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SHGs Will Rent 3,000 Buses To RTC, Says Revanth

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said that the Congress government would financially empower Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by renting 3,000 buses owned by SHGs to the Telangana Road Transport Corporation (TGRTC). He said that women's economic empowerment was central to the government's development agenda.

Addressing a gathering of women SHG members from across Telangana at the 'Indira Mahila Shakti' programme held at Parade Grounds, Secunderabad, the Chief Minister said that 1,000 buses owned by SHGs had already been rented to TGRTC at a monthly rental of about ₹70,000 per bus and that another 2,000 buses would be inducted over the next two years.

The Chief Minister flagged off 553 buses owned by SHGs and rented to TGRTC. The buses were financed by Mandal Mahila Samakhya (MMS) and are being operated and maintained by TGRTC. During the event, Revanth Reddy handed over a cheque of ₹20.34 crore from TGRTC to the MMS towards rental charges for the 553 buses. He said each bus was earning a monthly rental of ₹69,468 for the women's groups and that the total rental amount paid so far for these buses had reached Rs 20.34 crore.

Heavy rains in Hyderabad on Tuesday disrupted normal life and also affected the Chief Minister's schedule. To reach the venue, Revanth Reddy travelled in a TGRTC bus along with Women and child welfare minister Seethakka,



and women SHG members.

Referring to the rainfall during the event, the Chief Minister described it as an auspicious sign and said the rain god had blessed the programme soon after the launch of the 553 buses.

The Chief Minister also released a cheque of ₹500 crore towards interest-free loans for women self-help groups and handed over a cheque representing savings of Rs 10,700 crore accrued to women through the government's free bus travel scheme. He said the Congress government

was committed to transforming the lives of women through economic opportunities and financial independence.

Declaring that he was personally taking responsibility for making one crore women "crorepatis", Revanth Reddy said women's participation was crucial for achieving the economic goals set by the Congress government.

"We are undeterred by the conspiracies of the opposition and are striving with the goal of making one crore women crorepatis. I am taking this responsibility for women's economic empowerment. With the blessings of women, we will continue to

run this government until 2034," he said.

He maintained that the government's welfare and empowerment initiatives would continue with renewed vigour and expressed confidence that the support of women would help the Congress remain in power until 2034.

Criticising opposition parties, Revanth Reddy alleged that rival parties were conspiring to obstruct the government's efforts to empower women economically. He criticised the previous BRS government for its alleged indifference towards women, pointing out that former chief minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao had not inducted even a single woman into his Cabinet during the first five years of his rule.

He also accused the previous government of failing to disburse interest-free loans to women's self-help groups. In contrast, he said, the Congress government sanctioned zero-interest loans immediately after assuming office.

The Chief Minister also targeted the BJP, stating that the party had never appointed a woman as its national president in its history. He said both the BRS and BJP had failed to demonstrate a genuine commitment to women's empowerment.

Revanth Reddy took a dig at opposition parties for opposing the Mahalakshmi free bus travel scheme for women. He said the opposition had taken to the streets demanding the scheme's withdrawal, but the Congress government continued to implement it despite hurdles. The scheme, he said, had enabled women to save money and pursue higher education and employment opportunities.

Govt Committed to Inclusive Growth of Minorities: Azharuddin

Hyderabad: As part of the Telangana government's flagship Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika, a mega job mela was inaugurated at Nampally here on Tuesday under the aegis of the Minorities Welfare Department and Telangana Minorities Finance Corporation (TGMFC).

The mela was inaugurated by Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnampallapragada Prabhakar and Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin.

Speaking on the occasion, Azharuddin appreciated TGMFC Chairman Obedullah Kotwal and all stakeholders who contributed to the successful organization of the mela.

The Minister stated that remarkable progress has been achieved in the last two years through the initiatives of the Telangana Government under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.



He highlighted that while several important initiatives remained pending for years, the present Government has taken concrete steps to ensure inclusive growth and opportunities for minority communities.

He informed that the Government is creating nearly one lakh employment opportunities and that the Minorities Welfare department, in coordination with

TGMFC, is actively working to connect minority youth with meaningful employment and career opportunities.

The Minister reiterated the Government's unwavering commitment to supporting youth from all minority communities, including Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and others, without discrimination.

He emphasized that the objective of the mela is not merely to distribute offer letters but to ensure sustainable employment for every selected candidate. "We will closely monitor the entire recruitment process. Our responsibility does not end with the issuance of offer letters. We will continue to follow up until candidates successfully join their respective organizations. Providing employment opportunities to our youth is our commitment and responsibility," the Minister stated.

NDA To Meet As Modi Breaks Nehru's Record



Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to create a new political milestone on June 10 by becoming India's longest-serving continuously elected prime minister, surpassing the record held by the country's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Modi, who first assumed office on May 26, 2014, will complete 4,399 consecutive days as prime minister on June 10. The achievement will take him past Nehru's record of 4,398 uninterrupted days in office after being elected through elections. Nehru served continuously from May 13, 1952, following India's first general elections, until his death on May 27, 1964.

The milestone marks another important chapter in Modi's political journey. In July 2025, he surpassed the record for the longest uninterrupted tenure held by former prime minister Indira Gandhi, who served continuously from January 24, 1966, to March 24, 1977, a period spanning 4,077 days.

Modi's tenure has been marked by several electoral achievements. He became the first non-Congress prime minister to complete two consecutive full-majority terms and the first prime minister since Nehru to secure victory in three successive Lok Sabha elections as the incumbent leader.

Now serving his third term, Modi's rise to the top of the list of continuously elected prime ministers underscores his sustained electoral success over more than a decade in office.

Earlier, in March this year, PM Modi became the longest-serving head of an elected government in the country. He surpassed Pawan Kumar Chamling, who held office as Chief Minister of Sikkim for 8,930 days. Modi broke the record of Pawan Kumar Chamling when he completed 8,931 days as head of government, combining his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat and as Prime Minister, thereby entering his 25th year in a leadership role.

While Modi will set a new benchmark for the longest continuously serving elected prime minister, Nehru continues to hold the record for the longest overall tenure as prime minister. Nehru served for a total of 6,131 days, winning three consecutive general elections in 1951-52, 1957 and 1962.

BRS seeks SC status for Dalit Christians through Presidential Order amendment

A BRS delegation met the National Commission examining Scheduled Caste status for Dalit Christians and sought an amendment to the 1950 Presidential Order. The party argued that religious conversion does not remove social discrimination and called for extending SC status to Dalit Christians.

Hyderabad: A BRS delegation on Tuesday met Justice KG Balakrishnan, Chairman of the National Commission examining the issue of Scheduled Caste status for Dalit Christians, and submitted a detailed memorandum seeking an amendment to the 1950 Presidential Order. The BRS leaders appealed to the Commission to ensure that justice is not denied to Dalit Christians.

The delegation comprised Rajya Sabha deputy floor leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra, former Minister Koppula Eshwar, BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar and party leader

Mede Rajiv Sagar.

Speaking after the meeting, Ravichandra said conversion to Christianity does not eliminate the social discrimination and economic backwardness faced by Dalits. He argued that Dalit Christians should continue to enjoy constitutional safeguards available to Scheduled Castes. He stated that the erstwhile BRS government had passed a resolution in the Telangana Assembly seeking an amendment to the Presidential Order. Telangana Travel Guide

He pointed out that people belonging to other faiths were not being deprived of their reservation



benefits after conversion and said treating Dalit Christians differently would amount to discrimination. He said that, if needed, the BRS would take the legal route to ensure justice for Dalit Christians.

Koppula Eshwar contended that classifying Dalit Christians under the BC-C category was inad-

equated, as their social conditions remained unchanged despite religious conversion. He urged the Commission to recommend extending SC status to them by amending the Presidential Order under Article 341.

RS Praveen Kumar termed the existing Presidential Order discrimina-

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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.

Hyderabad fish prasadam: till now 38,000 tokens issues and expects surge in crowds today

Fish prasadam distribution in Hyderabad saw large crowds as officials issued around 38,000 tokens. The Fisheries Department prepared 1.3 lakh murrel fish seeds for the event, which continued at Exhibition Grounds with expectations of even higher turnout

Hyderabad: Fish prasadam distribution continued in Hyderabad with a heavy turnout, with officials of the Fisheries Department stating that till now 38,000 tokens had been issued.

T Srinivas, deputy director, Fisheries Department, Telangana, said the department kept 1.30 lakh murrel fish seed ready for fish prasadam distribution. AP News Updates "More people are expected to arrive today for fish prasadam, which will be concluded on Tuesday. Tokens were issued through special counters at the exhibition grounds on Monday and con-



tinued on Tuesday until fish prasadam closed up to 9 pm," T Srinivas, deputy director, Fisheries Department, Telangana, told Telangana Today.

Bathini family members, who were also organisers of the event, said that they anticipated higher footfall as the event continued on the second day, today.

24 Indian Crew Rescued Off Oman After Missile Attack on Tanker

New Delhi: Demonstrating its commitment to the safety and welfare of Indian seafarers worldwide, the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Mumbai coordinated with Omani authorities to ensure the successful rescue of 24 Indian crew members following a missile attack on a merchant tanker off the coast of Oman.

According to an official release, MRCC Mumbai received information at around 14:20 hrs on Monday regarding a missile attack on the Palau-flagged tanker MT Marivex while it was anchored off Masirah, Oman. The vessel had 24 crew members, all of whom were Indian nationals.

