay the foundation stone for the project on Saturday, marking the commencement of construction work on the 239-acre complex serving farmers, traders, and exporters statewide. Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao announced that the government has prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) meeting international standards, with tenders to be invited shortly for construction.

The facility will operate as two distinct market systems — one for wholesale trade continuing under the Gaddiannaram Market Committee, and a separate facility dedicated to national and international exports.

Tummala emphasised that the project will boost agricultural exports from Telangana while ensuring farmers receive better prices by reducing middlemen. The market yard is expected to provide 14,000 direct jobs and another 20,000 indirect employment opportunities, and will include staff quarters. The poultry and meat section spans 41,318 sq yards with 24 shops.

latest instance of the trend.

Udumalai Radhakrishnan unsuccessfully contested in the Udumalpet constituency. Similarly, Sampath could only take third place in the Cuddalore Assembly constituency. Likewise, Kadambur Raju has also lost in the Kovilpatti constituency.

On May 29, more than 300 AIADMK members joined TVK at its Panaiyur headquarters in Chennai. The defectors included former AIADMK Ministers Vellamandi Natarajan, Anandan, as well as former MLAs Natraj and Sadhan Prabhakar.

KA Sengottaiyan was the first key leader to leave AIADMK to join TVK. He stood firmly by Vijay's side well before the election.

Naidu Asserts TD Will Continue Its Alliance With BJP, Jana Sena

Vijayawada: Chief Minister and Telugu Desam national president N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday reaffirmed that the TD would continue its alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Jana Sena (JS). He asserted that the TD is taking all necessary precautions to avoid electoral setbacks in future.

During the course of his 'Coffee Kaburlu with Cluster In-Charges' at NTR Bhavan, the TD's central office in Mangalagiri, the Chief Minister said the ongoing training programmes are designed to transform grassroots workers into effective leaders capable of taking the party's message to every household. He urged party workers to develop leadership qualities through dedication and public service. He advised them to read 'The Secret,' saying it would help cultivate positive thinking and goal-oriented leadership. He did not elaborate on the aspect.



Naidu said success begins with determination and a positive mindset. "When a person works with conviction, the ecosystem required for achieving that goal automatically falls into place," he said. Naidu pointed out that constructive ideas attract good people, while negativity draws similar influences.

Launching a scathing attack on YSRC, the TD national president alleged that the Opposition party had failed to fulfil its key promises, including prohibition, abolition of the con-

tributory pension scheme (CPS) and implementation of a job calendar. He went on to accuse the previous government of weakening institutions and attempting to gain political mileage through misinformation.

Referring to criticism over the conduct of the DSC-2025 teacher recruitment examinations, Naidu said the government had effectively countered what he described as 'false propaganda' with evidence. He claimed the Opposition YSRC has been forced into defensive following the government's

response.

The Chief Minister said the party is regularly conducting surveys on governance, organisational performance and ticket allocation. He maintained that the future decisions would be based on public opinion and feedback from party workers. He warned that those acting against the interests of the state or the party would face action.

Highlighting the transformation of Mangalagiri into a TD stronghold, Naidu praised IT and education minister Nara Lokesh for overcoming his

2019 electoral defeat and securing victory in 2024. He observed that Lokesh has continued to work effectively for the constituency after winning the election.

Calling on party workers to take the government's welfare and development initiatives to the people, the CM said every booth should ensure stronger support for TD than in previous elections.

Earlier, speaking briefly to the media, Naidu said cycling promotes health, environmental protection and fuel conservation. He said activities organised on the World Environment Day had successfully conveyed a positive message to the public.

The Chief Minister received petitions from visitors at the party office and assured them that their grievances would be addressed. His visit to the headquarters also drew several aspirants seeking Rajya Sabha nominations, many of whom met him during the day.

Pawan Kalyan Directs Development of Zero-Discharge Panchayats for Godavari Pushkarams



VIJAYAWADA: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Saturday directed officials to develop all 268 gram panchayats hosting the upcoming Godavari Pushkarams as model "Zero Liquid Discharge" panchayats to ensure that no sewage enters the river.

Reviewing Pushkaram preparations through a video conference with district collectors and panchayat raj officials, he emphasised the need for pollution-free celebrations and comprehensive infrastructure, including roads, drainage systems, parking facilities, streetlights, changing rooms and crowd-management arrangements.

He instructed officials to prepare panchayat-wise action plans using CC roads and "magic drains" to prevent wastewater from flowing into the Godavari.

The Deputy Chief Minister also announced that the Munikodali Ghat at Seethanagaram would be upgraded as a national-level model ghat and renamed "Saptarshi Pushkar Ghat." He said the 80-metre-wide ghat, which can accommodate up to 75,000 pilgrims, would undergo major infrastructure improvements.

In a separate review meeting, Pawan Kalyan said the long-standing filariasis problem in Pedapenki village of Parvathipuram Manyam district was nearing resolution. He noted that 197 cases had been reported in the village due to stagnant sewage and mosquito breeding.

According to the Deputy Chief Minister, development works worth Rs. 6.18 crore, including the construction of 20 magic drains and CC roads, have substantially improved sanitation conditions and reduced the risk of disease.

Centre Clears Link Road Project Near Naidupeta



Nellore: Residents of several villages near Naidupeta are set to get relief after the Centre approved the construction of a connecting road at LA Sagaram to restore connectivity affected by the six-laning of National Highway-71.

The project was cleared following representations made by Tirupati MP Maddila Gurumoorthy to the Union ministry of road transport and highways after villagers and residents of Avani Apartment highlighted the difficulties caused by the absence of a service road.

Residents of Mandabayalu, Karumanchivari Khandriga, Kanuru, Talavayapadu Harijanawada and Avani Apartment had complained that although a box bridge was constructed near LA Sagaram, lack of a connecting road had cut off direct access to Naidupeta town. As a result, students, farmers and other residents were compelled to travel an additional three kilometres to reach their destinations.

Following the MP's representation to Union road transport minister Nitin Gadkari in February, the ministry directed the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to examine the issue. During an inspection on April 12, NHAI officials found that a traditional cart track used by villagers between Km 54.800 and Km 55.100 had been disrupted due to the highway expansion works.

In a communication to the MP, Union minister of state for road transport and highways Ajay Tamta stated that construction had commenced on a nearly 550-metre connecting road from Km 54.398 near Avani Apartment to the box bridge at Km 54.800. The road is expected to restore access to Naidupeta town and facilitate safer movement for local residents.

Officials said the new link road would reduce risky cross-movements on the highway, improve road safety and significantly cut travel time for villagers dependent on Naidupeta for education, agriculture, business and other daily needs.

Samridhhi Kendra Reflects Rural Development Vision of Modi and Naidu: Pemmasani

Vijayawada: Union minister of state for rural development and communications Dr Pemmasani Chandrasekhar on Saturday said the newly inaugurated Samridhhi Kendra at Narakoduru village in Guntur district reflects the shared vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for comprehensive rural development.

Dr Pemmasani inaugurated the facility along with Ponnur MLA Dhulipalla Narendra Kumar. The centre has been established under the Centre's BharatNet Udyami scheme as part of the Samridhhi Gram Project.

Addressing the gathering, the Union minister said rural development initiatives must create opportunities within villages and reduce migration to urban areas.

"To stop the migration of youth and farmers to urban spaces, we must turn rural aspirations into opportunities. This single-window hub eliminates the



need for villagers to travel long distances for everyday governance or healthcare needs," Dr Pemmasani said.

He said the project would be expanded across the country based on the response to the pilot initiative.

The Samridhhi Kendra houses 11 integrated digital and citizen service facilities. These include a Health ATM capable of conducting 60 medical tests, a Jan Aushadhi Kendra providing medicines at subsidised rates, a post office and a skill development centre.

