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Revanth Aligns Bullet Train With Urban Hubs



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed officials to ensure that the alignment of the three proposed bullet train corridors in Telangana was designed to boost tourism and support future economic growth centres across the state. He stressed that location of stations and planning of the route should be aligned with key tourist destinations and emerging urban hubs.

He directed officials to establish a station near Ananthagiri Hills in Vikarabad on the Hyderabad-Pune corridor and ensure seamless transport connectivity from the hill station to Hyderabad's IT hub. For the Hyderabad-

Bengaluru project, he directed that a station be set up in Bharat Future City and that additional stations be planned near Mannanur in the Nallamala forest region and close to Somasila.

Revanth Reddy said the railway alignment should be designed keeping tourism potential in mind and proposed that Hyderabad, particularly Shamshabad, be developed and promoted as a major bullet train hub. He was speaking at a review of the Hyderabad-Pune and Hyderabad-Bengaluru high-speed rail projects, which were sanctioned for Telangana in the Union Budget 2026-27

The Chief Minister also reviewed the proposed

designs for the Warangal airport and emphasised that the facility should reflect the rich heritage of the Kakatiya dynasty. He suggested that the airport's architecture and aesthetics should showcase the legacy of the Kakatiya Empire.

Revanth Reddy directed officials to plan a large island at the entrance of the airport and install statues of Rani Rudrama Devi, Rudradeva and a massive Nandi sculpture as iconic landmarks. He instructed officials to visit Delhi and hold discussions with Airports Authority of India officials regarding the airport's design and development plans.

The review meeting was attended by MP Vem Narender Reddy, special chief secretary Vikas Raj, CMO principal secretary Srinivasa Raju, TGIIC commissioner Shashanka, Rangareddy collector Narayana Reddy and roads and buildings special secretary Praveenya.

CM Directs Officials to Provide 7 Fine Paddy Seed Varieties on Subsidy This Kharif

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directed officials to make seven varieties of fine paddy seeds available to farmers on subsidy for the ongoing kharif session. With the government offering a bonus to farmers cultivating fine varieties of paddy, the Chief Minister asked officials to ensure that there is no shortage of seeds.

These seeds should be stocked at Rythu Vedikas and farmers cultivating fine paddy should be comprehensively mapped, and the agriculture department must maintain complete data on acreage and expected yields.

To bring greater transparency and speed in fertiliser distribution, the CM directed officials to in-



introduce an app-based booking system for all types of fertilisers. Farmers who book urea through the app should receive supplies through Rythu Vedikas. Responsibility for urea distribution should be entrusted to district additional collectors, he said.

Chairing a review meeting of the agriculture department here on Tuesday, Revanth Reddy said officials must implement a comprehensive and structured action plan covering

every stage of the agricultural cycle, from seed distribution to procurement of harvested produce, to ensure that farmers do not face difficulties at any stage.

The Chief Minister said the government must maintain complete and real-time information on farmers, crops, production estimates and procurement operations right from the sowing stage until the completion of grain purchases.

The review meeting

was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Raja Sabha member V. Narender Reddy, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, CMO principal secretary V Sheshadri, agriculture secretary Surendra Mohan, civil supplies commissioner Stephen Ravindra, agriculture director B Gopi and planning Department secretary.

NEET re-test: Google, Apple delist Telegram app after govt order

New Delhi: Telegram became inaccessible to millions of users across India on Tuesday after major telecom operators blocked the messaging platform and tech giants Apple and Google removed it from their app stores, following directions from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

The move is part of the government's efforts to prevent examination-related fraud ahead of the NEET (UG) 2026 re-examination and tighten control over the circulation of unauthorised content online.

The development comes days after the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), acting on recommendations from the National Testing Agency (NTA), imposed a temporary restriction on Telegram until June 22.

The government said the measure was necessary to prevent the spread of examination-related fraud, misinformation campaigns and cheating networks ahead of the NEET (UG) re-examination scheduled for June 21.

According to the NTA, the restriction was issued



under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, and covers the examination period as well as its immediate aftermath.

The agency had stated that several Telegram channels and groups were allegedly being used to circulate misleading claims regarding examination paper leaks and to lure students with fraudulent offers promising access to question papers.

In addition to the temporary access restriction, Telegram was directed to disable its message-editing feature in India until June 30.

Authorities argued that the feature had previously been misused to create fabricated evidence of paper leaks by allowing users to edit old messages and replace attached files while retaining original timestamps.

The NTA had main-

tained that despite widespread claims circulating online, no NEET examination paper had been leaked.

It said the restrictions were imposed only after targeted actions, including the removal of specific channels, groups and bots, were found insufficient to tackle the scale of the problem.

The agency also credited the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), operating under the Ministry of Home Affairs, along with state police forces and other central agencies, for identifying and acting against Telegram-based fraud networks.

Law enforcement agencies across multiple states have launched investigations into examination-related scams allegedly conducted through social media and messaging platforms.

'Sea lanes must remain safe': PM Modi at G7 summit

Evian (France): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has welcomed the progress made in peace efforts in West Asia during his address at a session on "Forging New Partnerships and Rebuilding International Solidarity" at the G7 summit in Evian, France.

"We welcome the progress made in peace efforts in West Asia. This conflict has caused loss of life and property for our friendly countries in West Asia. The disruption of maritime trade in the Strait of Hormuz has harmed the global economy," PM Modi said on Tuesday, according to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

"International partnerships and global solidarity can only be meaningful if we work together to



address shared challenges," he added.

According to Prime Minister Modi, India firmly believes that lasting solutions to the ongoing tensions and conflicts in various parts of the world are possible only through dialogue, diplomacy, and international cooperation.

"Many Indian civilians have lost their lives. The safety of seafarers, who connect all countries through global maritime

trade, is our responsibility. We must ensure that sea lanes remain safe, and seafarers can carry out their work without fear," the Prime Minister stressed during his address.

He noted that "India is fully prepared to work together with all partners on these issues".

He also said that in an uncertain world, trade and technology were being misused for narrow inter-

ests, leading to a trust deficit in the international arena.

"Mutual trust is the most important strategic asset today. But, sadly, today, the world does not suffer from a shortage of resources... it suffers from a shortage of trust. And the future of our partnerships depends on rebuilding this trust," he added.

He noted that "We, in India, view the 'world as one family' (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam). Our experience shows that development is most effective when it is connected to the aspirations of people".

He said that India has always followed the principle of "humanity first", and this thought continues to be at the centre of its efforts.

Urea Availability to Farmers Being Ensured, Says Tummala

HYDERABAD: Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Tuesday urged farmers, especially those with large farm holdings, not to rush to purchase large quantities of urea at a single time, stating that the government was committed to equitable distribution of the fertiliser to all farmers, including those with small and marginal holdings.

Urea supplies will be provided in phases according to need and stage of the crop. Farmers should also be cautious not to use urea in excess as this can damage soil fertility, the minister said.



Nageswara Rao, addressing farmers via videoconferencing during the weekly Rythu Nestham programme, said, 22.67 lakh urea bags were available at retail outlets, 5.56 lakh with cooperative societies, 59.56 lakh with

Markfed, and 3.56 lakh bags were available in the state.

He said farmers who do not have a smartphone, or were unable to use the fertiliser app for various reasons, could also a toll-free ser-

vice available daily from 10 am to 5 pm. Upon receiving a call, staff will complete the urea booking process on the farmers' behalf, and help them throughout the process.

Measures are being taken to ensure that only genuine farmers receive fertilizers and that individuals without agricultural land cannot purchase urea. The state is coordinating with the central government to secure the required urea quota and steps are being taken to ensure timely transportation of urea to districts through railway wagons and trucks, he said.

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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.

Modi's Musical Diplomacy Finds a Pop-Culture Ally in Allu Arjun and Anirudh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is redefining the intersection of state diplomacy and pop culture by championing the 'New Indian Sound' and positioning himself as a modern, forward-thinking leader who taps into contemporary Indian music trends. Across his official digital platforms, PM Modi's team has layered his reels and travel logs with cutting-edge tracks from sitar prodigy Rishab Rikhiram Sharma, composer Anirudh Ravichander and super composer-producer Shashwat Sachdev.

From high-energy election rallies to international diplomatic missions, the Prime Minister of India's curated social media strategy draws on a mix of high-octane, region-specific, and neo-classical tracks that resonate strongly with a global Gen Z audience.

The selections span Rishab Rikhiram Sharma's 'Chanakya', cinematic anthems from Anirudh Ravichander including '23 Theme' from the Telugu film AA23 and 'Raga of Revenge' from Tamil film DC and Shashwat Sachdev's 'Destiny - Mann Atkeya' from Dhurandhar.

The alignment between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and these three music powerhouses rests on a history of mutual professional respect and shared milestones. Rishab Rikhiram Sharma, the youngest and final disciple of sitar maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar, has a long-standing



connection to the Prime Minister: in 2019, he performed live at the 'Howdy, Modi!' event in Houston, Texas, playing for an arena crowd estimated 65,000 people, with US President Donald Trump also in attendance. Shashwat Sachdev won the National Film Award for Best Music Direction (Background Score) for Uri: The Surgical Strike and met the Prime Minister during that film's official recognition. Anirudh Ravichander has built similar national visibility through his support of public-interest initiatives, including the Vande Mataram CISF coastal security campaign.

