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## Raidurg Land Row On CM's Agenda In Delhi

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy left on a three-day visit to Mumbai and Delhi on Saturday, a trip that has assumed political significance amid the ongoing dispute between the state government and the State Bank of India (SBI) over the Raidurg land issue. The CM visited Mumbai to attend the wedding of Revati, daughter of Lok Sabha member Supriya Sule, and is scheduled to proceed to Delhi on Sunday.

Sources said Revanth Reddy was also expected to meet Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis in Mumbai on Sunday to seek cooperation for the construction of the Tummidihatti barrage, a crucial component of the revived Pranahita-Chevella lift irrigation project on the

Godavari river.

The Raidurg land issue is expected to dominate his Delhi visit; the matter will also come up in the Telangana High Court at about the same time. Sources said the Chief Minister plans to meet Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and complain against SBI Chairman Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, accusing him of taking a political stand against the state government and attempting to tarnish its image. Senior officials accompanying the Chief Minister were also expected to raise the issue with RBI Chairman Sanjay Malhotra.

The state government believes Setty, a native of the erstwhile Mahbubnagar district, made a sudden U-turn on the issue allegedly for po-

litical reasons. Officials pointed out that Revanth Reddy had felicitated Setty after he became SBI Chairman and publicly expressed pride over a Telangana native heading the country's largest bank.

The government was particularly upset that SBI had challenged the state's decision to auction the land despite not undertaking any construction activity on the site for nearly 16 years. Officials said the government had offered SBI an alternative 2.5-acre plot worth around Rs.500 crore and that bank officials had inspected the site and orally expressed willingness to accept it before later approaching the Telangana High Court.

The government sus-

pected political interference behind this reversal and maintained that the cancellation of the original allotment was carried out strictly in accordance with rules governing non-utilisation of allotted land. Sources said the government was also considering taking the matter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to the government, the dispute dates back to 2010 when the then Andhra Pradesh government allotted five acres in Survey No. 83/1 at Raidurg to State Bank of Hyderabad (SBH) for office construction and related activities. Although the market value of the land was estimated at nearly Rs.200 crore, it was allotted for Rs.13.30 crore to promote development. A sale agree-

ment was executed in January 2011 and possession handed over, but no construction activity was initiated.

APIIC issued a show-cause notice in 2012, while SBH sought repeated extensions in 2016. Following the merger of SBH with the SBI in 2017, the issue remained unresolved. The TSIC recommended cancellation of the allotment in 2019 due to non-utilisation of the land.

Despite further requests from the SBI for additional time, the state government cancelled the allotment on January 22, 2021, citing failure to utilise the land even after a decade.

SBI challenged the cancellation in the High Court and sought restoration of the allotment. Meanwhile, the



government proposed alternative plots at Osmannagar and Gandipet and later advised SBI to withdraw its litigation and seek alternative land. In 2024, TGIIC recommended execution of the cancellation deed and allotment of an alternative site. The government subsequently rejected SBI's request for restoration of the original allotment.

Following High Court directions, TGIIC conducted a hearing on May 4, 2026. Officials claimed SBI representatives orally agreed to ac-

cept a 2.5-acre alternative plot valued at around Rs.500 crore. Based on this, the government initiated the process for e-auctioning the Raidurg land. SBI officials later inspected the alternative site but rejected the proposal and moved the High Court again.

TGIIC conducted the e-auction on May 28 and issued a letter of allotment to the highest bidder. The SBI renewed its legal challenge, but the High Court declined to grant a stay and adjourned the matter to June 22.

## 51 DRF Teams, 300 MRTs Ready For Rains

Hyderabad: City Incharge Minister Ponnambal Prabhakar directed HYDRAA's Disaster Response Force (DRF) and Monsoon Response Teams (MRT) teams to remain on constant alert during the monsoon season and ensure that citizens do not face difficulties due to heavy rains and flooding. He said that authorities must remain vigilant every minute to prevent flood-related problems.

