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## CM Revanth Sets Up War Room For Rain Emergencies

HYDERABAD: With heavy rain continuing to batter Hyderabad and forecasts indicating more downpours, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday ordered the setting up of a war room to coordinate emergency response measures and ensure that civic life remained unaffected.

The 24x7 war room will function under the supervision of senior officials, including the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police (DGP) and the special chief secretary for the Core Urban Area Region (CURE).

The Chief Minister directed all departments and agencies operating within the Hyderabad Core Urban Region (CURE) to remain on high alert and work in close coordination to tackle rain-related emergencies.

Officials of civic services and line agencies were instructed to be fully prepared to respond swiftly to any eventuality arising from the adverse weather conditions.

Revanth Reddy stressed the need for proactive measures rather than reactive responses, and directed authorities to identify water-logging-prone roads and vulnerable locations based on rain forecasting inputs and deploy teams in advance. Emergency personnel, equipment and relief resources should be stationed at problem areas before flooding or traffic disruptions occur, he said.

The Chief Minister directed officials to ensure uninterrupted functioning of essential services and said that normal civic life must not be affected despite heavy rainfall. He instructed officials to respond immediately to complaints and ensure that



residents do not face hardships due to inundation, power disruptions or traffic congestion.

Expressing shock over the recent loss of lives caused by snapped live overhead electric wires falling into water-logged areas, Revanth Reddy directed the electricity department to conduct an immediate assessment of vulnerable infrastructure and take preventive measures.

He stressed that such incidents should not recur and called for stringent monitoring of power lines and related installations during the monsoon season.

The Chief Minister directed the traffic police to ensure the smooth flow of traffic across the city during rainy conditions.

Additional traffic personnel and volunteers should be deployed at all chronic congestion points and locations that routinely witness severe traffic snarls during rains, he said.

Revanth Reddy specifically asked officials to focus on the city's IT corridor, where traffic disruptions have become a recurring problem during heavy rainfall, and take special measures to minimize inconvenience to commuters.

Reiterating that public safety remains the government's top priority, the Chief Minister instructed all departments to remain vigilant, coordinate effectively and respond swiftly to emerging situations during the ongoing monsoon.

## RS Praveen Kumar demands SIT probe into residential school tenders

**BRS General Secretary R S Praveen Kumar has alleged a Rs 3,000-crore scam in residential school tenders in Telangana and demanded an SIT probe. He accused the Congress government of sidelining local contractors in favour of firms from other States. Telangana State Updates**

Hyderabad: BRS General Secretary RS Praveen Kumar alleged a scam worth Rs 3,000 crore in residential schools tenders and demanded a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the irregularities.

In the BRS government's rule, all efforts were made to ensure that tenders were secured by Telangana contractors. Opportunities were extended to nearly 10,000 small and medium-scale contractors in the residential school tenders. However, the Congress government is awarding them to contractors from other States, he slammed.

Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, the BRS General Secretary questioned the rationale behind Telangana Lidcap works being handed over to an individual named Ramesh Jain.

Interestingly, Telangana-based 'Mana Shoes' company application was not accepted for the tenders. The government insisted that the applicant company must have a turnover of Rs 300



crore, he said. "Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, a Rajya Sabha Member, and an IAS officer have conspired to cancel the residential school decentralized tenders," Praveen Kumar charged.

The BRS General Secretary came down heavily on Ministers Ponnampalapati Prabhakar, Adluri Laxman, and Mohammed Azharuddin. He maintained that they lacked basic understanding and awareness on the tenders.

They were merely speaking from a script handed over to them and the notebook tender was awarded to a Mumbai-based company, he said, adding "More than students, contractors from New Delhi are visiting the residential schools."

The Chief Minister, who happens to be TDP Chief Chandrababu Naidu's disciple, appears to bear a grudge against Telangana. After securing contracts in Telangana, CM Ramesh was using the proceeds to influence TMC MPs in West Bengal, Praveen Kumar alleged. Telangana State Updates

Such was the state of affairs in the Congress rule, when District Collectors were approached demanding cancellation of GOMs 17 pertaining to centralized tenders for supply of provisions in the residential schools, they claimed ignorance of the orders, he slammed.

## PM: India's G7 Role Shows Global Trust

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India's presence at the G7 summit reflects global trust and the country's growing global profile. In a statement ahead of his departure to France and Slovakia on a six-day tour from June 13 to 18, the Prime Minister said his visits to the two nations will reinforce India's deepening engagement with both Europe and the G7 and showcase our steadfast commitment to expanding the horizon of partnerships.

Modi is expected to meet the United States President Donald Trump in France during the G7 summit. According to a senior US administration official, Trump is expected to discuss plans to demine the Strait of Hormuz with allies during the summit in France.

In his departure statement, Modi said France occupies a special place in India's strategic vision. Earlier this year, French President Macron visited India, and the bilateral ties were elevated to a special global



strategic partnership. "When I meet Macron in Nice, we will review the progress made since February and chart the next steps in our cooperation. I look forward to our discussions on pressing global issues of mutual interest as well," he said.

Modi will inaugurate "Bharat Innovates" along with Macron in Nice on June 14. The landmark event, being held against the backdrop of the India-France Year of Innovation, will connect India's most promising start-ups with global investment and serve as a major accelerator for innovations emerging from India's higher education ecosystem.

From Nice, Modi will travel to the Slovak Republic for a state visit from June 14-15, where he will hold talks with President Peter Pellegrini and Prime Minister Robert Fico in Bratislava and interact with business leaders. This will be the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister since Slovakia's independence in 1993. The PM said this historic visit builds on the strong momentum in the bilateral relationship.

"I look forward to holding discussions with Pellegrini and Fico in Bratislava. I will also have the opportunity to interact with Slovak business leaders. Building on the momentum of

the India-EU free trade agreement, the visit will further energise our strategic partnership with the European Union, of which Slovakia is an important and valued member," Modi said.

From Slovakia, the Prime Minister will travel to the French city Evian to participate in the G7 summit on June 16 and 17. This is the 8th consecutive G7 summit to which India has been invited. "India's presence at the G7 reflects the trust our partners place in us and our growing global profile. At the G7, India will not only speak for itself, but it will also give voice to the aspirations of the Global South," he said.

Modi will conclude his visit to France in Paris on June 18, where he will attend VivaTech 2026 alongside Macron. VivaTech is Europe's foremost gathering of technology and innovation, and India will have the largest national pavilion at this edition. Modi will also interact with the Indian community in Paris.

## Shah Directs Committee on Demographic Change to Study Border Districts

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday directed the high-level committee on demographic change to study the shift in population structure in border districts, officials said. Chairing the meeting of the committee, Shah also asked it to visit border areas, metro cities and industrial towns for an assessment of changes because of illegal migration and other unnatural causes, they said.

The Home Ministry had formed the high-level committee to assess demographic changes across India due to "illegal immigration and other unnatural causes" and suggest measures to address these challenges.

The Committee is headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar and includes the census commissioner, along with retired IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, ex-IPS officer Balaji Srivastava and Dr Shamika Ravi as members.



The joint secretary (foreigners-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, is the member secretary of this committee.

Announcing the formation of the committee last month, Shah had emphasised that demographic change is a serious issue linked not only to the country's sovereignty but also to national security, law and order, profound changes in social structure and the preservation of tribal society.

"This committee will conduct a comprehensive assessment of demographic changes occurring across India due to illegal immigration and other unnatural causes, analyse patterns of

abnormal population shifts at the levels of religious and social communities, and present a planned and time-bound solution for the same," he had said.

The high-level committee will conduct a scientific evaluation of the demographic changes taking place in different regions of the country due to illegal immigration and other unusual factors, examine their causes, and suggest suitable policy, legislative and administrative interventions, a government statement had said.

According to the Terms of Reference of the committee, it will comprehensively

deliberate upon the challenges arising from demographic changes, including illegal immigration.

It will also study the possible causes of demographic changes, such as cross-border activities (including illegal immigration), economic opportunities, and other socio-environmental factors, the statement said.

The panel will also identify the underlying factors behind these changes, which include illegal immigration, abnormal settlement patterns and orchestrated migration, it said.

Further, the committee will analyse structural population changes at the level of religious or social communities, particularly where they deviate from broader trends.

It will recommend a streamlined and permanent operational mechanism for the legal, fair, and time-bound identification, detention, and deportation of illegal immigrants already residing in the country, the statement had said.

## BJP-Led Centre Trying To Privatisise Singareni: Bhatti

Mancherial: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Saturday said the state government was committed to protecting the Singareni Collieries Company Limited and ensuring the welfare of its workers. Addressing a programme in Mancherial to distribute compassionate appointment orders to 335 dependents of medically invalidated SCCL employees, he alleged that the BJP-led Central government was trying to privatise the company. He also rejected allegations by the BRS regarding diversion of coal reserves.

He criticised BRS leader T. Harish Rao, accusing him of making false claims on SCCL and said the BRS had exploited the company's resources during its tenure.



Bhatti said the Singareni Medical Board would function transparently to provide appointments on compassionate grounds to eligible candidates. He added that SCCL was implementing an accidental insurance cover of Rs 1.25 crore for its workers and that a committee would be constituted to examine the issue

of duplicate names in the organisation.

He said the Congress government had provided a Rs 5,000 bonus to around 30,000 Singareni workers.