The information was relayed to MRCC Mumbai by a relative of one of the crew members onboard.

Recognising the seriousness of the situation and the immediate threat to the crew's safety, MRCC Mumbai quickly established communication with the Oman Maritime Search and Rescue Centre (OMSC) and requested it to assume the role of Search Mission Coordinator and provide urgent assistance.

Acting swiftly, OMSC



Oman launched and coordinated the rescue operation by diverting a nearby vessel and deploying two rescue helicopters to the area. Continuous coordination was maintained between MRCC Mumbai, OMSC Oman, and other stakeholders to monitor the situation and ensure the crew's safety.

At approximately 17:00 hrs, OMSC Oman confirmed that all 24 Indian crew members had been safely rescued by helicopters of the Oman Navy. Officials reported that all crew members were safe and that no casualties or injuries had occurred. The vessel remains anchored off Masirah, Oman.

In a post on X, the Indian Coast Guard said, "Swift response by MRCC Mumbai following missile attack on MT Marivex in Oman SRR. On receiving information, MRCC Mumbai immediately coordinated with OMSC Oman, ensuring the safe rescue of 24 Indian crew by Oman Navy helicopters."

The Coast Guard added that it remains committed to safeguarding Indian lives across the Indian Ocean through close coordination with regional partners and friendly foreign countries to ensure prompt and effective search and rescue operations.

The successful rescue operation highlights the effectiveness of international maritime cooperation and the strong coordination mechanisms between maritime rescue authorities in the region. It also underscores the Indian Coast Guard's commitment to protecting Indian seafarers and providing timely assistance during maritime emergencies, regardless of location.

As the designated Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre for a vast Search and Rescue Region in the Indian Ocean, MRCC Mumbai continues to work closely with regional and international partners to ensure safety at sea.

The Indian Coast Guard reiterated its commitment to strengthening international cooperation, protecting seafarers, and promoting a safe and secure maritime environment across the Indian Ocean Region.

Over 58 Crore Jan Dhan Accounts Brought Indians Into Formal Banking System: FM Sitharaman

New Delhi: Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said that over 58 crore Jan Dhan accounts have brought crores of Indians into the formal banking system. The minister also said that India stood out globally in its fight against poverty and deprivation.

In a post on X, the finance minister's office said that the Jan Dhan scheme has ensured that benefits under welfare schemes, low-cost insurance, and pensions reach without leakages. "Garib Kalyan is Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi's guarantee of dignity, opportunity and empowerment for every Indian," Sitharaman said.

Launched on August 28, 2014, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is one of the world's larg-



est financial inclusion initiatives. Fifty-six per cent of the PMJDY account holders are women, while 67 per cent of accounts are opened in rural and semi-urban areas.

As much as Rs 45 lakh crore was transferred directly to beneficiary accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Ninety-four per cent of India's adult population has a bank account now. Accounts opened under the scheme offer a zero balance facility, free RuPay cards, accidental insurance, and an overdraft facility.

Trump claims Iran ready for nuclear deal

US President Donald Trump said Iran is willing to forgo nuclear weapons and reach an agreement with Washington. He claimed US actions severely weakened Iran's military and predicted a diplomatic victory soon, while endorsing Senator Lindsey Graham ahead of South Carolina's Republican primary



Washington: US President Donald Trump said that Iran was willing to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and sign an agreement with the United States, as he claimed American military operations had severely weakened Tehran's military capabilities.

Speaking during a virtual tele-rally for South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham ahead of Tuesday's Republican primary, Trump devoted much of his remarks to Iran, ongoing negotiations and the broader security situation in the Middle East. "We're negotiating now and they wanna make a very good deal. They're willing to give us everything. They're willing to give us no nuclear weapon," Trump said. "Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon and it's as simple as that."

Trump claimed US military action had inflicted extensive damage on Iran's military infrastructure. "We've decimated their military. We've decimated their, everything there is to decimate, including their leadership," he said. "Their navy is totally gone. They had 159 ships. Every ship is underwater right now."

The President predicted a favourable outcome from negotiations and said a formal declaration of victory could come soon. "I think we are winning that battle, but you're really gonna win it over the next two weeks when we declare total victory," Trump said. "It'll be a total victory. It'll happen very soon and oil prices will come tumbling down."

The remarks came as Trump urged Republican voters in South Carolina to support Graham, a longtime ally who has been one of the Senate's most vocal advocates of a hard line towards Iran. "And Lindsey has been fighting with me all the way, all the way for that," Trump said. "We've been a very tough team." Trump also praised Graham's role on border security, military spending and conservative judicial appointments.

"I've known Senator Lindsey Graham for many years and he's always been a tireless advocate for the people of South Carolina," Trump said. The President described Graham as having his "complete and total endorsement" and urged voters to support him in Tuesday's Republican primary.

Trump also endorsed South Carolina Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette, calling her "an America first patriot" and predicting she would become a successful governor.

CM Revanth Lays Foundation for Rs.1,600-cr Civic Projects

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday laid the foundation stone for development works worth ₹1,600 crore in the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC). Among the major projects is the construction of alternative roads around the Army Ordnance Corps (AOC) Centre at a cost of ₹960 crore. The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for a six-lane, bi-directional flyover connecting TKR College Junction, Gayatri Nagar Junction and Manda Mallamma Junction. The project will be taken up at an estimated cost of ₹416 crore. Another key project is the construction of the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation office building at Uppal Bhagayath Layout Phase-III, with an outlay of ₹98 crore. Revanth Reddy also laid the foundation stone for a 100-bed Area Hospital in Uppal, to be built on 0.97 acres at a cost of ₹27.17 crore.

AP CM Pushes App for Online Government Services, Tightens Focus on Water Safety

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday directed officials to develop a dedicated mobile application to enable citizens to access all government services online.

Reviewing the functioning of RTGS and various departments at the field level during a meeting in Amaravati, he also stressed the need for efficient management of rural Anna Canteens, daily drinking water quality checks and technology-driven governance.

The CM said the government had already brought all public services online and was facilitating access through the Mana Mitra WhatsApp platform. He instructed officials to create greater public awareness about digital services and develop a user-friendly app to further improve accessibility.

Minister Kolu Parthasarathy, Chief Secretary Sai Prasad and senior officials from various departments attended the review meeting.

Naidu emphasised that Anna Canteens across the state should be operated efficiently and directed officials to ensure that rural canteens provide services on par with those available in urban areas.



Expressing concern over drinking water safety, he ordered daily collection and testing of water samples and warned against any negligence in water supply management.

He said contamination must be prevented and strict precautions taken to ensure safe drinking water reaches every household.

The Chief Minister also called for greater public participation in sanitation and environmental protection programmes. He said Clean and Green initiatives could succeed only when citizens actively contribute and urged officials to launch innovative awareness campaigns promoting environmental conservation and clean-

liness.

Reviewing the state-wide Jaladhara programme, Naidu directed the authorities to prepare ponds and tanks ahead of the monsoon and ensure maximum rainwater harvesting. Officials must digitise and map every pond and water body online for effective monitoring.

The CM asked departments to establish a technology-enabled system to safeguard government lands and regularly monitor them. The pilot project being implemented in Anantapur district could be subjected to wider adoption, he said.

He called for intensified efforts to eliminate ganja cultivation, transportation, sale and consumption by targeting the problem at its roots. On women's safety, he directed officials to publicise punishments awarded to offenders and conduct sustained awareness campaigns to deter crimes against women.

Highlighting AP's governance reforms, Naidu said the state was implementing technology-driven decision-making through systems such as RTGS and AWARE. These innovative governance models would be showcased at the forthcoming NITI Aayog meeting in New Delhi.

VSP Blast: Pawan Kalyan Announces Ex-gratia For Victims

Visakhapatnam: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday expressed deep grief over the tragic explosion at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, which claimed eight lives, and announced a comprehensive compensation ex gratia package for the families of the victims who lost their lives and those injured in the tragic accident that took place on Monday evening.

"For regular employees, there will be Rs1.72 crores and a monthly pension benefit. For contractor workers, Rs 45.7 lakhs and a monthly PF pension will be provided. Additionally, an ex-gratia of Rs 25 lakhs will be given



for each deceased employee. Apart from this, the Prime Minister has also announced ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) would be given to the next of kin of each deceased, and the injured would be given Rs. 50,000, he said, besides permanent employment to one family member. He also assured that

the entire cost of the medical treatment would be borne by the government and that support would be extended in every possible way.

Highlighting the unprecedented nature of the tragedy, Pawan Kalyan stated that such a specific type of accident has not been recorded in the plant's history or even globally in similar operations.

On Monday, Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy announced ex-gratia compensation of Rs 25 lakh for the families of the deceased and Rs 10 lakh each for the families of the injured employees. At least eight workers were killed and several others injured after a large quantity of molten steel leaked from the SMS-2 and STC-3 heat facility at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant on Monday.

Pralhad Joshi Asserts India Has Turned Energy Surplus in Past 12 Years



Tirupati: Union minister Pralhad Joshi on Tuesday said India has emerged as an energy-surplus nation during the past 12 years of the NDA government being in office. He said Andhra Pradesh too has benefited from the substantial financial assistance and development projects extended by the centre.