The facility also offers FTTH quad-play services comprising broadband, television and telephone connectivity. Other services include a CCTV monitoring station for village surveillance, drone services, soil testing facilities and agricultural advisories from Krishi Vigyan Kendra scientists.

MLA Dhulipalla Narendra Kumar said uninterrupted PM-WANI Wi-Fi services would benefit students and women belonging to self-help groups. He said the initiative would improve access to digital services and opportunities in rural areas.

During the programme, the dignitaries distributed training certificates to 15 youth who completed advanced AI courses at the centre and provided PMDS seeds to 100 farmers.

The facility is expected to function as a single-window service centre offering digital, healthcare, agricultural and skill-development support to rural residents.

Lokesh Studying Russian Innovations That Can Be Implemented in AP

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh education, IT and electronics minister N. Lokesh continued his Russia tour on Saturday with a series of meetings and visits in Moscow. In the process, he explored education models, smart-city



technologies, artificial intelligence and advanced mobility solutions that could be adapted in Andhra Pradesh. A key highlight of his Saturday's visit has been visit to School 21, an innovative educational institution operated by Sber. The minister interacted with students and administrators to understand its peer-to-peer learning model, which functions without teachers, formal lectures or traditional grading systems. School 21, a tuition-free programming and software development initiative, is part of the internationally recognised 42 Network and is inspired by the French coding school École 42. School 21 focuses on project-based learning, collaboration, and problem-solving through real-world assignments and peer evaluation. Officials explained that the programme is fully funded by Sber and provides advanced IT and software engineering education free of cost to selected candidates. The campus operates round the clock, allowing students to learn at their own pace.

The admission process does not consider academic scores, degrees or prior coding experience. Candidates are selected through an online cognitive assessment, followed by an intensive practical evaluation programme known as "Piscine", which tests problem-solving skills, adaptability and performance. Later, Lokesh visited Sber City, a technology and innovation hub in Moscow. He met senior officials, including Sber Bank vice president and Research and Innovation director Albert Efimov, Sber City chief information officer Evgeniy Chulanov and deputy director General Ilya Pulner. Russian officials briefed the Andhra Pradesh delegation on advanced banking technologies, quantum research, AI-powered services, digital healthcare systems, cybersecurity solutions and digital education platforms. Officials demonstrated a next-generation ATM equipped with diagnostic and innovative service capabilities. The Sber City team outlined initiatives focused on enterprise hardware reliability, indigenous software ecosystems, automated infrastructure, smart-device networks and advanced power systems designed to support the growing electric vehicle charging requirements. The AP minister described Sber City as a model that effectively integrates present-day innovation with future technologies.

NEET-2026 exam arrangements must be executed meticulously...

Bureau Chief, Warangal June 6: State Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao stated that arrangements for the NEET-2026 examination across the state must be executed meticulously. On Saturday, he held a video conference from Hyderabad with District Collectors, Commissioners of Police (CPs), and other officials alongside Additional DGP Mahesh Bhagwat, Civil Supplies Commissioner Stephen Ravindra, and other senior officials to review arrangements for the NEET-2026 exam, paddy procurement, and the Chief Minister's public meeting scheduled for June 9 at Secunderabad Parade Grounds. Speaking on the occasion,

State Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao...

the Chief Secretary noted that 208 examination centers have been set up across 24 towns for the NEET-2026 exam (scheduled for June 21), with 72,956 students expected to appear; he directed officials to be fully prepared with the necessary arrangements. He instructed that robust security arrangements be put in place for the conduct of the exam and that state and district coordination committees work accordingly. He also directed officials to respond immediately to rumors circulating on social media and to take steps to prevent their spread.

Furthermore, he mandated that examination centers be established only in government institutions and equipped with CCTV cameras, and emphasized the need to ensure the smooth conduct of the exam without any disruptions, particularly in light of International Yoga

Day. Instructions were issued to ensure that arrangements on the day of the examination—such as the transportation of question papers, candidate registration, biometric verification, candidate screening, and security deployment—are carried out without any difficulties. It was stated that 71 lakh metric tonnes of paddy have been procured across the state so far, and 4,488 paddy procurement centers have been closed. It was noted that ₹13,577 crore towards the Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been credited to the accounts of 10.58 lakh farmers to date; instructions were given to expedite the procurement of the remaining paddy and ensure the process concludes without any hurdles.

Revanth: TG, AP Close to Deal on Krishna, Godavari Water Sharing



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said that the Telangana and Andhra Pradesh governments were close to reaching an agreement on the sharing of Krishna and Godavari river waters, with discussions between the two states having reached an advanced stage.

He expressed confidence that a formal agreement would be finalised very soon and reiterated that Telangana would not surrender its rights over "even a single drop" of water from the Krishna and Godavari rivers.

Addressing a press conference in Nagarkurnool after concluding his two-day tour of the undivided Mahabubnagar district to review the progress of barrages and lift irrigation schemes, the Chief Minister said his government preferred negotiations over confrontation in resolving inter-state water disputes. However, he made it clear that if negotiations failed, there would be no alternative but to confront those opposing Telangana's interests. Revanth Reddy asserted that he was prepared to fight anyone to safeguard the state's rightful share of river waters.

Explaining the government's approach, he said Telangana had initiated discussions with the Andhra Pradesh government to resolve pending disputes over the sharing of Krishna and Godavari waters. He added that the state had also taken steps to begin talks with Maharashtra for the construction of the Tummidihatti

barrage on the Godavari river as part of efforts to revive the Pranahitha-Chevella project.

The Chief Minister, however, accused Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis of playing a "hide-and-seek" game by failing to respond to Telangana's requests for discussions. He said neither the letters sent by him nor those written by Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy seeking talks had received any response from the Maharashtra government.

Revanth Reddy also expressed confidence that Telangana would secure Andhra Pradesh's consent by December this year to lift 90 tmc ft of water from the Krishna river for the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS). He maintained that the state government was pursuing all available avenues to protect Telangana's water interests while ensuring the speedy completion of major irrigation projects crucial for the region's development.

Owaisi Slams Bengal Govt Over Welfare Scheme Rules

Hyderabad: AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday raised concerns over the West Bengal government's policy of linking welfare benefits to electoral rolls, alleging that genuine voters excluded during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise were being denied Public Distribution System (PDS) rations and other benefits.



Owaisi said many people marked as "absent" or "shifted", as well as those who did not receive voter slips during the last election, were genuine voters. He questioned why access to welfare schemes should depend on inclusion in the voter list.

"What is the point of Aadhaar authentication if the voter roll is being used as the deciding factor?" he asked.

Criticising the policy, Owaisi said government welfare schemes are meant for all eligible citizens and should not be treated as rewards for voters. He alleged that the move appeared aimed at reducing beneficiary numbers and would disproportionately affect poor people, particularly women, Scheduled Castes and Muslims.

"The schemes are funded by public money and are the right of every eligible citizen," he said.

His remarks came after West Bengal Minister Dilip Ghosh alleged that the Trinamool Congress (TMC) was "heading towards collapse" due to widespread corruption within the party.

Speaking to reporters, Ghosh claimed that TMC leaders amassed wealth by siphoning funds from central and state welfare schemes and said those responsible should be brought to justice.

"Corruption is prevailing in TMC from top to bottom. Step by step, the whole organisation is heading for collapse," he said.

Referring to welfare schemes such as Lakshmi Bhandar and Annapurna Bhandar, Ghosh said Indian citizenship is a basic requirement for receiving government benefits.

Citing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), he said it provides a pathway to citizenship for Hindu refugees from Bangladesh and Pakistan who have not yet obtained Indian citizenship.