The Deputy Chief Minister also criticised Union minister for mines G. Kishan Reddy, questioning his role in the allocation of the Tadicherla coal block and alleging that it was allotted to private entities.

IT and civil supplies minister D. Sridhar Babu alleged that the BRS had treated SCCL as its own property and said the government would inquire into alleged irregularities during its rule.

Ministers Adluri Laxman and Ponnampalapati Prabhakar also criticised BRS leaders K.T. Rama Rao and Harish Rao over their statements on Singareni.



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## MODI'S MILESTONE CALLS FOR HONEST ASSESSMENT

As Narendra Modi becomes India's longest-serving Prime Minister, surpassing Jawaharlal Nehru's record, the occasion is not just a personal milestone in the political journey of an individual leader but is also a celebration of the power of democracy. It is a tribute to the enduring strength of the country's core values that a leader from a humble background can occupy the highest elected office as long as s/he enjoys public trust. It must be said to Modi's credit that his rise signified a victory against multiple odds as he had neither the privilege, pedigree, nor patronage that was available to the Nehru dynasty. While the BJP is justifiably excited over his personal milestone, the tendency to project him as a larger-than-life figure and the sole saviour who has transformed the country is simply untenable. In fact, India's growth story is like a relay race, with the baton passing through the hands of more than 13 Prime Ministers, each with their distinct strengths, political philosophies, and international stature. Each Prime Minister built upon the gains made by their predecessors. India's story has been one of uninterrupted celebration of democracy, smooth transfers of power through fair elections, and experiments with multiple development models. Each era of development had its own challenges and rewards. Given this reality, it is comical to frame the "Nehru Versus Modi" debate in binary terms and argue over who has done a better job. The two leaders inherited different sets of circumstances and faced different challenges that defy comparisons.

Modi entered South Block in May 2014 riding a wave of genuine popular energy at a time when people were frustrated by the perceived policy paralysis and a string of scams that rocked the Congress-led UPA government. Modi offered decisiveness, development, and the romance of a chai-wallah's son remaking the republic and dismantling the hold of a well-entrenched dynasty. His brand of politics reflects a blend of nationalism and welfarism, mixing elements of socialist outreach and right-wing assertion. While his party's ascension in the national political landscape was entirely on the crest of Hindu revivalism, Modi has, over the years, cultivated a persona that has transcended the party. As a result, his image and appeal go beyond the saffron party's ambit, so much so that his ardent supporters attribute the BJP's electoral successes to his personal charisma. As Modi enters the 13th year in office, he is saddled with a host of challenges, particularly on the economic front, as India is coming under strain due to the ongoing war in Iran. His party may have reaffirmed its dominance with the recent electoral victories, particularly in West Bengal, but the politics of polarisation is on the rise, and concerns are growing over the marginalisation of minorities, dilution of institutional autonomy, undermining the powers of the States, and the pursuit of predatory politics.

## Revanth Submits Report on 6Gs to Rahul

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday met AICC leader Rahul Gandhi in Delhi and is understood to have held detailed discussions on Telangana's development, the performance of the state government and organisational matters relating to the party.

While the Chief Minister's Office described the meeting as a courtesy call, party sources said Revanth Reddy submitted a comprehensive report to Gandhi on the functioning of the Congress government in Telangana, which completed half its five-year term on June 6.

Revanth Reddy posted on the social media platform X: "As ever, it is energising and inspiring to meet my leader, Shri Rahul Gandhi ji. I discussed issues relating to the development of Telangana with the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. And as always, his insightful feedback and direction will guide all of us."

According to the sources, the Chief Minister briefed Gandhi on the government's achievements during the past 30 months, highlighting growth in the state economy, gross state domestic product (GSDP), employment generation and investment inflows. Revanth Reddy reportedly informed the Congress leader that Telangana had witnessed good progress in attracting investments and creating jobs since the Congress was voted to power.

The Chief Minister also ap-



prised Gandhi about the government's decision to organise the Telangana Rising Global Summit every December as a flagship platform to attract global investors and multinational companies to the state. He said the inaugural Telangana Rising Global Summit held at Future City in December 2025 was a major success, resulting in several memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with global firms. A majority of these investment proposals had already moved to the implementation stage with groundwork and project activities underway, he reportedly informed.

Revanth Reddy is also understood to have briefed Rahul Gandhi on the implementation of the Congress' electoral promises. He stated that the government had fulfilled a majority of the Six Guarantees promised during the 2023 Assembly elections and assured that the remaining commitments would be implemented during the next two-and-a-half years.

Explaining the delay in rolling out all the guarantees, the Chief Minister reportedly pointed to the financial constraints faced by the state due to what he described as an inherited debt burden exceeding `8 lakh crore from the previous BRS government. He said the state was currently spending more than `70,000 crore annually towards repayment of principal and interest liabilities, placing pressure on government finances.

On employment generation, Revanth Reddy informed Gandhi that the government had recruited more than 70,000 candidates into various departments during the last 30 months. He further stated that fresh recruitment notifications had begun to be issued from June 2 and that the government planned to fill another one lakh vacancies over the next 30 months.

## Hyderabad: Adapt to changing warfare, Rajnath tells newly commissioned IAF officers

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh urged newly commissioned IAF officers to adapt to evolving warfare technologies, including drones and satellite systems. Reviewing the AFA graduation parade, he stressed innovation, vigilance and continuous learning while commissioning the first NDA-trained women cadets.

Hyderabad: Observing that today's warfare underwent major changes, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh urged the newly commissioned IAF officers to adopt, adapt and amend, if required, the new war systems and strategies.

Stating that earlier there were two vectors – soldiers and equipment, Rajnath Singh said in today's war situation the enemy is not visible as radars, satellites, drones and robotics among other systems are being deployed.

"Today, a scenario of controlling adversaries traffic and the CCTVs systems has also emerged," he said.

The Defence Minister reviewed the Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) of 217 Course held at Air Force Academy (AFA) Dundigal here.

The CGP marked the commissioning of the first batch of women cadets from the National Defence Academy (NDA), Pune, who passed out on May 30, 2025 and joined AFA for branch specific training.

Rajnath Singh, who was the reviewing officer for the parade, told the newly commissioned officers to be always aware and prepare for any challenges and recalibrate their response depending on the situation.

As much hard and smart work, the Defence Minister urged the officers to gain brilliance.

Smart work, he said, only smart nations are making their place in the technology sector.

"Earlier, powerful nations used to have a decisive edge in every situation. But now, even small nations are achieving decisive edge with



new lethal weapons and tactics," he said, adding that every war across the world should be a learning school.

Hyderabad

Combined Graduation Parade at Air Force Academy, Dundigal. Photo: Surya Sridhar

Stating that IAF has been a source of inspiration for crores of people in the country, he urged the newly commissioned officers to carry forward the legacy of IAF officer Shubhanshu Shukla who was part of the International Space Station team.

The event, marked by military precision, commemorated the successful completion of the pre-commissioning training of flight cadets across various branches of the IAF.

During the ceremony, the Defence Minister conferred the 'President's Commission' to the graduating trainees. The ceremony included presentation of 'Wings' and 'Brevets' upon successful completion of training to the flight cadets of the IAF, officers and trainees of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The Defence Minister presented 'President's Plaque as well as the 'Sword of Honour' to Ashish Kumar Yadav, flying officer from flying branch, for standing first in the order of merit. He also presented the 'President's Plaque' to Divyanshi Singh and Ekta Gupta for standing first in the overall order of merit in ground duty and navigation branches respectively.

Earlier, an air display by the Akash Ganga and Air Warrior Drill Team (AWDT) marked the beginning of the event.

Interestingly, this time too, IAF Chief Air Marshal, AP Singh led the fly-past formation. The fly past showcased four types of trainer aircraft viz. Pilatus PC-7 MkII, Hawk, Kiran and Chetak aircraft. Aerial displays by SU-30 MKI, Sarang helicopter display team and Suryakiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) were major attractions of the ceremony.

## Harish Rao says trend of CMs losing polls to repeat in Telangana

BRS leader and Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao has predicted that Telangana will witness a repeat of the national trend of Chief Ministers losing elections, asserting that Congress will be ousted in the next polls. Telangana State Updates



Karimnagar: Senior BRS leader and Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao said that a new trend is being witnessed in the country with the Chief Ministers being defeated in elections.

The recent elections in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu were the best examples and a similar kind of result would be seen in Telangana in the next election, he predicted during his address to the Huzurabad party workers meeting held in Jammikunta on Friday.

Refuting the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's statement that the BRS would not get opposition status in the next election, MLA said the BRS was certain to get ruling party status. The CM should realise that the Congress candidates would not get even the deposits since people have determined to put an end to Hitler-like rule of Revanth Reddy.

It has widely been discussed everywhere that the Congress government should go and the BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao should come to power in the state. So, the BRS would definitely come to power and Chandrashekhara Rao would become the Chief Minister.

Using abusive language has become a routine practice for the Chief Minister and like air pollution, there was sound pollution prevailing in the state with the abusive language used by Revanth Reddy. So, the people have decided to put an end to sound pollution by teaching a befitting lesson to the CM.

Though the CM already has a palatial house in Jubilee Hills, he constructed a camp office by spending Rs 100 crore. Revanth Reddy also constructed another camp office in Future City by spending Rs 100 crore.

Despite having a helicopter, CM was now hiring a new helicopter by spending Rs 5 crore a month. Revanth Reddy wasted hundreds of crores of the public money for football matches and beauty contests. Moreover, CM also arranged money to the congress party to contest in the elections held in the neighboring states.