Addressing a press conference in Tirupati as part of celebrations marking 12 years of the NDA government in office at the centre, Joshi said India has witnessed major growth across sectors under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The country has successfully met a peak power demand of 280 GW on May 23 this year, compared to 123 GW before 2014.

Highlighting infrastructure development, Joshi said around 60,000 km of roads, including high-speed corridors, have been added across the country over the past 12 years. He said investments worth ₹1.69 lakh crore have been attracted under the Semicon India programme, while electronics manufacturing and mobile phone exports have recorded substantial growth.

Referring to social welfare indicators, the minister cited international studies indicating that multidimensional poverty in India has declined from 29.17 per cent in 2013-14 to 11.28 per cent, with more than 25 crore people moving out of poverty. He said various welfare schemes have improved the lives of millions across the country. Joshi said Andhra Pradesh has been allocated ₹64,362 crore towards tax devolution in the 2026-27 Budget, compared to ₹56,373.56 crore in 2025-26. He said tax devolution to the state increased from ₹1.32 lakh crore during 2004-14 to ₹4.05 lakh crore between 2014 and June 2026, while grants-in-aid rose from ₹78,112 crore to ₹3.32 lakh crore during the same period.

The minister highlighted key road projects and 41 ongoing railway projects covering 5,329 km with an investment of ₹73,743 crore. He pointed out that the Green Hydrogen Hub at Pudimadaka, with an estimated investment of ₹1.85 lakh crore, and the Krishnapatnam Industrial Area in Tirupati district are expected to boost industrial growth and employment generation.

Earlier, Pralhad Joshi expressed condolences to families of those who died in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant accident and assured support. He released publications highlighting the achievements of the NDA government over the past 12 years.

Narayana Dismisses Reports on Privatisation of Municipal Assets

Vijayawada: Minister for Municipal Administration P. Narayana on Tuesday dismissed reports alleging privatisation of municipal assets as "completely false." However, he went on to clarify that municipalities undertake projects under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to strengthen their financial position.

Inaugurating the two-day Urban Challenge Fund Capacity Building Workshop organised by HUDCO in Vijayawada, the minister said Andhra Pradesh government is preparing a major urban infrastructure expansion programme focused on drinking water supply, drainage, roads, and street lighting.

He said the government has identified five priority sectors for the next three years — quality drinking water supply, solid waste management, used-water management, and internal roads and street lighting. He pointed out that projects worth ₹17,394 crore have been planned to provide tap water con-



nections to every household in urban areas. Of this, works valued at ₹12,395 crore have already been launched under AMRUT 1.0, AMRUT 2.0, UIDF and AIIB-supported schemes.

Narayana said nearly ₹29,000 crore would be required to convert kutchra drains into permanent drainage networks across the state. Municipal areas have been classified into high, medium and low-density zones, with drainage works in high and medium density areas proposed in the first phase at an estimated cost of ₹9,000 crore.

He said Andhra Pradesh is expected to receive ₹3,600 crore from the centre under the Urban Challenge Fund. An additional ₹10,800 crore is proposed to be mobilised through HUDCO and

other financial institutions. Projects worth ₹5,000 crore in municipalities lacking repayment capacity would be executed under the annuity model.

The minister cautioned officials against replacing roads and drains that are already in good condition due to political pressure, stressing that public funds should be utilised only where necessary. He directed municipal commissioners to undertake desilting of drains on a war footing ahead of the monsoon.

HUDCO chairman and managing director Sanjay Kulshrestha said Andhra Pradesh is well positioned to utilise Urban Challenge Fund resources. He described HUDCO as a development partner of AP supporting project planning, financing and PPP initiatives.

Principal secretary (MA&UD) S. Suresh Kumar said infrastructure works worth ₹15,800 crore are being revived and implemented. Municipal Administration director P. Sampath Kumar asked urban local bodies to develop revenue-generating projects instead of depending solely on government grants.

Naidu to participate in NDA, NITI Aayog meetings on June 10, 11

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will embark on a two-day visit of New Delhi on Wednesday, June 10, to participate in key meetings of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Niti Aayog Governing Council. According to his schedule released on Tuesday, the Chief Minister will leave Gannavaram Airport at 11:30 am on Wednesday and arrive in the national capital to attend a meeting of NDA alliance partners at Bharat Mandapam. The meeting is slated from 3 pm to 9 pm during which leaders of the ruling coalition are expected to deliberate on important national and developmental issues. On Thursday, June 11, Naidu will participate in the 11th Gov-



erning Council Meeting of Niti Aayog, scheduled to be held at Rashtrapati Bhavan from 9:15 am to 5 pm. This meeting is to be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It will be a key platform for discussions between the centre and states on policy priorities, economic growth, infrastructure development, and cooperative federalism. The Chief Minister is expected to present Andhra Pradesh's development agenda and participate in discussions concerning national and state-level priorities. At the conclusion of the Niti Aayog meeting, Naidu will depart from New Delhi. He is scheduled to return to Amaravati by around 9 pm on the same day, completing his two-day official visit

RS Polls: MP Cong Nominee Meenakshi Natarajan's Papers Rejected



Bhopal: The upcoming elections to three Rajya Sabha seats in Madhya Pradesh took a dramatic turn on Tuesday with the nomination of Congress candidate Meenakshi Natarajan being rejected on charges of concealing information about a case in the affidavit. "Natarajan's nomination has been rejected by the Returning Officer on the grounds of hiding information about a case," an MP Assembly official told PTI.

A complaint was submitted by BJP candidate Mahesh Kewat, contesting the third Rajya Sabha seat, to the Returning Officer alleging that Natarajan deliberately hid information about a case filed against her in Telangana.

Sanket Gupta, the lawyer representing Kewat, told reporters that a criminal case is pending against Natarajan in a Telangana court and is not mentioned in the affidavit.

He said the Returning Officer has rejected her nomination on this basis.

"This information has been deliberately concealed. According to Supreme Court guidelines, you are required to provide this information in the affidavit. Kewat had filed an objection to Natarajan's candidacy under this same provision," he added.

He claimed several other deficiencies were found in the nomination.

Congress's Madhya Pradesh in-charge, Harish Chaudhary, claimed that no case had been filed against Natarajan and that the BJP is bringing up such cases to harass her.

He said Natarajan had received a show-cause notice from the court, and it was not necessary to mention it in the affidavit.

He said the Election Commission's instructions are clear that information must be provided in the nomination when a case is filed, not upon receiving a notice.

"Technically, Natarajan's nomination cannot be rejected," Chaudhary added.

Revanth slams EC's rejection of RS nomination

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday strongly condemned the rejection of the Rajya Sabha nomination of Congress candidate and AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan in Madhya Pradesh, alleging that the BJP had conspired to prevent her election through undemocratic means.

In a post on X, the Chief Minister described the development as a direct assault on democracy and accused the BJP of resorting to what he termed "Seat Chori" after allegedly indulging in "Vote Chori" and "SIR". He said the rejection of Natarajan's nomination was the result of a BJP conspiracy in Madhya Pradesh. Revanth Reddy asserted that there were no criminal cases against her in Telangana and questioned the grounds on which her nomination had been rejected.

He further alleged that senior Congress leaders led by Jairam Ramesh were prevented from meeting Election Commission officials to raise concerns. He claimed that the BJP, unable to secure victory through democratic means, had resorted to a conspiracy that resulted in the rejection of Natarajan's papers.

"This is an assault on democracy. People's voices are being stifled. This is a dark day for Indian democracy and needs to be condemned by all citizens," Revanth Reddy said. He maintained that the rejection amounted to suppressing the voice of the people and undermining democratic institutions.

The Chief Minister said the Congress would not remain silent and would pursue all legal options to secure justice. He announced that the party would approach the courts and continue its fight until justice was delivered. "We will all fight for justice," he said.

Revanth Reddy called upon citizens across the country to condemn the incident, describing it as a dark chapter in Indian democracy and warning that such actions posed a serious threat to democratic values and electoral processes.

Gajularamaram International Bus Terminal Construction to Start in 3 Months: CM

Hyderabad: Ahead of the city municipal polls, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced that works of the international bus terminal at Gajularamaram at 100 acres will start in three months.

The announcement was made on Monday after laying the foundation stone for Cyberabad municipal corporation (CMC) head office building and other development works in the corporation's jurisdiction that will be built at a cost of Rs 1674.74 crore.

The Hyderabad Metro Rail that presently ends at Raidurgam, will be extended to Neopolis in Kokapet, asserted the Chief Minister.

Addressing a public meeting after laying the foundation stone, he said that 60 per cent of state IT exports from Cyberabad and 16.77 per



cent of India's IT exports happen from this area.

The Chief Minister said that he will further develop the areas in CMC. He compared Cyberabad to Silicon Valley in the USA and said that boasting about a 'Global City' is not enough but the development must actually align with that vision and the state government has started doing it.

The Chief Minister affirmed that the state government would focus only on development in the city and the state in the next 24 months rising above politics.

He said that Delhi was facing a pollution problem, Mumbai was struggling due to urban flooding, Bengaluru, Chennai with traffic woes and Kolkata with law-and-order is-

our city rising above political agendas," he said.

Under the master plan, the state government constructed one lakh low-income group and middle-income group houses in the city limits.

"On the lines of 'Rajiv Gruhakalpa' scheme, the state government will provide housing for people in their present residing places. Government is formulating plans to reclaim government lands from encroachers and build homes for the poor," said Revanth Reddy.