Ghosh urged eligible individuals to register themselves, stating that non-citizens would otherwise be unable to access government welfare benefits.

Kishan Dismisses Rahul's Economic Criticism

Union minister for coal and mines G. Kishan Reddy on Friday contrasted this with the UPA regime (2004-2014), when the rupee fell 36 per cent (2011-2013), inflation averaged 8.2 per cent, NPAs reached 12.3 per cent and capital expenditure share dropped from 31 per cent to 16 per cent.

"Rahul Gandhi's 'economic tsunami' was in 2013 under Manmohan and Sonia Gandhi's incompetent leadership. Congress created weakness through corruption. Modi government creates resilience," Reddy asserted, demanding Rahul to stop irresponsible attacks damaging India's global reputation.

If, as per Rahul's claims, the Chief Election Commissioner, intelligence chiefs, judges, and all institutions have been secretly working for him for three years, why has Congress suffered humiliating election defeats and lost deposits repeatedly, Reddy asked and said that not a single election rigging allegation by Congress has been proven in court.

Kishan Reddy questioned why Rahul Gandhi vehemently opposed the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists if everyone works for him. The SC and CEC endorsed SIR as beneficial for national interest. "Is Rahul Gandhi opposing voter list purification because he wants foreign and illegal voters to remain on rolls?" Kishan Reddy asked.

Kishan Reddy accused Rahul Gandhi of repeatedly spreading fabricated conspiracy theories — democracy ending, institutions captured, election rigging, emergency and "economic tsunami" — to agitate people.

Revanth Coins 2029 Assembly Poll Slogan

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who will complete half of his five-year tenure on June 7, has set the tone for a second consecutive term by unveiling the slogan 'Aur Ek Baar, Congress Sarkar' for the 2029 Assembly elections. Addressing a public meeting in Jadcherla on Friday, Revanth Reddy urged the gathering to raise the slogan along with him. As the Chief Minister chanted 'Aur Ek Baar...', the crowd responded with "Congress Sarkar," with the slogan echoing repeatedly in the meeting.

Revanth Reddy said Telangana had developed a political tradition of granting two consecutive terms to governments since 1994 and expressed confidence that the Congress would continue that trend. He pointed out that the Telugu Desam remained in power from 1994 to 2004, the Congress from 2004 to 2014 and the BRS from 2014 to 2024. He said the Congress government, which assumed office in 2023, would continue until 2034.

Launching a tirade against BRS president and former chief minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, Revanth Reddy challenged him to a public debate on the performance of the 10-year BRS government and the 30-month Congress government. "If your name is KCR, come for a discussion. Let us debate your 10 years in power and our two-and-a-half years in office. If we are wrong, I will apologise," he said, during the former chief minister to attend the Assembly and face scrutiny.

The Chief Minister claimed that the Congress government had already delivered on several welfare promises, including the issuance of 15 lakh ration cards, sanction of 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses, provision of 200 units of free electricity to 50 lakh families and spending nearly ₹10,000 crore on free bus travel for women. "If I start



writing what we have done, it will become a Ramayana; if I start narrating it, it will become a Mahabharata," he remarked.

Revanth Reddy accused Chandrasekhar Rao of misleading the people of Telangana despite being given two terms as chief minister of what he described as a prosperous state. Warning the BRS of political extinction in Palamuru, Revanth Reddy declared that the Congress would ensure the party's defeat in the district and would not allow even a single BRS candidate to be elected as an MLA from the region. Referring to padayatras being announced by Mahabubnagar BRS leaders, he said those who supported "thieves" were now talking about undertaking padayatras. "Not just padayatras, even if they crawl all the way to Kashi, the sins committed during their rule will not be washed away," he said. The Chief Minister also targeted the BJP and the Maharashtra government over issues related to Godavari waters. He alleged that the Maharashtra Chief Minister was evading discussions on sharing Godavari waters and accused BJP leaders of avoiding accountability. "How long will they continue to evade? Whoever tries to hide or escape, we will question them and secure the construction of Tummidihatti," he asserted. Revanth Reddy vowed to secure 90 tmc ft of Krishna water for the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and promised that funds for irrigation projects in the Palamuru region would be sanctioned through a "green channel" mechanism to ensure speedy execution. He urged the people of Palamuru to remain vigilant against "thieves and exploiters" and warned them against those attempting to mislead the public.

Ikat Fest: Thread Pochampally Opens At Hitex

Hyderabad: Thread Pochampally, a first-of-its-kind celebration of Telangana's world-renowned Pochampally Ikat heritage, was inaugurated at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hall 4, on Friday. The exhibition will continue till Sunday. The programme was organised by the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri collectorate and inaugurated by minister for agriculture, marketing, co-operation and handlooms & textiles Tummala Nageswara Rao in the presence of minister for roads & buildings and cinematography Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, senior government officials, artisans, industry representatives and handloom enthusiasts.

A major attraction is the innovative AI Experience Booth, where visitors can virtually dress themselves in a range of Pochampally Ikat outfits and experience the versatility of the craft in a modern, interactive format. The exhibition also presents a detailed step-by-step visual journey of the Ikat-making process, allowing visitors to understand the precision involved in transforming yarn into intricate woven masterpieces.

With more than 100 stalls already drawing significant visitor interest, Thread Pochampally of-



fered an extensive collection of authentic handloom products, including traditional sarees, contemporary fashion, men's wear, home furnishings and lifestyle products. The exhibition highlighted the growing versatility of Pochampally weaving while maintaining its commitment to natural fibres, traditional craftsmanship and sustainable practices.

Another important feature is the participation of Telangana Tourism, which is promoting customised packages enabling visitors to explore the weaving villages of Pochampally, interact directly with artisan families, witness traditional looms in action and gain a deeper appreciation of one of the world's most unique handloom traditions. Ministers formally inaugurated the exhibition by cutting the ribbon at the specially designed entrance pavilion, which offers visitors an immersive introduction to the world of Pochampally Ikat. The inauguration commenced with vibrant performances by Telangana folk artistes, showcasing the rich cultural traditions of the state and setting the tone for a grand celebration of craftsmanship and heritage.

The pavilion features traditional handlooms in operation, an

exclusive display of handwoven masterpieces created by Padma Shri award-winning artisans, and artistic installations showcasing natural dyes and their ingredients that form the foundation of the iconic weaving tradition. Addressing the gathering, Tummala Nageswara Rao emphasised the importance of supporting Telangana's weaving communities and preserving the state's rich handloom heritage. He appealed to citizens of Hyderabad, Secunderabad and surrounding regions to visit Thread Pochampally, buy authentic handloom products and contribute directly to the livelihoods of thousands of weaver families who continue to uphold this extraordinary craft. Visitors also enjoyed a unique culinary experience through specially curated food stalls featuring traditional delicacies and local flavours from the Pochampally region, making the event a complete celebration of culture, heritage, craftsmanship and community. According to officials of the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri collectorate, the programme offers visitors an unparalleled opportunity to discover, experience and support one of Telangana's most treasured cultural legacies.

Seethakka Calls For Public Role In Forest Protection

ADILABAD: Minister for rural development Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Friday called for public participation in environmental protection, stating that ecological balance depends on conservation of forests.

Addressing a World Environment Day programme at Incharla Eco Park in Mulugu district as part of the 99 Days Prajapalana Pragati Pranalika, she said Mulugu has significant tourism potential with lakes, forests, temples and hill areas. She said the Mulugu Assembly constituency has 77 per cent forest cover, while the district records 64 per cent, the highest in the state.

She said efforts would be made to improve greenery and forest cover around Medaram, and stressed the role of community participation in conservation. She said special committees such as Vana Samrakshana Samitis, involving sarpanches, elected representatives and youth, could be formed to strengthen forest protection.

