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### Rozgar Scheme Created 70 Lakh Jobs



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) has generated over 70 lakh jobs across the country, as he released incentives worth Rs 2,400 crore to 15 lakh first-time employees and their employers through direct benefit transfer.

Addressing an event, Modi said the scheme supports employment generation while encouraging employers to create new jobs and strengthening social security for youth. "Through PM-VBRY, we are supporting the employment generation, empowering youth and building a stronger workforce for the future. The scheme is about empowering first-time employees and building a bridge between the youth and the industry. The aspirations, skills and potential of our youth shape the path to a Viksit Bharat," he said.

He said nearly 20 lakh young people have completed six months in their first job under the scheme, of whom around 10 lakh have received incentives. "More than Rs 2,000 crore has been transferred directly to their bank accounts and this amount is not just financial assistance, it is recognition of their hard work," he said.

The Prime Minister said coordinated efforts between the government, youth and industry would accelerate job creation. "And the world is preparing for the economy of the future, and India is preparing to lead the economy of the future. The world is moving towards future technology, and India is working to make its youth future-ready. This is the biggest opportunity for the youth of India, and we must take full advantage of this opportunity," he said.

He said the government was focused on ensuring opportunities for youth based on their skills and potential. "Those who have talent should get opportunities, those who have ideas should get a platform for innovation, and those who want to do something on their own should get full support," he said.

Highlighting sectoral growth, Modi said new opportunities had emerged across infrastructure, manufacturing, digital economy, space and start-ups. "Once upon a time, there were only about 500 start-ups in the country. Today, there are over 2-lakh registered start-ups, and you'll find them in every district of the country. These figures give confidence that India's youth will lead the world's growth, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the coming years," he said.

He added that new trade agreements with global partners were opening markets and generating employment opportunities. "In the past few months, important agreements have also been signed with several European countries. These agreements are also becoming a means of creating millions of new jobs in the country," he said.

### Modern Automated Grain Silos Being Planned: Uttam

HYDERABAD: The government is set to modernise paddy storage by establishing state-of-the-art grain silos at 20 locations across 10 major paddy-producing districts, irrigation and civil supplies minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy announced on Friday. The proposed silo



network will initially have a capacity of 50,000 tonnes, and will add to the existing procurement and storage infrastructure for paddy, he said at a meeting with representatives of leading grain storage and logistics companies.

The minister said the modern grain silos would strengthen post-harvest management, reduce storage losses and improve efficiency of grain movement across the state. Uttam Kumar Reddy directed the companies to submit detailed proposals identifying suitable locations, storage capacities and implementation strategies for the proposed network.

Uttam Kumar Reddy also sought to reassure self-help groups (SHGs) operating Indira Kranthi Patham (IKP) procurement centres and primary agricultural cooperative societies (PACS), which have played crucial roles in Telangana's paddy procurement, will continue to have a significant role in procurement and grain management activities.

The modern silo systems are automated — from intake and quality testing to storage and dispatch. The systems can help address the growing challenge of manpower shortages, particularly during the peak Rabi procurement season in April and May when extreme heat wave conditions often affect labour availability.

## Cabinet Panel Explores Sand Exports, Helicopter Tourism To Boost TG Revenues

Hyderabad: The Cabinet sub-committee on resource mobilisation on Friday directed officials to explore new avenues for enhancing revenues, including the possibility of exporting sand to neighbouring states and introducing weekend helicopter tourism services at major tourist destinations as well as regularisation of industrial land parcels.

Addressing officials, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, who chairs the committee that also comprises ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao, stressed that the government must focus on sectors capable of generating sustained revenue. He underscored the need to harness Telangana's tourism potential and directed officials to effectively utilise government land and properties situated in tourist destinations to create revenue streams for the state exchequer.

Bhatti noted that tourism



in Goa and Kerala had emerged as a major contributor to employment generation and economic growth. He instructed officials to develop Telangana's tourism sector on similar lines and adopt an aggressive approach towards promoting temple tourism, eco-tourism and health tourism.

Bhatti also suggested preparing plans for helicopter

tourism during weekends and called for the development of tourism projects in Srisailem and the backwaters of Nagarjunasagar. He observed that several tourism assets across the state remain underutilised and directed officials to develop them through the public-private partnership (PPP) model to generate wealth and improve infrastructure.

The committee reviewed revenue mobilisation opportunities through the regularisation of industrial land parcels under the industries department as part of the government's broader efforts to strengthen state finances.

The committee also reviewed desilting works underway at Lower Manair, Up-

per Manair, Medigadda and other locations. It took an in-principle decision to grant permissions to crusher units that comply with all statutory and legal requirements. During the discussions, the committee noted that Robo Sand was available at a lower cost than river sand. The panel advised officials to examine the feasibility of exporting sand to neighbouring states as an additional revenue-generating measure.

The panel also reviewed measures to improve revenue collections in the transport department. The committee discussed legal and policy issues relating to Bharat (BH) series vehicle registrations and noted a court ruling in favour of Kerala that upheld the state's authority in matters related to taxation of BH series vehicles. Bhatti directed officials to convene a meeting of Transport Ministers from southern states to deliberate on taxation issues concerning BH series registrations.

### Congress rule has become 'Mafia Raj': KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its promises and claimed public dissatisfaction was growing across Telangana. He urged party workers to strengthen grassroots activities and prepare for upcoming electoral contests in the State.

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised the Congress government for delivering a "Mafia Raj" in Telangana rather than the promised Praja Palana (people's governance) over the past two-and-a-half years. He stated that public dissatisfaction with the Congress had reached unprecedented levels and asserted that the BRS was poised for a political comeback whenever elections were held.

Addressing a meeting of party activists in Malkajgiri on Friday, Rama Rao called upon party workers to emerge as the heroes of the next electoral battle in the State. "People of Telangana, including those in Hyderabad and Malkajgiri, are once again looking towards the BRS. The party would regain ground in urban local bodies, including Malkajgiri and Cyberabad municipalities," he declared.

Contrasting the Congress government's performance with the decade-long BRS tenure under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, the BRS working president said the previous administration had simultaneously delivered development and welfare. He listed various initiatives of the BRS government, including uninterrupted power supply, Mission Bhagiratha, Mission Kakatiya, welfare pensions, Kalyana Lakshmi assistance and double-bedroom housing, among others.

He recalled power shortages and drinking water crises in Telangana before the formation of the State and said a complete transformation had taken place in the years that followed, with the BRS investing heavily in power and drinking water infrastructure to ensure round-the-clock supply across Telangana. Telangana Travel Guide

Targeting Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Rama Rao accused the Congress of securing power through impractical promises and failing to honour them on Rythu Bharosa farm assistance, pensions, women's welfare and other guarantees even after 30 months in office. Instead, he alleged that the Congress had pushed the State into an economic abyss.

"While the BRS borrowed to build long-term public assets, the Congress accumulated comparable debt without producing equivalent infrastructure or welfare outcomes," he said. He questioned how the



current borrowings had been utilised and accused the government of neglecting farmers, students and women.

The BRS working president said the first half of the Congress rule had proved to be an utter flop and that every citizen of Hyderabad was awaiting an opportunity to vote it out of power. "To cover up his shortcomings and the government's failures, Revanth Reddy is resorting to personal abuse against those who question him," he added.

He also sought to boost the morale of party workers, urging them not to be intimidated by the "rowdy politics" in Malkajgiri. Without naming anyone, he said some leaders were projecting themselves as strongmen and warned that BRS workers need not fear such tactics. He assured cadres of the party's support in the event of legal or political pressure.

The former Minister alleged that farmers were facing growing uncertainty over crop procurement and agricultural support. He pointed out that several welfare programmes introduced during the BRS regime had either been diluted or discontinued under the Congress.

Turning to BRS activities, Rama Rao urged party workers to remain vigilant during the upcoming Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, warning that eligible voters should not be removed. He directed booth-level agents to monitor the process closely and ensure the enrolment of new voters.

He also spoke about the party's digital membership drive, with a dedicated mobile application set to be rolled out shortly to facilitate large-scale enrolment. Workers were urged to conduct door-to-door campaigns and strengthen the party at the grassroots level. Assuring support to cadres facing legal or political pressure, he said the BRS leadership would stand firmly behind its workers and called for a united struggle against what he described as the Congress government's anti-people policies.

### Telangana to Survey Farm Land After 96 Years

Hyderabad: The state government will undertake a comprehensive re-survey of agricultural land across the state from July to resolve long-pending land disputes and create a dispute-free land administration system. The exercise would be taken up in phases. This will be the first such survey after the 1930s in the Nizam era. Telangana has 10,954 revenue villages and, in the first phase, the re-survey will be conducted in 2,240 villages selected from 32 districts, excluding Hyderabad, at the rate of 70 villages per district.