The Chief Minister also said that, the present three Assembly constituencies — Serilingampally, Quthbullapur and Kukatpally — together could be reorganised into around 10 Assembly constituencies and the leaders need not worry about their B-forms and opportunities.

Following this, an expert panel was formed and taking cues from these cities, Telangana-Rising-2047 was formulated.

"We created three corporations to cater to the future needs of the expanding city and defined boundaries to ensure coordination between the police and municipal departments. Let us develop

HYDRAA Protects Rs.1.10 L Cr Worth Of Public Land From Encroachments

Hyderabad: HYDRAA has protected public land worth an estimated ₹1.10 lakh crore from encroachments since its inception. Authorities said the agency has reclaimed more than 1,800 acres of government land and 449 acres of lake land since it was formed in July 2024.

According to revenue records, a total of 2,435.22 acres of government land, lake beds, drain lines, park lands and public utility lands have been reclaimed and protected by HYDRAA.

Of the total area reclaimed, 1,804.23 acres comprise government land, including about 300 acres in Quthbullapur of Medchal-Malkajgiri district, 862 acres in Ameenpur, and lands in Kachavani Singaram in Ghatkesar, Khanamet and Kondapur in Serilingampally, among other locations.

Authorities said encroachments were re-



moved from 90.29 acres of park land, 50.06 acres of roads and footpaths, 21.29 acres of public utility land, and 19.26 acres of drain lines and canals, all of which are now under protection.

The agency also cleared encroachments from 449.11 acres of lake land. As part of Phase-I of its lake restoration programme, HYDRAA took up the rejuvenation of Thammidikunta in Madhapur, Nalla Cheruvu in Uppal, Nalla Cheruvu in Kukatpally, Sunnam Cheruvu in Madhapur, Bum-Rukn-ud-Dowla in the Old City, and Bathukammakunta in Amberpet.

Officials said Phase-I operations led to the re-

moval of encroachments from 15 acres of Thammidikunta, 14 acres of Kukatpally Nalla Cheruvu, 10 acres of Uppal Nalla Cheruvu, 15 acres of Sunnam Cheruvu, 11 acres of Bum-Rukn-ud-Dowla and 5 acres of Bathukammakunta, protecting a total of 70 acres of lake land.

In addition, Phase-II rejuvenation plans covering 14 lakes across the city have already resulted in the removal of encroachments from nearly 300 acres of lake land.

HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath said, "In nearly two years, HYDRAA has reclaimed and protected public assets worth more than ₹1.10 lakh crore, including lakes, nalas, parks and government lands. Within another year, we are confident of crossing the ₹2 lakh crore milestone."

Rename AICC as All India Nazi Party: KTR advices Rahul Gandhi

BRS leader KT Rama Rao attacked the Congress after Telangana CM Revanth Reddy invoked Hitler as inspiration for HYDRAA operations. KTR accused Rahul Gandhi of hypocrisy, demanding the AICC respond and warning that silence amounts to endorsing totalitarian methods



Hyderabad: Continuing his tirade against the Congress over Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's Hitler-inspired remarks, BRS working president KT Rama Rao flayed the Congress top brass for its silence. He demanded that the All India Congress Committee (AICC) shed its ideological facade and officially rename itself as the All India Nazi Party following controversial remarks.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy triggered a political storm after he openly declared that German dictator Adolf Hitler and his assassination squads as a source of operational inspiration for HYDRAA, proudly comparing the demolition of the homes of poor to the violent flattening of international war zones.

Hyderabad City Guide Citing former Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan demand to the AICC leadership for an explanation on Revanth Reddy's remarks, Rama Rao took to social media and targeted Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi over his party's hypocrisy. He sought to know whether his "Mohabbat Ki Dukaan" (shop of love) officially transformed into "Hitler's Makaan."

He asserted that Rahul Gandhi cannot parade as the self-appointed guardian of the Constitution in Delhi, while remaining silent as a Congress nominated Chief Minister of Telangana openly glorifies blood-thirsty Adolf Hitler and cites his assassination squads as a source of operational inspiration.

The BRS working president said the Chief Minister's public admissions were a chilling confession of an inherently fascist governance mindset and an unforgivable assault on India's foundational values. He pointed out that a democratic leader draws inspiration from actual statesmen, whereas only a paranoid and power-drunk ruler searches for administrative lessons in brutal dictators.

Rama Rao challenged Rahul Gandhi to break his tactical silence, as failing to reprimand the Chief Minister amounted to a direct endorsement of totalitarian methods. He suggested that if celebrating totalitarian methods and destroying local neighborhoods like a war zone was the Congress party's true blueprint for governance, they should drop their ideological facade entirely.

Congress taking credit for BRS projects, alleges KP Vivekananda

Hyderabad: BRS Legislature Party Whip and KP Vivekananda said the newly opened Bachupally flyover was a result of the previous BRS government's efforts. He accused the Congress government of merely inaugurating projects initiated during the BRS regime and taking credit for them.

After inspecting the flyover at CMC Nizampet Circle on Tuesday, Vivekananda said the project was executed under plans conceived and launched by the erstwhile BRS government. He alleged that the Congress government had not initiated any major new infrastructure project during its tenure and was instead taking credit for works that were already underway or completed.

The BRS leader said repeated pressure from his party, including raising the issue in the Assembly, had helped expedite the completion and opening of the flyover. He also criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for inaugurating the project virtually from Miyapur, calling it an insult to the people of Quthbullapur.

Vivekananda stated that the government had only renamed projects executed under the Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP) and Strategic Road Development Programme (SRDP), while neglecting Hyderabad's existing infrastructure needs. He cited delays in the Suchitra-Kompally flyover project and accused the government of focusing on proposed future developments while overlooking current urban requirements.



Axis Max Life Declares Rs.2,530 Crore Participating Bonus for FY26

Vizag, June 8, 2026: Axis Max Life Insurance Ltd. formerly known as Max Life Insurance Company Ltd ("Axis Max Life"/ "Company"), has announced a Participating (PAR) bonus of ₹2,530 Crore for eligible policyholders for FY2025-26. This marks the Company's 24th consecutive annual bonus and takes the cumulative bonus declared over the past 24 years to ₹18,377 Crore*.

The declared bonus will be provided to more than 21 lakh eligible PAR policyholders, beginning July 2026. Axis Max Life's PAR Fund** has grown from ₹74,119 Crore in FY25 to ₹79,003 Crore in FY26, a CAGR of 17% over the past decade.

Year	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Bonus	1,469 Crore	1,604 Crore	1,826 Crore	2,135 Crore	2,530 Crore

Axis Max Life participating products offer multiple bonus types, including cash bonus, reversionary bonus, and terminal bonus. Additionally, these products provide customers' features such as accumulation of bonuses, partial withdrawal of accumulated bonuses, paid-up additions, and premium offset, without impacting the basic sum assured.

Accreditation should be given to genuine working journalists

**Unauthorised cards should be identified and cancelled
All press must complete the process of issuing accreditation cards to all their journalists before 15 June**

Peddapalli Correspondent June 08: Leaders of the Journalists' Welfare Association handed a petition to Bandari Rajaswari, a district revenue officer, demanding that accreditation be given to all working journalists on Monday at a public awareness programme being held at the district collectorate office in Peddapalli under the auspices of the Journalists' Welfare Association. The Journalists' Welfare Association's national president Manasani Krishanareddy and state president Takkalappalli Sreenivasa Raju requested that all working journalists be given accreditation at the event being organised by the district revenue officer Bandi Rajaswari on Monday at the district collectorate office in Puduicherry under the auspices of the Journalists' Welfare Association. Speaking on the occasion, District President Vennampalli Srinivas, Oadnala Thirupathi District Chief Secretary, District Magistrate, Manda Baskar, President of the Journalists Association, said that the selection of journalists working in various minor, major papers, electronic media in Velaval district by various groups of people, was unceremoniously terminated by all members of the District Accreditation Committee unanimously endorsing the suspension of the journalists with their own verification names pending by the District Collector to the District Accreditation Committee Chairman wherein all concerned demanded that all pending accreditation of all pending papers be given identification and accreditation cards to the working journalists. Similarly all of them have appealed for the process of identifying actual working journalists in various organisations that have been working in the field to be completed and their accreditation legs to be revoked as there are several unscrupulous people among those so far issued with accreditation various journals pending have identified real working journalists in the electronic media and issued accreditation within 15 days. An affirmative response was received from Rajeshwari, District Revenue Officer, who responded and forwarded to the Director, Department of Information, in charge the same on the same matter. The event was attended by Bandela Rajashekar, state working president of the Journalists' Welfare Association, Kannuri Raju, state secretary, Odnala Lathia, district honorary president, Manda Bhaskar, district president, Vennampalli Srinivas, district chief secretary, Odnala Tirupathi, district head, and district leaders



Asian Paints introduces Anti-Damp Technology in Ace & Tractor Emulsions to combat water-mark issues

Also offers a 4-year warranty on key product performance aspects for long-lasting value in the economy segment

Hyderabad, 8 June 2026: In today's evolving home décor landscape, homeowners are raising the bar for what their homes should deliver, spaces that look good, feel welcoming, and stand the test of time. Yet, in the economy segment, bringing together aesthetics, durability and affordability has often remained a difficult balance to achieve. Among the most common concerns are water marks on walls, an issue that can quietly take away from the beauty of an otherwise well-maintained home. Addressing this need, Asian Paints has introduced Anti-Damp Technology in its popular Ace and Tractor Emulsions. In



addition, the products offer a 4-year warranty on key performance aspects, bringing together long-lasting performance and value in one offering.