Ravanth Reddy, who deceived the farmers on all fronts, is going to cheat the community in the name of Rythu Discom. Instead of 24 hours, the congress government was supplying only 11 hours power to the agriculture sector. If Rythu discom was implemented, farmers would get only 5 to 6 hours electricity.

People never faced troubles for power and drinking water when Chandrashekhara Rao was the CM. Uninterrupted electricity was supplied even during the summer. Water also flowed in canals.

However, power cuts have started in the congress regime while standing crops were withered due to lack of water supply. Farmers were also facing troubles for fertilizer.

Talking about Rythu Bandhu, Harish Rao said that Revanth Reddy rebuffed one installment of RB. Recently, RB was paid to the farmers who have below 2 acres of land. Rebuffing Rs 20,000 crore of Rythu Bandhu, Revanth Reddy was claiming that congress government waived the loans of farmers.

However, the BRS government never stopped Rythu Bandhu even during the period of Covid pandemic. In the entire country, Chandrashekhara Rao was the only leader who deposited Rs 74,000 crore in the bank accounts of farmers in eleven installments, Harish Rao informed.

# People Should Not Believe YSRC Propaganda: Nimmala



Kakinada: Minister for water resources Nimmala Rama Naidu on Saturday urged people not to believe what he described as a misinformation campaign by the YSRC.

The minister was speaking at a programme marking the completion of 48 days of works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) at Chintaparru village in Palakollu Assembly constituency.

Rama Naidu alleged that the YSRC was indulging in negative politics and spreading false propaganda against the coalition government.

He said the coalition government had implemented its Super Six election promises and claimed that welfare and development measures undertaken by the government had benefited various sections of society.

The minister said people were expressing satisfaction with the government's performance and governance initiatives.

He appealed to the public to continue supporting the coalition government.

# Telugu Desam Defends Mega DSC, Targets Jagan Over Recruitment Allegations



Vijayawada: Telugu Desam national spokesperson Neelayapalem Vijay Kumar on Saturday defended the ongoing Mega DSC teacher recruitment process and criticised former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for seeking a CBI inquiry into the examinations.

Addressing a press conference at the party's central office in Mangalagiri, Vijay Kumar said the government had withheld the appointment of a DSC candidate whose credentials were under scrutiny, which, he said, reflected its commitment to transparency and accountability.

The TD leader alleged that the recruitment of 1.25 lakh Village and Ward Secretariat employees during the previous YSRC regime was marred by irregularities. He claimed that cases involving candidates allegedly linked to APPSC personnel handling confidential examination data and unusual selection patterns had raised concerns over the recruitment process.

Vijay Kumar further alleged that the previous government later relaxed qualifying criteria through a government order after a large number of technical posts remained vacant due to a shortage of eligible candidates. He also referred to allegations of political favouritism in recruitments during the YSRC tenure.

Defending the Mega DSC recruitment process, he said the examinations were being conducted through the TCS iON computer-based platform with encrypted question banks, randomised sessions and a three-tier grievance redressal mechanism.

# CM Naidu To Attend International Yoga Day Celebrations in Vijayawada



Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will participate as the chief guest in the International Yoga Day celebrations to be held at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium in Vijayawada on June 21.

With around 5,000 participants expected to attend the event, the district administration has intensified preparations to ensure its smooth conduct.

NTR district collector Dr G. Lakshmisha reviewed arrangements during an inspection of the venue on Saturday along with Vijayawada city police commissioner M. Rajasekhar Babu, Vijayawada municipal commissioner H.M. Dhyanchandra, joint-collector S. Ilakkiya and other senior officials.

The collector said yoga practitioners, students and members of the public would take part in the mass yoga session and directed officials of all departments to coordinate closely and complete preparations well in advance.

Officials have been instructed to make adequate arrangements for drinking water, medical services, sanitation, power supply, traffic management and security to ensure the convenience of participants. As a precaution against adverse weather conditions, Ambedkar Kalavedika has been identified as an alternative venue. The Collector directed officials to keep all necessary facilities ready at the backup location in the event of rain.

Dr Lakshmisha said district-level officers should work in coordination to complete all logistical arrangements and ensure the venue is fully prepared ahead of the programme. Officials from various government departments participated in the inspection.

# No Urea Shortage in Kovur, Farmers Need Not Worry: MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy

Nellore: Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy on Saturday said there was no shortage of urea in the constituency and assured farmers that adequate stocks were available for the ongoing kharif season.

Addressing a press conference in Nellore, she said around 55,000 acres had been brought under paddy cultivation in the constituency, of which transplantation had been completed in 42,000 acres. The remaining 13,000 acres would be covered within the next 10 days, she added.

The MLA said the constituency requires about 7,000 tonnes of urea during the season. Of this, 4,500 metric tonnes have already been distributed, while another 1,000 tonnes are currently available. In addition, 2,500 tonnes are stocked at warehouses in Inamadugu and can be



supplied if required.

Prashanthi Reddy said the state government had introduced the AP AIMS app to ensure transparent distribution of urea and prevent irregularities. She said that following representations to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the Agriculture Department, the allocation through the app had been increased from 1.5 bags per acre to three bags per acre.

She acknowledged that some tenant farmers were facing delays due to the non-availability of landowner details but said agriculture department officials were collecting the necessary data and addressing the issue.

Accusing the opposition of spreading misinformation about urea availability, the MLA urged farmers not to believe rumours and reiterated that sufficient stocks were available across the district.

She said the government's objective was to ensure that no farmer suffered losses and that small and marginal farmers received fertilisers on time.

Several TD leaders and officials attended the press conference.

# Govt Hospitals Witness Higher Footfall, Improved Services: Satya Kumar



VIJAYAWADA: Health minister Satya Kumar Yadav on Saturday said government hospitals in Andhra Pradesh have witnessed increased public patronage due to improvements in healthcare services and operational efficiency over the past two years.

Addressing the media in Vijayawada, the minister reviewed the performance of the Health Department since the NDA government assumed office. He said attendance among doctors and healthcare staff had risen to 83.75 per cent in 2025-26 from 65.36 per cent in 2023-24, registering an increase of 28.13 per cent.

The minister said the number of surgeries performed in government hospitals increased by 37.38 per cent, from 15.13 lakh in 2023-24 to 20.79 lakh in 2025-26. Diagnostic tests also rose significantly, reaching 12.47 crore compared to 7.98 crore during 2023-24.

Satya Kumar attributed the increase in patient visits to improved healthcare services and better attendance by medical and health personnel. He said the enhanced performance of government hospitals had encouraged more people to utilise public healthcare facilities.

Responding to criticism from former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy regarding the NTR Vaidya Seva scheme, the minister said the number of beneficiaries had increased under the present government. According to him, around 14 lakh people avail benefits under the scheme annually, compared to eight lakh beneficiaries during the previous YSRC government.

He said the figures reflected the government's commitment to strengthening healthcare delivery and expanding access to medical services across the state.

# Naidu's Tour Of Singapore To Focus On Investments, Amaravati Growth

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will visit Singapore for two days from Monday, June 15, with a strong focus on attracting global investments, strengthening international partnerships and accelerating the development of Amaravati and other strategic infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh. According to the CM's official schedule, Naidu will leave Bengaluru for Singapore on June 14 and begin a series of high-level engagements aimed at showcasing Andhra Pradesh as an investment destination. The visit is also expected to reinforce long-standing cooperation between Andhra Pradesh and Singapore in urban planning, infrastructure development and economic growth.

On June 15, the Chief Minister will meet Shilpak Ambule, the Indian High Commissioner to Singapore, before participating in a roundtable interaction with startup venture capitalists. He will later attend a luncheon meeting with Anacláudia Rossbach, executive director of UN-Habitat. The Chief Minister is scheduled to hold discussions with senior Singapore minister Low Yen Ling and interact with leading business and academic figures, including Karan Bajwa of Google Cloud Asia-Pacific, Lim Siang Guan, Robert Yap and Tan Eng Chye.

# Govt Committed to Housing for Poor, Says Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy

Kadapa: Andhra Pradesh Housing and Information Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy on Saturday said the government is committed to ensuring that every eligible poor family owns a house and announced a comprehensive inquiry into alleged irregularities in the implementation of housing schemes during the previous regime.

The minister, accompanied by Proddatur MLA Nandyala Varadarajula Reddy, inspected incomplete houses in the Bollavaram housing layout in Proddatur constituency and interacted with beneficiaries to understand their grievances.

Speaking on the occasion, Parthasarathy said a house for the poor



is not merely a structure but a symbol of security and dignity. He said no eligible family in Proddatur constituency should remain without a house. Alleviating irregularities in beneficiary selection, plot allotment and execution of housing works under the previous government, the minister said complaints had been received regarding the alleged misappropriation of nearly 48 crore belonging to (Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas) MEPMA women's groups. A detailed inquiry has been ordered and strict action will be taken

against those found responsible, he said.

Parthasarathy said layouts at Rameswaram, Bollavaram and Meenapuram in Proddatur constituency comprise 4,82,481 cents with 23,068 plots, of which 19,924 have already been allotted. The remaining 3,144 plots will be distributed to eligible beneficiaries shortly.

He said 15,043 houses have been sanctioned in the constituency, including 11,655 in urban areas and 3,388 in rural areas.