By blending standard geopolitical coverage with viral, region-specific music, Modi's digital team is moving away from the predictable instrumental or archival scores once typical of political messaging by using current, popular music instead to capture the spirit of a self-reliant (Atmanirbhar) modernized India.

War of words over Hyderabad Metro financing intensifies between CM and Union Minister



Hyderabad: The war of words between Union Minister G Kishan Reddy and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over the disbursement of the IRFC loan for Hyderabad Metro continued on Tuesday, with the Chief Minister writing an open letter to Kishan Reddy urging him facilitate a meeting with the Union Minister for Railways and to get all necessary approvals for Hyderabad Metro Phase-II.

The open letter comes in the backdrop of the allegations of the Chief Minister that Kishan Reddy had influenced the Centre to withhold the disbursement of the Rs.13,500-crore IRFC loan sanctioned for the Telangana government's takeover of Hyderabad Metro from L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad. However, Kishan Reddy responded that the delay was due to technical reasons and had no political motive. Telangana State Updates

Stating that metro rail corporations across the country do not prioritize debt servicing over operations and maintenance (O&M), he said metro revenues should first be utilized to meet O&M expenses before loan repayments. Politics

"However, Revanth Reddy wanted loan repayments to be prioritized using the revenue earned by the Metro. The Chief Minister, however, did not agree to this," Kishan Reddy said at a press conference in New Delhi.

Interestingly, the Chief Minister chose not to respond to these observations on the proposed repayment structure. Instead, he reiterated that the decision to refinance Hyderabad Metro's existing debt through IRFC was

based on sound financial considerations.

Revanth Reddy maintained that refinancing through IRFC would provide a longer repayment tenure and lower interest rates backed by sovereign-level repayment safeguards and the RBI's Direct Debit mechanism. The arrangement, he said, was intended not only to facilitate the takeover transaction but also to place Hyderabad Metro on a sustainable financial footing and ensure its long-term viability.

The Chief Minister recalled that, as per IRFC's conditions, the Telangana government had already paid an upfront fee of Rs.84.32 crore for the release of the first tranche of financing. In addition, the State had deposited Rs.1,461.47 crore towards the equity component of the transaction in an escrow account.

"The drawdown date was June 15. Despite fulfilling all the conditions stipulated by IRFC, the disbursement did not take place," Revanth Reddy said in his letter.

He further stated that the Telangana government had addressed concerns relating to the operational integration of Metro Phase-I and the proposed Phase-II project. The State had requested the Centre to sanction Phase-II as a 50:50 joint venture. However, if approval for the joint venture model was delayed, the Telangana government was prepared to execute Phase-II using its own resources and institutional financing arrangements, provided the Centre grants the required approvals without delay, he said. Telangana State Updates

"The Telangana government and the people of the State are not asking for charity or any special favour. We are only seeking the disbursement of a duly sanctioned IRFC loan," Revanth Reddy stated.

The Chief Minister also urged Kishan Reddy to arrange a meeting with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to resolve the pending issues concerning the Metro project.

Harish Rao accuses Congress govt of plotting to scrap crop bonus

Hyderabad: BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao accused the Congress government of conspiring to phase out the crop bonus scheme by restricting it to a handful of paddy varieties. He criticised the government for failing to clarify on key farmer-centric schemes such as Rythu Bharosa, crop bonus, Rythu Bima and crop insurance, even as the crop season commenced.

Reacting to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's review meeting on Vaanakalam (Kharif) preparedness on Tuesday, he termed the exercise a token review. He said the Congress manifesto promised a Rs 500 bonus for all paddy varieties, which was restricted to 33 fine-grain varieties after the Congress came to power.

"Now, this has been reduced to just seven varieties which is unfair. Farmers should not be forced to cultivate only government-approved varieties. What about the fate of farmers who already commenced cultivation," he asked.

Demanding that the decision be withdrawn immediately, the BRSLP floor leader asked the government to extend the bonus to all varieties as promised and release pending bonus payments for both the previous and current Yasangi seasons without delay.

Harish Rao also accused the government of failing to provide Rythu Bharosa support for three consecutive seasons and questioned the delay in payments despite assurances made by the Chief Minister. He pointed out that Rythu Bima premiums had not been paid for the past five months, weakening the social security cover available to farming families.

Raising concerns about the government insisting on crop diversification, he sought clarity on whether the government was willing to guarantee procurement and Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops such as maize, sorghum, sunflower, soybean and groundnut. He also ridiculed the government deciding to supply fertilisers and seeds through Rythu Vedikas, calling it an acknowledgment of the government's failure to supply them through Fertiliser App.

The former Minister criticised the government for not implementing the promised crop insurance scheme and for failing to provide input subsidies and compensation to farmers affected by unseasonal rains and hailstorms. He emphasised the need for crop insurance amid uncertainty prevailing over the impact of El Nino during the ongoing crop season.



Iran Calls For Israel's Withdrawal From Lebanon To End War With US

Dubai: Iran's top diplomat said Tuesday that the deal ending the war with the United States would also require Israel to withdraw from Lebanon. But with Israel insisting it will keep forces in Lebanon, questions are growing about the still-unpublished agreement and whether disagreement over its terms could prolong the conflict.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Israel's continued occupation of southern Lebanon would violate the memorandum of understanding reached between the United States and Iran.

"The end of the war in Lebanon is an inseparable part of the complete end of the war," Araghchi said in statements made to foreign diplomats in Tehran that were aired on Iranian state TV. "Without the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories they occupied during this war, the war has not fully come to an end."

Araghchi said further Israeli attacks on Lebanon "will be considered by us a violation of the memorandum of understanding."

The United States has not said whether Lebanon was part of the final agreement. But Araghchi's description clashes with statements made by Israeli officials about the deal to end the war that started with joint U.S.-Israeli airstrikes on Feb. 28.

Ambiguity Remains Over Peace-Deal

Israel is not party to the agreement. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday described it as President Donald Trump's decision, noting Israel had its own priorities and would remain in a buffer zone in Lebanon "as long as necessary."

The ambiguity mirrored developments during past negotiations, including the temporary ceasefire brokered in April. That agreement did not pave the way to broader peace or the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz after the United States and Iran announced differing frameworks.

Unresolved issues cast doubt on agreement's long-term prospects. The discrepancy underscored how much of the agreement remains apparently unresolved ahead of a planned ceremonial signing Friday in Geneva. The agreement is meant to provide a meaningful truce in a monthslong war that has killed thousands across the Middle East, including the top leaders of Iran's theocracy, and raised the prices of fuel, food and other basic goods far beyond the region.

The unpublished agreement provides for the "immediate" opening of the Strait of Hormuz and lifting of the blockade, according to a senior U.S. official who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity to discuss outlines of the agreement on Monday.

Brokered mainly by Pakistan, it starts with the simultaneous lifting of Iran's closure of the strait and the U.S. blockade of Iran's ports, according to Pakistani officials. The United States and Iran will then begin 60 days of negotiations over Iran's nuclear program and the potential lifting of sanctions, Pakistani officials who helped broker the interim deal said, speaking on condition of anonymity about the unpublished text.

It also includes the possibility of releasing Iran's frozen funds, sanctions relief and a \$300 billion fund to help rebuild Iran if Tehran meets certain benchmarks, senior U.S. officials told reporters Monday.

Araghchi's comments Tuesday appear to match the understanding of two regional officials with direct knowledge of the interim deal. The officials, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss the closed-door negotiations, said it would require Israel to leave nearly all the territory it occupies in Lebanon, minus a few hilltop points along the border seized earlier.

The officials say Iran insisted the accord include Lebanon in the last days of the negotiations. Regarding the timeline, the officials said the release of frozen Iranian assets are tied to Tehran implementing the deal. Gulf Arab states also have pledged to inject billions of dollars in Iran's economy, they added.

Beyond Lebanon, there's one more point of possible contention on Iran's nuclear program. The interim deal begins a 60-day clock for talks over Tehran's stockpile of highly enriched uranium.

Iran has agreed to discuss ways to possibly "dilute or remove" its stockpile, the officials said. However, it remains unclear whether Tehran would agree to that, particularly with hard-liners opposing to giving it up. U.S. officials have not yet explained how they see the agreement addressing Iran's nuclear program, including who will be in charge of verifying that Iran is in compliance and who will destroy or remove highly enriched uranium believed to be buried under nuclear sites that were badly damaged by U.S. strikes last summer.

Despite anger, US allies push to make deal work at G7 summit. Meanwhile, world leaders gathered in France for the first full day of the Group of Seven summit of major industrialized nations, where Iran was high on the agenda. Scheduled discussions include a work session focused on "ending crises and ensuring stability in the Middle East." Leaders of Egypt, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates are to join the talks.

Crime Rate Down 14.1% in AP, Gains in Women's Safety, Cyber Security



VIJAYAWADA: Andhra Pradesh has recorded a 14.1 per cent reduction in crime over the past two years, reflecting the coalition government's focus on preventive policing, technology-driven surveillance, and administrative reforms, Home Affairs and Disaster Management minister Vangalapati Anitha said on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference at the State Secretariat in Amaravati, Anitha said the government led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had undertaken comprehensive reforms in law and order, women's safety, cybercrime prevention, anti-drug operations, disaster management, prison administration, and police welfare.