Ace and Tractor Emulsions, two of Asian Paints' most trusted and widely used brands, have over the years built strong equity among dealers, contractors, and homeowners.

Known for delivering consistent value in the economy segment, the portfolio has continually evolved with thoughtful innovations, from its Tractor and ACE Sparc range, offering superior value proposition to its Tractor and Ace Shyne range, offering affordable sheen, each designed to meet real consumer needs.

Speaking on the campaign, Rajesh Sharma, Head of Strategy, McCann India said, "Indian homes are extensions of personal pride. Which is why water marks are rarely just a wall problem. It chips away at how people feel about their own space. Instead of dramatizing the issue we chose humour, be-

cause the most effective way to confront an everyday truth is to make people laugh at how familiar it already is."

Amit Syngle, MD and CEO of Asian Paints Ltd., said, "Across India, we are seeing a clear shift in consumer expectations, where performance and aesthetics are equally important, regardless of the price segment. At Asian Paints, we have consistently anticipated these evolving needs and worked to democratize innovation at scale. Our offerings in this segment are supported by a 4-year warranty on key performance parameters, reinforcing reliability and longterm value.

ViewSonic Unveils AI-Powered IN05 Series EDLA Interactive Displays with Advanced AI Classroom Tools.

New 65", 75", and 86" AI-Powered 4K Interactive Displays Feature Android 16, Advanced Classroom AI Tools, and Octa-Core Performance to Empower Educators and Enhance Student Engagement.

Hyderabad, June 2026-ViewSonic Corp., a leading global provider of visual and EdTech solutions, has unveiled the new AI-powered IN05 Series ViewBoard — IN6505-N (65"), IN7505-N (75"), and IN8605-N (86") in India. Designed to transform modern classrooms, these premium 4K EDLA interactive displays combine advanced AI teaching and collaboration tools with powerful performance to deliver smarter, more intuitive, and highly engaging learning experiences.

AI-Powered Features Designed for the Classroom with IN05 Series

The new AI-powered IN05 series ViewBoard stand out with a comprehensive suite of AI-powered tools purpose-built for the classroom. These intelligent features are designed to make teaching more efficient while creating richer, more engaging learning experiences for students.

- Smarter Teaching Support - Ask AI acts as a powerful voice assistant, enabling teachers to control the ViewBoard naturally through voice commands, smart pen voice capture, or keyboard input. Educators can instantly open files, draw shapes, adjust settings, or change pen colors. Video Pilot further enhances video-based learning by automatically generating structured summaries, timestamped subtitles, and clickable navigation points for quick access to key concepts.



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- Enhanced Classroom Engagement - AI Painter delivers intelligent drawing assistance through voice, pen, or text input, while AI Mind Map instantly generates structured mind maps from keywords, topics, or images. Together, these tools make brainstorming, concept mapping, and lesson planning far more interactive and efficient.
- Instant Assisted Learning & Problem Solving - The new ViewBoard accelerate understanding through practical AI tools that support students directly. Circle Go allows users to draw a circle around any content or math problem to receive instant step-by-step solutions, related concepts, visuals, and resources. Calculator Pro offers natural handwritten equation solving and geometric calculations, and Live Subtitle provides real-time multilingual subtitles and translation for both local and online videos

These AI innovations work seamlessly alongside ViewSonic's proven myViewBoard ecosystem, including Note and myViewBoard Whiteboard software, to create a truly intelligent teaching platform.

Engineered for education environments, the new IN Series models feature ultra-high-definition 4K resolution (3840 x 2160), an octa-core processor, 8GB RAM, 128GB storage, and Android 16 (EDLA). They also offer seamless USB-C connectivity for single-cable power, data, and display, along with advanced infrared touch

technology supporting up to 50 points of touch and precise pen input.

The AI-powered IN05 series ViewBoard delivers exceptional visual performance with bright 400-nit panels, 5000:1 contrast ratio, and anti-glare AG glass. Built for durability and collaboration, the displays support 20W x 2 speakers, comprehensive connectivity including multiple USB ports with smart features and HDMI 2.0, and robust network capabilities. Additional highlights include low blue light certification, energy-efficient operation, and VESA-compatible mounting.

"The AI-powered IN05 Series reflects our commitment to creating smarter and more connected learning environments," said Mr Muneer Ahmad, Managing Director, ViewSonic India. "By combining AI-powered classroom tools with intuitive collaboration capabilities and high-performance interactive displays, we aim to help educators deliver more engaging and effective learning experiences."

The ViewSonic IN6505-N, IN7505-N, and IN8605-N ViewBoard will be available in India through authorized ViewSonic education resellers and partners starting in Q2 2026. For more information, visit ViewSonic.com/IN-Series or contact your local ViewSonic representative.

Awareness Program on Plastic Eradication under Praja Palana – Pragati Pranalika 99-Day Action Plan

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : As part of the Praja Palana – Pragati Pranalika 99-day action plan, an awareness program on plastic eradication was conducted at Adelli Nandanavanam in Sarangapur Mandal under the chairmanship of M.D. Nazeer Khan, Deputy Forest Range Officer.

On this occasion, a cleanliness drive was carried out by removing plastic plates, glasses, and other waste materials from the surroundings of Nandanavanam.

Participants were educated about the harmful effects of plastic usage on the environment. It was noted that thousands of devotees visit Adelli Nandanavanam every Sunday for recreational and social gatherings, resulting in the accumulation of large quantities of plastic waste. To address this issue, discussions were held on promoting the use of steel plates as an alternative to plastic plates.

Several donors who attended the program came forward to donate steel plates. Officials stated that steps would soon be taken to replace plastic plates with steel plates at Adelli Nandanavanam.

The program was attended by chief guests Dandu Sayanna, Sarpanch of Adelli; Aziz Khan, MPDO of Sarangapur; Shankar, Principal of Government Junior College, Sarangapur; the Adelli Village Development Committee (VDC) Chairman and members, Panchayat Secretaries, and FBOs including Vennela Sujatha.

LANXESS confirms guidance despite subdued start to the year

Mumbai, June 8th, 2026 – A persistently weak economic environment, ongoing geopolitical uncertainties and prior year's portfolio divestments characterized the first quarter of the 2026 financial year for specialty chemicals company LANXESS. Sales amounted to EUR 1.378 billion, which was 13.9 percent below the sales of EUR 1.601 billion in the same quarter of the previous year. EBITDA pre exceptionals

**Sales of EUR 1.378 billion, down 13.9 percent from the same quarter last year
EBITDA pre exceptionals of EUR 94 million, down 29.3 percent from the previous year**

reached EUR 94 million, down 29.3 percent from the EUR 133 million recorded in the same quarter of the previous year. The EBITDA margin pre exceptionals for the first quarter was 6.8 percent, compared with 8.3 percent in the same quarter of the previous year.

In a market environment that remained weak, lower input prices for raw materials and persistent price pressure from the Asian region in some businesses led to lower selling prices. Furthermore, exchange rate movements and the portfolio effect resulting from



Energizing Chemistry

the sale of the Urethane Systems business as of April 1, 2025, had a negative impact on the results.

"The start of the year was weak, but since March

we have seen a slight positive momentum. Due to the conflict in the Middle East, the supply chains of many Asian competitors have been disrupted, causing customers to turn back to European suppliers such as LANXESS. Supply capability is currently a significant competitive advantage. At the same time, we have raised prices for many of our products to pass on the increased costs of raw materials, energy and logistics," said Matthias Zachert, CEO of LANXESS.

66 complaints to Baldia Prajavani

Victims who changed the route of solutions at a snail's pace
Victims who are submitting complaints directly to the Collector



Warangal Corporation;: Actually, the Baldia has not been able to resolve public complaints so quickly, and the relevant officials and staff have brought up the issue. The town planning, engineering and other staff who did not resolve the problems even when the Commissioner was there are not enough people to take care of the complaints received, and the accusation that there is no one to take care of the complaints received is becoming true. It seems that some of the victims who have returned are directly queuing for the grievances held on Monday at the Hanumakonda Collectorate.

However, Chahat Bajpai, who was the previous Baldia Commissioner, recently became the Hanumakonda District Collector, and she is currently continuing as the Special Administrative Officer from the In-charge Commissioner.

It is learnt that some of the victims who came to lodge their complaints after learning that there was no Commissioner in the Baldia Grievances yesterday (Monday) reached Hanumakonda Collectorate and submitted their complaints directly to the Collector.

S.E. Rajkumar received the complaints

On Monday, at the Baldia Prajavani, Superintendent Engineer (SE) Rajkumar along with senior officers from various departments received applications from the city people for the resolution of various problems.

The details of the complaints received on this occasion were as follows by department.. Town Planning....19

Engineering...21

Revenue.....08

Health Sanitation..12

Water Supply.....04

Horticulture...02, a total of 66, according to the officials.

CP Ravinder Radekar, DFO Shankar Lingam, EE Sanjay Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Sammaiya, Tax Officer Ramakrishna, MHO Dr. Rajesh, HO Laxma Reddy, officers of all wings and other employees participated in this program.