The minister said around 4.5 lakh houses have been completed across the state, while another 4 lakh are under construction. He assured that the houses would be completed at the earliest along with the provision of basic infrastructure.

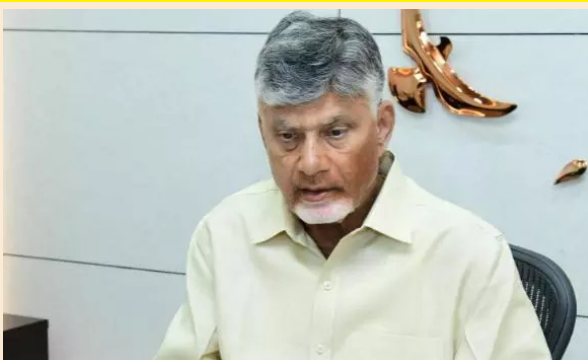
# Complete Jaladhara Works by June-end, Directs CM Naidu

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to accord top priority to restoration and development of chain-linked tanks under the ongoing Jaladhara-Jalaharathi programme.

"All ongoing works must be completed by the end of June," the Chief Minister ordered while reviewing the progress of the ambitious water conservation initiative through a video conference from the CM's Camp Office on Saturday.

Naidu stressed the need for optimum utilisation of funds available under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). He warned officials against any laxity in utilisation of the employment funds.

The Chief Minister instructed district collectors to take up projects linking water-surplus basins with water-deficit basins to improve water availability across regions. He emphasised that restoration and development of check dams, percolation pits,



farm ponds and contour trenches should be completed without delay under the Jaladhara initiative. Highlighting the importance of innovation in water management, Naidu asked officials to study the Valmikipuram Vagu Development Model and examine the possibility of replicating it in suitable locations across the state. He requested every district to adopt innovative approaches to strengthen long-term water security.

The CM directed officials to ensure that all check dams, tanks, and farm ponds created or restored during the first phase of Jaladhara remain structurally sound and free from breaches. He ordered the removal of obstructions in canals and embankments to facilitate smooth flow of water and prevent flooding and drainage problems.

Naidu instructed the Irrigation department and AWARE to periodically assess and document the benefits of the programme. He wanted officials to prepare district-wise estimates of groundwater recharge and ecosystem restoration achieved through the initiative.

## People cannot expect welfare or development from Revanth Reddy who cites Hitler as his inspiration: KTR

Hyderabad: Launching a sharp attack on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, BRS working president KT Rama Rao said people cannot expect welfare or development from a leader who claims German dictator Adolf Hitler as his inspiration. Addressing the BRS general body meeting in Vemulawada, Rama Rao said the first half of the Congress government's term had been a complete failure and that people had no faith in the second phase either. Highlighting the achievements of the previous BRS government under K Chandrashekhara Rao, he said several welfare and development programmes were implemented during its 10-year tenure. He cited the conduct of over 15 lakh marriages, establishment of medical colleges and Gurukul schools, and the construction of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project.

Questioning the Congress government's record, Rama Rao alleged that the state had been pushed deeper into debt without delivering meaningful benefits to people. "Rythu



Bandhu scheme has been weakened and Rahul Bandhu scheme has been launched. Telangana's resources are being looted," he said. Telangana State Updates

Expressing confidence about the party's prospects, he said the BRS would return to power with a decisive mandate in the next Assembly elections. He also charged that farmers were being deceived through abnormal deductions from their produce during procurement.

Rama Rao maintained that public dissatisfaction with the Congress government was growing and asserted that voters were prepared to reject the ruling party in the next elections. Calling for regular population enumeration, he said a census should be conducted every 10 years to reflect demographic changes. He also alleged that both the BJP and Congress were trying to benefit from bogus votes.

He urged party workers to identify duplicate and ineligible votes and work towards securing majorities in their respective polling booths.

## Revanth Accuses BJP Of 'Seat Chori', Misinformation



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday accused the BJP and the BRS of spreading false propaganda over the rejection of AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan's Rajya Sabha nomination papers, and attempting to divert attention from an "undemocratic" episode in Madhya Pradesh.

Speaking during an informal interaction with journalists in Delhi, Revanth Reddy also rejected allegations linking him to remarks praising Adolf Hitler and asserted that no person committed to democracy would ever describe the Nazi dictator as an inspiration.

He reiterated that there had been no discussion with the Congress high command on Cabinet expansion and dismissed reports suggesting otherwise. Revanth Reddy also stated that during his recent meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it was the Prime Minister who had embraced him and not the other way around.

Revanth Reddy alleged that the BJP had exposed its "ill intentions" by fielding a third candidate in Madhya Pradesh despite lacking the num-

bers. He questioned why the BJP entered the contest without sufficient numbers and accused the party of conspiring in advance to influence the outcome.

The Chief Minister alleged that the returning officer had acted like a BJP worker and claimed there was no pending criminal case in Telangana whatsoever against Natarajan. He described the rejection of her nomination as deeply painful, unfortunate and undemocratic, accusing the BJP of being both anti-democratic and anti-women.

The Chief Minister said the BJP had so far been known for "vote chori" and had now graduated to "seat chori." He alleged that the party was spreading misinformation by branding Congress leaders as covert supporters of the BJP in an attempt to escape scrutiny over the controversy.

Revanth Reddy remarked that the BJP appeared to have moved beyond taking inspiration from Nathuram Godse and was now emulating North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. He accused BJP leaders of behaving like Kim and said that, just as elections are held in North Ko-

rea with predetermined outcomes, the BJP was undermining democratic principles in India through one-party dominance and manipulation.

On the issue of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan, Revanth Reddy clarified that he was free to visit Telangana, travel across the state and contest elections. He said Telangana ministers had criticised Pawan Kalyan only because of statements perceived as being against the interests of Telangana.

The Chief Minister explained that permission for a recent meeting proposed by Pawan Kalyan was denied solely on law-and-order grounds. He, however, questioned why meetings of opposition leader Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy were denied permission in Andhra Pradesh and demanded an explanation from Pawan Kalyan.

Revanth Reddy also accused the Centre of discriminating against Telangana and squarely blamed Union minister G. Kishan Reddy for delays in approvals for key infrastructure projects. He al-

leged that Kishan Reddy had blocked the Hyderabad Metro Rail expansion and was also hindering the Regional Ring Road project.

The Chief Minister claimed that the failure to secure Central funds for several projects was due to Kishan Reddy's actions and challenged him to prove that he had ever spoken in favour of Telangana's interests. He accused Kishan Reddy of acting as per the directions of BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao.

Questioning Kishan Reddy's commitment to the state, Revanth Reddy asked whether Kishan Reddy had ever raised Telangana's concerns with Modi. He further questioned why Kishan Reddy had not spoken to the Maharashtra Chief Minister regarding the Tummidihatti project and asked whether he could declare that he would not attend Cabinet meetings until Maharashtra agreed to Telangana's demands.

Drawing a comparison with the transfer of four mandals to Andhra Pradesh for the Polavaram project, the Chief Minister asked whether Kishan Reddy could secure 1,500 acres from Maharashtra in Telangana's interest. Revanth Reddy stated that he raised the Tummidihatti barrage issue with the Prime Minister as well as Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis during his meetings in Delhi on Thursday. Revanth Reddy said he got indications that a meeting between the Telangana and Maharashtra governments on the Tummidihatti issue would be held in July.

## New Ways Open Up For Nari Shakti: PM

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the NDA government's efforts over the last 12 years have created an environment where women can realise their full potential and contribute more to nation-building. The Prime Minister said new avenues for India's "nari shakti" have opened up as his government focused on providing "dignity, opportunity and empowerment".

In a series of posts on X, Modi stated that his government's efforts to encourage women-led development are visible across sectors, as women are playing a prominent role across diverse fields — from financial inclusion and entrepreneurship to education, healthcare, sanitation, housing, sports, science, and governance.

The Prime Minister noted that he is particularly happy to see India's nari shakti make a mark in sectors like science, space and innovation. He highlighted that their growing participation in emerging fields such as drone technology is opening new avenues of opportunity and transforming the development landscape across the nation.



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Sharing a "Sanskrit Subhashitam", Modi stated that India's nari shakti is the cornerstone of nation building. "Today, our mothers, sisters, and daughters are increasing the pride of Maa Bharati with their amazing talent and skills in every field," he observed.

"Over the last 12 years, the NDA government has worked to further women-led development. And this is visible across sectors. From financial inclusion and entrepreneurship to education, healthcare, sanitation, housing, sports, science and governance, women are playing a prominent role across di-

verse sectors. The efforts of the NDA government are rooted in dignity, opportunity and empowerment. They have helped create an environment where women can realise their full potential and contribute even more strongly to nation-building," the Prime Minister posted on X.

"I am particularly happy to see India's nari shakti make a mark in sectors like science, space and innovation. Their growing participation in emerging fields such as drone technology is opening new avenues of opportunity and transforming development landscape across the nation. Our government is actively supporting self-help groups, which are going a long way in making women financially independent," Modi added.

## AI-POWERED LABS TO STRENGTHEN POLICING

HYDERABAD: Director-General of Police C.V. Anand on Friday inaugurated an Advanced Computer Lab and She Cyber Lab at the CID headquarters in Hyderabad, aimed at strengthening technology-driven policing. The facility is equipped with an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered smart conference, crime analytics and data management system designed to improve crime investigation, cybercrime analysis and victim feedback management.