Announcing the decision after a teleconference with revenue officials on Friday, revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the government's objective was to provide clear boundaries for every inch of land, establish ownership for every survey number and ensure confidence among farmers.

The minister pointed out that in many parts of the state, land records dating back to the Nizam era of 1936 continued as the primary basis for ownership and boundary identification. Over the decades, land fragmentation, proliferation of subdivisions, rapid urbanisation and changes in administrative boundaries have created widespread confusion over original land limits. The re-survey exercise is intended to provide a permanent solution to these issues.

The government has decided to abandon traditional surveying methods involving chains, rods, cross-staffs and measuring tapes. Instead, the exercise will be carried out using advanced technologies such as Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS), Rovers, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and QGIS software. The minister said 411 Rover devices had already been procured and another 400 would be purchased shortly to strengthen the survey infrastructure.

Under the new system, every survey number will be assigned a Bhudhaar number, and every land parcel will receive a Bhudhaar card, similar to the Aadhaar identification system. Information collected through DGPS technology will be integrated into QGIS software and uploaded to the Bhu Bharati portal.

The minister noted that while Telangana had around 40 lakh survey numbers in 1948, the number has now increased to 2.29 crore due to successive land divisions. A comprehensive action plan has been prepared to allot Bhudhaar numbers to all survey numbers in a phased manner.

Meanwhile, inspector-general of stamps and registration, Rajiv Gandhi Hanumanthu, announced that the department's website and related online services would remain unavailable from June 26 to 28 due to scheduled server maintenance works. He said the upgrade, being undertaken after nearly five years, was necessary to improve system performance, strengthen security standards and enhance service quality.

Since June 26 is a holiday for Muharram and June 28 falls on a Sunday, registration services would be disrupted on only one working day, June 27. All services will resume normally from June 29, and people have been advised to plan their registration-related activities accordingly.



## Lokesh Projects AP As Investment Hub, Meets 17 Industry Leaders in Kolkata



Vijayawada: Education Minister Nara Lokesh mounted an aggressive investment outreach campaign in Kolkata on Friday, holding meetings with 17 leading industrialists and corporate heads and urging them to partner in the state's industrial transformation. Participating in the plenary session of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Lokesh showcased Andhra Pradesh as one of the most investor-friendly destinations. The minister met 13 major industrialists and business leaders individually, followed by interactions with representatives of several other companies, pitching opportunities across steel, clean energy, electronics, chemicals, agriculture and hospitality sectors.

Among those he met were Visa Steel vice-chairman Vishal Agarwal, Emami group director Aditya Agarwal, Shree Cement vice-chairman Prashant Bangur, ITC chairman Sanjiv Puri, Vikram Solar chairman Gyanesh Chaudhary, CEO Arun Mittal, Himadri Speciality Chemicals

CMD Anurag Choudhary and executives of Shyam Metaliks, Super Smelters and Rashmi Metaliks. Nara Lokesh highlighted the state's strengths, like its long coastline, world-class ports, improving logistics network, industrial corridors, availability of land and power and investor-friendly policies. Andhra Pradesh, he said, is strategically implementing reforms to attract investments, create employment and emerge as a leading manufacturing and industrial hub.

The minister said work on the integrated steel plant being established by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel near Anakapalli had commenced, positioning the state as a major steel production centre. He invited metal and steel companies to establish EV-grade aluminium manufacturing units, integrated steel plants and ductile iron pipe facilities in AP. In discussions with ITC, Lokesh sought investments in crop value-chain clusters, climate-resilient agriculture, agro-forestry and model village initiatives. He noted that nearly

220 national and international companies had signed agreements to establish industries in Visakhapatnam and begun implementation.

The minister also pitched Andhra Pradesh's ambitious renewable energy programme, which targets 78.5gw of capacity over the next five years, with investments worth `10 lakh crore and creation of 7.5 lakh jobs. He urged Vikram Solar to establish an integrated solar hub in Rayalaseema and expand energy storage operations. To strengthen the state's electric mobility ecosystem, Lokesh invited Himadri Speciality Chemicals to set up a silicon-carbon anode unit and advanced materials research facility in Andhra Pradesh. Industrialists who attended the meetings appreciated the state's proactive industrial policies and assured the minister that they would examine the investment proposals placed before them. Later, Lokesh visited the famous Kali temple in Kolkata and offered special prayers for AP's progress and prosperity.

# CM Naidu Promoting Waste-to-Energy Projects

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday directed officials to speed up sanitation and waste-management initiatives under the Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra programme, stressing that pollution control, cleanliness and the transition towards a circular economy are important.

Reviewing various projects and works under the programme, the chief minister said the government accorded top priority to reducing pollution and improving public hygiene since assuming office. The Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra programme is being conducted on the third Saturday of every month to create awareness on cleanliness and environmental responsibility, he noted.

Naidu said the government is focusing on Net Zero and Circular Economy concepts and is implementing them in government offices, hostels, schools and



Anganwadi centres. As part of the initiative, induction stoves are being supplied to Anganwadi centres to reduce both pollution and fuel costs.

He said 11,400 induction stoves had been distributed in urban areas during the first phase and directed the officials to complete the distribution to the remaining 44,346 Anganwadi centres by the month-end. The use of induction stoves would help each centre save around `247 per month, he said.

The CM advised officials to expedite the establishment of Waste-to-Energy plants. He reviewed the performance

of the existing plants in Visakhapatnam and Guntur. Officials informed him that foundation stones for new facilities in Kadapa and Kurnool districts would be laid on Saturday, while projects in Tirupati, Nellore, Kakinada and Vijayawada are at various stages of implementation.

Naidu directed the officials to ensure the timely deployment of e-autos, compactors and mechanised sweeping machines in urban areas. He asked them to make e-autos available by the end of next month and complete the rollout of compactors and sweeping machines by October-

end.

He also called for the promotion of rooftop gardens, efficient management of Gobardhan plants and plastic-waste processing units, and faster clearance of legacy waste. Officials informed the meeting that work on 33 sewage treatment plants had commenced and another 148 STPs were planned.

The CM directed that the facilities be commissioned between August and October and asked officials to complete Magic Drain projects on schedule.

## Minister Satya Kumar Inaugurates New State Drug Testing Lab in Vijayawada

Vijayawada: Health minister Satya Kumar inaugurated a newly established state drug testing laboratory as well as the head office building of the Drugs Control Administration (DCA) in Vijayawada on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, the minister



said efforts of the NDA government in the last two years in the state have helped improve collection of drug samples from the medical shops and pharmaceutical companies. He pointed out that this helps curb release of any drugs that are not of standard quality.

Satya Kumar charged that during the previous YSR Congress regime, only 4,000 samples of drugs used to be tested for quality. With the inauguration of the new lab in Vijayawada, they will be able to test 13,000 samples of drugs per annum. He maintained that there is the need for filling up of posts. He assured that efforts will be made to take up recruitment after holding talks with the Finance department.

The minister congratulated the DCA for enhancing their vigil on drugs of sub-standard quality in the market. He pointed out that the vigil has resulted in a decrease in presence of not-of-standard-quality drugs to 1.02 per cent from 2.13 per cent earlier. Satya Kumar disclosed that the Drugs Control Administration would be linked with the Institute of Preventive Medicine to help identify drugs not of standard quality and initiate necessary action to curb their supply. Principal secretary (Health) Suresh Kumar called for enhanced collection of samples of prominent drugs used by the people in the state. At the same time, he advised authorities not to trouble stakeholders unnecessarily. He advocated transparency in DCA functioning through digitalisation.

## CM Planning to Modernise Canals Within Godavari Delta: Atchannaaidu



Kakinada: Agriculture minister K. Atchannaaidu disclosed on Friday that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is planning to modernise the canals in Godavari delta. Works in this regard will begin soon, he stated, participating as the chief guest at a function organised in Amalapuram to celebrate the two years of NDA alliance government's successful governance.

Achhennaaidu asserted that the people are fully satisfied with the alliance government because of its welfare schemes, development projects, and protection of women's rights. He said build-

ing on this trust, the state government will be working for the all-round development of AP during the coming three years.

The senior minister said `24 lakhs crore have been spent during the past 24 years for welfare of the state. He maintained that people's appreciation is the greatest asset, which the coalition government has been getting from the people. He said that the double engine government is bringing light into the lives of people.

Achhennaaidu asserted that the vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the hard work put in by Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan are bringing happiness among the poor with the blessings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Those who participated in the celebrations included Labour minister Vasamsetty Subhash, government whip Datla Subba Raju, and Amalapuram MLA Ayithabathula Ananda Rao.