The minister said there is international demand for Mahua and bamboo products, and that local tribal communities are being trained in their



cultivation. She directed officials to take up large-scale plantation of these species, referring to their cultural significance linked to Sammakka and Saralamma.

She also visited Laknavaram Lake, Ramappa temple and Malluru, and said the Godavari river belt is attracting international tourists, with plans to develop Mulugu as a tourism hub.

Officials including chief conservator of forests B. Prabhakar, district collector Bhorkhande Hemant Sahadevrao, DFO Vikas Meena, SP Sudheer Ramanath Kekan and ITDA project officer Lenin Vatsal Toppo were present.

National Lok Adalat to be Held on June 20

Litigants Should Make Use of the Opportunity: Principal District Judge G. Premalatha



Bhadradi Kothagudem District Correspondent: Bhadradi Kothagudem, June 06: As per the directions of the Telangana State Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad, a National Lok Adalat will be conducted on June 20 (Saturday) in all courts across Bhadradi Kothagudem district, said Principal District Judge G. Premalatha and District Legal Services Authority Secretary M. Rajender in a press release.

They stated that the Lok Adalat provides an excellent opportunity for litigants to settle pending cases amicably and avoid prolonged legal proceedings. Cases that can be resolved through the Lok Adalat include compoundable criminal cases, cheque bounce cases, bank recovery matters, motor accident compensation claims, matrimonial disputes, property partition disputes, rent-related issues, other civil cases, drunk-and-drive cases, e-challan cases, cybercrime cases, petty theft cases,

telephone-related disputes, maintenance cases, and various banking-related matters.

The officials explained that disputes settled through the Lok Adalat can be resolved quickly, saving litigants from spending years attending court proceedings. They emphasized that there are no winners or losers in Lok Adalat settlements, as decisions are made based on mutual consent between the parties. They also noted that awards passed by the Lok Adalat are final and cannot be challenged through an appeal.

The Principal District Judge appealed to litigants and respondents across the district to contact their advocates or the concerned courts and have their cases included in the Lok Adalat list. She urged the public to make use of this opportunity to save both time and money while securing speedy resolution of disputes.

Godavari Floods on High Alert..!

Protection of Human Lives is the Top Priority: District Collector Ankit Be Prepared Even for a 73-Foot Flood Level – Strict Instructions to Officials

Bhadradi Kothagudem District Correspondent | June 06: In view of the potential threat of floods in the Godavari River, District Collector Ankit has directed all departments to remain on high alert and ensure that there is no loss of life or property. The Collector issued key instructions during a flood preparedness review meeting held on Saturday at the IDOC office, attended by Bhadrachalam Sub-Collector Mrinal Shrestha and Additional Collector Venugopal.



The Collector instructed officials to identify flood-prone villages in advance and prepare action plans for the timely evacuation of residents to safer locations. She emphasized that people should be shifted to rehabilitation centers as a precautionary measure before floodwaters inundate their villages.

Rescue Teams Ready
Officials were directed to keep rescue boats, country boats, life jackets, ropes, torches, hand microphones, and rescue teams fully prepared to respond to emergencies and save people stranded during floods.

Early Warning System for Public
The Collector stressed the importance of continuously monitoring Godavari water levels and providing timely alerts to residents. She instructed officials to collect and maintain contact details of people living in vulnerable villages to strengthen communication during emergencies.

No Disruption to Essential Services
All concerned departments were directed to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity, drinking water, medical services, and essential commodities during the flood season.

24-Hour Flood Control Room
A round-the-clock Flood Control Room has been established at the Bhadrachalam Sub-Collector's Office. Similar control rooms are to be kept operational at both district and mandal levels. Special attention should be given to pregnant women, elderly citizens, children, and persons with disabilities.

Ambulances and Emergency Medicines to be Kept Ready
Health Department officials were instructed to stock adequate emergency medicines, including anti-snake venom and treatment for scorpion stings, and ensure the availability of medical facilities and 108 ambulance services.

Preparedness for a 73-Foot Flood
The Collector made it clear that all departments must be prepared to effectively handle flood levels of up to 73 feet in the Godavari River. Field-level officials were directed to remain available on the ground, continuously monitor the situation, and respond promptly. She warned that negligence in duty would invite strict action.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhadrachalam Sub-Collector Mrinal Shrestha stated that special focus has been placed on flood-prone villages and that rehabilitation centers, rescue teams, and essential equipment have already been kept ready. He assured that all departments are working in coordination to ensure that people face no inconvenience during the flood season.

Officials from various district-level departments participated in the review meeting.

Enrollment under the 'Badibata' program must exceed the 10% target...

Priority to be given to AI-based education and inclusive education... District Collector Dr. Satya Sarada, IAS

Bureau Chief, Warangal June 6: District Collector Dr. Satya Sarada, IAS, held a review meeting on Saturday at the District Collectorate conference hall regarding the "Professor Jayashankar Badibata Program (2026-27)," which aims to significantly boost student enrollment in government schools. Officials from the Education Department, along with principals of Intermediate and degree colleges, participated in the meeting to strategize on increasing student numbers across these institutions. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector directed officials to implement the Badibata program more effectively and adopt a special action plan to surpass the government-mandated 10% enrollment increase target. She suggested formulating specific plans at the school level and undertaking innovative initiatives such as door-to-door campaigns, meetings with parents, and publicizing



ing the unique features of the schools. She also instructed officials to take measures to boost enrollment by focusing specifically on designated primary schools through AI-based educational approaches. It was suggested that digital educational resources like Khan Academy and Physics Wallah be effectively utilized to enhance students' learning skills and to ensure that every student reaps their benefits. Emphasis was also placed on further strengthening inclusive education initiatives. Instructions were issued to reinforce 'Bhavitha Centres' and to undertake specific measures to increase the enrollment of Children with Special Needs (CwSN). Officials were directed to work in coordination to

ensure the timely provision of all government-sponsored facilities, educational aids, and assistive devices to these students. It was advised that widespread awareness be created among the public and parents regarding the physiotherapy, special training, and rehabilitation services offered through Bhavitha Centres. The need to conduct outreach campaigns to encourage more students to utilize these services was also highlighted. It was announced that the government would provide an opportunity for foreign tours to education officials who have achieved remarkable results by adopting innovative methods to boost enrollment in government schools. He called for making

the most of this opportunity to establish the district as a model for the state. He instructed officials to identify schools currently reporting zero enrollment and to take special measures to revive them by enrolling students through the 'Badi Bata' (school enrollment drive) program. The District Collector directed Intermediate education officials and degree college lecturers to collaborate on the 'Badi Bata' program and to raise awareness among parents and students, ensuring that every student passing out of government schools secures admission in government junior colleges. Similarly, he emphasized the need to create awareness to encourage students passing out of junior

colleges to enroll in government degree colleges. He also stressed the importance of boosting student numbers in government schools by matching private institutions in terms of infrastructure specifically ensuring adequate toilet facilities and proper sanitary soak-pit arrangements and implementing waste segregation systems using four types of bins. Furthermore, he directed that 'Friday Dry Day' be observed during the upcoming monsoon season to take preventive measures against communicable diseases. The meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Y.V. Ganesh (IAS), District Educational Officer Rangayya Naidu, AMO Sujana Teja, Community Mobilization Officer Dr. K. Srinivas, DCEO Sridhar Suman, and Degree College Nodal Officer Dr. Naveen, Mandal Educational Officers (MEOs), school complex headmasters, and others participated.

Political parties must cooperate for the success of the Special Intensive Revision program...

DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND GWMC IN-CHARGE COMMISSIONER CHAHAT BAJPAI

Bureau Chief, Warangal June 6: Hanamkonda District Collector and GWMC In-charge Commissioner Chahat Bajpai has urged political parties to extend their full cooperation to ensure the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) program undertaken as per the directives of the Election Commission of India is conducted in a transparent, impartial, and meticulous manner. Speaking at a meeting held on Saturday at the GWMC head office with representatives of recognized national and state political parties, the In-charge Commissioner stated that the Election Commission has initiated this special comprehensive revision program to prepare voter lists with greater accuracy. She explained that the



program's primary objective is to ensure every eligible citizen has the right to vote, while also removing names of deceased persons, those who have permanently relocated, duplicate entries, and ineligible individuals from the lists. She advised political parties to actively participate by appointing

Booth Level Agents (BLAs) for every polling station during the door-to-door verification process scheduled from June 25 to July 24. She requested cooperation during field-level inspections regarding the registration of eligible voters, identification of duplicate entries, address changes, and the

verification of details concerning deceased voters. She clarified that, according to election laws, an individual is permitted to have only one voter registration in a single constituency. It was suggested that political parties act responsibly to ensure that the names of eligible individuals are not

omitted from the voter list and that the names of ineligible persons are not retained. It was explained that voters must submit a self-attested copy of one of their identity documents. Comprehensive information regarding the rules, procedures, schedule, and operational aspects of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was provided during the meeting. Attendees were advised to consult Tahsildars, supervisors, or Booth Level Officers to clarify any doubts or queries. It was also announced that special training programs for Booth Level Agents would be conducted soon.

Tahsildars Mohammed Iqbal and Srikanth, Deputy Tahsildar Subhan, and representatives of recognized political parties participated in the meeting.

Women's Safety is the Police's Primary Objective

Warangal Police Commissioner Sunpreet Singh, IPS.

Bureau Chief, Warangal June 6: Warangal Police Commissioner Sunpreet Singh stated that ensuring women's safety is a primary objective of the police force. A Gram Sabha (village meeting) was held on Saturday in Pendyala village, Dharmasagar Mandal, under the joint auspices of the Revenue and Police departments as part of the 99-day action plan for 'People's Governance and Progress' Praja Palana Pragathi Addressing the villagers as the chief guest, the Commissioner emphasized that women should move forward with self-confidence and courage, noting that women



are excelling in all fields globally. He highlighted that self-confidence is essential for achieving one's goals. He informed the gathering about the 'SHE Teams' dedicated to women's safety and urged women not to remain silent but to report any harassment to the police. He also

stressed the importance of women ensuring their children receive higher education, noting the pivotal role women play in their children's development. Furthermore, the Commissioner urged every motorist to act responsibly to prevent road accidents, stating that adhering to traffic rules is key to avoiding such mishaps. Central Zone DCP Dara Kavitha, Kazipet ACP Prashanth Reddy, Dharmasagar Inspector Sridhar Rao, the local Sarpanch, and revenue officials participated in the event.

Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar Visits Marpally Hotel Roof Collapse Victims in Sangareddy Hospitals.

Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Review Victims Health Condition.

SANGAREDDY Correspondent: Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar on Saturday visited the victims injured in the roof collapse of a hotel building at Marpally Mandal headquarters in Vikarabad district and inquired about their health condition at various hospitals in Sangareddy.

Four persons were injured in the incident and were shifted to government and private hospitals for treatment. The Speaker visited Chandana (12), daughter of Chadru, and Ramesh (25), son of Narasimhulu, who are undergoing treatment at the Sangareddy Government General Hospital. He interacted with the victims and reviewed their medical condition.

The Speaker directed Government General Hospital Superintendent Dr. Anil



Kumar and District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Lalitha Devi to ensure the best possible medical care for the injured. He instructed officials to provide all necessary medical facilities and continuously monitor their recovery.

Later, he visited M.D. Nazeer (17) at Gokul Private Hospital and M. Shivakumar (25) at Balaji Super Specialty Hospital. He enquired about their condition from the attending doctors and

urged hospital authorities to provide advanced treatment.

Expressing concern over the incident, the Speaker wished the victims a speedy recovery and assured them of all necessary assistance from the government.

Meanwhile, Telangana Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha expressed sorrow over the accident. He reviewed the condition of the injured and directed hospital au-

thorities to provide quality medical care. The Minister also sought details from the DMHO regarding the two victims undergoing treatment in private hospitals and instructed officials to ensure they receive the best possible medical services.

The roof collapse at the hotel in Marpally left four people injured, prompting immediate medical and administrative response from the state government.

Farmers should focus on intercropping and crop rotation...

District Collector Dr. Satya Sarada Devi...

Avoid excessive use of chemical fertilizers; do not invite the risk of cancer... Encourage girls' education and contribute to societal development.

Warangal Bureau Chief, June 6: District Collector Dr. Satya Sarada participated as the chief guest and addressed a Gram Sabha held at the Gram Panchayat office on Saturday, as part of the 99-day action plan for the 'Praja Palana Pragathi' (People's Governance and Progress) initiative. Noting weather forecasts predicting below-normal rainfall, she advised farmers to focus on cultivating alternative crops alongside traditional ones.

She stated that farmers should cultivate paddy varieties recommended by Agriculture Department officials when necessary. She encouraged the adoption of intercrop-



ping—such as growing red gram (pigeon peas), marigolds, and vegetables and the practice of crop rotation. She explained that this not only generates additional income for farmers but also helps mitigate pest infestations through crops like marigolds.

She warned against the excessive use of chemical fertilizers and

pesticides, noting the risk of health issues and dangerous diseases like cancer. She urged farmers to increasingly adopt organic farming methods. Emphasizing that maintaining a clean environment is everyone's responsibility, the Collector advised residents to segregate wet waste, dry waste, bio-waste, and sanitary waste to help protect the environment.

A call was made to curb the use of single-use plastic as much as possible. In view of the intense heat, people were advised to make a habit of consuming fluids like Electrolyte water and to take necessary precautions to avoid heatstroke. They also emphasized the importance of prioritizing girls' education and urged families to extend full support to their schooling, noting that society progresses only through women's empowerment and educational advancement. Village Sarpanch, ZP CEO Ram Reddy, Duggondi Tahsildar Sammakka, local residents, and mandal-level officials from relevant departments participated in the event.

Collector Conducts Extensive Inspection of Public Welfare Programmes

Nagar Kurnool: District Collector Hemant Keshav Patil conducted an extensive inspection in Achampet town on Saturday morning and directed officials to give top priority to urban sanitation, improve healthcare services, and expedite the construction of Indiramma houses.

As part of his visit, the Collector reviewed sanitation activities in various wards of the town. He inspected road cleanliness, garbage collection, drainage maintenance, and the performance of sanitation workers. Interacting with local residents, he stressed the need for continuous monitoring by officials to ensure a clean environment and protect public health.

In view of the monsoon season, the Collector instructed officials to prevent the stagnation of wastewater and ensure proper drainage management. He also inspected ongoing drainage works and issued necessary directions for their effective execution.

Later, the Collector visited Indiramma housing construction sites and reviewed the progress of the works. He instructed officials to speed up construction so that beneficiaries could move into their homes at the earliest. Emphasizing quality standards, he directed officials to provide all necessary technical support to beneficiaries and ensure that every eligible family receives the benefits of government welfare schemes.



The Collector also inspected the Government Hospital in Achampet, where he reviewed various departments and assessed the medical services being provided to patients. He examined the availability of medicines, staff attendance, hospital cleanliness, and the validity of stocked medicines.