Government giving priority to women

-MP Shetkar distributes Indira Shakti sarees

Zaheerabad June: Zaheerabad MP Suresh Kumar Shetkar said that the state government is distributing Indira Shakti sarees to enhance the dignity of women. On Monday, at the SV Function Hall in Zaheerabad, Sangareddy district, along with Municipal Chairman Yunus, MP sarees were distributed to women of MEPMA and DRDA savings societies. He reminded that the public government in the state is giving women a big platform in all fields and is taking steps to-



wards making them millionaires. He said that the government giving priority to women is the Congress government. Members of women's groups danced and created a buzz at the saree distribution program. Municipal Commissioner Prabhakar, Vice Chairman Sirisha Reddy, CDC, Atma, Ketaki Temple Chairmens Mubhin, Ramalinga Reddy, Shekhar, councilors, leaders and women participated in the program in large numbers.

Expedited settlement of applications is to be afforded:: Rajeeshwari, District Revenue Officer

A DRO that has attended a Public Hearing and received applications from the public

Peddapalli Correspondant June 08: On the eve of the public awareness programme, the district revenue officer Rajeshwari had already received applications from the public at the district collectorate in Nellore. B. Shankar of townships of the Colony of Nalla Pochammam applied for grant of single bed rooms in the name of the disabled while writing to EE Housing, the DRO said it would take necessary steps forthwith. B. Shankar of the Colony of Markandaya of Godavari Khani applied for grant of a wheelchair for the photograph of a disabled person while writing to the DRO he said necessary steps should be taken forthwith. Mr Ravi Kumar of the village of Eklasapur in the Antargamma division wrote to the ideal school asking for the vacant watchman's post to be given to him while writing to the Varadhhi Society he said it would examine and rectify the problem. The public awareness programme was attended by concerned district officials, others.



NAKSHA Pilot Project Must Be Completed Expeditiously: Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao

NAKSHA Survey Works Progressing in Manuguru Municipality: District Collector Ankith

Bhadradi Kothagudem District : State Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao on Monday reviewed the progress of the NAKSHA (Land Re-Survey and Urban Property Boundary Identification) programme through a video conference with District Collectors across the state. He stated that the government is implementing digital land survey initiatives on a priority basis with the objective of establishing a transparent and dispute-free land administration system.

During the review meeting, the Chief Secretary directed officials in the pilot project districts to ensure close coordination between the Survey and Revenue De-



partments and to carry out field-level surveys using rover-based survey equipment. He emphasized the need for accurate surveys of all properties within municipal limits and instructed officials to expedite the preparation and registration of the Record of Rights (RoR).

Participating in the

video conference from the IDOC office, District Collector Ankith informed the Chief Secretary that Manuguru Municipality has been selected under the NAKSHA Pilot Project in Bhadradi Kothagudem district. He said that field surveys are currently being conducted by the Survey and Revenue

Departments and that necessary steps are being taken to initiate the RoR registration process through the Municipal Administration Department.

The Collector further explained that Manuguru Municipality consists of 15 revenue wards, which have been divided into 97

survey blocks. A total of 7,524 properties have been identified within the municipal limits. Of these, surveys for 5,064 properties have already been completed, while the digitization process has been completed for 2,074 properties.

He reiterated that all concerned departments are working in coordination to achieve the project targets within the stipulated timeframe and to provide citizens with transparent, accurate, and accessible land records.

Additional Director of Survey Srinivas, Manuguru Municipal Commissioner Prasad, and officials from the concerned departments also participated in the video conference.

TPCC Working President Jaggareddy Felicitates Young Cricketer Naveen Manith Assures Full Support for His Future Cricketing Career

SANGAREDDY June 8,2026: TPCC Working President T. Jaggareddy felicitated emerging cricketer Naveen Manith from Sangareddy for his outstanding performances at the national level and assured him of complete support in pursuing a successful cricketing career.

Jaggareddy, who learned about the young player's achievements through his father Madhu, a Congress leader and physiotherapist, praised Naveen's dedication and talent. He assured the youngster that he would extend all possible assistance, including support for advanced training and participation in various tournaments.

Encouraging Naveen to continue excelling in the sport, Jaggareddy ex-



pressed confidence that he would bring laurels to Sangareddy district and Telangana in the coming years.

Eighteen-year-old Naveen Manith, who recently completed his Intermediate education, has been passionate about cricket since childhood and has steadily built an impressive record through hard work and perseverance.

National-Level Achievements

Represented Telangana in the Under-17 National Championships organized by the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) in Patna, Bihar, in 2024.

Played for Telangana in the Under-19 National Championships held in Chandigarh in 2026.

Scored a half-cen-

tury for Medak district against Mahabubnagar in the prestigious Venkataswamy Gold Cup Senior League.

Registered an impressive century while playing for a reputed club in Delhi.

Currently represents Sporty Club in the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA)

Leagues, featuring in T20, One-Day, and Two-Day matches.

Groomed Under Experienced Coaches

Naveen began his cricket journey in Class VI at MS Cricket Academy, where he trained under coaches Chandramouli and Inam. He received encouragement from HCA United Medak District President Rajender Reddy, which helped him progress further. At present, he is training under coach Iqbal at the Iqbal Cricket Academy in Hyderabad.

The felicitation programme was attended by TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, former cricketer Raghu, and several others, who congratulated Naveen on his achievements and wished him greater success in the future.

Apprenticeship Mela a Grand Success... 34 Candidates Get Career Opportunities..!

Manuguru : The National Apprenticeship Mela, organized as part of the Central Government's Skill Development and Employment Promotion initiative, was successfully conducted on Monday at the Government ITI, Manuguru. This was stated by ITI Principal D. Venkateswara Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that several reputed companies participated in the mela, including VLR Facilitators, Shakti Hormones, and Wohit Turbo from Hyderabad, L&T Amaravati from Vijayawada, Talluri Textiles from VM Banjara, Prathama ITC from Bhadrachalam, and Chaturya Engineering Works and APY Engineering & Constructions from Manuguru.

Around 100 youth attended the Apprenticeship Mela. After conducting interviews, company representatives selected 34 candidates for apprenticeship opportunities.

The selected candidates were advised to report directly to the respective companies. The Principal also stated that candidates who could not attend the mela may still approach the Government ITI, Manuguru, and efforts will be made to connect them with participating companies.



"Every ITI graduate should undergo apprenticeship training. It serves as a strong foundation for future employment opportunities," Principal Venkateswara Rao emphasized.

The program was attended by Training Officer G. Ravi, Superintendent Jyothi Rani, Senior Assistant Sadhana, ATOs G.V. Krishna Rao, M. Srinivasa Rao, A. Narasayya, Venugopal Naidu, D. Mahesh, and Komaram Dharmiah, along with ATC Master Trainer Poornachandra Rao and other ITI staff members.

The event has brought renewed hope to the youth, proving to be a significant platform for skill development and career advancement.

"A Pathway to Employment for ITI Students – 34 Candidates Secure Opportunities Through the Apprenticeship Mela!"

Major records under threat as India chase maiden Women's T20 World Cup title

Fresh from their historic ODI World Cup victory, India eye a maiden T20 World Cup title in England. Meanwhile, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and all-rounder Deepti Sharma stand on the verge of scripting unprecedented individual cricket history

New Delhi: Fresh from their historic ODI World Cup triumph earlier this year, India will head into the 2026 Women's T20 World Cup with hopes of ending another long wait—lifting their first-ever T20 world title. Beyond the team's pursuit of glory, several Indian stars are on the verge of achieving iconic records during the tournament in England and Wales.

India's tournament journey starts against archrivals Pakistan in Birmingham on June 14 before facing the Netherlands, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Australia in Group A.

Harmanpreet set for 200 T20I appearances

India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur is on the cusp of a historic moment as she stands four caps away from becoming the first-ever player in either men's or women's cricket to register 200 T20 International appearances.

The seasoned batter currently has 196 T20 International caps and requires only four more matches to achieve this unprecedented milestone. What makes the achievement all the more special is that Harmanpreet made her T20I debut during the inaugural Women's T20 World Cup in England in 2009. Seventeen years later, she could reach this incredible landmark



in the same country where her international journey began.

Harmanpreet set to join elite 10-World Cup club

Along with the potential T20I cap milestone, the World Cup will also witness Harmanpreet's 10th appearance at a Women's T20 World Cup, placing her among an elite group of seven players who have featured in every edition of the competition since its inception.

She joins an esteemed group alongside Ellyse Perry, Chamari Athapaththu, Marizanne Kapp, Stafanie Taylor, Sophie Devine, and Suzie Bates.

Deepti eyes historic 200-wicket milestone

India's premier all-rounder Deepti Sharma could become the first woman in history to reach 200 T20 International wickets.

The Indian spinner holds the record for the most wickets in women's T20Is after surpassing Australia's Megan Schutt and remains one of India's key players leading into the global tournament.

Deepti's unique all-round record

The Indian all-rounder is already the only cricketer—male or female—in history to register a staggering double of 1,000+ T20 International runs and 150 wickets. With a strong World Cup campaign, she could extend her remarkable lead in this department and inch closer to the 200-wicket landmark.

Will India finally claim the T20 World Cup title?

While a host of individual records are set to be created, the primary aim for the Indian team will be to finally win their first Women's T20 World Cup.