## AP CM PROMISES HIGH-LEVEL PROBE INTO 'CUSTODIAL MURDER' OF SAI KRISHNA



Vijayawada: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has promised to take up a high-level impartial inquiry into the allegation that a youth, Gade Sai Krishna, was murdered by custodial torture. Sai Krishna's mother Vijayalakshmi and other family members met the chief minister at his camp office at Undavalli on Friday and sought an inquiry. The CM promised a comprehensive inquiry and said the culprits would be taken to task. He inquired with Vijayalakshmi the circumstances leading to the missing of Sai Krishna and told her that the main accused, Krishnalanka CI Nagaraju, was placed under suspension. Later, Sai Krishna's maternal uncle Mullapudi Navaranga told the media that the CM understood the pain of a mother losing her son and gave an assurance to punish the accused cops. "We hope that, with the intervention of the CM and deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, we would get justice."

## Congress govt eyes revenue growth through tourism, sand exports

The Congress government in Telangana is looking at new revenue streams including tourism expansion under the PPP model, sand exports, improved registrations and transport collections. At a Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to prioritise resource-based revenue generation, with plans ranging from temple tourism to BH Series vehicle tax reforms. **Telangana Property Listings**

Hyderabad: To boost its revenue, the Congress government has decided to explore new avenues focusing on tourism development on public-private partnership (PPP) model, sand exports, improve registrations and transport-related collections.

At the Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting held at the Dr BR Ambedkar State Secretariat, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stressed the need to maximise returns from the State's resources and directed officials to prioritise revenue-generating sectors.

The committee reviewed plans to expand tourism through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, with a special focus on temple, eco and health tourism. Officials were asked to prepare a comprehensive tourism development plan, including proposals for weekend helicopter tourism and projects in the backwaters of Srisailem and Nagarjuna Sagar.

The panel also reviewed desilting activities at reservoirs including Lower Manair, Upper Manair and Medigadda. It decided in principle to permit crusher units that comply with prescribed regulations for robo sand. Officials were also directed to study the feasibility of exporting sand to neighbouring States.

In the registrations sector, the committee noted an increase in registrations following the revision of slab-based land values.

The meeting also reviewed measures to improve Transport department revenues. The committee discussed legal and policy issues relating to Bharat (BH) Series vehicle registrations and taxes. Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to convene a meeting of Transport Ministers from southern States on the issue.

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## Let Us Protect Future Generations from Sickle Cell Disease

Massive Awareness Programme Held on World Sickle Cell Anemia Day



Sujathanagar Correspondent | June 19: As part of efforts to eradicate Sickle Cell Disease, the Health Department of Bhadradi Kothagudem district has been conducting extensive awareness programmes. On the occasion of World Sickle Cell Anemia Day, a special awareness camp and screening programme was organized on Friday at the Sulanagar Primary Health Centre.

Speaking on the occasion, District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. Tukaram Rathod called upon the public to undergo screening tests and take preventive measures to ensure that future generations remain free from Sickle Cell Disease. He explained the importance of aware-

ness, early detection, screening tests, and modern genetic testing methods available for identifying the disease.

Programme Officer (SCD) Dr. K. Dinesh, along with Manasthya Foundation members Dr. Giriraj Chandak, Mrs. Manisha, and Mrs. Punyashree, participated in the programme and educated people about preventive measures against Sickle Cell Disease. A video presentation demonstrating the screening process was also shown to create awareness among the public.

Officials urged people to voluntarily undergo screening tests and support the Government of India and the Government of Telangana in achieving the ambitious goal of eliminating Sickle Cell Disease by 2047.

As part of the district's Sickle Cell Eradication Programme, POC tests have been conducted for 2,80,700 individuals so far, identifying 3,450 carriers and 687 persons affected by Sickle Cell Disease. In addition, HPLC tests were conducted for 6,341 individuals, confirming 1,900 carriers and 135 Sickle Cell Disease patients.

Dr. Venkatesh, medical staff, ASHA workers, and Sulanagar PHC staff also participated in the programme.

## Adequate Facilities Must Be Provided in Hostels Without Causing Any Inconvenience to Students:

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to ensure that all necessary facilities are provided in government hostels so that students do not face any inconvenience. On Thursday night, the Collector paid a surprise visit to the Ram Nagar Girls Ashram Hostel in the town. During the inspection, he interacted with officials and enquired about the total number of students in the hostel, the attendance up to date, and the facilities being provided to them.

The Collector instructed that students should be served quality food as per the prescribed menu every day and at all meal times.

Later, while interacting with the students, he tested their academic abilities by asking questions from various subjects. He encouraged every student to study hard and advised them to clarify any doubts in their subjects by consulting the concerned teachers.



## Axis Max Life Achieves Highest-Ever Claims Paid Ratio of 99.8%\* in FY26

Trichy, June 19, 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 ₹1641 Cr. in FY 2025–26, achieving its highest-ever individual death claims paid ratio of 99.8%. This marks a consistent rise from 99.34% in FY21-22, reinforcing 99.8% 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%1 99.51%2 99.65%3 99.7%4 99.8%\*

Sumit Madan, Managing Director and CEO, Axis Max Life said, "At Axis Max Life, we are pairing predic-

tive analytics and digital forensics to process claims faster, driving our highest-ever individual death claims paid ratio of 99.8% 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\*\*.

## Traffic Police Station, Bharosa Centre Proposed in Nagarkurnool

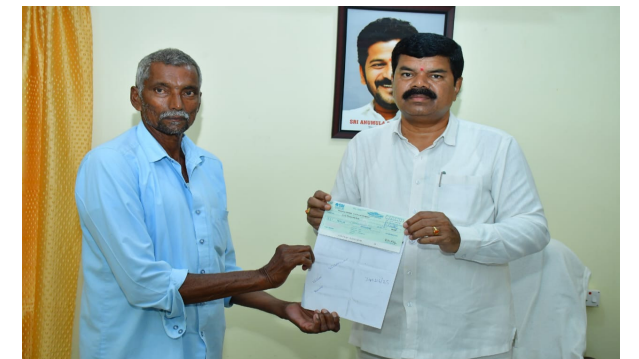


Nagarkurnool : District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil and SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil inspected government land near Kollapur Crossroads in Nagarkurnool town for the proposed construction of a dedicated Traffic Police Station and Bharosa Centre.

The initiative aims to strengthen traffic management and expand safety and support services for women and children. Officials reviewed land suitability, connectivity, and accessibility and directed revenue authorities to submit land details and prepare proposals.

The proposed Bharosa Centre will provide integrated services including counselling, legal aid, medical support, and police assistance, while the Traffic Police Station is expected to improve traffic regulation and road safety in the growing district headquarters.

## MLA Payam Venkateswarlu Hands Over CMRF Cheque to Beneficiary



Manuguru Correspondent | June 19: Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu on Friday handed over a Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheque worth ₹60,000 to Battini Rama Rao of Burgampahad Mandal in Bhadradi Kothagudem district. The financial assistance was sanctioned to support his medical treatment. The cheque was presented at the MLA Camp Office in Manuguru. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu said that the State Government is extending financial support through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to help poor and middle-class families meet medical expenses during difficult times. He urged all eligible beneficiaries to make use of the welfare schemes introduced by the government.

The MLA stated that public welfare remains the government's primary objective and emphasized that standing by families during times of distress is a key responsibility of the administration.

Beneficiary Battini Rama Rao and his family members expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister and MLA Payam Venkateswarlu for providing timely financial assistance.

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**BIG CHALLENGES REMAIN IN REGULATING COUGH SYRUPS**

India may take pride in earning the tag of the 'pharmacy of the world', but along with it comes the responsibility of ensuring the strictest standards for products that can make the difference between life and death. A series of tragedies in the recent past, involving the deaths of children due to the consumption of adulterated cough syrup manufactured by Indian pharma companies, seriously damaged the country's reputation as a global pharma hub. The Centre's latest decision to end the over-the-counter sale of cough syrups and other syrup-based medicines is a welcome step, but the bigger challenge is ensuring foolproof quality standards. As per the notification issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, a doctor's prescription is mandatory to buy cough syrups or any syrup-based medication. While the move is ostensibly meant to strengthen regulatory oversight of syrup formulations and to align the exemption framework with contemporary public health and safety requirements, it is only a very small step in a series of reforms that are urgently needed in the drug regulatory system. While many consumers have long treated such cough syrups as harmless remedies for seasonal ailments, more serious systemic lapses were exposed when the deaths of children were attributed to the cough syrups manufactured in the country. Indian-made cough syrups were linked to mass child deaths in Gambia, Cameroon and Uzbekistan. Back home, similar tragedies were reported in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. These incidents have exposed serious lapses in drug safety.