Addressing a meeting organised by Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency at Jalavihar on Saturday, the minister said that changing weather patterns have made rainfall more intense and unpredictable. He stated that the amount of rain usually expected over a month was now sometimes falling in a



single day, while a day's rainfall could occur within an hour.

HYDRAA commissioner A. V. Ranganath said extensive arrangements have been made to tackle emergencies during the monsoon. They said that 51 DRF teams, 300 MRTs and 889 static teams have been deployed across the city. The MRT was earlier known as the Monsoon Emergency Team and was

renamed on the suggestion of the minister.

Commissioner Ranganath said that 20 bike-based quick response units have been introduced to ensure quick action during emergencies for fallen trees and waterlogging. Officials said that 371 de-watering pumps have been positioned in flood-prone areas, while continuous monitoring is being carried out at 60 flyovers,

38 underpasses and 705 lakes.

Ranganath also participated in a round-table conference organised by Telangana Rashtriya Lok Dal party and said that HYDRAA is protecting government lands and lake assets, and said that the Agency is working to protect government assets.

"We fought for an exploitation-free Telangana, yet hundreds of acres of government land are being encroached. They are occupying lakes, storm-water drains, government lands and even parklands. These encroachers are causing floods in the city. It is against such people that HYDRAA is taking strict action, and those very same people are spreading misinformation and trying to tarnish HYDRAA's image", Ranganath said.

## Be Alert on S.I.R., Tummala Tells Congress Cadre

Nalgonda: Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Saturday urged Congress leaders and workers to remain vigilant during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging that the exercise had affected the electoral prospects of opposition parties in some states.

Addressing a meeting of Congress Booth Level Agents (BLAs) at his camp office in Khammam, he claimed that parties such as the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the Trinamool Congress had raised concerns over the deletion of their supporters' names from electoral rolls during revision exercises.

Stating that voter mapping was not being carried out to the expected level, Tummala asked Congress BLAs to coordinate closely with Booth



Level Officers and ensure that the names of eligible Congress supporters were not removed from the electoral rolls.

"We must remain alert during the SIR process and strengthen the party ahead of the next elections," he said.

The minister also urged BLAs to create awareness among youngsters who had attained the age of 18 and encourage them to enrol as voters. He stressed the importance of exercising the right to vote in elections.

## PM Credits BJP For 'New Dawn' In West Bengal

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said West Bengal had "broken free of its shackles" and begun a new phase of development under the BJP government, while linking the state's present to its Partition-era history.

Addressing Paschimbanga Divas celebrations, he said June 20 marked a defining moment that ensured a part of Bengal remained within India.

"There is now a new freshness in the air of Bengal. It feels as if Bengal has now broken free from its shackles, as if the return of Bengal's glory has begun," he said.

"Today, after the elections and the swearing-in, I have the good fortune for the first time to come amid you. There is a glow on the faces of Bengal's people, and a sentiment of joy and trust in villages. It is clearly visible in Bengal how your one vote can bring about

a change," he said.