She emphasised that the government has adopted a proactive approach to crime prevention through CCTV surveillance, drones, artificial intelligence-based analytics, and digital monitoring systems. The emphasis, she noted, is on preventing crimes before they occur, rather than merely responding after incidents.

Highlighting women's safety initiatives, the minister said special protection units, district-level security mechanisms, and technology-enabled response systems have been strengthened. The Shakti App has received more than 11.15 lakh SOS calls, with authorities responding promptly to emergencies.

Under Operation Muskaan, police traced and reunited 8,396 missing children, women, and elderly persons with their families. The government has also intensified action in POCSO cases through special investigation teams, faster forensic examinations, and victim-support services. A total of 2,293

children have received counselling and rehabilitation assistance.

On the anti-drug front, Anitha said the specially constituted EAGLE unit has intensified action against interstate narcotics networks and ganja cultivation. 56,674 ganja-related cases have been registered, with legal action initiated against 2,366 persons, leading to seizure of assets worth over ₹4 crore.

The minister said cyber war rooms, coordination with banks and telecom firms, and the 1930 cyber helpline have helped protect nearly ₹247 crore from online fraudsters. Emergency response services have improved significantly, with average response time reduced from 30 minutes in 2024 to less than 10 minutes now, while maintaining a 97.47 per cent efficiency rate.

More than 6,000 police personnel have been recruited and 505 gazetted officers promoted. The stipend for police constable trainees has been increased from ₹4,000 to ₹7,500.

Anitha said Andhra Pradesh has strengthened disaster preparedness through 26 NDRF teams, 22 SDRF teams, drone-based monitoring, and early warning systems. She pointed out that coordinated prosecution has secured convictions in 279 major cases, including eight death sentences, demonstrating the government's commitment to public safety and justice.

Pawan Says Centre Backing Godavari Clean-Up Ahead of Pushkaralu

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday disclosed that the centre has extended positive support to a series of proposals aimed at rural development, environmental conservation, and the successful conduct of forthcoming Godavari Pushkaralu.

The Deputy CM, who holds the portfolios of Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Forest, and Environment, met on the day union ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Rural Development), Bhupender Yadav (Environment), and C. R. Patil (Jal Shakti) in New Delhi. He sought their ministries' assistance for key projects, including the Mission Clean Godavari, model Pushkar panchayats, and rural infrastructure development.

Pawan Kalyan announced that the centre has agreed to support pollution-control measures in the Godavari River basin, with the Central Pollution Control Board expected to conduct a study and rec-



ommend remedial measures ahead of the pushkaralu in 2017. He urged the union government to launch a "Clean Godavari" programme on the lines of the Namami Gange project to preserve the river's ecological and cultural significance.

Further, the Deputy Chief Minister announced that Andhra Pradesh would host the national launch of the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) {VB-G RAM G} programme on July 1. He thanked the centre for allocating substantial funds to the state. He underlined that 260 model panchayats involved in Godavari Pushkaralu would receive focused development support.

Pawan Kalyan said the

union Rural Development minister has praised Andhra Pradesh's transparent social audit system, innovative "Magic Drains" initiative, and the water trough construction programme for livestock. Chouhan expressed interest in replicating the Magic Drains model in his own constituency.

The Deputy CM further said the centre had responded favourably to proposals for increasing base camps in the Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve, securing 50 Indian gaurs from Madhya Pradesh, bringing female tigers from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, and obtaining trained kumki elephants from Odisha to address human-wildlife conflict.

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Lokesh directed party workers to distribute pamphlets and booklets highlighting government schemes and achievements. The campaign, he said, should be carried out in coordination with cadre of the JS and BJP, as per the directions from the CM.

CM Releases CBN@361 Degrees – Polymath in Singapore Receives Global Award

Vijayawada: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday released CBN@361 Degrees – Polymath, a book chronicling his leadership journey and governance philosophy, at a special event organised by the Kakatiya Cultural Association in Singapore.

Naidu presented the first copies of the book to Shilpak Ambule, India's high commissioner to Singapore, in the presence of members of the Telugu diaspora and distinguished guests.

Authored by Shakamuri Srinivasa Prasad and translated into English by retired IAS officer KV Satyanarayana, the publication offers an in-depth examination of Naidu's decisions and ini-



tiatives across various phases of his political and administrative career.

The book analyses his approach to governance, economic development and long-term planning, highlighting his role in shaping Andhra Pradesh's development agenda.

Prasad said Naidu's leadership style and decision-making reflected the vision-driven governance

models demonstrated by internationally acclaimed leaders such as former Singapore prime minister Lee Kuan Yew and former New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern. He noted that Naidu's emphasis on strategic planning, economic growth and the development of Amaravati as a world-class capital city underscored his forward-looking leadership.

Former AP real estate

regulatory authority (AP RERA) chairman Ramanath observed that the book sheds light on several lesser-known aspects of Naidu's leadership and governance philosophy. Drawing on observations and insights, the publication presents a comprehensive account of Naidu's administrative style and decision-making process, he said.

The Kakatiya cultural association conferred the Global Polymath award on the CM in recognition of his contributions to public administration and development. The association also presented him a commemorative silver coin issued to mark the birth centenary celebrations of Singapore's founding leader, Lee Kuan Yew.

Lokesh Hears Public Grievances on 90th Day of Praja Darbar

Vijayawada: Education minister Nara Lokesh conducted his 90th Praja Darbar at the Telugu Desam central office in Mangalagiri on Tuesday, receiving representations on a range of public issues and promising active government support in resolving them.

Representatives of the Varikapudisela water resources protection committee urged the minister to expedite the commencement of construction works for the Varikapudisela Lift Irrigation Project, describing it as a vital irrigation project for farmers in Palnadu district. They requested immediate intervention to ensure the project is taken up at the earliest.

A group of 1,056 yoga instructors, who complained of "irregularities"



in the Buddha Yoga Foundation, sought justice from the minister. They pleaded for recognition of their services over the past three years and suitable steps to safeguard their future. The instructors urged the government to continue yoga-related services under official supervision.

Victims of alleged gold

loan irregularities at a Bank of Baroda branch in Jangareddygudem of Eluru district submitted a petition seeking a comprehensive investigation. They alleged discrepancies in weight and handling of the gold ornaments pledged with the bank and sought legal action against the errant.

Representatives of AP

MRPS called on the minister to plead for the start of a 'direct cash transfer scheme' for the healthcare of poor pregnant women and women's police stations in every assembly constituency.

N Mallikarjuna Naidu of Venkatadripalem village in Yerragondapalem mandal of Prakasam district sought funds for comprehensive development of the gram panchayat. He proposed the construction of roads and a bridge across Gandivagu to improve connectivity and infrastructure in the area.

Lokesh assured the delegations that their representations would be examined and efforts would be made to address the issues through the appropriate government departments.

Jagan Demands Reduction in Aqua Feed Prices

Vijayawada: YSR Congress president and former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday demanded that the Andhra Pradesh government ensure a reduction in aquaculture feed prices by the end of June and warned that he would join a statewide protest proposed by aqua farmers if their concerns were not addressed.

Representatives of the AP Prawn Federation and aquaculture farmers met Jagan at the party's central office in Tadepalli and explained the difficulties they were facing due to rising feed costs, falling shrimp prices and increasing production expenses.

After hearing their grievances, Jagan assured them of his support and alleged that the NDA government had weakened the AP State Aqua Development Agency, allowing feed companies to raise prices without proper regulation. He claimed that feed prices had increased sharply in recent months, while shrimp market prices had fallen below production costs, causing heavy losses to farmers.



In a separate meeting, Jagan directed YSRC constituency coordinators and regional in-charges to remain vigilant during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Describing the next four weeks as crucial, he urged party leaders to closely monitor the revision process and safeguard every genuine vote, alleging attempts to manipulate voter lists.

Lokesh Urges TD Cadres to Explain Alliance Rules and Achievements to Every Household

Vijayawada: Calling upon party workers to aggressively publicise the achievements of the alliance government, Telugu Desam working president Nara Lokesh on Tuesday said they must reach up to every household and explain "our developmental and welfare initiatives."

Addressing TD MPs,

MLAs and senior leaders through a video conference from the party's central office in Mangalagiri, Lokesh announced a statewide outreach programme from June 25 to August 10.

He said that leaders, from MPs and MLAs to booth-level functionaries, should visit every household during the 45-

day campaign.

Lokesh directed party workers to distribute pamphlets and booklets highlighting government schemes and achievements. The campaign, he said, should be carried out in coordination with cadre of the JS and BJP, as per the directions from the CM.

Describing Naidu as a "brand ambassador of development", Lokesh said the government had simultaneously implemented a wide range of welfare measures, including Talliki Vandanam, free LPG cylinders under the Deepam-2 scheme, the ₹4,000 NTR Bharosa pensions, assistance for auto

drivers and the Annadata Sukhibhava programme for farmers.