The reports of fatalities linked to sub-standard medicines have repeatedly raised questions about quality control, testing and oversight. A plethora of problems plagues the pharma sector. Manufacturing units operate in unregulated conditions. Apart from rampant corruption, there is chronic understaffing and inconsistent inspections. Licences cancelled after a major incident are quietly reversed once public attention fades. There is no system for doctors to flag clusters of poisoning symptoms, and there is no effective drug recall mechanism. So, contaminated batches remain in circulation and cause deaths again. Despite rules that mandate every batch of raw material and final product be tested, and records maintained, there is no documentation of a chain-of-custody of inputs. Experience shows that tighter rules alone will not guarantee safer outcomes. India has no shortage of regulations governing the sale of medicines, yet prescription drugs often remain easily available without proper scrutiny. The real challenge lies in enforcement. Unless pharmacies are regularly inspected and violations attract meaningful penalties, the latest notification risks becoming another well-intentioned rule with limited impact on the ground. Stronger audits, criminal liability for negligence and swift justice are essential. Without them, every adulteration tragedy chips away at public trust — the most vital ingredient in any medicine. Though the Union government has been insisting on stricter adherence to revised manufacturing practices and periodic inspections, enforcement remains patchy. State regulators lack manpower, and penalties are rarely effective.

**Congress shifts into attack mode as Opposition mounts questions over governance failures**

The Telangana Cabinet meeting reportedly focused on framing key governance challenges through a political lens, with responsibility for several issues being linked to external agencies. Observers believe the approach aims to counter growing public dissatisfaction ahead of upcoming local body elections. *Telangana Travel Guide*



Hyderabad: The Telangana Cabinet meeting held on Thursday signalled a clear political strategy for the Congress government, that of shifting responsibility for major governance challenges onto the Centre or the Opposition, and converting every contentious issue into a political battle. According to sources familiar with the discussions, the meeting was notable not only because it was held without officials but also because several key issues were viewed through a political lens rather than an administrative one.

From paddy procurement and urea supply to the Tummidihatti project, Singareni and Hyderabad Metro funding, the recurring theme was that responsibility lay with the Union government, Maharashtra or external agencies. The Cabinet's decision to link paddy procurement to Central quotas has already drawn criticism from farmers and the Opposition, who fear the State is quietly distancing itself from its procurement obligations.

The approach came at a time when the government is facing increasing pressure over the implementation of election promises, delayed welfare commitments, financial constraints, and growing discontent among sections of farmers, employees, pensioners and unemployed youth.

The strategy did not emerge in a vacuum. A few weeks ago, a group of Congress MLAs approached Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka seeking funds for development works. The Deputy CM was said to have declined the requests, citing revenue shortfalls and mounting debt. The issue resurfaced at a Political Affairs Committee meeting at Gandhi Bhavan, attended by TPCC chief B Mahesh

Kumar Goud and some Ministers, where ground-level dissent and stalled promises were flagged as growing concerns.

"Party leaders are being questioned on pending promises and poor conditions in their constituencies. With the State's fiscal condition showing little improvement and no major support from the Centre, the government is left with few options," a senior Congress leader who attended the meeting told *Telangana Today*. *Telangana Travel Guide*

The strategy has a visible face. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's recent attack on Union Minister G Kishan Reddy over delays in Metro Rail loan support and fertiliser supply fits squarely within this framework. So does the pattern of the Chief Minister and some Ministers addressing massive public meetings even at routine events such as school inaugurations to publicise government initiatives and promises.

Ministers were also reportedly encouraged to aggressively launch counter-criticism at every available platform, with the emphasis firmly on messaging rather than corrective action.

Political observers viewed the approach as a calculated attempt to pre-empt anti-incumbency by trying to shift public discourse away from governance delivery and towards confrontation with opponents. With GHMC and local body elections expected in the coming months, keeping the BJP and BRS at the centre of political debate will serve the purpose and help the Congress shift the narrative.

The risk is evident. The Congress is navigating a State treasury under strain, a restless party cadre and a public increasingly impatient over unfulfilled election promises spanning welfare payments, pensions, fee reimbursement and jobs. Whether a strategy of publicise and politicise can sustain the government until the next Assembly election without credible delivery on the ground is the question that Thursday's Cabinet meeting, for all its political choreography, left firmly unanswered.

**Industrial Growth Must Benefit Poor, Middle Class: CM**


Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday asserted that the benefits of industrial growth must reach the poor and the middle class

Officials, he said, must create an inclusive industrial ecosystem that encourages not only large corporations but also entrepreneurs and ordinary citizens to establish businesses.

Chairing the 18th meeting of the state investment promotion board in Amaravati, the CM approved investment proposals from 50 companies involving a total outlay of Rs 30,515 crore. The projects are expected to generate 29,677 jobs across AP.

Emphasising that rapid industrialisation should translate into employment, entrepreneurship and economic opportunities for all sections of society, Naidu called for stronger support to startups through the state's innovation ecosystem, particularly the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub. He advised officials to facilitate venture capital funding and build a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The chief minister directed the education department to align academic curricula with emerging industrial requirements, including robotics, artificial intelligence and advanced technology courses, to ensure a future-ready workforce. He also stressed that only serious investors should be encouraged and that approved projects must be closely monitored for timely grounding and execution.

Highlighting ethanol as a strategic sector, Naidu said AP should emerge as a leader in biofuel production. Increased ethanol blending, he noted, would benefit farmers while reducing India's dependence on imported fuels. He called for consultations with oil companies and greater incentives for ethanol and biofuel industries.

On energy planning, the CM pointed to a 17 per cent rise in electricity demand this year and directed officials to prepare long-term projections for industrial, commercial and IT-sector consumption. He identified solar, wind, pumped-storage projects and battery energy storage systems as key pillars of the state's ambitious 160-gw green energy vision.

Special emphasis should be placed on lithium-ion battery manufacturing and EV fast-charging technologies, he said.

Naidu also underscored the importance of developing a strong semiconductor ecosystem, data centres and the proposed Amaravati Quantum Valley. He called for transparent, automated approval systems, simplified land allotments and the creation of technology parks, quantum computing infrastructure and research facilities.

He highlighted the strategic potential of Sri City, Tirupati and Anantapur as automobile manufacturing hubs, citing the presence of major companies such as Royal Enfield, Isuzu Motors, Hero MotoCorp and Kia. He also directed officials to expedite the proposed fifth-generation fighter jet manufacturing and testing facility at Puttaparthi and explore the development of an airstrip between Tadipatri and Anantapur.

Tourism development received significant attention, with Naidu calling for accelerated investment in hotels, beach resorts and spiritual tourism destinations. He proposed major tourism infrastructure projects in Gandikota, Polavaram, Anantapur, Kurnool, Horsley Hills and Suryalanka Beach, including a comprehensive master plan to transform Suryalanka into a premier beach tourism destination.

The chief minister stressed the need for integrated infrastructure in Amaravati, promotion of rare earth mineral industries, expansion of electronics manufacturing and the creation of affordable housing near industrial clusters. Andhra Pradesh, he felt, should aim to become a national hub for rare earth minerals and value-added industries.

Education minister Nara Lokesh said incentives and concessions should be extended only after projects become operational, ensuring sustainable revenue generation for the state. He announced plans to establish a centre of excellence for rare earth minerals research at Andhra University and advocated the development of a quantum technology ecosystem on the lines of successful international models.

**Tribals' Way of Life Shows Path to Peace in War-Torn World: Prez Murmu**


Bhopal: President Draupadi Murmu on Thursday said that tribals' way of life, guided by nature, holds the key to the peace and harmony in today's world, plagued by strife and war.

She also said that India should choose the path of spirituality, social equity and environmental protection to accomplish its mission to become a developed nation.

President Murmu was addressing a conference, titled, 'Empowerment of tribal society by spiritual awakening', organized by Brahma Kumaris in Betul in Madhya Pradesh.

She said that the life of indigenous people is tied to nature as they revere the earth, the sun, water and tree and hence, their lifestyle holds key to peace and harmony in the world currently embroiled in conflicts, strife and war.

"Today, the need for such values in the world afflicted by tension and war is greater than at any other period in history. The importance of such conferences and efforts, therefore, increases more", she noted.

Highlighting how the indigenous people revere nature even when they harm any of its creation, she said that the tribals gather firewood only after they dry and offer prayers before cutting a tree.

Highlighting another aspect of tribal life style, she said that the tribals value self-respect and never ask for anything and live peacefully without complaining about problems.

The tribal lifestyle is a way of spirituality, she said and added that the indigenous people have lived since the creation and their lifestyle is deeply rooted in spirituality.

"They know how to live with happiness, peace, joy and love. They shun violence. They were the same in ancient times and are the same even today", she said.

In an era of rampant materialism, the lives of indigenous people demonstrate simplicity, love and harmony, she added.

She is currently on a five-day visit to Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.

## Telangana To Introduce New Courses In Universities



Hyderabad: New courses in sectors such as aerospace, defence, maritime studies, fintech, climate governance, life sciences and food technology are set to be introduced across Telangana's state universities from the 2026-27 academic year following directions from Governor and Chancellor Shiv Pratap Shukla.