DGP Anand said technology has become an indispensable tool in modern policing and stressed that its effective use is critical for crime prevention, investigation and tackling cybercrime. He noted that Telangana Police has remained among the leading forces in adopting advanced technologies and innovative methods.

Officials said the new



smart system can automatically identify speakers during meetings, direct cameras towards them, zoom in while recording high-quality audio and video, and digitally capture and transcribe discussions for future reference.

The AI-enabled system is capable of analysing large volumes of data for crime mapping, trend analysis, filtering information and conducting case reviews. Officials added that the facility would help improve operational efficiency within the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS), including case registration, verification and data management.

A key feature of the system is its ability to digitally record and preserve feedback from victims and complainants, enabling investigators to monitor case progress and improve investigation quality.

The DGP said the initiative would improve transparency, accelerate decision-making and enhance the overall effectiveness of policing. DG, ACB and CID Charu Sinha, DIGs Naveen Kumar, Narayana Naik and Parimala Hana Nuthan, along with senior CID officials, attended the event.

## Bhatti Tours Mancherial district, Lays Foundation for Temple Works



Mancherial: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka visited Mancherial district on Saturday and laid the foundation stone for the reconstruction works of Sri Satyanarayana Swamy temple. He is also scheduled to lay foundation stones for development works in Gudem village of Dandepalli mandal. During the visit, the Deputy CM will distribute compassionate appointment letters to families of Singareni workers.

## Medaram Works Fast-Tracked Ahead of Godavari Pushkaralu



pected to visit the S a m m a k k a - Saralamma Medaram temple during Godavari Pushkaralu 2027."

She said, "Instructions were issued to officials to complete all pending Medaram temple development works and create permanent facilities, including bathing ghats, rest rooms and toilets, for devotees visiting throughout the year and during Godavari Pushkaralu."

The minister said sanitation and security management at the temple premises, main roads and Jampanna Vagu would be strengthened on a regular basis, along with ensuring 24-hour power supply and drinking water.

She added that a special committee would be constituted for maintenance of the S a m m a k k a Saralamma temple premises and surroundings, with a special officer to address issues faced by devotees.

ADILABAD: The state government will complete pending and incomplete development works at the Medaram temple on a priority basis ahead of the Godavari Pushkaralu 2027.

Large-scale works were undertaken at the temple during the Sammakka Saralamma Jatara held from January 28 to 31, 2026. Officials are now focusing on completing the remaining works and strengthening infrastructure.

Plans are under consideration to construct a permanent 30-bedded hospital at Medaram, with efforts underway to identify a suitable site. Steps are also being taken to ensure the functioning of the central lighting system for the convenience of devotees.

Authorities expect lakhs of devotees to visit the temple and take a holy dip in Jampanna Vagu during the Pushkaralu. Additional facilities are being planned to manage the anticipated foot-fall.

Minister for rural development Dansari Anasuya Seethakka, who reviewed the works, said, "Basic amenities are being created in advance as a large number of devotees are ex-

## Bandi Sanjay Kumar Launches Swachha Pathashala in Karimnagar

Union minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar has initiated a special programme in Karimnagar Parliamentary constituency, marking the completion of 12 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule in the country. He launched Swachha Pathashala as part of which all the government schools in the constituency would be cleaned.

On Saturday morning, he immersed himself in the programme by cleaning the Kusuma Ramaiah ZP High School in Sircilla. He cleaned the classrooms with a broom and made them tidy with water, to match the cleanliness in private schools. The Union minister cleaned every nook and corner with utmost care, which surprised the staff



and students at the school.

At the same time, Bandi promised to provide free bicycles to 10th Class students and also pay their examination fee from his salary.

Responding to Bandi's call, the BJP activists, NGOs, and a few local people also joined the mission. They bought buckets and brooms with their own money and began cleaning the schools. The activists, reportedly, chalked out the action plan for implementation of the initiative during Tiffin Baithak on Friday.

Speaking to the mediapersons, Bandi said that conservation of environment was every individual's responsibility. He appreciated the teachers, students and locals for getting involved in the Swachha Pathashala programme voluntarily. From Monday, rallies would be held in all villages and mandals to increase enrolment of students in government schools, he added.

## Rajnath Singh Urges Cadets to Be Future-Ready for Technology-Driven Warfare

Hyderabad: Calling upon young officers to prepare for the changing nature of warfare, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday urged graduating cadets of the Indian Air Force to remain technologically adept and mentally prepared for future conflicts, where battles are increasingly being fought through advanced systems rather than conventional troop deployments.

Addressing the Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) of the 217th Course at the Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal, Rajnath Singh said modern warfare is being shaped by technologies such as drones, satellites, sensors, robotics and radar systems.

A total 231 of Flight Cadets graduated today, which included 194 men and 37 women and added 14 officers awarded with wings.

"In today's wars, soldiers and weapons are often not visible on the battlefield. Modern conflicts are driven by technology. You must remain alert, adaptable and ready to recalibrate your responses according to emerging technologies," he said.

Emphasising the need for continuous learning, the Defence Minister advised the cadets to adapt, adopt and innovate to gain an operational edge. "Success in future warfare will require smart work backed by technology. Learning and training should continue throughout your careers," he said.

Rajnath Singh reviewed the parade marking the successful completion of pre-commissioning training of Flight Cadets across various branches of the Indian Air Force. During the ceremony, he conferred the President's Commission on 231 graduating trainees and presented 14 officers with Wings and Brevets to Flight Cadets of the IAF, officers and trainees of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

## DRDO successfully tests multi-layered missile defence system and naval anti-ship missile

DRDO has successfully demonstrated a multi-layered ballistic missile defence system and conducted the maiden flight test of a new naval anti-ship missile. The trials mark a major milestone in India's indigenous defence programme and strengthen its strategic deterrence capabilities.

New Delhi: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully demonstrated a range of advanced strategic capabilities, including a multi-layered Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) system and a new anti-ship missile, marking a significant milestone in India's indigenous defence programme and strategic capabilities.

According to a Ministry of Defence press release, the DRDO successfully carried out tests showcasing the nation's next-generation defence technologies designed to counter evolving security threats.

The demonstrations were carried out through three consecutive flight-tests conducted on June 10 and 11.

The ministry said a "Multi-layered Ballistic Missile Defence



(BMD) capability was successfully demonstrated," with interceptor missiles accurately engaging and neutralising their designated targets during the trials.

"The interceptors successfully engaged their respective targets," the release stated, adding that the systems have been "designed and developed with latest technologies to address the emerging missile threats."

The successful

demonstration is seen as a major boost to India's strategic deterrence capabilities. The ministry noted that the tests have elevated India's standing among a select group of countries possessing sophisticated missile defence systems.

"These tests have put the country in the elite group of nations having BMD capability to engage up to Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles," the press release said.

In another signifi-

cant achievement, DRDO successfully conducted the maiden flight-test of the Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range (NASM-MR). The missile is expected to enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian armed forces by providing a modern and effective maritime strike option.

The flight tests were witnessed by senior officials from DRDO and the armed forces, reflecting the close coordination be-

tween scientists and military personnel in advancing indigenous defence technologies.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO and associated teams on the successful demonstrations, according to the ministry.

Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development and DRDO Chairman Rajesh Kumar Singh closely monitored the trials. He applauded the combined efforts of DRDO scientists, engineers and industry partners whose collaboration contributed to the successful outcomes.

The latest tests underscore India's continued focus on self-reliance in defence manufacturing and the development of advanced systems capable of addressing future battlefield and strategic challenges.

## Ponguleti Alleges SIR Plot To Delete 30-35% Congress Votes

Nalgonda: Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Friday alleged that the BJP-led Central government was trying to remove 30 to 35 per cent of Congress supporters from electoral rolls under the guise of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

He was addressing an awareness meeting for Congress Booth Level Agents (BLAs) from the Palair Assembly constituency held at Edulapuram in Khammam district.

Srinivas Reddy alleged that the Centre was targeting non-BJP state governments and Opposition parties by misusing Central agencies. He expressed concern over



the alleged use of the CBI, ED and Income-Tax department to create pressure on elected representatives.

He claimed that the BJP government was working to delete voters supporting Congress in constituencies where the party has strong presence.

He further alleged that a similar exercise had been carried out in Bihar and West Bengal and was now being extended to Telangana.

The minister cautioned that discrepancies such as errors in age or spelling in voter details could be cited as grounds for deletion

of votes. He asked BLAs to remain vigilant and ensure that no Congress supporter's name was removed from the rolls.

Referring to the rejection of Congress candidate Meenakshi Natarajan for the Rajya Sabha elections, he alleged that despite having more than the

required number of supporting votes, her nomination was rejected citing an old FIR due to pressure from the Centre. He accused the BJP of "stealing" a Rajya Sabha seat.

Srinivas Reddy also called upon party cadres to closely monitor the voter verification process scheduled from June 25 to July 24, stating that there was a risk of deletion of votes of those staying away for work or education if they were not present during verification visits.

District Congress Committee president Noothi Satyanarayana Goud and BLAs from 291 polling booths attended the meeting.

## Uttam Meets Chhattisgarh CM, Seeks NOC for Sammakka Project

Hyderabad: The long-pending issue of Chhattisgarh giving approval for the Sammakkasagar project on Godavari river might be moving closer towards resolution with irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy taking up the matter with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, who is on a visit here.