The minister observed that developmental and welfare initiatives must be effectively communicated to the public, recalling that the party's inability to adequately publicise its achievements between 2014 and 2019,

coupled with opposition propaganda, had contributed to its electoral defeat.

He said victory celebrations would be held in all the parliament and assembly constituencies up to June 20 to highlight the state government's performance.

Referring to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of

electoral rolls, Lokesh urged party workers to remain vigilant and ensure that no genuine voter was left out. MLAs were asked to stay in constant touch with Booth Level Agents and resolve field-level issues promptly. Serious cases, he said, could be referred to the party's Voter Verification Cell established at the TD headquarters.

Yadadri Thermal Power Plant Moves Toward Privatization..!

Government Invites Tenders Worth ₹255 Crore
Concern Among 1,300 Employees; Unions Warn of Protests



The proposed privatization of the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant (YTPS) in Telangana has triggered concern among employees and labor unions. The Telangana government has initiated the tender process to hand over the plant's operation and maintenance responsibilities to a private agency.

According to the official schedule, the tender process began on June 12 and will conclude on June 29. Officials are expected to open the bids on July 2. The tenders have been invited for a three-year contract period with an estimated project cost of ₹255 crore, making the issue a major topic of discussion in industrial circles.

Employees working at YTPS have expressed serious apprehensions over the move. Around 1,300 workers fear that privatization could result in the plant's management being handed

over to companies from neighboring Andhra Pradesh, potentially affecting the interests and job security of local employees.

Employee unions and Joint Action Committee (JAC) leaders have demanded that the government withdraw the decision immediately. The YTPS Employees JAC has warned that large-scale protests and agitation programs will be launched if the privatization process is not halted.

The development has attracted attention from political and industrial circles across the state. Employees, local residents, and labor organizations are now closely watching the government's next move regarding the future of the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant

Mindmine Summit 2026 Brings Together India's Top Leaders to Chart the Nation's Next Growth Chapter

Hon'ble Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and leading industry voices drive discussions on India's growth and innovation agenda



Hyderabad, June 16, 2026: The 16th edition of the Mindmine Summit, Hero Enterprise's flagship thought leadership platform, concluded today at Taj Palace, New Delhi, bringing together some of India's foremost policymakers, industry leaders, economists, diplomats, investors, healthcare experts and public intellectuals for a day of dialogue and deliberation on the country's evolving growth journey.

Held under the theme, 'Uncertain Times, Confident Choices: India Recalibrates', the Summit explored how India is navigating a rapidly changing global landscape while strengthening its economic foundations, institutions, innovation ecosystem and development priorities.

The Summit opened with a conversation featuring Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, alongside Sunil Kant Munjal, Chairman, Hero Enterprise and Raamdeo Agarwal, Chairman, Motilal Oswal Securities.

In her interaction, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Ms Nirmala Sitharaman said: "Strong domestic consumption provides resilience against global volatility, although dependence on imported raw materials and intermediates remains a key vulnerability." She added that the government is actively creating frameworks to attract foreign capital through bond markets and overseas fundraising while reducing currency-risk concerns through policy support. She also stressed that economic competitive-

ness is no longer just a central government story; states are increasingly competing to attract GCCs, data centers, and technology investments.

Commenting on the success of the Summit, Sunil Kant Munjal, Chairman, Hero Enterprise said, "The conversations at this year's Mindmine Summit reflected both the scale of opportunity before India and the confidence with which the country is embracing change. Across sectors, there was a shared recognition that India's next phase of growth will be shaped by innovation, strong institutions, entrepreneurial energy and collaborative leadership. Mindmine Summit continues to serve as a platform where diverse perspectives come together to exchange ideas, challenge assumptions and contribute to the nation's progress."

Discussions throughout the day examined key issues shaping India's future, including geopolitical developments, invest-

ment trends, energy penetration, healthcare innovation, institutional strengthening and the country's long-term growth prospects.

The event featured distinguished speakers and panellists including Dr. Shamika Ravi, Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister; Bansuri Swaraj, Member of Parliament; H.E. Antonio Bartoli, Ambassador of Italy to India; Suresh Prabhu, former Union Minister; Sanjeev Krishan, Chairperson, PwC India; Mansi Madan Tripathy, Chairperson, Shell Group of Companies in India and Senior Vice President, Shell Lubricants Asia Pacific; Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO and Managing Director, Tata Power; Nilesh Shah, Managing Director, Kotak Mahindra Asset Management; Sanjay Kulshrestha, Chairman and Managing Director, HUDCO; Meenakshi Nevatia, Country President and Managing Director, Pfizer; Jasleen Kohli, Managing Director and

CEO, Go Digit General Insurance; and Sanjeev Mantri, MD and CEO, ICICI Lombard General Insurance, among others.

The Summit concluded with the 18th BML Munjal Awards, which recognise organisations that demonstrate business excellence through a strong commitment to learning and development. Shri Mohan Bhagwat, Sarsanghchalak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), graced the occasion as Chief Guest, presented the awards, and delivered a keynote address on 'Bharat ka Nirmaan: Roots, Values, Future', reflecting on the values, aspirations and collective efforts shaping India's future.

Over the years, the Mindmine Summit has evolved into one of India's most respected forums for dialogue, bringing together leaders from government, business, academia and civil society to discuss issues of national and global significance. The 2026 edition continued that legacy by fostering meaningful conversations on the choices and opportunities that will shape India's future.



Pastor Kannuri Krupavaram honored for Guinness World Record

Peddapalli Correspondent June 16: Pastor Kannuri Krupavaram, who recently achieved a Guinness World Record by having 2,000 people play the same song together, was honoured by the United Pastors Association of the Manthani Mandala on Tuesday. The fellowship was held at the Glorious Worship Hall in the village of Gunjapadagu in the Manthani Mandala.



Recently a Guinness world record was achieved by 2,000 musicians playing instruments in one place. On this occasion the Kannuri Krupavaram, who achieved the Guinness World Record, was honoured and presented with a certificate. The event was attended by Kampelli Das, Vice President of the Manthani Mandala United Pastors Association, Kaluvala Samuel, President, Siripuram Abraham, Chief Secretary, Pastors ManthaniMark, Elisha and etc.

Axis Max Life Achieves Highest-Ever Claims Paid Ratio of 99.80% in FY26

Trichy, June 16, 2026: Axis Max Life Insurance Ltd. formerly known as Max Life Insurance Company Ltd ("Axis Max Life"/ "Company"), has settled



20,529 individual death claims worth ₹1641Cr. in FY 2025-26, achieving its highest-ever individual death claims paid ratio of 99.80%. This marks a consistent rise from 99.34% in FY21-22, reinforcing 99.80% as the Company's new benchmark for trust — India Ke Bharose Ka Number™. Since its inception, Axis Max Life has paid a total of ₹11,772.21 Crores towards death claims on 2,43,524 policies.

Axis Max Life - Individual Death Claims Paid Ratio (%) (Consistent improvement over the last 5 years)				
FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
99.34% ²	99.51% ³	99.65% ⁴	99.70% ⁵	99.80% ⁵

Sumit Madan, Managing Director and CEO, Axis Max Life said, "At Axis Max Life, we are pairing predictive analytics and digital forensics to process claims faster, driving our highest-ever individual death claims paid ratio of 99.80% in FY26. This benchmark goes far beyond numbers; it is a powerful testament to the trust our customers invest in us, and a reminder that behind every claim is a family we are proud to protect."

To support faster claims processing, Axis Max Life has strengthened its underwriting mettle with predictive analytics and enhanced fraud controls through digital forensic tools. This has enabled the Company to secure the No. 1 rank among Indian life insurers in Hansa Research's Life Insurance CuES 2026 study**.

CONGRESS HOLDS BLA MEETING ON SIR 2026 IN SANGAREDDY

SANGAREDDY Correspondent: June 15, 2026: The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) organized a meeting of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) in Sangareddy in preparation for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 2026 of electoral rolls. The meeting was attended by TPCC President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha, Food Corporation Chairman M.A. Faheem, Zaheerabad MP Suresh Kumar Shetkar, and several other Congress leaders.

Addressing the gathering, the leaders urged BLAs to actively and responsibly participate in the SIR process, which is scheduled to begin on June 25. They emphasized that the Special Intensive Revision is not a new exercise and has been conducted several times in the country in the past. The speakers highlighted the crucial role of BLAs and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in enrolling new voters, removing the names of deceased voters, and ensuring that all eligible voters complete the required enumeration forms.



TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud criticized the BJP-led Central Government and alleged that the Election Commission's processes were being misused for political purposes. He claimed that voter list manipulations had occurred in states such as Bihar, West Bengal, and Tamil Nadu under the guise of SIR, and alleged that voters be-

longing to minority, SC, ST, and other weaker sections were being targeted. He further alleged that the names of Congress supporters were being removed from electoral rolls and described it as an attempt at "vote theft."

Goud stressed the importance of every eligible voter submitting an enumeration form to ensure that no genuine voter is excluded from the electoral rolls. He also asserted that while the BJP seeks votes in the name of religion, the Congress focuses on public service and development. Highlight-

ing the achievements of the Telangana government, he claimed that around 80,000 jobs had been provided under the Congress administration and accused the Centre of failing to fulfill commitments made during the bifurcation of the state.