He instructed medical officers to ensure that snakebite and dog-bite medicines, along with other essential drugs, are always available. The Collector emphasized that patients should receive quality healthcare services without inconvenience and directed doctors and medical staff to maintain punctuality and remain accessible to patients at all times.

MeeSeva Application Verification Now Completely Online

E-District Manager Saideswara Rao Creates Awareness Among GPOs and RIs

Bhadradi Kothagudem District Correspondent | June 06: As part of the government's digital governance initiatives aimed at providing faster and more transparent public services, MeeSeva application verification will now be conducted entirely through an online process, said E-District Manager Saideswara Rao.

A review meeting on MeeSeva application scrutiny and certificate issuance procedures was held with GPOs, Revenue Inspectors (RIs), MeeSeva VLEs, and section officials under the leadership of Chandrugonda Tahsildar Jagadeeshwara Prasad and Annareddipalli Tahsildar Swarna.

Addressing the officials, Saideswara Rao stated that applications submitted through MeeSeva for Income, Caste, Residence, Family Member Certificates, EBC, OBC, and other services would be processed completely online. He instructed GPOs and RIs to verify only the documents uploaded by applicants and approve or reject applications based on eligibility criteria. He clarified that there is no need to collect physical documents from applicants.

Officials were also given special training on the use of the GPOs & MRIs Verification Mobile Application introduced by the government. He explained that the application would help speed up the verification process and ensure greater transparency. Officials were advised to scruti-



nize every application carefully and dispose of them within the stipulated time frame.

He further instructed MeeSeva center operators to collect only the government-prescribed service charges and warned against collecting any additional fees. Operators were advised to ensure accurate data entry while registering applications and to avoid errors during the process. Proper maintenance of records after the issuance of certificates was also emphasized.

Saideswara Rao stated that any technical or administrative issues related to MeeSeva services should be brought to the notice of the concerned GPO, RI, or Tahsildar at the mandal level. He urged officials and MeeSeva operators to work in coordination to provide quality services to the public.

GPOs, RIs, MeeSeva VLEs, and section officials from Chandrugonda and Annareddipalli mandals participated in the meeting.

Successful spine surgery for 12-year-old boy

Satvik, a 12-year-old boy from Mulugu village in Thupran mandal, was suffering from severe neuromuscular scoliosis and underwent successful surgery at Dr. Balagani Spinal & Ortho Hospital in Gundlapochampally-Kompally, hospital sources revealed.

The surgery was performed with utmost skill by a medical team led by renowned spine surgeon Dr. Srinivas Balagani. Doctors said that the boy's spine was severely curved, making it difficult for him to walk and sit normally.

In this complex surgery, which lasted about 8 hours, special screws and rods were inserted to correct the spinal deformity. During the operation, the state-of-the-art IONM neural monitoring system was used to continuously monitor nerve function and the surgery was successfully completed.

Doctors revealed that the boy is recovering well after the surgery and is now walking well. Dr. Srinivas Balagani said that their hospital's specialty is providing treatment for such complex spinal problems using modern technology.



TNGOs Felicitate Newly Appointed District Revenue Officer Ramesh Rathod

Nirmal District Staff Reporter: The Telangana Non-Gazetted Officers (TNGOs) Association, Nirmal district unit, felicitated the newly appointed District Revenue Officer (DRO), Mr. Ramesh Rathod, on Saturday.

Led by TNGOs District President Mr. Velmala Prabhakar, association representatives met the DRO and extended their congratulations by presenting him with a bouquet and a shawl. They expressed their best wishes for his successful tenure and hoped that he would contribute significantly to the development of the district.

The felicitation programme was attended by District Secretary Kudala Ravikumar, Central



Association Secretary Gaddam Srinivas, Associate President M. Jagadeeshwar,

Vice President Padigela Venkataramana, Joint Secretary K. Anand, Executive Member Parameshwar, Organizing Secretary Sridhar, Nirmal Unit Vice Presidents Srinivas and Praveen, Vijay, Santosh, Fayyum, and other Collectorate staff members.

Collective Efforts Needed for Bhainsa's Development

Nirmal District Staff Reporter: At a municipal development review meeting held under the Praja Palana-Pragati Pranalika programme, District Collector Bhavesh Mishra emphasized that public representatives and officials must work in coordination for the overall development of Bhainsa Municipality.

He stressed the need to improve civic infrastructure and focus on flood prevention, sanitation, solid waste management, and plantation drives. The Collector also directed officials to address public grievances promptly and prioritize development works.

Mudhole MLA Pawar Rama Rao Patel called for united efforts from officials and public representatives to resolve public issues and accelerate development.

District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila urged citizens to maintain communal



harmony and use social media responsibly, warning that strict action would be taken against those spreading false information or hate messages online.

The meeting was attended by public representatives, councillors, and officials from various departments.

Hosts India Wins Five Gold Medals At World Yogasana Championships

Ahmedabad : Hosts India delivered a commanding performance in the inaugural World Yogasana Championships 2026, clinching five of the first six gold medals on offer to underline their dominance in the sport's biggest-ever global showcase at the Eka Arena here.

West Bengal's Abhay Burman (Senior Male) and Ritu Mondal (Senior Female) set the tone for the hosts with gold medal-winning performances in the Traditional Yogasana category, sparking a remarkable run for the Indian contingent before an enthusiastic home crowd, according to a press release.

Burman secured India's first gold medal of the world yogasana championships with a score of 63.42 points. He was comfortably ahead of Indonesia's Arkan Riyanto (57.23), who claimed silver, while Uzbekistan's Alan took home the bronze medal with 53.21 points.

Reflecting on his historic achievement, Burman said, "Winning the first gold medal of the inaugural World Yogasana Championships for India is a moment I will cherish forever. Competing at home in front of such passionate supporters gave me immense confidence, and I am proud to contribute to India's strong start in this historic event."

Ritu Mondal followed with another gold for India in the Senior Female category, scoring 64.33 points. Kazakhstan's Aizhan Kuanyshbayeva (58.97) secured silver, while Hong Kong's Lam Nga Man (56.98) earned bronze.

Describing the sig-



nificance of the occasion, Mondal said, "This championship is a landmark moment for every Yogasana athlete. Winning a medal for India is a dream come true. I began training at the age of 12, and after eight years of hard work and dedication, achieving this at 20 makes the moment even more special. I would like to thank my coach, manager, and the entire team for guiding and supporting me throughout this journey."

The only event not won by India came in the Senior A Male category, where Singapore's Nathaniel Tan Leong An topped the podium with 55.37 points to prevent a complete Indian sweep. Tanzania's Karimu Swafi claimed silver with 54.99 points, while India's Sumir Gnawali secured bronze with 54.00 points. India quickly returned to the top as Ritu Thakur captured gold in the Senior A Female category with 63.50 points, edging Argentina's Nabila Sol Barraza (62.04), while Kenya's Awuor Saulinha took bronze.

Roshan Thapa added another gold medal to India's tally by winning the Senior B Male category with an impressive score of 65.67 points. Bangladesh's Md Mamun Khan Babu (58.57) and Kyrgyzstan's Danil Rykov (53.55) finished second and third, respectively. The hosts rounded off with Jyoti Deurkar claiming gold in the Twisting Body Individual Senior B Female category, scoring 46.14 points ahead of Oman's Olimuthu Navamani and Japan's Saori Kyuei.

The inaugural World Yogasana Championships marks a historic milestone in the evolution of Yogasana, transforming an ancient Indian practice into a globally competitive sporting discipline while strengthening its pathway towards Olympic recognition.

The World Yogasana Championships 2026 is supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Ministry of Ayush, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Sports Authority of Gujarat, Gujarat Tourism and Gujarat Yogasana Sports Association, reflecting a collective commitment towards establishing Yogasana as a global sporting discipline and advancing its Olympic aspirations.