The decision emerged from a meeting between the Governor and Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) chairman Prof. V. Balakista Reddy at Raj Bhavan, where plans for introducing new academic programmes were reviewed.

During the meeting, Prof. Balakista Reddy briefed the Chancellor on courses developed by TGCHE to address emerging industry requirements and future employment opportunities. The programmes have been designed in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and global academic trends.

The Governor directed TGCHE to ensure the courses are implemented across all state universities from the coming academic year and stressed the need to prepare students for rapidly evolving sectors.

Shukla said Telangana should aim to become a model for other states in introducing innovative and future-oriented higher education programmes. He also called for stronger collaboration between universities, industry and research institutions to ensure that students gain relevant skills and exposure.

"The courses have been designed keeping future employment needs and national priorities in mind. Their effective implementation will help create a skilled workforce for emerging sectors," Prof. Balakista Reddy said after the meeting.

The Governor appreciated TGCHE's efforts to introduce programmes linked to growing fields and observed that such initiatives could improve employability and strengthen the state's higher education ecosystem.

Prof. Balakista Reddy assured the Chancellor that the council would take the necessary steps to ensure the smooth rollout of the programmes across universities and colleges. Officials said the initiative is intended to align higher education with changing industry demands and equip students with skills required in new and technology-driven sectors.

## Metro takeover moves ahead while TGSRTC merger remains pending in Telangana

The Telangana government's swift move to take over Hyderabad Metro Phase I has drawn comparisons with the pending merger of TGSRTC with the State government. While Metro expansion plans are progressing, RTC unions continue to await fulfilment of a key Congress election promise. **Telangana State Updates**

Hyderabad: The Congress government's urgency in taking over Hyderabad Metro Phase I is not reflected in its approach towards merging TGSRTC with the State government. The contrast has triggered speculation in various quarters.

Ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, the Congress had promised RTC unions that TGSRTC would be merged with the State government. More than two-and-a-half years later, the promise remains unfulfilled. In contrast, the government has moved swiftly on the Metro Phase I takeover. It has agreed to take over L&T's debt and refinance Rs 13,583.53 crore. It will also absorb equity worth Rs 1,461.47 crore. The total commitment is estimated at around Rs 15,000 crore.

Despite financial constraints, the government has taken this decision to facilitate Metro Phase II, which will cover 122.9 km at an estimated cost of Rs 38,595 crore. However, the same urgency has not been seen in the case of the RTC merger. RTC unions had demanded that the government announce the merger on June 2, Telangana Formation Day. Their demand was not accepted.

The unions had earlier staged protests and organised a strike in April to press for their demands. The TGSRTC Unions Joint Action Committee sought the merger of TGSRTC with the government, restoration of union elections, implementation of a 30 per cent pay revision for 2021 and 2025, and other demands.

A group of Ministers led by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka held day-long discussions with union leaders on April 25. Following the talks, the Deputy Chief Minister announced that the government had agreed to a 10 per cent fitment as part of the pay revision and had also agreed to the RTC merger.

However, Transport Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar later stated that the merger would be taken up only after elections to the recognised unions in the corporation. He said the process would be undertaken af-



ter consultations with the elected union representatives.

**Opposition charges**

Meanwhile, opposition parties have alleged that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is interested in the 280 acres of land allotted to the Hyderabad Metro project.

BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Chief Minister of attempting to gain control of the 280 acres of prime real estate linked to the Metro project. He also alleged that plans were being made to divert the land to the Chief Minister's close associates.

The RTC merger presents its own financial challenges. The integration of nearly 40,000 employees would require the alignment of RTC pay scales with those of government employees. This could increase the annual financial burden by nearly Rs 3,800 crore towards salaries, pensions and related expenses. The RTC also carries significant liabilities. These include Rs 2,685 crore in commercial loans, Rs 1,700 crore in provident fund dues, and pending retirement and gratuity benefits worth several crores.

On Thursday, hundreds of retired RTC employees staged a protest at Bus Bhavan. They demanded payment of long-pending salary arrears, leave encashment benefits and other dues that remain unpaid even after retirement.

## BRS Leader Jogu Ramanna Flags Irregularities in Adilabad Industrial Park Land

Adilabad: Former minister Jogu Ramanna on Friday alleged irregularities in the acquisition of land for a proposed industrial park in Adilabad. He claimed that some political leaders, including MLA Payal Shankar, had purchased land at lower prices in Bhoraj mandal and were planning to sell it to the state government at higher rates for the project. Ramanna said documents related to the identified land parcels would be released and added that a public interest litigation would be filed in the High Court seeking return of lands of the Cement Corporation of India to farmers from whom they were acquired for setting up the factory. He also said there was no clarity on the handling of lands belonging to the closed Adilabad unit of the corporation. The BRS leader said party working president K.T. Rama Rao would visit Boath on Saturday to console the family of a farmer who died by suicide and interact with farmers. Ramanna criticised the state government over procurement of crops such as paddy, jowar and maize, and alleged delays in payments to farmers.



## Centre Okays Gandhi Sarovar Project In Defence Lands

Hyderabad: In a major to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's ambitious Musi rejuvenation project, the Centre on Friday granted permission to the Telangana government to undertake works on 83.814 acres of defence land for the proposed Gandhi Sarovar Project at Babu Ghat, Langar Houz. The approval is expected to accelerate a key component of the state government's flagship Musi Riverfront Development Programme.

Expressing gratitude to defence minister Rajnath Singh and the Indian Army, the Chief Minister said the approval marked an important milestone in Telangana's vision for the rejuvenation of the Musi River and the transformation of its riverfront into a vibrant ecological, cultural and public asset.

According to an official order issued by the department of defence (lands), permission has been accorded for the use of 83.814 acres of defence land located in the Artillery Centre, Golconda, subject to specified terms and conditions.

The approval has been granted under the ministry of defence's Equal Value Infrastructure (EVI) policy. The land parcels are situated in Bandlaguda, Hyderguda and Quila Mohd Nagar villages spread across Gandipet, Rajendranagar and Golconda mandals. The total valuation of the land is estimated at ₹533.42 crore.

The approval came following an application submitted by the Musi River Development Corporation (MRDC) through the NOC portal, clearing a crucial requirement for execution of works on defence land. The order specifies that work-



ing permission has been granted in lieu of defence land through the creation of Equal Value Infrastructure accruable to the Local Military Authority (Army).

The approval follows sustained efforts by the state government. In September 2025, Revanth Reddy met defence minister Rajnath Singh in Delhi and sought the transfer of 98.2 acres of defence land in Hyderabad for the Gandhi Sarovar project.

The clearance will facilitate implementation of the Gandhi Sarovar Project, one of the most significant elements of the larger Musi Riverfront Development Programme. It will include a knowledge hub, meditation village, handloom promotion centre, entertainment hub, landscaped zones, ghats and a peace statue museum. The state government intends to transform the Babu Ghat area into a world-class tourist and cultural destination capable of attracting both domestic and international visitors.

Officials said the project would enhance the surroundings of the historic memorial site associated with Mahatma Gandhi while integrating it with the broader Musi redevelopment initiative.

## Police Stop BJP Team From Visiting Srirampur Mine

ADILABAD: Tension prevailed in Mancheril on Friday after police stopped BJP legislators led by floor leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy from visiting the Srirampur coal mine as part of the party's "Singareni Bharosa" programme.

Speaking to media persons, Maheshwar Reddy said BJP MLC Anji Reddy had sought permission for the visit but the team was denied entry at the site. He questioned the state government over the alleged handling of 40,000 lakh metric tonnes of coal by Singareni Collieries Company Limited and asked why BJP leaders were prevented from visiting the mine.



He alleged irregularities in the functioning of the company and claimed there was an "internal understanding" between the Congress and the BRS. He also criticised the introduction of a site visit certificate policy in SCCL.

Maheshwar Reddy alleged that the Congress government was indulging in irregularities and demanded a probe into the matter, suggesting either a House committee, a CBI inquiry or an all-party committee to examine the alleged corruption.

He further alleged irregularities in the Tadicherla coal mine and claimed financial losses to SCCL, including losses in power purchase and sale. He cited figures of alleged losses and referred to audit observations to support his claims.

Several BJP leaders, including MLAs and MLCs, were present during the attempted visit.

## KTR visits ex-MLA Balka Suman's family, extends solidarity

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday met the family of former MLA Balka Suman in Hyderabad, assuring them of the party's full support. Suman was arrested on May 30 over remarks against Singareni Collieries, which KTR termed politically motivated, accusing the Congress government of targeting opposition voices.

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday visited the residence of former MLA Balka Suman in Hyderabad and met his family members, assuring them of the party's full support.

He expressed solidarity with the family and told them not to worry as the party was standing by Suman and his family.

Suman was arrested on May 30, for alleged militant activity remarks against Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL).