Uttam Kumar Reddy met Sai on Thursday night after the latter landed in Hyderabad and urged the Chhattisgarh government to cooperate with Telangana and issue the no-objection certificate (NOC) for the project, formerly known as the Tupakulagudem barrage. The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister responded positively and assured that the matter would be examined sympathetically.



Uttam Kumar Reddy briefed Sai that once the NOC is issued, the Central Water Commission (CWC) would appraise the detailed project report. He recalled that he had, back in September last year, requested for the NOC.

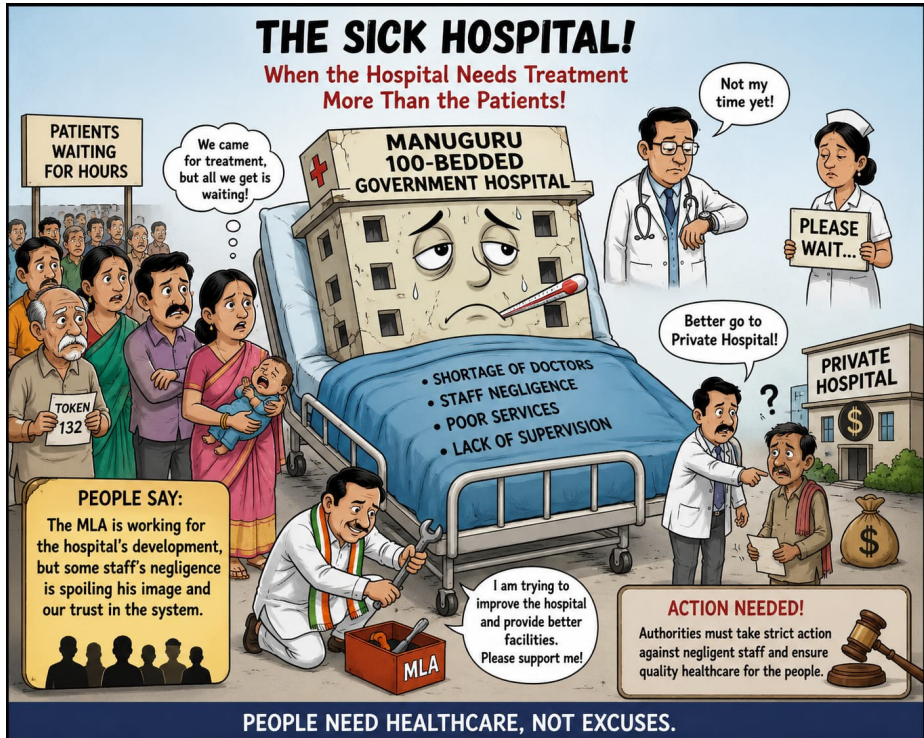
The irrigation minister said that following Chhattisgarh seeking a detailed survey of possible impacts of the project on that state, Telangana had released ₹9,883 crore for the survey which was currently underway. He reiterated Telangana's com-

mitment to compensate for any land submergence on account of the project in Chhattisgarh, and deposit the sum in advance if required for issuance of the NOC.

The project is designed to divert 46.96 tmc ft of Godavari waters for stabilisation of 4.40 lakh acres under SRSP Stage-II and creation of a new ayacut of 30,000 acres under the Ramappa-Pakhal Link Canal. Beyond irrigation, the project will also support stabilisation of portions of the J. Chokka Rao Devadula lift irrigation scheme and provide drinking water to hundreds of villages located along the canal network in the erstwhile Warangal and Khammam districts.

# Manuguru 100-Bedded Hospital Falls Ill..!

**Government Healthcare Remains Out of Reach for Agency Area People**  
**Public Concern: Staff Negligence Bringing Bad Name to MLA Growing Anger Over Lack of Action**



Manuguru, June 13: The 100-bedded Government Hospital in Manuguru, established to provide better healthcare services to people in the agency region, is reportedly facing increasing criticism from the public. Although it is designated as a 100-bedded hospital, patients and their families allege that the medical services being provided are far below expectations.

According to patients and attendants, some doctors and hospital staff are not maintaining proper punctuality and are showing negligence in attending to patients. Due to inadequate supervision, patients are reportedly forced to wait for long hours to receive treatment.

There are also allegations that some patients are being advised to seek treatment at private hospitals because certain services are not available at the government hospital. Locals say this is placing an additional financial burden on poor families who depend on government healthcare facilities.

Residents point out that while the local MLA has been making sincere efforts to improve the hospital and provide better facilities, the negligent attitude of some staff members is tarnishing his image among the public. Many people feel that sufficient action has not been taken against those responsible for the hospital's poor functioning.

"The MLA is working for the development of the hospital, but the behavior of some staff members is creating a negative impression about the government and public representatives among the people," said relatives of patients.

Local residents have expressed serious concern over the continued shortcomings in a government hospital that is expected to provide quality healthcare services. They are demanding that higher authorities immediately conduct a thorough inquiry into the hospital's functioning and take strict action against those found negligent in their duties.

## Demand to Name New Market After Late Kunja Bojji

**Adivasi Joint Action Forum Submits Memorandum to MLA Tellam Venkat Rao**  
**MLA Responds Positively**

Bhadrachalam, June 13: The Adivasi Joint Action Forum has demanded that the newly constructed market in Bhadrachalam town be named after former Bhadrachalam MLA, the late Kunja Bojji. Representatives of the forum met Bhadrachalam MLA Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao and submitted a memorandum requesting the same.

The representatives stated that Kunja Bojji had rendered remarkable services for the welfare and upliftment of the Adivasi community and deserved lasting recognition. They urged the authorities to name the new market after him as a tribute to his contributions.

As the new market is being developed with modern facilities as an Integrated Market, the forum requested that it be officially named "Kunja Bojji Integrated Market."

Speaking on the occasion, the representatives said that MLA Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao received the memorandum and responded positively. They added that the MLA assured them that he would bring the matter to the notice of the government and strive to ensure proper recognition for the services rendered by Adivasi leaders.

Leaders of the Adivasi organizations stated that naming the market after Kunja Bojji would honor his public service and dedication to protecting the rights of Adivasi communities, while also serving as an inspiration to future generations.

Several leaders of the Adivasi Joint Action Forum, public representatives, social activists, and community members participated in the program.



# District Collector Bhavesh Mishra Welcomes Minister Jupally Krishna Rao

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra welcomed State Excise and Prohibition Minister and District In-charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, who arrived in the district on Saturday to participate in various official programmes. The Collector presented a sapling to the Minister at the Forest Department Guest House as a gesture of welcome.

Later, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao received a guard of honour from the police.

On the occasion, RDO Devidas, DSP Srinivas Reddy, and other officials also welcomed the Minister. Subsequently, the Minister, District Collector, and other officials held a meeting and discussed several issues related to the district.



## BLAs Are the Strongest Weapon for Congress Victory at the Booth Level: MLA Payam Venkateswarlu



Grand BLA Training Camp Held in Manuguru Every BLA Must Work Like a Soldier: Shabbir Ali A Strong Voter List is the Foundation of Democracy Targeting Massive Congress Majorities in Every Booth Manuguru, June 13 : Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu stated that Booth Level Agents (BLAs) will play a decisive role in ensuring the Congress Party's success in the upcoming elections. He was speaking at a constituency-level BLA training camp organized at DV Function Hall, Ambedkar Center, Manuguru, where he guided party workers on election preparedness and voter outreach.

The program was attended by TPCC Vice President Shabbir Ali and DCC President Thota Devi Prasanna as chief guests.

Addressing the gathering, Shabbir Ali said that the efforts of Rahul Gandhi at the national level and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in Telangana would yield results only when strengthened at the booth level. He urged every BLA to work like a committed soldier for the victory of the Congress Party.

He emphasized that a clean and accurate voter list is the cornerstone of democracy. Ensuring voting rights for all eligible citizens, identifying bogus votes, and maintaining transparency in the electoral process are key responsibilities of BLOs and BLAs, he said.

DCC President Thota Devi Prasanna advised BLAs to

remain vigilant until the completion of the Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls. She urged them to promptly facilitate new voter registrations, deletion of deceased voters' names, and address changes through Forms 6, 7, and 8.

MLA Payam Venkateswarlu said that BLAs should not limit themselves to voter-list work alone but should act as a bridge between the party and the people. He called upon them to meet beneficiaries of welfare schemes implemented by the Congress government, including farm loan waiver, Indiramma Housing, Mahalakshmi Scheme, free bus travel for women, and 200 units of free electricity, and explain the benefits provided by the government.

He further urged party workers to strengthen the Congress Party at every booth, enroll more young voters, and actively address public grievances. "Workers who understand and solve people's problems are the real assets of the party," he remarked.

The MLA called for immediate action plans to ensure that the Congress Party secures overwhelming majorities in every booth across the Pinapaka constituency in the next elections.

The event was attended by District Youth Congress President Cheekati Karthik, former MLC Narsireddy, mandal presidents, district leaders, sarpanches, ward members, BLAs, BLOs, and a large number of Congress workers.