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha stated that the SIR process in Telangana would be conducted in a transparent and fair manner. Food Corporation Chairman M.A. Faheem provided detailed guidance to BLAs regarding the re-

vision process and called upon them to play an active role in ensuring the accuracy of electoral rolls.

Among those present were TPCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy, TGIC Chairperson Nirmala Jagga Reddy, Narayankhed MLA Sanjeeva Reddy, Sangareddy Municipal Chairman Kuna Vanita Santosh, Vice-Chairman Hafeez Shaik Shafi, State Congress General Secretaries Topaji Ananth Kishan and Gali Anil Kumar, along with a large number of BLAs, party leaders, and workers.

MLA, District Collectors, Kuda Chairman inspect flood-affected area

Warangal Mandal : Warangal West MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy visited the Potana Nagar Cheruvu ayacut area in Greater Warangal city, which is vulnerable to flood during the monsoon season, on Tuesday and inspected the situation. Along with MLA Nayini, Kuda Chairman Inagala Venkatram Reddy, Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai, Warangal District Collector Satyasharadha, former Mayor Gundu Sudharani Kuda and GWMC officials jointly participated.



On this occasion, The MLA conducted a review with local officials on the flood problems that arise during the monsoon season in the areas surrounding Potana Nagar Cheruvu. The flood-affected areas were inspected at the field level and houses in the affected areas were visited.

MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy advised the concerned officials to take preventive measures so that the people do not face any difficulties. He directed that the factors that hinder the flow of water in the pond ayacut area should be identified and necessary preventive measures should be implemented immediately. The MLA said that the government and local bodies will work in coordination to prevent people from suffering due to floods during the rainy season. Officials should be alert and constantly monitor the situation, he said.

Repair Works in Government Junior Colleges Must Be Completed Expeditiously – District Collector Ankit

Bhadradi Kothagudem District Correspondent: District Collector Ankit has directed officials to expedite the repair and infrastructure development works being undertaken in Government Junior Colleges across the district. He issued these instructions during a review meeting held on Tuesday at the IDOC Conference Hall with Junior College Principals and Engineering Department officials to assess the progress of ongoing works.

The Collector reviewed college-wise progress of electrification, toilet repairs, construction of new classrooms, building renovations, and other infrastructure development works being carried out through Amma Adarsha Committees in 14 Government Junior Colleges across the district at an estimated cost of ₹3.31 crore. He instructed the concerned officials to identify pending works and ensure their completion within the stipulated timeframe.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Ankit emphasized the need to provide students with a better educational environment by ensuring that all essential facilities are available in colleges. He directed officials to maintain quality standards while completing the repair works at a faster pace.



Later, the Collector reviewed student admissions, Intermediate examination results, and pass percentages of the colleges. He instructed Principals to formulate and implement special action plans to further improve pass percentages. He also directed officials to take special measures to increase student enrolment in Government Junior Colleges and create awareness among students and parents about the facilities and opportunities available in government educational institutions.

District Intermediate Education Officer Venkateswarlu, Panchayat Raj Executive Engineer Srinivas, Principals of Government Junior Colleges, and officials from concerned departments participated in the meeting.

IT Hyderabad-Incubated PuREEnergy Draws Global Attention at Bharat Innovates 2026 in France

Nice (France)/SANGAREDDY, Correspondent :

IIT Hyderabad-incubated clean energy technology company PuREEnergy emerged as one of the standout Indian innovators at Bharat Innovates 2026 in Nice, France, attracting strong interest from global industry leaders, policymakers and investors for its indigenous sustainable energy storage solutions.

A key highlight of the event was the visit of Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal to the PuREEnergy pavilion. During his interaction with the company's Founder, Dr. Nishanth Dongari, the Minister expressed keen interest in the company's flagship PuREPower All-In-One Energy Storage Platform and its potential role in advancing India's clean energy transition and energy independence.

The discussions focused on the platform's ability to serve as a clean and silent alternative to diesel generators, replace conventional inverter and lead-acid battery systems, and accelerate solar energy adoption through advanced energy intelligence integrated with hybrid solar functionality.

Recognizing the importance of indigenous energy storage technologies for India's future energy needs, Shri Piyush Goyal invited the company's leadership team for further discussions in New Delhi. He also encouraged PuREEnergy to expand its global presence, particularly in European and African markets, and facilitated introductions with major European conglomerates for potential collaborations.

Founded on research and innovation originating from IIT Hyderabad, PuREEnergy has grown into an emerging player in India's energy storage and battery technology sector. The company develops advanced Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), lithium-ion battery solutions, power electronics and integrated energy management platforms for residential, commercial and industrial applications.

At Bharat Innovates 2026, PuREEnergy showcased its latest PuREPower platform, highlighting



its ability to reduce dependence on diesel-based backup power systems and imported hybrid solar power conversion technologies. The innovation aligns closely with the national vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities.

Industry experts at the event emphasized the increasing importance of energy storage solutions as electricity becomes central to modern lifestyles, digital services, mobility and renewable energy adoption. PuREEnergy's solutions offer reliable backup power, intelligent energy management and seamless integration with renewable energy systems to meet evolving consumer needs.

Bharat Innovates 2026, organized as part of the India-France Year of Innovation, brought together leading Indian deep-tech startups, research institutions and technology companies to showcase innovations with global potential. PuREEnergy's strong presence and positive response at the event reflect the growing international recognition of India's clean energy innovation ecosystem.

Mega Blood Donation Camp Organized on the Occasion of Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju Patel's Birthday

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : A blood donation camp was organized on Tuesday under the auspices of the Congress Party in Kadem Mandal to mark the birthday of Khanapur MLA and DCC President Vedma Bojju Patel.

The program was held at the local Congress Party office under the leadership of Kadem Mandal Congress President Boddur Ganganna. On the occasion, several party workers, supporters, and well-wishers voluntarily donated blood, demonstrating their social responsibility.

District leaders, mandal leaders, Congress Party activists, supporters, and others participated in the event.

Later, MLA Vedma Bojju Patel attended the birthday celebrations organized by the Congress Party in Kadem. Sarpanches from various villages of Kadem Mandal felicitated the MLA with bouquets and shawls and extended their birthday greetings.



NPDCL CMD Karnati Varun Reddy, IAS, Visits Nirmal Circle

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Inspects Rain-Damaged Power Lines in the Field Directs Officials to Take Immediate Preventive Measures

Visits 33/11 KV Kadem Substation Orders Installation of Covered Conductors on 33 KV and 11 KV Lines Passing Through Forest Areas of Kadem and Pemb

Focus on Ensuring Quality, Uninterrupted Power Supply

Emphasizes Strict Implementation of Safety Standards

NPDCL CMD Karnati Varun Reddy visited Nirmal Circle on Tuesday and reviewed power infrastructure and restoration measures in areas affected by recent rains.

He first inspected rain-damaged power lines in Lingapur village under Kadem Section and Maskapur village under Khanapur Section. During the field visit, he reviewed the situation with officials and instructed them to take all necessary preventive measures to avoid power disruptions caused by tree branches falling on electricity lines during the monsoon season and adverse weather conditions.

Later, the CMD visited the 33/11 KV Kadem Substation and reviewed its performance, maintenance activities, and the quality of services being provided to consumers. He directed officials to ensure quality and uninterrupted power supply and to adopt proactive planning to minimize power interruptions.

Karnati Varun Reddy instructed officials to install covered conductors on 33 KV and 11 KV power lines passing through the forest areas of Kadem and Pemb. He explained that during the rainy season, falling tree branches in forest regions often damage power lines and cause outages. The installation of covered conductors would help prevent such interruptions and improve reliability.

He further stated that steps are being taken to provide alternative power supply arrangements for all 33 KV substations



in Kadem, Pemb, and Dasturabad. This would ensure uninterrupted electricity supply to consumers even when power lines are damaged due to heavy rains and strong winds.

The CMD also informed that a new 132 KV substation has been sanctioned for Tallapet and that the line from the Nirmal 220 KV Substation to Khanapur 132 KV Substation will be converted into a double-circuit line. This will strengthen power supply connectivity across the region.

During the visit, he held a special interaction with O&M staff regarding safety practices while working on power lines. He stressed the mandatory implementation of prescribed safety standards during maintenance and repair works and instructed employees to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other safety devices at all times.

Highlighting that employee safety is the organization's highest priority, the CMD urged staff to perform their duties with the spirit of "Safety First."

He also directed field staff to remain vigilant, strengthen the power distribution network, and resolve consumer grievances promptly.

The programme was attended by Nirmal Superintending Engineer Rathod Subhash, DE (Operations) D. Nagaraju, DE (MRT & Construction) Bhaskar, Tilak, ADE (Operations) Khanapur Srinivas, along with Assistant Engineers and other electricity department officials.

AI Knowledge Will Open Future Opportunities: Principal Madan Mohan

Nagar kurnool : As part of the newly introduced Artificial Intelligence (AI) Internship Programme by the Telangana Government, a two-day training programme was conducted at the Government Degree Science College.