India have taken part in every edition of the tournament since its inauguration in 2009 and have regularly reached the business end of the competition. The team made it to the semi-finals in 2009, 2010, 2016, 2018, and 2023, respectively, and their best showing was reaching the final of the 2020 tournament in Australia, where they were beaten by the host nation at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Following a successful year in which the team finally broke their ODI World Cup hoodoo thanks to outstanding performances from Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Smriti Mandhana, and Richa Ghosh, India will now look to combine their historic achievements with the ultimate prize: the Women's T20 World Cup crown.

Alexander Zverev wins maiden French Open title after five-set battle

Paris: Alexander Zverev finally broke his Grand Slam duck after overcoming a spirited challenge from Flavio Cobolli 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-7(5), 6-1 in a gripping French Open final on Sunday to lift the first major title of his career.

In an enthralling four-hour 20-minute contest on Court Philippe-Chatrier, the German fought back from the disappointment of letting a two-sets-to-one lead slip away and sealed the French Open 2026 crown in the decisive fifth set.

It brought an end to Zverev's long wait for a Grand Slam title, having suffered losses in three previous finals – at the US Open in 2020, Roland Garros in 2024, and the Australian Open in 2025, but the world No 3 managed to hold his nerve when it mattered, collapsing onto the clay in disbelief when he converted the championship point.

Zverev flew out of the blocks in the final, breaking Cobolli in the opening game, immediately asserting control at the baseline as his serve and groundstrokes were too potent for the Italian, who could not find a rhythm as the first set was over in just 34 minutes.

But Cobolli, in his first ever Grand Slam final, produced a fine response in the second set as the 24-year-old attacked with freedom, mixing in clever drop shots, and he found a breakthrough at 4-4 when Zverev sent a forehand wide.

The Italian held serve with authority, levelling the match to fire up the Paris crowd.

The third set turned out to be crucial. Holding serve all the way until the tenth game, it was a flurry of er-



rors by Cobolli that handed Zverev a vital break which he then sealed when moving within one set of a long-awaited major title.

The nerves, however, began to show in the fourth set with Zverev gifting Cobolli a break in the first game, and then again when serving at 4-3 down.

The German clawed his way back to 5-5, but could not deny the Italian a sensational comeback in the tie-break as he battled back from 1-3 down, sealing it with a stunning forehand winner at set point to send the match into a decider.

With the momentum now firmly with Cobolli, and Zverev faltering yet again, the final appeared to be slipping away.

But the German stepped up to produce the finest tennis of the contest.

Despite his struggles in the fourth-set tie-break, Zverev immediately responded with an improved level in the fifth. Serving superbly and winning 83 percent of first-serve points, coupled with consistent groundstrokes forcing a barrage of Italian errors, the second seed broke Cobolli early and never looked back, saving all four break points he faced to win 6-1.

This is a career-defining title for Zverev, who had already captured two ATP Finals titles, seven Masters 1000 crowns, and an Olympic gold medal, but the 29-year-old can now add a Grand Slam title to his remarkable achievements.

The victory also puts him in the annals of German tennis. He became the first German man to win the French Open since Henner Henkel in 1937, and the first German man to win any Grand Slam title since Boris Becker triumphed at the Australian Open in 1996.

For Cobolli, defeat brought an end to a wonderful tournament, but the Italian departs Roland Garros having reached his first ever major final and set to enter the world's top 10 for the very first time.

SPORTS



India Win One-Off Test Against Afghanistan By Innings and 300 Runs

Mullanpur: Left-armers Manav Suthar's emergence as the flag-bearer of India's spin attack in the foreseeable future was the biggest gain for the hosts in their expectedly dominant innings and 300 runs victory over Afghanistan in the one-off Test here on Monday. After being bowled out for 152 in the first innings, courtesy a 6/33 from Suthar, Afghanistan fared much worse in the second essay getting bundled out for 112 in 35.5 overs midway into the third day to hand India their biggest Test win.

Washington Sundar (4/36) did the star turn in the second innings while Kuldeep Yadav (3/30) also helped himself to some easy pickings. In 2018, India had thrashed the Afghans by an innings and 260 runs but the visitors would take solace that they could stretch this Test into the third day. The match belonged to Suthar, a left-arm orthodox spinner from Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar. He became the 10th Indian bowler to take a five-for on debut with his overall haul of seven wickets (6/33 and 1/29) but more importantly, he answered the lingering question in country's cricketing ecosystem: "Who will take over the baton from Ravindra Jadeja as and when he calls time?"

After the match against Afghanistan, Suthar showed all the requisite attributes to succeed at the highest level. The biggest among them being the consistency of landing the ball in the same spot. Add the speed at which he bowls and the number of revolutions that he imparts while putting his



whole body behind each delivery, Suthar is a complete package. India have had bowlers who were wicket-takers on turners but the 23-year-old has shown that he can be a match-winner on placid surfaces by extracting both turn and bounce.

With Ravichandran Ashwin already retired and Jadeja in the twilight of his Test career, Suthar's emergence couldn't have happened at a better time. He will face a far bigger Test in Sri Lanka where the quality of batting will be way better but the Indian team management can think of slowly phasing Jadeja out by the end of this World Test Championship cycle. There isn't not much to write about Afghanistan's batting which lacked skill as well as experience.

Indian spinners benefitted from some atrocious shot selection by the visiting batters throughout the second innings. After being shot out for 152, they played too many strokes that brought about their downfall in the second innings. Left-handed opener Sediqullah Atal (42), who was signed by Delhi Capitals in this year, was dismissed off the last ball before tea as he tried to hit Washington against the turn and offered a simple catch to Mohammed Siraj at backward point. Rahmanullah Gurbaz (24) wanted to hit his way out of the trouble before Shubman Gill placed Siraj at the long-on boundary asking Kuldeep to lure him for an aerial shot. The move paid off immediately as Gurbaz was holed out at long-on. A similar thing happened with first innings half centurion Rahmat Shah (13), who wanted to loft Washington over mid-off but couldn't clear the man of the moment, Suthar. It was a pity that barely 500 odd people were present in the stands on Monday morning when the country's newest spin bowling star completed a rare milestone, becoming the 10th Indian to take five wicket-haul on debut. He was also the seventh spinner to reach the landmark in his maiden Test. His final first innings figures read 22-10-33-6 which also showed the kind of relentless pressure he put on inexperienced Afghan batters, none of whom looked comfortable while trying to defend him.

Women's T20 World Cup 2026: Bharti Fulmalli, Shreyanka Patil shine as India beat West Indies by 26 runs in warm-up clash

Bharti Fulmalli's unbeaten 56 and a lethal seven-wicket combined spell from spinners Shreyanka Patil and Radha Yadav guided India to a clinical 26-run victory over the West Indies in their opening Women's T20 World Cup warm-up match.

Cardiff: An unbeaten half-century from Bharti Fulmalli and a dominant display from spinners Radha Yadav and Shreyanka Patil powered India to a convincing 26-run victory over the West Indies in their opening warm-up match of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in Cardiff on Monday.

Carrying the momentum from their historic ODI World Cup victory earlier this year, a clinical performance saw the Women in Blue launch their T20 World Cup preparations on a high note. India posted a commanding 179 for 8 before restricting the West Indies to 153 for 8. Fulmalli anchored the innings with a stellar, unbeaten 56 off 40 deliveries, while Shreyanka and Radha dismantled the Caribbean run chase by sharing seven wickets between them.

Invited to bat, India's openers Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma forged a rapid 59-run partnership. Mandhana led the charge with a 29-ball 39, smashing eight boundaries after exploiting a wayward, rhythm-less opening spell from the West Indian pacers. Despite losing Mandhana, India raced to a formidable 70 for 1 by the end of the Powerplay.

However, a slight middle-order wobble saw India lose three wickets in quick succession, forcing Fulmalli and Yastika Bhatia to consolidate with a solid 60-run stand for the fifth wicket. Bhatia, looking in good touch, eventually retired out after scoring 26 off 21 balls to allow the lower order some game time. The strategy briefly stalled momentum as Richa Ghosh and Radha Yadav fell within the space of the same over.

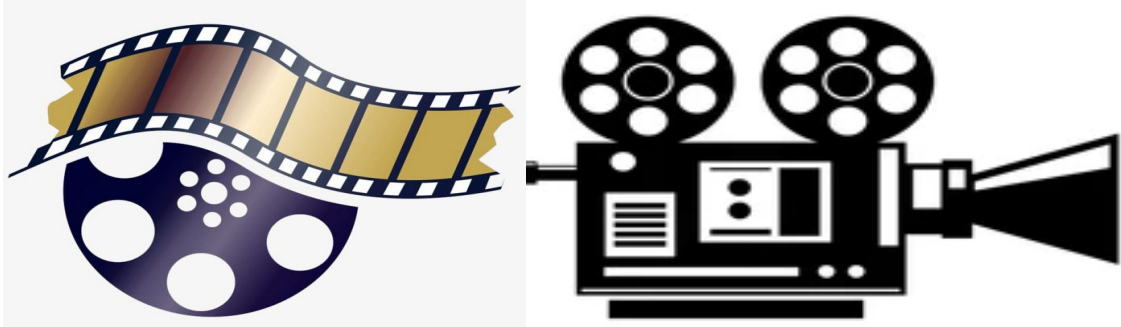


Nevertheless, Fulmalli took charge in the death overs, smashing six boundaries and a six to guide India to a strong total. Leg-spinner Afy Fletcher was the lone shining light for a lackluster West Indies attack, returning exceptional figures of 4 for 23 from her four overs.