During his visit, Rama Rao said the Congress government imprisoned Suman by filing illegal cases because he was fighting for public issues and questioning alleged corruption in Singareni. He termed Suman a strong opposition leader and said the



cases were politically motivated.

He accused the government of attempting to suppress opposition voices through cases and intimidation. Despite such actions, he said, BRS leaders would continue their fight and would not be deterred by what he called political vendetta. He also exuded confidence that the party continues to enjoy public support.

## Red Cross Strengthens Humanitarian Network Through Membership Drive



Nagar kurnool : A special membership registration programme of the Indian Red Cross Society was conducted at the Nagarkurnool Municipal Office. Municipal Chairman Teegala Sunendra Kumar and Vice Chairman Badam Ramesh enrolled as Red Cross members during the event. Municipal Commissioner Nagi Reddy and several councillors also participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Sunendra Kumar said that the Red Cross has been rendering remarkable humanitarian services across the country. He stated that Red Cross members play an important role during emergencies and humanitarian situations.

Red Cross Chairman Akuthota Saibabu announced that the incomplete Blood Bank project

in Nagarkurnool would be completed soon and made available for public use with collective support.

Vice Chairman Radhakrishna said that with the formation of the new managing committee, steps are being taken to reorganize various committees. Conveners for Youth Red Cross, Junior Red Cross, and Blood Camps Committees will be appointed shortly.

Organisers stated that the Red Cross membership registration campaign, currently being conducted across the state, has been receiving a positive response from the public.

## Senior Officials Conduct Inquiry into Maternal Death Incident in Gundala; Statements Recorded from Family Members and Village Elders



Gundala Correspondent | June 19: The death of tribal woman Kunja Vanaja, a resident of Shambhunigudem village in Gundala mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district, who was admitted to the Gundala Primary Health Centre for delivery, has become a topic of widespread discussion across the district.

Following the directions of the District Collector, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Tukaram Rathod and District Hospital Services Coordinator Dr. Ravibabu conducted a special inquiry into the incident on Friday.

As part of the investigation, the officials separately met village elders, tribal leaders, and the deceased woman's husband, Kunja Sanjeeva Rao, to gather detailed information about the circumstances surrounding the incident. They examined the medical services provided during delivery, the conduct of the medical staff, and whether any negligence had occurred.

The officials later questioned the staff at the Gundala Primary Health Centre and reviewed hospital records. They also interacted with local residents and collected comprehensive information regarding the events that led to the woman's death.

The officials stated that a detailed report would be submitted to the District Collector after the completion of the inquiry, and further action would be taken based on the findings of the report.

Meanwhile, local residents and tribal organization leaders have demanded that the truth behind the incident be brought to light and that strict action be taken against those found responsible.

## Distribution of Bank Cheques in Pembli Mandal: LMD



Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, bank cheques worth ₹20 lakh sanctioned through SBI were distributed to beneficiaries in Pembli Mandal by the Tahsildar, LDM Ram Gopal, and the SBI Branch Manager.

Speaking on the occasion, LDM Ram Gopal stated that citizens should make effective use of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme introduced by the Central Government to strengthen the rural economy and promote self-employment opportunities. He emphasized that every citizen should think innovatively and work towards achieving economic self-reliance. He further explained that availing bank loans and insurance facilities can help not only in business development but also in ensuring financial security for families. Bank officials, beneficiaries, and others participated in the programme.

## SIR-2026 Revision Process Must Be Conducted Meticulously, Sangareddy Collector Prateek Jain

SANGAREDDY Correspondent : June 19, 2026: District Collector Prateek Jain has directed officials to ensure the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of electoral rolls is carried out in a comprehensive, transparent and error-free manner.

The instructions were issued during a video conference chaired by Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sudarshan Reddy from Hyderabad on Friday. The CEO reviewed the progress of the Special Intensive Revision programme with district collectors and senior election officials across the state.

During the review, the Chief Electoral Officer instructed that training programmes for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Agents (BLAs)



be completed by June 24. As per the Election Commission of India's schedule, BLOs will begin door-to-door distribution of Enumeration Forms within their respective polling station jurisdictions from June 25.

He emphasized the need to strictly adhere to the Election Commission's timeline and effectively implement all activities leading up to the publi-

cation of the final electoral roll on October 1. The CEO also called for extensive awareness campaigns to educate voters about the SIR process.

Participating from the Sangareddy Collector's video conference hall, Collector Prateek Jain stated that all necessary arrangements had been completed in the district to conduct the revision exercise in

accordance with the Election Commission's guidelines and schedule.

He said special measures had been initiated to ensure the successful implementation of the programme and that training had been imparted at all levels. Meetings with representatives of political parties had already been conducted at the

Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) levels, while district-level consultations are planned within the next two days.

The Collector noted that training for Booth Level Officers has been completed and that they are being provided detailed guidance on their duties and responsibilities during the upcoming house-to-house survey. He reaffirmed the district administration's commitment to completing the SIR-2026 process smoothly within the stipulated timeframe.

Additional Collectors Sangeetha and Pandu, Revenue Divisional Officers and officials from the Election Department participated in the video conference

## Rahul Gandhi Birthday Celebrations Held Grandly in Manuguru; Congress Leaders Cut Cake and Celebrate



Manuguru Correspondent: The birthday celebrations of senior Indian National Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, were held grandly on Friday at the Congress Party office in Manuguru, Bhadradi Kothagudem district.

The event was organized as per the directions of Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu and witnessed the participation of a large number

of Congress leaders and party workers. On the occasion, a cake was cut, birthday wishes were extended to Rahul Gandhi, and sweets were distributed among the attendees amid a festive atmosphere.

Speaking at the event, Congress leaders praised Rahul Gandhi for his continuous efforts in protecting the rights of the people, safeguarding constitutional values, promoting social justice, creating employ-

ment opportunities for youth, and working for the welfare of farmers. They stated that he has earned nationwide recognition as a leader who consistently raises his voice on public issues and stands with the people.

The leaders also called upon party workers to take the ideals and vision of Rahul Gandhi and the Congress Party to every village and further strengthen the party at the grassroots level.

They emphasized that the Congress Party remains committed to the welfare and development of the people.

Among those who participated in the celebrations were Mandal Congress President Peerinaki Naveen, Town Congress President Bonagiri Shiva Saidulu, District General Secretary Polamuri Raju, Mahila Congress President Kurapati Soujanya, Minority Cell President Rahim Pasha, Sarpanches

Kalaboyina Madhava Rao and Jagidi Prasad, Deputy Sarpanch Gandla Suresh, ward members Manasa and Krishnaveni, along with several senior leaders and party activists.

Congress leaders and workers described Rahul Gandhi as a leader who is continuously fighting for the rights of the people and celebrated his birthday with great enthusiasm and unity.

## SIR Process Should Be Conducted Effectively

Special Revision Programme Must Be Successfully Implemented Through Comprehensive Booth-Level Monitoring – Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy

Bhadradi Kothagudem District Correspondent: State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sudarshan Reddy has directed officials to ensure the effective implementation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process across all districts. He reviewed the progress of the SIR programme through a video conference with District Collectors on Friday.

District Collector Ankith, Additional Collector Venugopal, and Bhadrachalam ITDA Project Officer Rahul participated in the video conference from the Video Conference Hall at the IDOC office.

Addressing the officials, CEO Sudarshan Reddy emphasized the need for efficient distribution and collection of Enumeration Forms, registration of eligible voters, and the smooth execution of all activities related to the SIR programme. He instructed officials to provide complete awareness and training to all Booth Level



Officers (BLOs) regarding the programme.

The Chief Electoral Officer reviewed district-wise measures taken for the implementation of the SIR process, meetings conducted with representatives of political parties, and the progress of field-level activities. He directed Collectors and senior officials to closely monitor the programme at the grassroots level to ensure the success of the special revision exercise.

Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Ankith stated that the SIR process is being conducted in the district strictly in accordance with the guidelines issued

by the Election Commission. He said that the distribution and collection of Enumeration Forms are being continuously monitored and necessary steps are being taken to ensure that every eligible voter is enrolled. He also assured that field-level monitoring of the programme would continue regularly.

Special Deputy Collector Ravinder Nath, Kothagudem RDO Madhu, Election Superintendent Ranga Prasad, Election Staff Member Naveen, and other concerned officials also participated in the video conference.

## FIFA WC: When and where to watch USA vs Australia, know all details

Co-hosts USA face Australia at the Seattle Stadium in a high-stakes FIFA World Cup 2026 match. With both teams winning their opening fixtures, a victory for either side on Saturday will secure a spot in the knockout rounds

Seattle: Co-hosts USA will continue their FIFA World Cup 2026 campaign by taking on Australia at Seattle Stadium in their second group-stage match on Saturday (IST).

This top-of-the-table battle pits together two sides who secured impressive wins in their opening matches. Co-hosts USA put four past Paraguay, while Australia downed a much-fancied Turkiye thanks to stunning goals by Nestory Irankunda and Connor Metcalfe. A win for either side here would book their spot in the knockout stage.