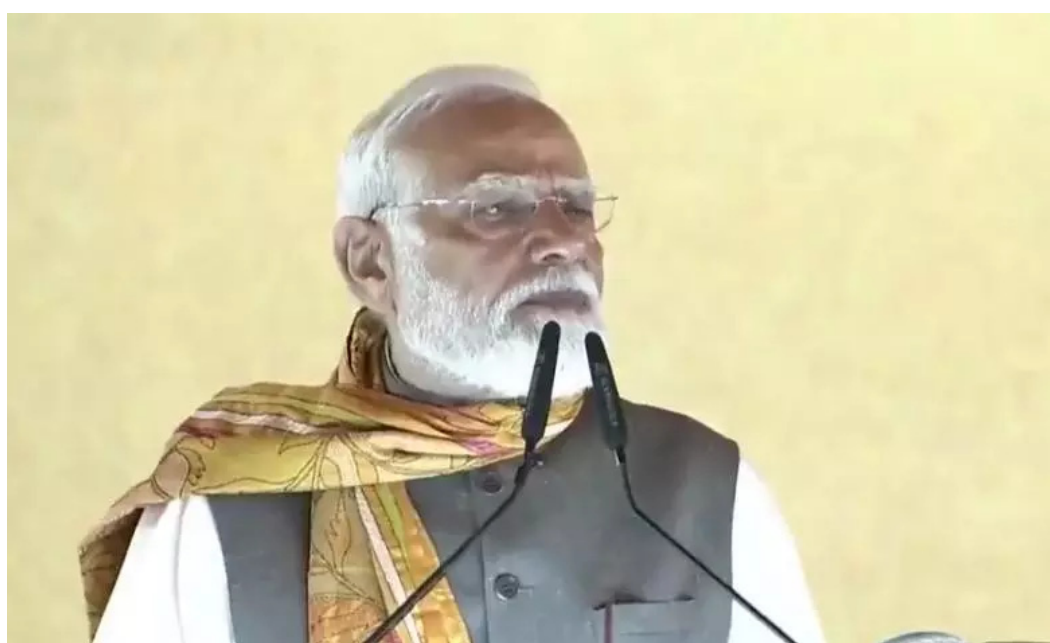
The Prime Minister said it was important to highlight the significance of Paschimbanga Divas for younger generations, describing it as a reminder of a crucial historical phase.

Referring to events before Partition, he alleged that attempts were made to include undivided Bengal in Pakistan and credited Syama Prasad Mookerjee with leading resistance.

"When efforts were being made to make the whole of Bengal a part of Pakistan, Congress had bowed before conspiratorial forces. It was then that Syama Prasad Mookerjee raised his voice against it," he said.

He said several prominent personalities, including Meghnad Saha, R.C. Majumdar, Jadunath Sarker, Suniti Kumar Chatterji, G.D. Birla and P.R. Thakur, supported the movement.

"As a result, anti-India



forces realised that separating all of Bengal from India was impossible and a part of Bengal remained with Mother India in the form of West Bengal," he said.

Referring to violence during the period, he said the 1946 disturbances in Kolkata and the Noakhali riots resulted in loss of lives.

"Bengal witnessed bloodshed and Partition, yet it did not allow its cultural identity and heritage to be destroyed," he said.

The Prime Minister criticised the Congress, Left Front and TMC, alleging that the significance of Paschimbanga Divas had been downplayed.

"The same spirit with which West Bengal was saved should have been

used to take it forward. But the opposite happened. Attempts were made to erase the history and significance of Paschimbanga Divas. Because of political agendas, history was whitewashed," he said.

"The Congress, which was willing to abandon Bengal during Partition, later pursued appeasement politics," he alleged.

He also said Mookerjee's contribution was overlooked because of his association with the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. "Efforts were made to eliminate the very ideology for which he had fought for Bengal," he said.

Linking the historical narrative with current politics, Modi said this year's observance was significant following the BJP's electoral victory.

"This time, Paschimbanga Divas is even more special. The dreams envisioned for Bengal's future after Independence are now turning into reality," he said.

He said the "double-engine government" had begun accelerating development and addressing gaps left by previous administrations.

"The double-engine government has started working at super-fast speed to fill the pits that were dug in Bengal first by

the Left and then by the TMC. Decisions are being made at lightning speed, and stalled projects are moving forward," he said.

Referring to development initiatives, he said investments in sectors such as railways, agriculture, fisheries, animal husbandry and rural development would boost the state's economy.

"The PM alleged that welfare schemes were stalled for years because of political rivalry. "Today, by breaking those barriers, benefits are being delivered directly to people. There are no middlemen and no obstacles," he said.

He said promises made during the election campaign, including implementation of Ayushman Bharat and Annapurna schemes, were being fulfilled, and that pending issues such as land transfer for border fencing were being addressed.

## Farmers, Natural Farming Take Centre Stage as CM Naidu Releases Rs.3,125 Crore Aid

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday underscored the importance of natural farming, sustainable agriculture and farmer welfare while releasing ₹3,125.47 crore under the PM-Kisan-Annadata Sukhibhava scheme for 46.86 lakh farmer families in Andhra Pradesh.