In reply, West Indies' Deandra Dottin and Shemaine Campbelle offered stiff resistance early on. However, their 63-run partnership lacked urgency, yielding just 37 runs in the Powerplay and leaving them far behind the required run rate. The turning point arrived with the dismissal of Campbelle, which triggered a severe middle-order collapse.

India's spinners quickly turned a steady start into a struggling 103 for 6. Shreyanka led the wreckage with brilliant figures of 4 for 36, while Radha extracted sharp turn to claim an equally impressive 3 for 25.

Dottin threatened to keep the chase alive with a gritty 49 off 41 balls, but fell agonizingly close to her half-century. Late cameos from Aliyah Alleyne and Shownisha Hector gave the scoreline a respectable look, but the Caribbean side never truly threatened India's total.



CINEMA

Honest attempts convert into big blockbusters - Ram Charan

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Mega Power Star Ram Charan is creating huge sensation at the box office with Peddi. The movie is receiving huge applause everywhere and passed crucial Monday test too. Charan's performance is receiving huge appreciation from sections of audiences. The movie team held a Thank You Meet to express their gratitude.



Director Buchi Babu Sana thanked audiences for giving them such huge blockbuster success. He stated that he is

continuously receiving messages and videos showcasing families going with kids to theatres. He stated that he took inspiration from Khelo India cam-

paign initiated by PM Narendra Modi in 2017-18 for this movie story.

Jagapathi Babu stated that he got a jerk on the first day

when there were mixed reactions due to few scenes. As the positive word-of-mouth settled and movie became such a huge blockbuster, he

is happy. He reiterated that he is forever thankful to Ram Charan and Buchi Babu for giving him another career best role and film.

Ram Charan stated that he is thoroughly satisfied by the response he is receiving for his performance. He emotionally stated that he believed in Peddi script genuinely and put in all the efforts he could with honesty, sincerity and commitment. He stated that audiences have proved that such heartfelt efforts will always be rewarded.

Anumana Pakshi Teaser: Innovative and Fresh

The teaser introduces us to Anumana Pakshi character about how his fears, doubts irritate even his parents.

Anumana Pakshi starring Rag Mayur is directed by DJ Tillu director Vimal Krishna and produced Rajiv Chilaka. The movie promotional material has created good buzz and anticipation for it. Now, the makers released the teaser.



The teaser introduces us to Anumana Pakshi character about how his fears, doubts irritate even his parents. They think about getting him married and the girl accepts him with his character intact. We see Ajay as police of-

ficer investigating the story of the lead.

Ajay and Raasi scenes bring new comic energy and ev-

ery character looks fresh. Rag Mayur's performance as the man who doubts everyone and everything

is humorous, intelligent and engaging. The entire teaser discusses about makers brought in a mix of

three genres including dark comedy, horror and investigative thriller.

Vimal Krishna has created a very innovative narrative that flows through organically. The humor works big time and character based jokes work really well. Production values from Rajiv Chilaka, Hirachand Dand, Rajesh Jagtiani are apt for the film. The teaser increases curiosity and excitement to watch the film on big screens.

Slumdog is based on two very real incidents - Puri Jagannath

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Vijay Sethupathi, Samyuktha, Tabu, Duniya Vijay are starring in Puri Jagannath's Slumdog 33 Temple Road. JB Narayana Rao is producing the film with Puri Connects. The movie teaser has been released today and team conducted a press event in Chennai.

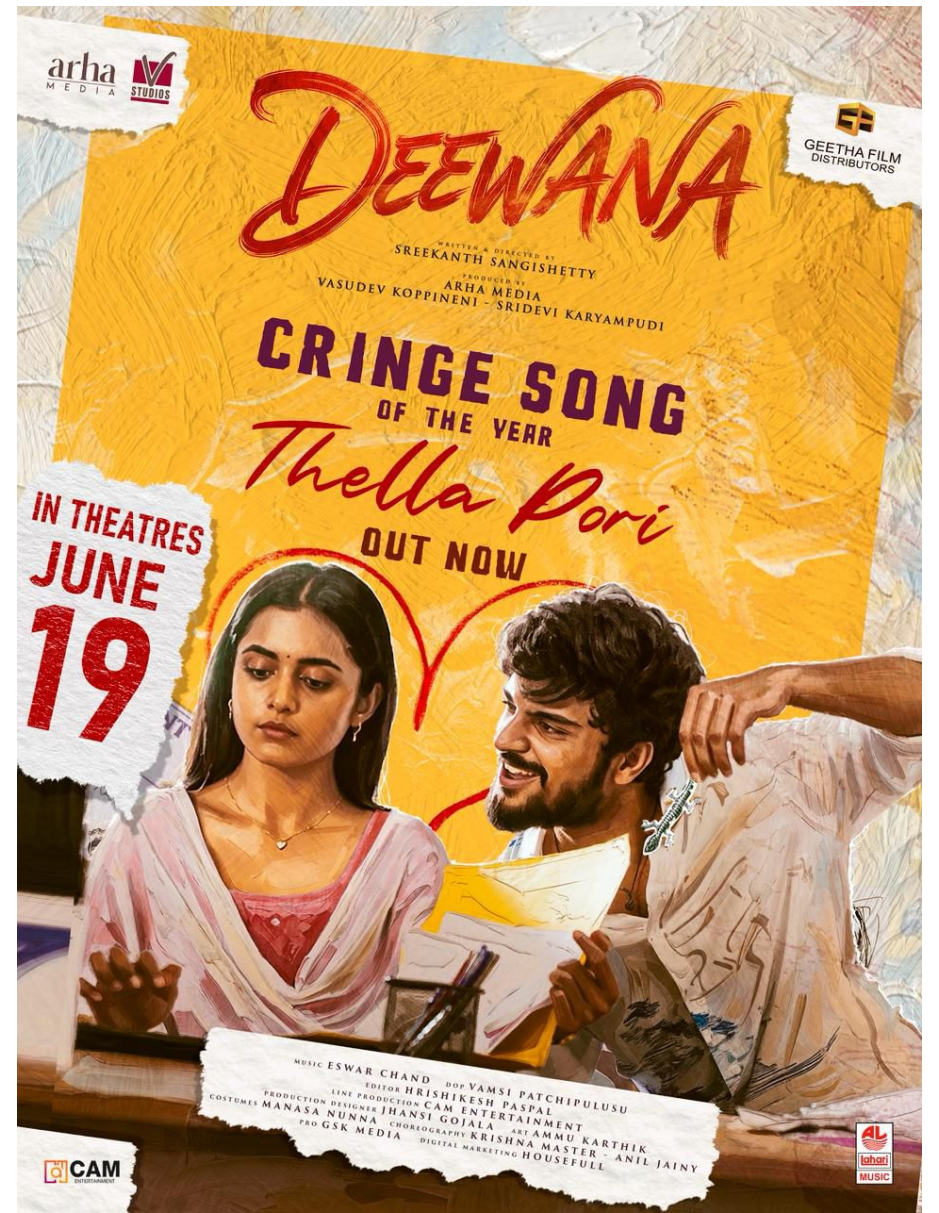
At the event, Vijay Sethupathi stated that he believes in great stories and called Puri Jagannath, "a great storyteller." He said, "Puri Jagannath has created history for himself in Indian Cinema and I am very happy to have worked with him. Slumdog is a very action heavy intense emotional film. I believe it will work Pan-India in a big way."

Puri Jagannath said, "I respect Vijay Sethupathi alot as an actor and I have glad we worked together for this film. Slumdog is based on two real incidents and it talks about people who have nowhere to go. The intensity that VJS can convey in his eyes and his performance is outstanding."

He further stated that for this film he worked with



great actors and in some scenes he cried himself. Puri Jagannath further thanked everyone and he told that Slumdog will be a very good film. He said, "I think Gen-Z is more emotional than millenials and I want every Gen-Z youth to watch the film as it is an intense emotional drama."



Deewana: Tella Pori is packed with teasing lyrics and chartbuster vibe

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The film's story poster, pre-teaser, teaser, and especially its chartbuster first single have created strong buzz among audiences with soulful music and emotionally charged dialogues.

Starring Harshith Reddy alongside Sneha Manimegalai, the film promises an intense and heartfelt love story centered on a young man torn between pain and unrequited love.

Directed by Sreekanth Sangishetti, the movie is produced by Vasudev Koppineni and Sridevi Karyampudi under the banners Arha Media and V Studios.

Deewana will have a grand worldwide theatrical release on June 19, 2026, through Geetha Film Distributors. The release date poster gives the Blockbuster Vibes promising intense one side love story showcasing pain and pleasure in it.

Today, the makers released an energetic and teasing track titled Tella Pori. The song beautifully portrays the special affection and playful romance that Harshith Reddy shares with Sneha, adding a lively charm to the film's musical promotions.

The track is composed, written, and sung by music director Eshwar Chand. Carrying the quirky tagline "The Cringe Song of the Year," the number embraces a fun and humorous style with playful lyrics and an entertaining composition, making it a catchy and enjoyable listen.

With cinematography handled by Vamsi Patchipulusu and editing by Hrishikesh, the film aims to deliver a visually rich and emotionally engaging cinematic experience for audiences this summer.