The USA head into the match with a talented squad featuring a blend of experienced internationals and emerging stars. Australia, meanwhile, will rely on their disciplined approach, physicality, and fighting spirit as they aim to secure a positive result against the tournament hosts.

**How to watch USA vs Australia live in India**

Live streaming and live telecast of the FIFA World Cup 2026 matches will be available on the Zee5 platform and app in India. A subscription will be needed.

Live telecast of the FIFA World Cup 2026 will be available on the Unite8 Sports 1, Unite8 Sports 1 HD, Unite8 Sports 2, and Unite8 Sports 2 HD TV channels in India.

### Key details

Date and kick-off time: Saturday, June 20, 12:30 AM IST

Venue: Seattle Stadium, Seattle

Referee: Felix Zwayer

Squads:

United States of America

Goalkeepers: Chris Brady, Matt Freese, Matt Turner



Defenders: Max Arfsten, Sergiño Dest, Alex Freeman, Mark McKenzie, Tim Ream, Chris Richards, Antonee Robinson, Miles Robinson, Joe Scally, Auston Trusty

Midfielders: Tyler Adams, Sebastian Berhalter, Weston McKennie, Gio Reyna, Cristian Roldan, Malik Tillman

Forwards: Brenden Aaronson, Folarin Balogun, Ricardo Pepi, Christian Pulisic, Tim Weah, Haji Wright, Alejandro Zendejas.

Australia

Goalkeepers: Ryan, Izzo, Beach

Defenders: Behich, Bos, Burgess, Circati, Degenek, Geria, Herrington, Italiano, Souttar, Trewin

Midfielders: Devlin, Hrustic, Irvine, Metcalfe, Okon-Englster, O'Neill

Forwards: Irankunda, Leckie, Mabil, Toure, Velupilly, Volpato, Yengi.

## MACAU OPEN: ASHMITA STORMS INTO SEMIFINALS, ANMOL OUT

Indian shuttler Ashmita Chaliha defeated South Korea's Kim Min Sun 21-16, 21-18 to storm into the Macau Open women's singles semifinals. However, compatriot Anmol Kharb exited the Super 300 tournament after a hard-fought three-game loss to China's Han Qian Xia



Macau: Indian shuttler Ashmita Chaliha continued her impressive comeback from injury, defeating Korea's Kim Min Sun in straight games to enter the women's singles semifinals, but compatriot Anmol Kharb bowed out after a quarterfinal defeat at the Macau Open Super 300 tournament here on Friday.

The 26-year-old from Assam, who returned to competition in May after a three-month injury layoff, took 37 minutes to see off world No.99 Kim 21-16 21-18 to continue her impressive run.

It is her first semifinal appearance in a BWF tour event this year. She had registered quarterfinal finishes at the China Masters Super 100 and Malaysia Masters super 500 events since returning to the court.

World No. 63 Ashmita, who had to undergo surgery and an extensive rehabilitation period

after suffering a medial meniscus tear in her right knee during the Korea Open, will now face Korea's Park Ga Eun for a place in the final.

In the other match, world No. 51 Anmol, however, failed to capitalise on a strong start, going down 21-14 15-21 13-21 to fourth seed Han Qian Xi, ranked 36th in the world, in a 60-minute clash.

Ashmita and Kim were locked in a close battle in the opening game, with the scores level at 14-14 before the Indian reeled off four consecutive points to seize control and eventually pocket the game.

The second game began on a worrying note for Ashmita as Kim raced to an 8-2 lead. However, the Indian gradually clawed her way back, narrowing the gap to 16-18 before winning five straight points to complete the victory.

## SPORTS



## India eyes 3-0 ODI sweep against Afghanistan

A dominant Indian cricket team aims for a 3-0 ODI series sweep against Afghanistan in Chennai. With the series already won, focus shifts to Yashasvi Jaiswal's form, KL Rahul's new batting role, and the return of Harshit Rana.

Chennai: Having already secured the ODI series, a dominant India will aim to secure a 3-0 result when they take on Afghanistan in the third and final ODI at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Saturday. With the series already clinched, India will be keen to see how certain individuals fare in Chennai.

Left-hander Yashasvi Jaiswal will be keen to get a big knock after scoring just four runs in Lucknow, where the likes of skipper Shubman Gill and wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan made merry by smashing centuries.

With the potential return of Virat Kohli from a hamstring injury for the series against England set to shake up the batting order, the onus is on Jaiswal to get big runs in what is effectively a dead rubber. Eyes will also be on how KL Rahul re-engineers his ODI batting game to provide late-innings impetus at number six rather than steady accumulation as a number five batter.

India will also be buoyed with the return of seam-bowling all-rounder Harshit Rana, who has been added to the squad in Chennai after completing rehabilitation for a knee injury. With Nitish Kumar Reddy nursing a thigh issue, Rana could be immediately put on the test to play the match, and give the team management a chance to assess his preparedness, fitness and playing wise, ahead of Ireland and England tours.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan have been thoroughly outplayed by a formidable India in both



formats on this tour and face a daunting task to rectify their batting and bowling flaws and sign off on a high against a relentless home side.

When: Saturday, June 20, 1:30 PM IST

Where: MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai

Where to watch: Star Sports Network for live TV broadcast and JioHotstar for live streaming

**Squads:** India: Shubman Gill (Captain), Rohit Sharma, Shreyas Iyer (vice-captain), KL Rahul (wicket-keeper), Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Prince Yadav, Gurnoor Brar, Harsh Dubey, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and Harshit Rana

Afghanistan: Hashmatullah Shahidi (captain), Sediqullah Atal, Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wicket-keeper), Ikram Alikhil (wicket-keeper), Azmatullah Omarzai, Bilal Sami, Nangeyalia Kharote, Fareed Ahmad Malik, AM Ghazanfar, Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan, Darwish Rasooli, Ibrahim Zadran, and Zia Ur Rahman Sharifi.

## Roadmap for 2027 World Cup is ongoing process: BCCI secretary Saikia

BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia stated India's 2027 World Cup strategic roadmap remains internal, refusing to discuss Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli's futures. He added that bilateral cricket ties with Bangladesh depend entirely on the Government of India's directives

New Delhi: The deliberations on India's roadmap for the 2027 World Cup are "not meant for public consumption", BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said in an interview to PTI, refusing to be drawn into any discussion on individual players and their much-speculated future in the team.

Veterans Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli dominate the chatter whenever there is any talk around the Indian team's 2027 global campaign but Saikia is categorical that "strategic discussions in the board room" are best left inside.

While both former skippers are determined to play the mega-event, chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar and head coach Gautam Gambhir have been non-committal on whether the squad will have space for the white-ball legends.

Asked if the BCCI has had any internal conversations on the matter, Saikia said all stakeholders are aligned in their views in what is essentially an ongoing process.

"We have a very well-knit team and a lot of experts. All stakeholders are taken on board," Saikia told PTI during an exclusive interaction.

"Whatever decisions that are made involve the cricket committee, the selectors and all other stakeholders, including the support staff, the head coach and the players concerned.

"There are regular conversations taking place. For that reason, we do not need any special session of interaction. This is an ongoing process," the secretary said, keeping all his cards close to his chest.

He maintained that he would not divulge any board room information.

"I do not think I should disclose anything before the media or the public because these are strategic discussions. I am not authorised to speak about them before the media."

"Secondly, these are matters that should remain within the boardroom."

BCCI to follow government diktat on Bangladesh

The Indian cricket team had postponed its



white-ball tour of Bangladesh last year due to unrest in the neighbouring nation.

India's eastern neighbours now have an elected government in place.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board too has a new president in former skipper Tamim Iqbal, who is keen on resumption of bilateral cricketing ties with India.

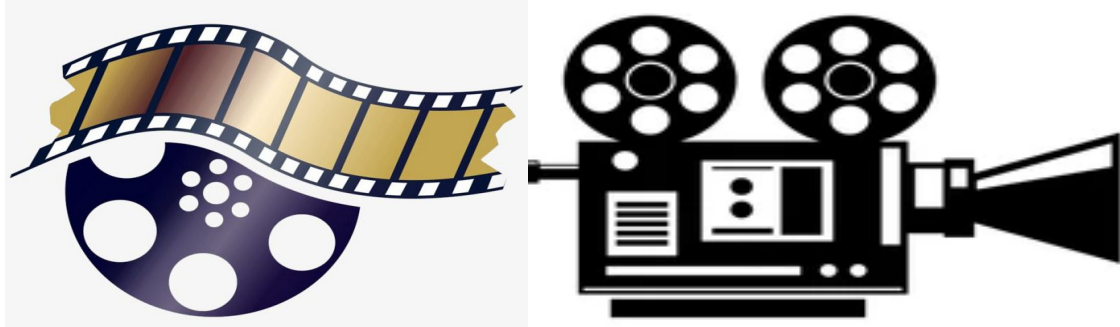
Asked if the BCCI's stance would now change, Saikia replied: "The BCCI is a cricketing controlling board, and we have nothing to do with what is going on politically in other countries."