Participating in the PM-Kisan-Annadata Sukhibhava and Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra programmes at Linganguntla village in Palnadu district's Chilakaluripet constituency, the Chief Minister said excessive use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides was harming soil fertility, public health and the long-term sustainability of agriculture. He urged farmers to increasingly adopt natural farming practices, stating that Andhra Pradesh was already a national leader with nearly 20 lakh acres under natural cultivation.

Referring to recent export setbacks, Naidu said China reportedly returned three containers of chilli exported from Guntur due to pesticide residue concerns. He cautioned that many countries were rejecting agricultural products containing excessive chemical residues and stressed that farmers must follow scientific recommendations while using fertilisers and pesticides to ensure access to international markets.

The Chief Minister virtually joined Prime Minister Narendra Modi during



the national PM-Kisan programme and announced the release of the first instalment of assistance under Annadata Sukhibhava. Each eligible farmer family received ₹7,000, comprising ₹5,000 from the state government and ₹2,000 under the PM-Kisan scheme. He said the coalition government was fulfilling its election promise of extending annual financial assistance of ₹20,000 per farmer family, including ₹14,000 from the state and ₹6,000 from the Centre.

Chandrababu Naidu asserted that the government was supporting farmers from seed supply to marketing and ensuring paddy payments within 48 hours of procurement. He added that e-crop systems and SMS-based advisories were helping farmers access timely agricultural information. He also assured adequate fertiliser availability across the state and encouraged crop diversification to enhance farm

incomes.

Highlighting irrigation initiatives, the Chief Minister reiterated that the Polavaram project would be completed and dedicated to the nation by April 2027. He said the government was committed to extending irrigation benefits across the state through major projects and an irrigation calendar prioritising their completion.

Addressing the gathering, Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaaidu said the coalition government was working to restore the agricultural sector's strength and make farming profitable. He noted that ₹8,985.41 crore had been distributed to farmers under Annadata Sukhibhava during the previous year and that the present instalment would benefit 46,85,838 farmer families, including cultivators covered under the Forest Rights Act.

The minister said programmes relating to soil health conservation,

drip and sprinkler irrigation, farm mechanisation and drone-based agriculture were being revived. He also urged farmers to reduce excessive urea usage and adopt organic and scientific farming methods.

As part of the Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra initiative, Naidu laid foundation stones for two waste-to-energy plants in Kadapa and Kurnool with a combined capacity of 15 MW and an investment of ₹330 crore. He said the state was establishing eight such plants to convert waste into wealth and reduce the burden of accumulated garbage.

The Chief Minister also announced that public representatives would soon visit every farmer household to understand agricultural challenges, promote crop diversification and provide awareness on government support programmes. He further said the government would soon release detailed progress reports on the coalition's two years in office.

## Spirituality, Yoga Essential for Stress-Free Life, Underlines CM Naidu

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday said spirituality and yoga play a crucial role in helping people lead balanced and stress-free lives. He maintained that the two are the elements of India's rich cultural heritage and must be preserved and passed on to future generations.

Participating in a special yoga session led by yoga guru Baba Ramdev at the historic Undavalli Caves as part of the state government's Yogandhra programme, the AP CM said India's values and traditions have elevated the country to the position of a global spiritual leader. He observed that technology and spirituality should progress together for the holistic development of society.

Wearing a Yogandhra-themed shirt, Naidu watched yoga demonstrations by youngsters under the guidance of Baba Ramdev, who explained and showcased several advanced asanas before the large gathering.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister praised Baba Ramdev for taking yoga to the masses and inspiring thousands of people to adopt healthy lifestyles. He underlined that while technology has transformed modern life, spirituality and yoga can help maintain the right balance and ensure a stress-free life.

Highlighting the significance of the venue, Naidu pointed out that Undavalli Caves date back to the



sixth and seventh centuries, possess immense historical and spiritual importance, and are home to Lord Padmanabha. He credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for securing global recognition for yoga, noting that nearly 190 countries are now observing the International Yoga Day.