Speaking on the occasion, Master Trainer N. Mohan Krishna encouraged students to enhance their awareness and understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI). He advised



them to share their knowledge with school students as well and help create awareness about emerging technologies.

College Principal Madan Mohan stated that students should make the best use of such training opportunities to gain advanced knowledge and achieve greater success in their future careers.

Programme Nodal Officer Anjaiah, faculty members Vanitha and Uma Devi, along with students, participated in the programme.

Key Cabinet Meet on Thursday to Discuss Metro Rail Loan Controversy, Rythu Bharosa Issues

Hyderabad: The Cabinet will meet on June 18 here with the row over the Hyderabad Metro Rail takeover and disbursement of Rythu Bharosa assistance to farmers expected to dominate the agenda. The meeting to be chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is expected to deliberate on the next course of action regarding the Metro takeover and explore alternative options for securing the required ₹13,600 crore from other financial institutions if the Indian Rail Finance Corporation ultimately declines to extend the loan to take over the first phase of the Metro Rail.

The government is also likely to discuss the implementation of Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II with its own resources, as the Centre is yet to approve the project as a joint venture with equal cost-sharing. Officials maintain that the takeover of Metro Phase-I cannot be completed unless the state government arranges payment of Rs 13,600 crore to L&T.

Apart from the Metro issue, ministers are expected to review the latest developments in the state and take decisions on a range of key subjects, including agriculture, irrigation projects, development programmes and implementation of various welfare schemes. Discussions are also likely on the proposed disbursement of Rythu Bharosa assistance for the ongoing kharif season and measures to ensure adequate availability of seeds and fertilisers to farmers following the onset of the monsoon.

The Cabinet meeting is also expected to consider election-related preparedness, with the GHMC, MPTC and ZPTC elections due in the coming months. Political and administrative developments in the State are also likely to come up for discussion.

The meeting will be conducted through an electronic format as part of the government's move towards



e-governance. Following directions from the Chief Minister, officials are making arrangements for "e-Cabinet" meetings as part of efforts to introduce a paperless administrative system across government departments.

Meanwhile, the government is reportedly planning to deposit nearly Rs 9,000 crore into farmers' bank accounts either on June 26 or by the end of the month under the Rythu Bharosa scheme.

During the previous kharif season, the government deposited Rs 8,744 crore into the accounts of 69.4 lakh farmers in nine days, while Rs 5,653 crore was released during the recent rabi season. In rabi, Rythu Bharosa was paid only for two acres to each farmer.

Sources said the government was considering organising a massive public meeting with farmers on June 26, where the Chief Minister may formally launch the latest round of Rythu Bharosa payments. The finance department is reportedly working on mobilising the required funds, and the government is also exploring the possibility of holding similar farmers' meetings at two locations in the state.

Mayor Uma Rani Undertakes Field Inspection in Nizamabad Divisions; Directs Officials to Resolve Civic Issues Promptly :

Nizamabad, June 16, 2026 : Nizamabad Mayor Kooragayala Uma Rani on Tuesday conducted a comprehensive tour across Divisions 58, 34, and 6 to personally assess civic issues and ensure better delivery of public services in the city. The visit was aimed at identifying local problems at the ground level and initiating immediate corrective measures for the benefit of residents.

During the inspection, the Mayor interacted with colony residents and gathered feedback regarding drinking water supply, underground drainage systems, sanitation maintenance, damaged roads, and other civic concerns affecting daily life. She carefully reviewed the problems raised by the public and instructed the concerned municipal officials to address them on priority.

Mayor Uma Rani stressed the need for maintaining proper sanitation and cleanliness in all colonies and directed sanitation staff to intensify regular cleaning operations. She also instructed engineering and municipal officials to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply and take immediate steps to repair damaged roads and overflowing drainage lines.

The Mayor stated that public grievances should not remain pending for long periods and warned officials against neg-



ligence in civic administration. She instructed them to respond quickly to complaints and complete development works within the stipulated timeframe.

Highlighting the municipal administration's commitment towards public welfare, the Mayor said that strengthening civic infrastructure and improving the quality of life for citizens remain the key goals of the city administration. She added that continuous field visits are being conducted to monitor the situation directly and ensure accountability among officials.

She further appealed to citizens to cooperate with municipal authorities in maintaining cleanliness and supporting developmental activities to make Nizamabad a cleaner, healthier, and more progressive city.

The inspection programme was attended by corporators of the respective divisions, AMC Nazeer, Inayath Kareem, sanitary inspectors, municipal staff, municipal jawans, local leaders, and residents of the concerned colonies.

Grand Felicitation to Prof. Dr. V. Neelima at Nagarkurnool District Hospital Ahead of Transfer to Niloufer Hospital

Nagar kurnool : Prof. Dr. V. Neelima, Head of the Department of Gynaecology at the Government General Hospital, Nagarkurnool, was felicitated by gynaecology doctors, nursing officers, and hospital staff on the occasion of her transfer to Niloufer Hospital, Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, colleagues and staff appreciated Dr. Neelima's dedicated contribution to strengthening maternal and child healthcare services in the district. They



praised her commitment to providing quality healthcare services to pregnant women and improving women's health outcomes.

During her tenure at the Government General Hospital, Dr. Neelima earned recognition for promoting normal deliveries and extending quality medical care to women across the region.

As a mark of respect and appreciation, the hospital team honoured her with a shawl and memento and conveyed their best wishes for continued success and service at the state level.

High Alert on Monsoon Diseases..! DMHO Issues Key Directives to Health Department

Visit Villages... Stay Accessible to the Public..!
Efforts Underway to Fill Vacancies in Hospitals Facing Staff Shortages

Palvancha Correspondent: District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. Tukaram Rathod has directed medical officers to remain on high alert and take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of monsoon-related diseases such as dengue, malaria, and viral fevers. He issued these instructions during a review meeting with Medical Officers and MLHPs organized by the District Medical and Health Department in Bhadradi Kothagudem district.

The DMHO emphasized that providing quality healthcare services to the public is the primary responsibility of medical staff. He instructed officials to ensure better healthcare services for pregnant women, identify high-risk pregnancies, and provide special monitoring. Measures should also be taken to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates while increasing the number of normal deliveries.

Keeping the monsoon season in view, Dr. Rathod directed officials to observe a "Dry Day" every Friday and undertake anti-larval operations to control mosquito breeding. He also called for special action plans to control dengue, malaria, tuberculosis, and leprosy.

The DMHO instructed officials to conduct large-scale screening programs for lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. Health camps should be organized in



schools, colleges, and hostels. He further stressed the successful implementation of HPV vaccination, Pulse Polio, and Stop Diarrhoea campaigns.

He also directed health officials to undertake extensive awareness campaigns and ensure that emergency medical services remain fully prepared at all health centers.

Dr. Rathod revealed that steps are being taken to fill vacancies in Primary Health Centres facing staff shortages. Counseling for 54 ANMs who were not allotted sub-centres during the previous general transfers will be conducted on June 18 at the Deputy DMHO Office in Kothagudem.

He urged Medical Officers to frequently visit villages under their jurisdiction, closely monitor health programs, and remain available to the public without negligence in their duties.

Deputy DMHOs Dr. Sridhar and Dr. Sai Kalyan, Program Officers, Medical Officers, MLHPs, and Union Leaders participated in the meeting.

Food Safety Department Cracks Down on Unhygienic Food Centres in Bodhan :

Bodhan, June 16, 2026 : In a major drive to ensure safe and hygienic food for the public, the Food Safety Department carried out extensive inspections at several fast food centres, hotels, and restaurants in Bodhan town on Tuesday. The surprise inspections exposed multiple violations of food safety and sanitation norms in various food establishments.

During the inspection, Food Safety Officers closely examined kitchen conditions, food preparation methods, storage facilities, and the quality of ingredients being used. Officials observed poor hygienic practices in certain outlets, while some establishments were found using synthetic food colours and tasting salt (MSG), which are prohibited or restricted under food safety guidelines when used improperly.



The inspection team also discovered leftover food items stored inside refrigerators without proper safety measures, raising serious concerns over the quality and freshness of food being served to customers. Officials warned that the consumption of stale or contaminated food could pose health risks to the public.

Authorities informed that Improvement Notices will be served to the concerned food business operators, directing them to rectify the identified shortcomings immediately. Officials further stated that strict action, including heavy penalties and legal proceedings under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, would be initiated against repeat offenders and those violating prescribed regulations.

The Food Safety Department urged all food business operators to maintain proper cleanliness, ensure safe handling and storage of food items, avoid the use of unauthorized additives, and strictly follow food safety and sanitation standards.

Officials reiterated that regular inspections will continue in the coming days to protect consumer health and to ensure that food establishments operate in accordance with government safety norms.

Desiltation process should be completed quickly Baldia Special Officer, District Collector Chahat Bajpai

Warangal Corporation : Baldia Special Officer, District Collector Chahat Bajpai has ordered the officials to complete the desiltation process quickly in Greater Warangal city.

On Tuesday, the Special Officer directly inspected the drains in Jawahar Colony, President School, Rajaji Nagar, and Nayeem Nagar areas within Hanamkonda limits and made several suggestions to the officials to complete them effectively.