India has fielded a 122-member contingent, with athletes competing across six age categories - Sub-Junior Men and Women (10-14 years), Junior Men and Women (14- 18 years), Senior (18-28 years), Senior A (28-35 years), Senior B (35-45 years) and Senior C (45-55 years).

Results

Traditional Yogasana
Senior Male: Gold -- Abhay Burman (India) 63.42; Silver -- Arkan Riyanto (Indonesia) 57.23; Bronze -- Alan (Uzbekistan) 53.21
Senior Female: Gold -- Ritu Mondal (India) 64.33; Silver -- Aizhan Kuanyshbayeva (Kazakhstan) 58.97; Bronze -- Lam Nga Man (Hong Kong) 56.98
Senior A Male: Gold -- Nathaniel Tan Leong An (Singapore) 55.37; Silver -- Karimu Swafi (Tanzania) 54.99; Bronze -- Sumir Gnawali (India) 54.00
Senior A Female: Gold -- Ritu Thakur (India) 63.50; Silver -- Nabila Sol Barraza (Argentina) 62.04; Bronze -- Awuor Saulinha (Kenya) 53.86
Senior B Male: Gold -- Roshan Thapa (India) 65.67; Silver -- Md Mamun Khan Babu (Bangladesh) 58.57; Bronze -- Danil Rykov (Kyrgyzstan) 53.55
Twisting Body Individual
Senior B Female: Gold -- Jyoti Deurkar (India) 46.14; Silver -- Olimuthu Navamani (Oman) 38.66; Bronze -- Saori Kyuei (Japan) 38.41.

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Rajasthan Royals' Indian cricket player Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (R) is awarded the "Orange Cap" by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) vice president Rajeev Shukla during the presentation ceremony at the end of the 2026 Indian Premier League (IPL) T20 final match between Gujarat Titans and Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the Narendra Modi Stadium of Ahmedabad on June 1, 2026.

Teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi was named in India's 15-member squad for the 2026 Asian Games in Japan, announced by the BCCI on Saturday.

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Sooryavanshi's selection comes after a series of impressive performances in the recent concluded IPL tournament that have marked him as one of India's brightest young prospects. He will have an opportunity to showcase his talent on the continental stage alongside some of the country's established stars.



SPORTS



Shreyas Replaces Surya as T20 Captain; Sooryavanshi Gets Call-Up



Winds of change swept across India's T20I set-up as Shreyas Iyer on Saturday took over the captaincy from Suryakumar Yadav, and wonder kid Vaibhav Sooryavanshi found a place in the squad for the twin tour of Ireland and England. At 15 years and 71 days old, Sooryavanshi becomes the youngest-ever player to feature in an Indian cricket team squad, surpassing the long-standing record held by the great Sachin Tendulkar. India will travel to Ireland for two T20Is (June 26 and 28), followed by a five-match T20I series against England between July 1 and 11. Shreyas has returned to the national T20 side for the first time after a match against Australia at Bengaluru on December 3, 2023.

Alexander Zverev beats Jakub Mensik to reach second French Open final

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Paris: Alexander Zverev is now one step away from his first Grand Slam title after he defeated rising Czech star Jakub Mensik in the French Open final, winning in four sets on Friday. The score was 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, and the match lasted three hours and one minute on Court Philippe-Chatrier in Paris.

With this win, Zverev secured his spot in his second French Open final and the fourth major final of his career.

After coming close to winning the trophy in Paris last year, Zverev gets another chance to end his wait for Grand Slam success in Sunday's championship match. "He started playing amazingly in the third set," Zverev said of Mensik after his victory. "He really stepped up to another level. But this is a Grand Slam; it's best-of-five set matches. Opponents are going to play better. You have to deal with it. I did, and I hope to play another great match on Sunday."

With early exits for top players like Jannik Sinner and Novak Djokovic, Zverev has taken full advantage of his opportunity. He has lost only two sets in the tournament and has now become just the fifth active men's player to reach multiple Roland Garros finals.

At 29 years old, Zverev has an impressive record in major tournaments. He finished as the runner-up at the US Open in 2020, lost the Australian Open final last year, and famously came



one set away from winning the French Open title in 2024. Sunday's final against either Flavio Cobolli or Matteo Arnaldi offers him another chance to secure the one major title missing from his résumé.

This victory also puts Zverev on the same level as Stan Wawrinka, matching his tally of four Grand Slam finals, the fifth-highest among active men's players.

Mensik entered the semi-final with strong momentum and hopes of being the youngest Roland Garros finalist since Rafael Nadal in 2006. However, he struggled to impose his attacking style against Zverev's consistency and tactical discipline.

The match ignited in the first set when Mensik earned the first break points with a stunning sliding backhand winner. Zverev, showing his experience, saved all three break points. He then broke serve at 5-5 to take the opening set.

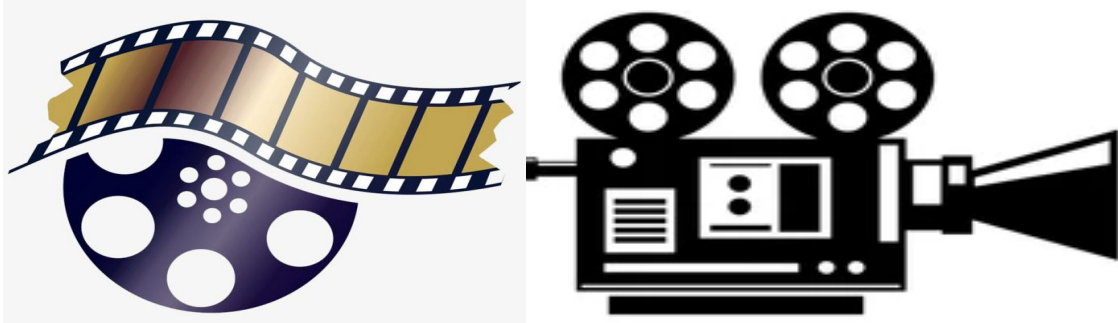
The second set tilted firmly in Zverev's favour. Mensik tried to play more aggressively, but Zverev consistently countered with precise passing shots and superior control from the baseline. This dominant performance gave him a two-set lead and put him on the brink of the final.

Despite this, Mensik did not back down. After a medical timeout early in the third set, he returned with renewed energy. His mix of drop shots and variation disrupted Zverev's rhythm, leading to him winning the third set and briefly sparking hopes for a comeback.

However, Zverev quickly squashed those hopes. He regrouped well at the start of the fourth set, taking a 3-0 lead and never allowing Mensik back into the match. His experience and calmness were crucial as he closed out the victory, improving his head-to-head record against Mensik to 2-0 after also defeating him in Madrid earlier this year.

Even with the loss, Mensik's impressive run in Paris will boost him 11 spots to No. 16 in the ATP Live Rankings. This highlights his status as one of the sport's brightest young talents.

Zverev recognised the challenge Mensik presented throughout the tournament. "It's amazing the way he played these past two weeks," he said. "I knew it was going to be the toughest challenge I had so far. I managed. I won. So I'm happy."