"As the BCCI, we follow whatever policy the Government of India has in place regarding participation in bilateral and multinational sporting events. Whatever regulations and policies the central government frames, we follow them, just like any other sports federation, whether it is football, athletics or any other sport," he explained.

Saikia made it clear that it doesn't concern the BCCI as to which party is running the government in Bangladesh.

"We are not concerned with who is running the government in a particular country, whether it is democratically elected, undemocratically elected or an autocratic government. That is none of our business."

"Our job is to run cricket. Whenever there is a scheduled tour to a foreign country for bilateral matches, we will proceed according to our plans and schedules," Saikia said.



## CINEMA

## Alpha Teaser: YRF Failed To Learn The Lesson?

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Finally, after a lot of delays and after the disastrous result of much hyped Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR starrer War 2, Bollywood's once celebrated production house Yash Raj Films has finally released the teaser of their upcoming YRF Spyverse movie "Alpha". What was thought of as the biggest universe and conceptualised as the Indian spy gang, has now turned into routine fare, as the teaser proves the same.

Firstly, the film features Alia Bhatt as Alpha, but guess what, that's not as stunning as everyone thought. In fact, Alia Bhatt does not have the body like that



of an Angelina Jolie or Gal Gadot, or Priyanka Chopra, to that matter, in order to be convincing as a fighter. Nor does she have extraordinary martial arts skills to sound like a warrior. Now, casting her in a story heavily inspired by Hollywood movies where a father raises her up like a special soldier is too wacky. Looks like, despite YRF's spyverse failing big time

in recent times, they haven't learned their lessons about the casting and story-side updates.

The teaser is getting mixed responses right now as many felt that even the last shot in the teaser, where Alia Bhatt is made to kill a person while wearing a bra, and her father (Bobby Deol) encouraging the just 18-year-old daughter to do that, is highly sexualised. While Bollywood critics highly criticise Telugu movies and the way heroines are presented, many are wondering whether they are staying mute in the case of YRF's unwanted glamour touch to spyverse films.

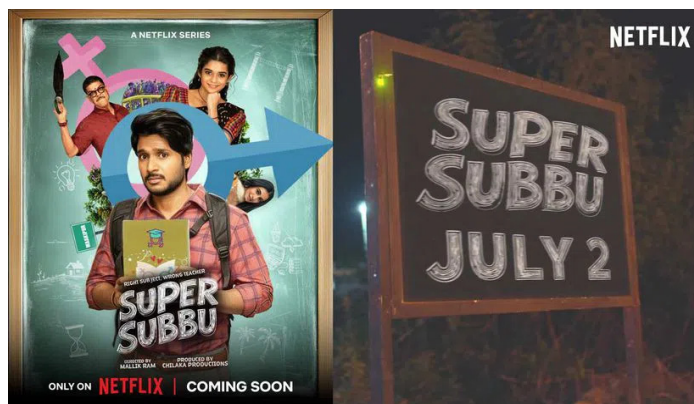
## Sundeep Kishan's Telugu comedy series 'Super Subbu' to premiere on Netflix on July 2

Chennai: The makers of director Mallik Ram's eagerly awaited offbeat comedy Telugu series 'Super Subbu', featuring actor Sundeep Kishan in the lead, on Monday announced that series will premiere on OTT on July 2 this year.

Netflix India, the OTT platform on which the web series is to be streamed, took to its social media timelines to make the announcement. South Asians & Diaspora

Marking its first Telugu original series on the platform, Super Subbu follows Subramanyam Chillukuri Rao (alias) Subbu, an earnest young man whose life flips upside down when he lands a job as a sex education officer in a village called Maakipur.

Armed with no experience, a lesson plan and a calling to educate these villagers, he soon finds himself navigating a whirlwind of curiosity, chaos, and conversations that rarely stay within four walls. For Subbu, this short-term posting turns into a life-changing experience! But there's one question that he



needs to answer for himself – is he willing to risk his love, family and career as he attempts to survive this new normal?

Netflix India Vice President (Content) Monika Shergill, "Super Subbu is a delightful comedy with heart, brought to life by endearing characters and the vibrant world of a village, Maakipur. Through a refreshing and humorous narrative, director Mallik Ram opens up conversations around topics such as sex education and consent, grounding them in authentic and hilarious experiences as the innocent Subbu sets out to find his place in the world as a sex education teacher."

She further said, "Led by Sundeep Kishan alongside Mithila Palkar, Murali Sharma, Maanasa Choudhary and the legendary Brahmanandam, the multi-generational ensemble brings forth brilliant performances. As our first Telugu Original Series, Super Subbu brings together everything we look for in a great story – a distinct local voice, themes that resonate far beyond its setting, and warmth and laughs you will remember long after the show is over."

Talking about the series, creator and director Mallik Ram said, "With Super Subbu, we wanted to tell a story that is fun and full of heart while also making conversations around topics like sex education feel less taboo. Humour became the best way to do that because laughter instantly breaks the discomfort. At the centre of all the chaos is a very innocent and relatable character, Subbu, trying to find his place in the world. The series also explores family dynamics, generational gaps, and relationships. Having such a fantastic cast across generations and borders brought so much personality and charm to the world of Maakipur, and we're excited for audiences across the world to step into this quirky little village."

Written by Mallik Ram, Ramesh Eligeti, and Shivani Dhobal, produced by Rajiv Chilaka and Bharath Laxmipati, with Chilaka Productions, 'Super Subbu' will also star Get Up Srinu, Maanasa Choudhary, Jeevan and Brahmanandam.

## VenkyAnil5 - NKRAR2 movie launched in grand manner

Victory Venkatesh and blockbuster director Anil Ravipudi have been consistently delivering one big blockbuster after another. Recently, with Sankrantiki Vasthunnam and Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu, they are on a roll. Now, they have united again and this time Nandamuri Kalyanram has joined them for Sankranti feast.

The movie pooja ceremony has been held today with Raghavendra Rao directing the first shot while Allu Aravind sounded the clap. Dil Raju and Shirish Reddy have handed the script to the team. With positive vibes all over the pooja ceremony looked like a success meet with everyone expressing their wishes to the team.

Keerthy Suresh and Kriti Shetty are playing leading ladies in this family fun entertainer. GV Prakash Kumar is scoring music for the first time for an Anil Ravipudi film. Marking their fifth collaboration, Anil has designed a very different character for Venky and it will be a laugh riot with great action elements.



NKR's character will also be different from his usual onscreen persona. Anil Ravipudi has worked on script and pre-production for over four months to deliver a fresh, fun family entertainer for Sankranti. Sahu Garapati is producing this massive film with Zee Studios, Suresh Babu is presenting it.

## SM GUNDE PELIPOTHONDHE SONG: A RELATABLE MELODY

Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni is debuting in films with his highly anticipated Srinivasa Mangapuram.



Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni is debuting in films with his highly anticipated Srinivasa Mangapuram. The action romance is presented by Ashwini Dutt and directed by Ajay Bhupathi. Rasha Thadani is playing the leading lady and the promotions for the film have created a huge buzz, anticipation to watch the two youngsters on big screens.

Jaya Krishna has proven his skills in action, dance and dialogue delivery with the teaser and songs released till date. In this new song, he looks beautiful like a perfect Telugu boy in traditional Panche. His mannerisms, his style and his looks make it a very attractive song to watch and pleasant one to listen.

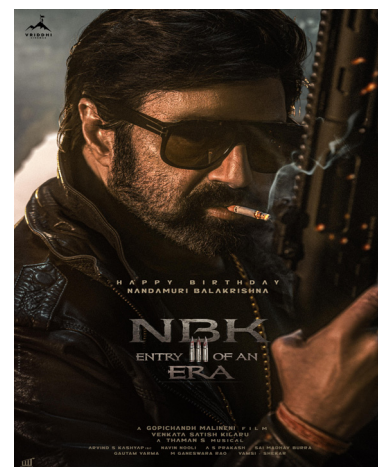
Rasha Thadani is a big surprise as she pulled off traditional dance very gracefully. Her looks in Telugu traditional voni is mesmerizing. She looks very relatable to Telugu people like a girl-next-door. This song is visually picturised in such a manner that audiences immediately connect with it.

GV Prakash Kumar's mesmerizing fusion of Carnatic ragas in this song and Anurag Kulkarni's rendition are other major highlights. Chandrabose written very heart-touching lyrics that every person would have felt in love. With great buzz and anticipation building with every passing day, Srinivasa Mangapuram is gearing for a grand release in theatres soon.

## 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.