## Bullet train should run via Zaheerabad: MLA Demand -Submission of petition to station manager

Zaheerabad June: Zahirabad MLA K.Manikrao and state Congress leader Dr. Ujjwal Reddy have demanded that the Hyderabad to Mumbai bullet train be run via Zaheerabad. A meeting of all political parties was held at the Zaheerabad Municipal Conference Hall in Sangareddy district on Saturday. All parties have demanded that changes be made in the DPR so that the Mumbai-Hyderabad bullet train runs via Zaheerabad. They said that it is not right to make efforts to run the bullet train via



Vikarabad now, after showing favor to run the bullet train via Zaheerabad in the past. Many said that at a time when NIMZ is developing in Zaheerabad, big industries are coming here, and it will also be favorable for those coming from home and abroad. The Prime Minister and the Union Railway Minister responded positively and appealed to take steps to run the bullet train via Zaheerabad. Later, they went on a rally and submitted a petition to the Railway Station Master. DCMS Chairman M.Shivakumar, former Industries Chairman Tanveer, Municipal Chairman Yunus, and leaders of the respective parties participated in the meeting.

## FIFA World Cup 2026: USA Open With Dominant 4-1 Win Over Paraguay

Inglewood: Folarin Balogun scored twice in the Americans' historic three-goal first half, and the U.S. opened its first home World Cup in 32 years with its biggest win in the tournament, a dynamic 4-1 victory over Paraguay on Friday night. Christian Pulisic had an assist in a stellar first-half playmaking performance for the Americans, who enthralled their Southern California fans with an aggressive attack while streaking to a 3-0 halftime lead — the team's largest in any World Cup game.

Gio Reyna ripped another goal in the dying moments of second-half injury time, giving the Americans four goals in a World Cup match for the first time. The U.S. scored only three goals combined in its four



matches at the Qatar World Cup four years ago, and it had never scored more than three in a World Cup match. But the Americans were a team transformed while playing in new coach Mauricio Pochettino's more creative system in front of a passionate, star-studded Los Angeles crowd of 70,492.

Mauricio scored in the second half for Paraguay, but La Albirroja fell too far behind early in their first World Cup match in 16 years. After the U.S. went ahead on an early own-goal created by Pulisic's playmaking, Balogun scored in the 31st minute and again in the fifth minute of first-half injury time. The New York-born, London-raised striker made his World Cup debut with the first multigoal performance from a U.S. player in the tournament since 1930. Balogun chose to represent the U.S. three years ago instead of staying in the English system, where he likely would have struggled to make the Three Lions' roster — and the 24-year-old Monaco professional has swiftly provided the top-level striker play historically lacking on U.S. rosters.

## FIFA World Cup 2026: Ronaldo Wants Portugal Focused on Good Start Before Talking About Title Hopes

Portugal traveled to the United States on Friday with Cristiano Ronaldo saying the team needs to focus on getting off to a good start instead of thinking ahead about contending for its first World Cup title. The Portuguese are among the favorites at the expanded 48-team tournament and the 41-year-old Ronaldo will be playing in his sixth World Cup, the most ever alongside rival Lionel Messi of Argentina.

"It is important to get off to a good start, do well in the first and second matches and then finish first in the group," Ronaldo told reporters in Portugal before the team's departure. "Then we go match by match, but not with the expectations of winning it all. It has to be step by step. A good start is the most important thing." Portugal will play its opening Group K match against Congo on Wednesday in Houston. The team then faces Uzbekistan on June 23, again in Houston, and finishes the group stage against Colombia on June 27 in Miami.

Ronaldo said it will be further in the tournament, "when things get tighter and the psychological and physical fatigue" come into play, "that we will know who the real champions are." This is Portugal's ninth World Cup appearance. The team finished third in 1966



and fourth in 2006 — when Ronaldo made his World Cup debut. In 2022, Portugal reached the quarterfinals but was upset by Morocco 1-0.

Ronaldo, who won the European Championship with Portugal in 2016, said the team's preparation at home was intense and productive. He said he is feeling well physically and the whole squad is ready and hopeful ahead of its quest for a first World Cup title. "It's a very good generation of players," said Ronaldo, who now plays in Saudi Arabia after spending most of professional career with Real Madrid and Manchester United. "But there are factors that we can't control. Winning or losing, which is the most important thing, depends on many factors. But it's a generation that will make the Portuguese people happy."

## PV Sindhu confirms semifinal spot at Australian Open

Sydney: World No. 10 PV Sindhu booked her place in the semifinals of the Australian Open currently underway at the Quaycentre in Sydney with a dominant victory over Chinese Taipei's Chen Su Yu.

In a match lasting just 27 minutes, the third-seeded Indian controlled both games from the beginning to seal a 21-6, 21-9 victory. The result marks Sindhu's second semifinal appearance of the season, having previously reached the last four at the Malaysia Open 2026.

An interesting semifinal awaits Sindhu as the two-time Olympic medallist takes on top seed and three-time world champion Akane Yamaguchi. The clash will be the 29th meeting between the two, with Sindhu holding a 15-13 advantage in their head-to-head record. However, the Japanese has won four of their last five encounters. The result was Sindhu's second semifinal appearance in eight BWF World Tour events this season, offering a timely confidence boost after an inconsistent run on the circuit. The good run of young Indian Tanvi Sharma came to an end in the quarterfinals as she was outclassed by Japan's Akane Yamaguchi, whose solid defence and pinpoint accuracy were too difficult to counter.

Tanvi's journey to the quarter-finals may have ended in disappointment but she produced a series of solid displays and a few major upsets that underlined her burgeoning promise and marked another important step in the career of one of India's brightest badminton prospects.

Yamaguchi advanced to the semis with a 21-14, 21-14 victory over India's Tanvi Sharma in 32 minutes. In men's doubles, the Indian pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun were forced to retire during the second game against opponents from Chinese Taipei.

Earlier, Sindhu, World Junior Championships runner-up Tanvi Sharma, and the men's doubles pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun advanced to the quarterfinals. Tanvi continued her impressive run with a 21-12, 21-15 win over Malvika Bansod, while Sindhu defeated fellow Indian Isharani Baruah 22-20, 21-12. Hariharan and Arjun also progressed, overcoming Australia's Michael Owen and Dylan Soedjasa 21-17, 21-17.

## SPORTS



## Women's T20 WC: Balanced India eye strong outing from openers against Pakistan for bright start

**Harmanpreet Kaur-led India eye a perfect start to their Women's T20 World Cup campaign against a tricky Pakistan in Birmingham. While history heavily favors India, the team needs firing opening spells from Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma**

Birmingham: A well-balanced India will need openers Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma to fire from all cylinders against a tricky Pakistan to make a bright beginning to their campaign in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup here on Sunday.

Led by Harmanpreet Kaur, India are looking to add a second global title to their showcase after winning the 50-over version last year, and the head-to-head stats heavily favours them against cross-border rivals.

India enjoy an overwhelming 13-3 lead in the shortest format, and, in fact, their previous meeting was in 2024 T20 World Cup in Dubai, which India won by six wickets.

From that day, India have grown into a more consistent and robust white ball unit, which is reflected in their ODI World Cup victory, and almost the same squad will lead India's quest for a T20 crown.

India have been in reasonable form too in the run-up to the event. They have beaten Australia (2-1) and England (3-2) away from home, while drubbing Sri Lanka (5-0) at home, underlining their all-weather abilities.

However, they also received timely wake-up calls during their defeats to South Africa (4-1) and England (2-1) in away series.

Runs from openers mandatory It revealed the need for India to have a stronger opening alliance between vice-captain Mandhana and her partner Shafali.

After an 82 against the Aussies at Adelaide in February, Mandhana's next six outings produced 13, 12, 37, 0, 32 and 8.

Shafali offers a similar story. After her 64 against South Africa at



Johannesburg, the right-hander could only make 9, 4, 2, 22 and 11 in the next five innings.

India will require them in full flow against a Pakistan attack led by their effervescent skipper Fatima Sana.

Sana has been in brilliant form of late as she averages over 50 with the bat and less than 25 with the ball in the last year or so.

The 24-year-old had blasted the fastest fifty in the Women's T20Is off just 15 balls against Zimbabwe recently in Karachi, and she is certain to give some worries to the Indian bowling unit which does not have injured Amanjot Kaur and Kashvee Gautam.

But Harmanpreet has returned to form with a couple of fifties against South Africa and England, which will be a big boost to the middle-order.

Apart from the captain, India will also bank on Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh and Bharti Fulmali to keep the run-flow against a capable Pakistan bowling line-up that also features frugal left-arm spinner Nashra Sandhu.

Wicketkeeper batter Yastika Bhatia was India's leading scorer against England in the recent three-match series, but the 25-year-old will want to improve her strike-rate from the current 99.

Seasoned all-rounder Deepti Sharma too will have to contribute substantially with both bat and ball here, even if the conditions are not exactly favourable for her off-spin.

Teams (from)

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Bharti Fulmali, Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh, Shree Charani, Yastika Bhatia, Nandani Sharma, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh, Kranti Gaud, Shreyanka Patil, Radha Yadav.

Pakistan: Fatima Sana (c), Gull Feroza, Ayesha Zafar, Iram Javed, Eyman Fatima, Aliya Riaz, Natalia Parvaiz, Saira Jabeen, Muneeba Ali, Tuba Hassan, Rameen Shamim, Sadia Iqbal, Nashra Sandhu, Diana Baig, Tasmia Rubab.