On this occasion, the Collector, who asked the officials about the details of the drains that have been completed, said that even in areas where desiltation is pending at a small level, it should be completed immediately and in areas where it is needed, deep desiltation should be done.

CMHO Dr. Raja Reddy, E. E. Ravi Kumar, and others participated in this program.



Grand Celebrations of Bhatti Vikramarka's Birthday at Kasturba School



- Textbooks and Bedsheets Distributed to Students
- Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar Participates in the Celebrations
- Public Representatives Share a Community Lunch with Students
- Leaders Reaffirm Government's Commitment to Educational Development
- Special Measures Being Taken for the Welfare of Girl Students

Moinabad, June 15: The birthday celebrations of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka were held with great enthusiasm on Monday at Kasturba Gandhi Government Girls School in Nadeem Nagar village of Moinabad Mandal. The event was conducted in a festive atmosphere with the active

participation of students, teachers, public representatives, and government officials. The celebrations reflected the government's commitment to education, student welfare, and social responsibility.

Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar attended the programme as the chief guest. On the occasion, textbooks and bedsheets were distributed to the students to support their educational needs and well-being. Addressing the gathering, the leaders emphasized the importance of education in shaping the future of young students and encouraged them to pursue their goals with dedication and determination.

A community lunch programme organized as part of the celebrations became a major highlight of the event. Public representatives shared a meal with the students, creating a warm and friendly atmosphere. The students expressed their happiness while interacting with the leaders, making the occasion memorable for everyone present.

Speaking at the programme, the leaders stated that the Telangana Government is committed to strengthening the education sector by providing quality education and improved infrastructure in government schools. They also highlighted the implementation of special schemes aimed at promoting girls' education and ensuring equal opportunities for their growth and success.

The leaders further stated that the government is taking special measures to improve accommodation, safety, healthcare, and other essential facilities in Kasturba



schools. They reiterated that the overall development and welfare of students remain a top priority. The programme was attended by Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar, Government Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, MLA Kale Yadaiah, Chevella Congress In-charge Bheem Bharat, public representatives, officials, teachers, school staff, and a large number of students. The successful event transformed the school campus into a vibrant and celebratory venue.

Bheem Bharat Participates in Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka's Birthday Celebrations



- Grand Celebrations Held at Kasturba School in Nadeem Nagar
- Educational Materials Distributed to Students
- Public Representatives Share a Meal with Students
- Massive Participation by Congress Leaders
- Birthday Celebrated Through Service-Oriented Activities

Shankarpally, June 15: Grand celebrations marking the birthday of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka were held on Monday at Kasturba Government Girls School in Nadeem Nagar village of Moinabad Mandal. The programme was organized with a strong focus on social service and student welfare. Chevella Congress Party In-charge Bheem Bharat Pamena participated in the event and distributed educational materials to the students. He later shared a meal with the students and interacted with them to understand their educational needs and overall well-being.

The celebration stood out for its emphasis on community service rather than ceremonial activities alone. Educational materials were provided to support the academic development of students and encourage them to pursue their studies with confidence. Students and teachers expressed their appreciation for the initiative and welcomed the support extended to the school.

The programme was attended by Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar, Legislative Coun-

cil Government Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, Maheshwaram Congress Party In-charge and former MLA KLR, Ranga Reddy District Congress President Challa Narasimha Reddy, Mudiraj Corporation Chairman Gyaneshwar, State Official Spokesperson Gouri Satish, Moinabad Mandal President Maniah, and several other leaders.

Congress Party presidents from various mandals of the Chevella constituency, market committee chairpersons, municipal chairpersons, former ZPTCs, former MPPs, district and mandal-level leaders, sarpanches, MPTCs, councillors, members of market committee governing bodies, former public representatives, and representatives of affiliated organizations also attended the programme. Leaders praised Bhatti Vikramarka for his continuous efforts toward public welfare and social justice. They stated that celebrating his birthday through service activities conveys an inspiring message to society. The programme concluded in a vibrant and enthusiastic atmosphere.

Special Recognition for Podavu Srinivas at Bhatti's Birthday Celebrations



- Gopularam former Sarpanch Podavu Srinivas extended birthday greetings to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka.
- Bhatti personally greeted Srinivas by name among hundreds of leaders.
- Appreciated as a close associate of Kale Yadaiah.

Moinabad Correspondent: The birthday celebrations of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka were held grandly in Moinabad. On the occasion, Gopularam former Sarpanch Podavu Srinivas participated in the event and conveyed his birthday wishes to the Deputy Chief Minister. He presented a bouquet to Bhatti Vikramarka and wished him greater success in public service and continued contributions to the development of the state.

The celebrations witnessed the participation of Congress leaders, party workers, and public representatives from various parts of the state. Among the hundreds of leaders present, Bhatti Vikramarka specially recognized Podavu Srinivas and greeted him by name, which became one of the highlights of

the event. The warm gesture attracted the attention of leaders and party workers attending the celebrations.

According to party sources, Bhatti Vikramarka appreciated Podavu Srinivas as a dedicated Congress leader and a close associate of Kale Yadaiah. Several leaders observed that Bhatti's gesture once again demonstrated the Congress Party's commitment to recognizing grassroots leaders who work tirelessly for the strengthening of the organization.

Congress leaders expressed the view that such recognition would encourage party workers and local leaders who are committed to the party's growth. They stated that motivating leaders working at the village level would further strengthen the party and enhance its connection with the people.

Podavu Srinivas thanked Bhatti Vikramarka for recognizing and greeting him warmly during the celebrations. He stated that he would continue to work actively among the people and strive for the realization of the Congress Party's ideals. He also reaffirmed his commitment to taking party programs to the grassroots level and addressing public issues effectively.

Several public representatives, Congress leaders, and party workers attended the birthday celebrations in Moinabad and conveyed their greetings to Bhatti Vikramarka. However, the special recognition received by Podavu Srinivas became a major talking point among Congress circles and emerged as one of the key highlights of the event.

IBS Hyderabad Demonstrates Humanity Through Mega Blood Donation Camp

- World Blood Donor Day Observed with a Noble Initiative



Shankarpally, June 15: IBS Hyderabad organized a Mega Blood Donation Camp on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, demonstrating its commitment to social responsibility and humanitarian service. The event was held at the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education campus near Donthanpally village in Shankarpally Mandal.

The camp was conducted with the objective of addressing blood shortages and supporting patients in need of life-saving transfusions. Organized in collaboration with Niloufer Hospital and the Indian Development Foundation, the initiative received an overwhelming response from students, faculty members, and staff.

The program was coordinated by "Club Sankalp," the leadership and nation-building club of IBS Hyderabad, under the guidance of Prof. Madhavi Garikaparthy, Co-

ordinator of Student Activities. Participants enthusiastically came forward to donate blood, reflecting a strong commitment to community welfare and public service.

Medical teams from Niloufer Hospital ensured that the donation process was carried out safely and efficiently. Representatives of the Indian Development Foundation appreciated the efforts of the organizers and thanked the donors for their valuable contribution toward saving lives.

The event highlighted the importance of voluntary blood donation and reinforced the message that one unit of donated blood can help save multiple lives. Through this initiative, IBS Hyderabad once again proved that true leadership is demonstrated through compassion, responsibility, and meaningful action in service of society.



Radhamma's Death Anniversary Observed with Reverence

Kattangur, June 15: The 14th death anniversary of Godala Radhamma, a veteran participant in the Telangana Armed Peasant Struggle, was observed with great respect on Sunday at Vandanapally village in Kattangur Mandal.

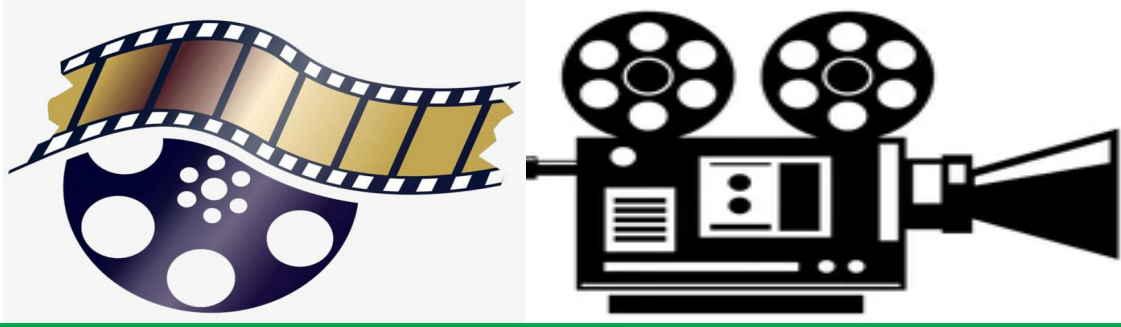
On the occasion, family members and villagers paid floral tributes to Radhamma by garlanding her portrait and remembering her contribution to the historic Telangana farmers' movement. They recalled her dedication, courage, and commitment to the welfare of the people. Following the tribute program, Radhamma's family members distributed fruits and sweets to the villagers as a mark of remembrance and respect.