CINEMA

Nagabandham Rare Feat, Fetches Fancy Rates

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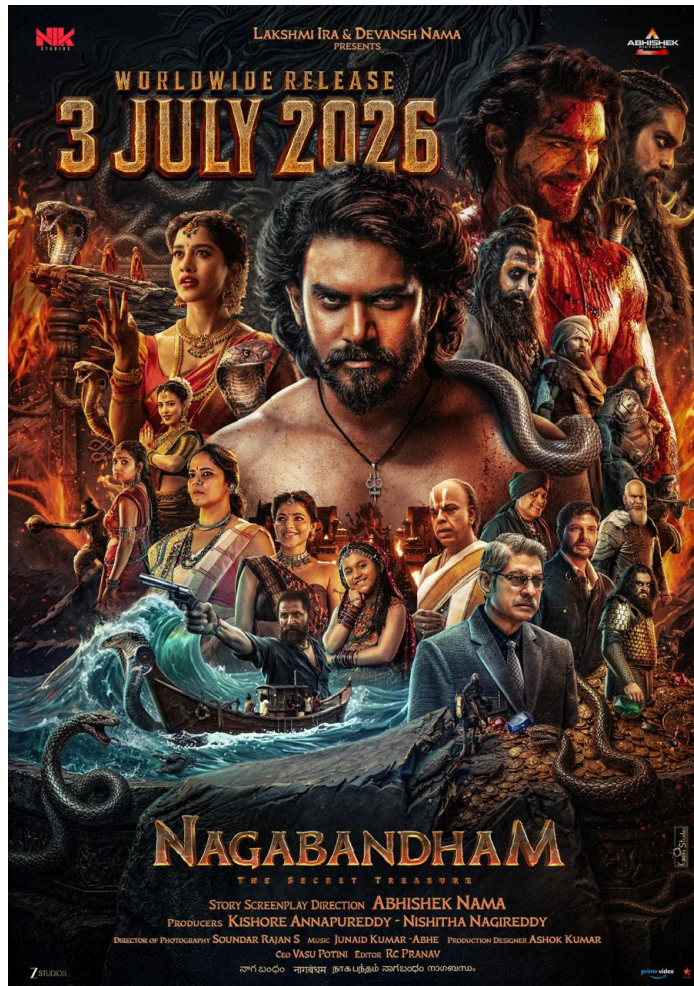
Amazon Prime Video has bagged the streaming rights, while Star Maa has acquired the Telugu satellite rights. Zee has taken charge of the television rights for Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam versions, underlining the film's wide-reaching market appeal. Zee Studios will distribute the movie across North India and overseas territories.

What makes this feat particularly noteworthy is that the film is led by Virat Karnna, who is still at the beginning of his career. Yet, the project's scale, the larger-than-life content, visual ambition, and strong creative confidence have convinced buyers to invest heavily in the film across languages.

Rather than depending solely on promotional hype, director Abhishek Nama reportedly gave prospective partners a glimpse of the film's strengths firsthand. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with industry circles impressed by its expansive world-building, technical finesse, and the momentum generated by its promotional content.

For the makers, this is more than a business victory. It is a validation of their decision to mount the film on a grand canvas, backed by extensive VFX work, lavish production design, and a belief that scale and storytelling can still continue to fetch impressive business.

With the trade already placing its faith in the project,



Nagabandham now heads toward its July 3 release carrying substantial prospects

Akhil Akkineni's Intense Love Story Lenin Raises Expectations with Soul of Lenin

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Akhil Akkineni is getting ready to entertain audiences with his upcoming movie Lenin. The film is directed by Murali Kishor Abburu and produced by Akkineni Nagarjuna and Suryadevara Naga Vamsi under the banners of Manam Enterprises LLP and Sithara Entertainments. The movie is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on June 26, 2026.

The film has already created a positive buzz with its posters and songs. Recently, the makers released a special track called Soul of Lenin, which has received a strong response from movie lovers. The song was also played in theatres during screenings of Peddi, where it caught the attention of audiences. Many viewers shared their reactions on social media, praising the visuals and music.

The song highlights the emotional love story between Akhil Akkineni and Bhagyashri Borse. Carrying the message No War is Greater than Love, the track presents a powerful blend of romance, emotion, and action. Akhil appears in a fierce and determined avatar, showing how far his character is willing to go for love. Bhagyashri Borse also makes a strong impression with her graceful screen presence.

Music director Thaman S has delivered an energetic and emotional composition that adds



depth to the visuals. The lyrics written by Kalyan Chakravarthy connect well with the theme of the film, while singer Vagdevi's powerful voice brings extra emotion to the track. Together, the music and visuals create a memorable experience for viewers.

Akhil's intense expressions and commanding screen presence have become one of the major talking points after the release of the song. Fans believe that the film could showcase a new side of the actor and help him reach a wider audience.

Apart from Akhil and Bhagyashri, the movie also features Sivaji and several other talented actors in important roles. The cinematography is handled by Leon Britto, while Naveen Nooli takes care of editing. Production design is by Avinash Kolla.

Why So Much Buzz Around Nivetha Pethuraj?

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feeling that this is some excessive PR work.

When she tried her hand at big Telugu films, none of the biggies came her way. After even doing a glam show in Vishwaksen's film, which happened to be her last outing before a break, the Dubai-based Tamil siren wanted to marry and quit films. After calling off her engagement, she became the talk of the town again, as some Telugu directors pushed her name big time. Finally, she landed in a Trivikram film for the second time.

What's so surprising is that there's a piece of news every day about Nivetha in the Telugu film circles for reasons unknown. First, it's being said that she will not be doing a small role like in Ala Vaikuntapurramlo now, but will do a second lead. Then came out that she will be seen in an item number in the movie. Then came out that she will be seen throughout the length of the movie. Then it's said that she is doing a mass avatar in the film opposite Venkatesh, while Srinidhi Shetty is the lead girl of the movie. Many are wondering why so much news is coming out about Nivetha every day, and they are

Pooja-Mrunal's Glam Treat Beats Jhanvi's Peddi

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On Day 1, Peddi collected ₹5 crores from Bollywood on Thursday, and that's very low for a film featuring a global star like Ram Charan. Despite Jhanvi Kapoor's stunning glamour in the movie, it looks like the film hasn't gotten enough buzz in the North hinterlands. But now, Jawaani Hai Tho Ishq Hona Hai, where Pooja Hegde and Mrunal Thakur's glam treat became a talking point, is likely to collect ₹7 crores nett on Day 1. That means, two struggling hotties have together beaten a happening diva like Jhanvi big time.

However, all three hotties enjoy a terrific following on social media. While Pooja Hegde has 27 million followers, Jhanvi Kapoor has 26 million, and Mrunal Thakur has 16 million followers on Instagram. But the success of these films also proves that Instagram following doesn't turn into a film's success.

How Is Pooja Hegde & Mrunal Thakur's Movie?

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For a month or so, both the struggling heroines, Pooja Hegde and Mrunal Thakur, are actually promoting their upcoming film a lot. Featuring them as the female leads, the Varun Dhawan starrer Jawaani Hai Tho Ishq Hona Hai has re-took its date of June 5th after Yash's "Toxic" moved out from that date. Since then, Pooja, who is unable to grab her star status in the south and is missing out on almost all the biggies, and Mrunal, whose image is not matching the success rate of those Telugu flicks, are trying to get a huge hold on Bollywood.

Jawaani Hai Tho Ishq Hona Hai, released in theatres today, features Varun, Pooja, and Mrunal, and is directed by the hero's father, David Dhawan, who is known for delivering highly successful comedy capers at the box office. What's the talk in Bollywood circles about the film? In fact, many critics felt that the film's first half is very weak, while the second half gets some momentum after both heroines are seen together in the movie. At the same time, both Pooja and Mrunal provided maximum glamour for the movie, as they competed with each other in that department. However, the film hasn't got unanimous approval from all quarters, and that looks like it is going to be another average farer for the hero and the heroines.

To date, neither Mrunal nor Pooja has been part of a blockbuster film at the Bollywood box office. Only if this film posts at least something more than ₹150 crores at the box office, it's considered to be a hit film. We have to see if the weekend and the pending summer holidays until Wednesday will bless them with one.