## Wimbledon Increases Prize Money By 20%, Singles Champions To Get \$4.8M Each



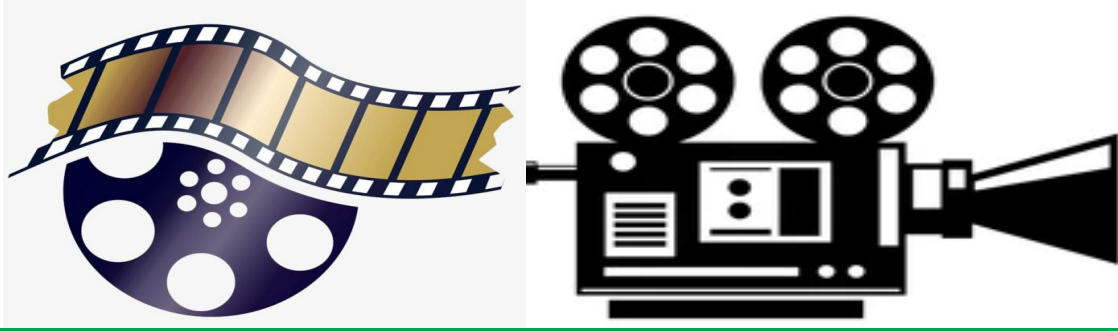
London: Amid players' calls for a bigger share of revenues, Wimbledon on Thursday announced 20% increases in total prize money and for the singles champions, who will earn 3.6 million pounds (\$4.8 million) each at the grass-court Grand Slam next month. The total prize money including player per diems will be 64.2 million pounds (\$85.8 million), described as "by far" the biggest annual increase in the tournament's history.

"I would hope the players would welcome it. It's a significant amount of money," All England Club chair Deborah Jevans said at a press conference. "We've demonstrated that we've looked at every round, including qualifying. My hope is that the players do recognize what a significant increase that this is." Players have long been calling for a greater share of revenues from the four Grand Slams and recently began taking steps toward collective action.

For this year's Wimbledon, players advocated for total prize money of 71 million pounds (\$95 million), Jevans said, citing her recent talks in Paris with Larry Scott, the former WTACEO who has been advising the players. Ahead of the French Open, No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka said players should at some point organize a boycott if their demands aren't met. Men's No. 1 Jannik Sinner, Coco Gauff and others also spoke out.

Then, in pre-tournament news conferences at Roland Garros, top-10 players limited their sessions with journal-

ists to 15 minutes in symbolic protest of their share of the tournament revenues. Just over a year ago, 20 leading players signed a letter to the heads of the four Grand Slams seeking more prize money and a greater voice in decision making. Wimbledon, the oldest Grand Slam tournament, begins June 29. Iga Swiatek is the women's defending champion. Sinner beat Carlos Alcaraz in last year's men's final and the Spaniard will miss the event because of a wrist injury. First-round prize money this year will be 80,000 pounds (\$107,000), which is a 21% increase over 2024, and the qualifying rounds will see a total increase of 25%. The runner-up in the men's and women's singles will get 1.8 million pounds (\$2.4 million) each. That's an 18% increase over last year. Jevans added: "This announcement recognizes the success of The Championships, and that we operate a sustainable program that allows us not only to increase prize money but also to invest in facilities, the grass court season and support British and international tennis." Wimbledon profits also support grassroots tennis. Increasing prize money is a balancing act because 90% of any distributable financial surplus from Wimbledon goes to the Lawn Tennis Association, which is Britain's governing body for tennis and padel. The LTA works to increase participation in the sport, renovate courts, support elite player development, and run grass-court tournaments in the buildup to Wimbledon. For calendar year 2025, the LTA reported a 4% decrease in the Wimbledon surplus (48.6 million pounds or \$65 million) compared to 2024, though the LTA's total revenue was up 2% — in part, it said, because of the introduction of a women's tour event at Queen's Club.



**CINEMA**

# Oh Sukumari Teaser: Thiruveer and Aishwarya Deliver their best

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Thiruveer and Aishwarya Rajesh starrer Oh Sukumari has created good buzz and curiosity around the film with promising promotions. Now, the movie teaser has been unveiled and it promises a uniquely entertaining cinematic experience.

Known for his diverse script choices, Thiruveer returns in a compelling new avatar as an aspiring politician navigating significant opposition. His character seeks a bride who is elegant and gentle-natured, leading him to fall for Sukumari. However, a hidden secret kept by her father adds an unexpected twist to the narrative.

Produced by Maheswara Reddy under the Gangaa Entertainments banner, the production values stand out in the film with Bharat Darshan's impressive handling of the comic situations. The background score is apt for the movie setting and it leaves a good impression.

Thiruveer's strong screen presence, with his authentic expressions and grounded performance anchoring the film's situational comedy, becomes a major highlight. While Aishwarya Rajesh's role is largely kept under wraps in the teaser, her striking presence and sharp expressions grow intrigue about this "Shock" relationship. On the whole, teaser further increases good impression on this rural comedy.



## Priya Bhavani Shankar Adds Extra Sparkle in Stunning Anju Modi Saree

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In a radiant pink saree by @anjumodi, Priya Bhavani Shankar lights up the frame with her infectious smile and effortless grace. "Some days call for a little extra sparkle. I chose cooperation," she captioned the stunning look, styled by @niru05\_raghupathy, with makeup by @makeupmaliksam, hair by @stylebyarvin, draping by @kavyahairstylist, and photography by @jinmyview\_suresh. The ensemble perfectly complements her glowing beauty and poise.

Born on December 31, 1989, in Tamil Nadu, Priya began her career as a software engineer at Infosys before transitioning to television as a news presenter on Puthiya Thalaimurai. She gained fame through the popular Star Vijay serial Kalyanam Mudhal Kadhal Varai. Her film debut came with the 2017 romantic comedy Meyaadha Maan opposite Vaibhav, earning her a SIIMA nomination for Best Female Debut.

She has since built a versatile career in Tamil and Telugu cinema with notable performances in Kadaikutty Singam, Mafia: Chapter 1, Pathu Thala, Thiruchitrambalam, Demonte Colony 2, Zebra, and Black. Priya is praised for her natural acting and strong screen presence across genres.

Ongoing and Upcoming Projects: She has several exciting films lined up, including Demonte Colony 3, Irumudi (Telugu with Ravi Teja), Maragadha Naanayam 2, and others in 2026.

## Rao Bahadur Just A Teaser: An Immersive Dark Comedy

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Man of Miracles Satyadev is starring in a psychological dark comedy, Rao Bahadur, in the direction of Venkatesh Maha. The movie team have created huge buzz and anticipation with the promotional material. The hardwork of Satyadev and glimpses of his performance have increased further curiosity about the film.

Now, the makers have launched Teaser, calling it Just a Teaser, indicating that there is a lot more to unravel and experience in theatres. The teaser starts with psychological horror that Satyadev's character faces at his old age. He is diagnosed with liver cancer but he survives over an year.

As it is a miracle, everyone wants to know how he is surviving the serious disease. Slowly, director Maha showcases how his mind is playing games and he is going into a state of psychological mayhem which for others appear as his fear but for him, it appears as enlightenment.

This rare combination of mixed emotions makes it a complex yet beautiful visual dark comedy. In dif-



ferent looks Satyadev carries the film on his shoulders and his performance is top notch. BGM elevates the scenes promising an immersive experience from 3rd July in theatres. Mahesh Babu's GMB Entertainments is presenting the film with Anurag Reddy, Sharath Chandra, and Chinta Gopalakrishna Reddy producing it.

## Akhil's Lenin: Why No Promotions Yet?

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Already a couple of songs from the movie have been released, and though they are not catchy in terms of the tunes, Bhagyashree Borse's glamour has taken centre stage and won some attention. However, these days, when songs are not going viral, then the makers should promote the film more aggressively. Otherwise, the film won't get the proper attention. With June 26th being the release date, why is Akhil's Lenin still not being promoted?

Featuring Akhil Akkineni and Bhagyashree Borse in the leads, newcomer Muralikishore Abburu has carved out the mass action film Lenin. While the film was initially produced by Sithara Entertainment, it has Sreeleela in the lead, and she was later replaced. Guess what, by the time the film reached its fag end of production, even Nagarjuna's Annapurna Studio joined the movie as a co-producer. Latest reports are coming out that Nagarjuna is not happy with the final cut again, and hence he suggested some reshoots. With all of them happening, the film cannot reach the June 26th release date, and hence there are no promotions.

Well, though Nagarjuna wants to give the best output for Akhil, if the film misses the June 26th release, then from July there are many other big movies lining up for a release. July is the only month that has small films, and Akhil might get a slot there; however, if he misses that out, then August and September are completely ruled by biggies only. We have to see if they will announce the postponement of the film or not, but for, it looks like postponement is imminent.



## Peddi Emerges as South India's Biggest Blockbuster of the Year

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Mega Power Star Ram Charan is re-writing record books at the box office with his smash hit, Peddi. The movie has become his highest opening grosser and now, emerged as South India's Highest grosser of the year. This gripping sports drama has achieved this milestone due to massive box office appeal of leading man, Ram Charan.



The movie is attracting all sections of audiences and mainly, families are watching this inspiring tale with kids. Ram Charan is receiving unanimous praise for his heartfelt performance and commitment to deliver a never-seen-before visual spectacle featuring a rural athlete who struggles to make his identity.

Globally, the movie is making waves at the box office collecting a staggering Rs.366 crores+ gross worldwide in a mere nine days. Audiences are loving music scored by AR Rahman and story. Bookings for second weekend are super strong and they indicate that the storm of Peddi is not going to slow down anytime soon.