The event was attended by Godala Krishna Reddy, Kumbham



Tarakamma, Kalooni Lakshamma, Godala Anji Reddy, Koppula Venkatamma, Sankati Narsimha, Gajji Narsamma, Ketaraju Yadaiah, Gajji Ramulu, Kumbham Pichchi Reddy, Gaddapati Yadaiah, Akkenapalli Pichchamma, Godala Uppal Reddy, Muppidi Parvathalu, Krishna Reddy, Bootham Lachchaiah, and several others.

The gathering highlighted Radhamma's role in the Telangana Armed Peasant Struggle and honored her legacy through a solemn commemorative program attended by family members, villagers, and well-wishers.



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Deewana Trailer Promises an Emotional One-Sided Love Story

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The trailer of Deewana has been released, and it gives a glimpse into an emotional love story filled with romance, pain, and determination. The film appears to focus on a young man who deeply loves a girl but struggles to win her heart. As the makers themselves say, every great love story starts as a one-sided love story, and Deewana seems to explore that idea in an honest way.

The trailer introduces a cheerful and innocent heroine who shares a good friendship with the hero. However, the hero's feelings go beyond friendship. He falls deeply in love and dreams of spending his life with her. While he remains sincere about his feelings, the journey is not easy for him.

As the trailer progresses, viewers get to see several emotional moments. The hero expe-



periences happiness when he is close to the girl but he also faces heartbreak and disappointment. Some scenes suggest that the heroine may not feel the same way about him creating a major conflict in the story.

Apart from romance, the trailer also hints at strong emotional drama and action. There are glimpses of fights, intense confrontations and situations that push the hero to his limits. These moments indicate that Deewana is not just a love story but also a tale of personal struggle.

The lead actor Harsith Reddy who was previously seen in Samantha's production venture Subham, looks confident in this role. He seems to have given an emotional performance that could connect well with young audiences. The heroine also leaves a positive impression with her screen presence.

The film is set for a worldwide theatrical release on June 19, and it has already generated curiosity among movie lovers.

I will watch Sing Geetham for the legend - Trivikram

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Legendary director Singeetham Srinivasa Rao is coming up with a novel and unique concept in his Sing Geetham, even at the age of 94. The movie is totally crafted as a musical fantasy adventure and it depicts the selfishness, innocence, all emotions flowing through songs.

Highly revered and popular writer-director Trivikram Srinivas gave a special video byte about the film. He said, "My respect for a path breaking filmmaker like Singeetham Srinivasa Rao is always high. I salute his passion and penchant to create a unique experience every time he directs a film."

He further continued to say, "I believe Legends need our respect and Sing Geetham is a legendary effort from a great craftsman. I am going to watch it for the legend and unique ex-



perience. What about you?" The movie is releasing on 12th June and Devi Sri Prasad has composed all songs with Nag Ashwin as producing it with International standard technical brilliance.

Raja The Raja Tujhpe Fida Single: Delicious Feast

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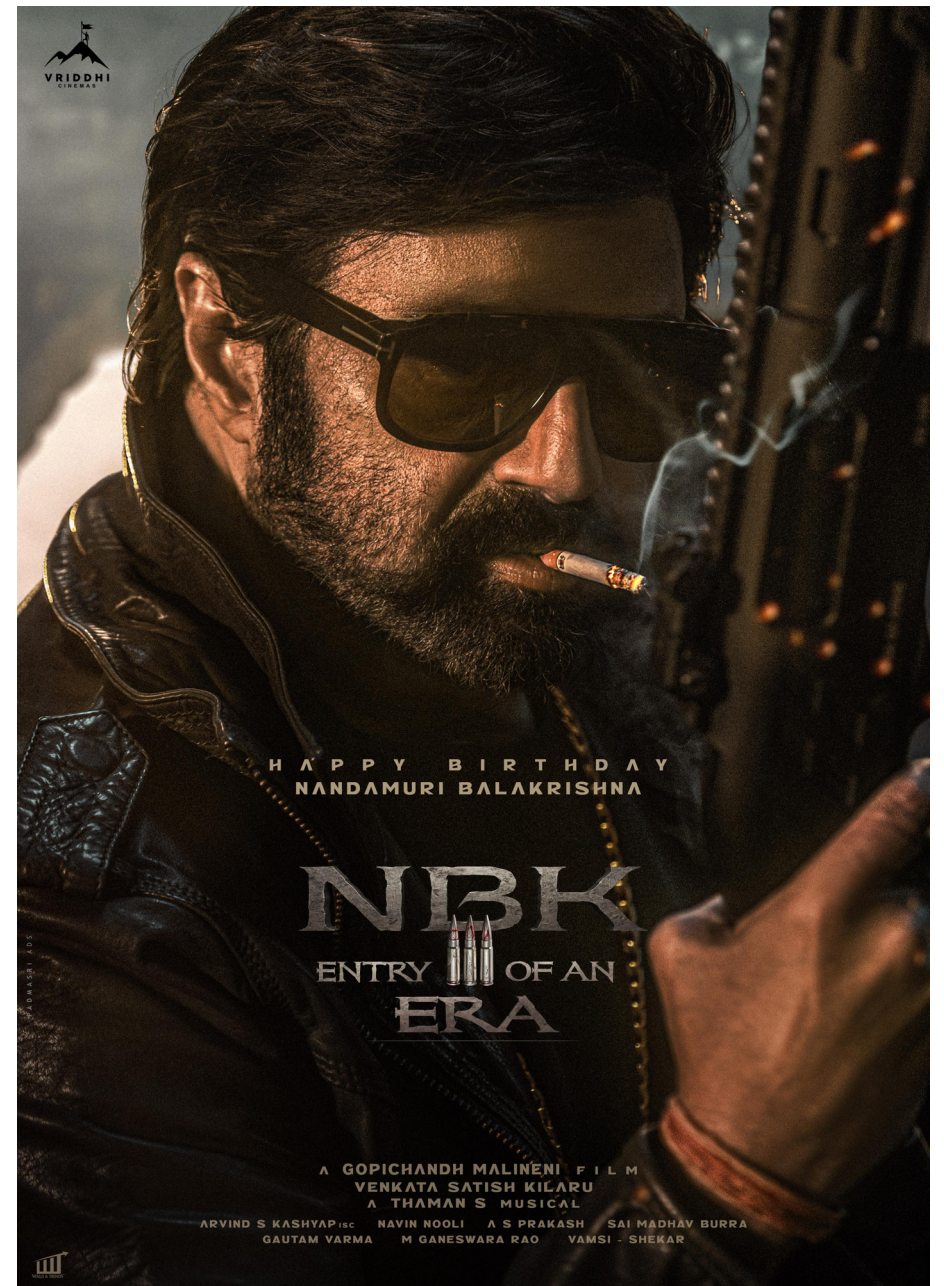
The makers have released first single, Tujhpe Fida and it is fantastic to hear. Mark K Robin has composed an addictive melody which becomes a delicious feast with Haricharan and Shakti Sree Gopalan vocals. Further the meaningful lyrics by Manoj Juloori make it an instant chartbuster.

Ruthvik and Visakha are perfectly cast together. Their chemistry is so fun to watch and youthful that it feels like watching a couple video. Ruthvik's dance moves, his ease and body language elevate the impact further. The single increases the intrigue to watch the film on big screens building good impression.



NBK111 Glimpse: NBK's Perfect B'Day Treat

Director Gopichand Malineni is presenting him at his swaggy and stylish best in their upcoming film, NBK111.



God of Masses Nandamuri Balakrishna has been giving huge blockbusters back to back. Director Gopichand Malineni is presenting him at his swaggy and stylish best in their upcoming film, NBK111. The film produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru is gearing up to rewrite box office history yet again.

The glimpse takes us to 1993 Bombay and we see NBK driving a bike in rain attacking the goons. His swag while lighting the cigar, carrying the chains and weights, driving a bulldozer against into the goons gang with ruthlessness and unabashed energy is sensational.

Makers have mentioned, "A lifetime of legacy. A never before seen attitude. A level of swag that refuses to age," on X and the glimpse represents it perfectly. We see NBK playing a character with swag and style that we have never seen him before and the action choreography is truly International.

Production values, tone and bloody energy in the visuals is addictive. BGM by S Thaman elevates the scenes and screen presence of Balakrishna to next level. This is a perfect birthday treat from the team and NBK to the audiences. The glimpse projects the ambitious action in the film to unprecedented heights.

Kiran Abbavaram's crazy project grand opening Tomorrow

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Kiran Abbavaram has been setting bar high for each and every film by choosing unique and novel scripts. Being a writer himself, his judgement has been spot on blending innovation with creativity. Now, he is taking a gigantic leap in his career as a director. Renowned overseas distributor Sudhakar Chaganti is debuting has producer with this massive project.

This upcoming youthful family entertainer is being produced on an unprecedented scale, making it the highest-budget film for Kiran so far. Kiran Abbavaram is taking on a full creative role as writer and director. The story is said to be one of the best in recent times. His past success writing the blockbuster SR Kalyanamandapam adds high expectations to this unique family drama.

The official launch ceremony for this prestigious Joy Films project is scheduled for tomorrow. The production team promises a top-tier cinematic experience with a stellar lineup of noted actors and highly reputed technical crew members across all departments. The makers will reveal further details about the complete cast and crew in the coming days as the film goes to the floors.