The CM announced that yoga and pranayama would be integrated into the government's Sanjeevani health programme, which focuses on disease prevention rather than treatment.

Speaking on the occasion, Baba Ramdev described Naidu as a "Yogi and Karma Yogi" dedicated to nature, culture, yoga and humanity. Subsequently, the yoga guru participated in the International Day of Yoga celebrations held at Dr. Manthana Satyanarayana Raju Arogyalayam in Amaravati.

Baba Ramdev, who arrived from Patanjali Yogpeeth as the chief guest for Andhra Pradesh's International Yoga Day 2026 celebrations, led the yoga session amid the serene

natural surroundings on the banks of the Krishna River, drawing around 750 participants. The yoga guru personally demonstrated various yoga postures and pranayama techniques.

Addressing the participants, Baba Ramdev underlined that yoga helps slow down ageing process, promotes physical fitness, enhances mental well-being, and fosters spiritual growth. He emphasised that yoga is not merely a physical exercise but a complete way of life that should become an integral part of every individual's daily routine.

A major attraction on the occasion had been the performance by 50 young students from Patanjali Yogpeeth, who showcased advanced yoga techniques and power yoga demonstrations, earning applause from the audience.

Later, Dr. Manthana Satyanarayana Raju and Dr. Vishala felicitated Baba Ramdev.

Health minister Satya Kumar Yadav and senior officials attended the programme.

## Cleanliness Key to Nation's Progress: Ram Mohan Naidu

Visakhapatnam: Union Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu on Saturday said cleanliness and environmental responsibility were closely linked to the nation's development and called upon citizens to actively participate in government initiatives aimed at building a cleaner and healthier society.

The Union minister was speaking at the Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra programme held at Thoolugu village in Gara mandal of Srikakulam district. He attended the event along with local MLA Gondu Shankar and district officials.

During his visit, Ram Mohan Naidu inspected an Anganwadi centre and reviewed services being provided to children. He interacted with students and appreciated the use of technology in the



Anganwadi system. The minister enquired about the digital monitoring application that enables parents, state authorities and central agencies to track children's daily progress.

As part of the cleanliness drive, he joined sanitation workers in cleaning village roads and inspected a newly developed pond. He directed officials to prepare a comprehensive development plan for the water body. He also planted a sapling on

a school campus and urged citizens to contribute to environmental protection.

The Union minister distributed seeds to farmers and reviewed drinking water facilities in the village. District Collector Swapnil Dinakar Pundkar briefed him on the water supply situation.

Addressing a public meeting later, Ram Mohan Naidu said the Andhra Pradesh government was

according high priority to sanitation and child welfare. He described the Anganwadi-focused Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra programme as a positive initiative and said values inculcated during childhood played a crucial role in shaping responsible citizens.

"Just as a strong foundation is essential for a house, the values nurtured in childhood are vital for building a strong personality," he said.

The Union minister said the country's development ultimately depended on the cleanliness of its streets and villages. He added that the coalition government had provided "clean governance" over the past two years and ensured that welfare benefits reached beneficiaries in full.

## Boating Set To Begin At Swarnala Cheruvu On June 25

Nellore: Swarnala Cheruvu, one of Nellore's prominent water bodies, is set to emerge as a major recreational and tourism destination with the launch of boating facilities on June 25. Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy on Saturday inspected arrangements for the boat rides at the lake along with Telugu Desam Party state spokesperson Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy.

Speaking on the occasion, Sridhar Reddy said the boating facility would be inaugurated at 5 p.m. on June 25 in the presence of District Collector Himanshu Shukla and other officials. He invited residents to visit the lake with their families and enjoy the new attraction.

The MLA said Swarnala Cheruvu occupies a spe-



cial place in Nellore's landscape and noted that eight boats had been allotted to the lake. He claimed it would become the second location in Andhra Pradesh, after Vijayawada, to offer such a facility.

Sridhar Reddy said the initiative would enhance recreational opportunities and give a boost to local tourism. He credited Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for according prior-

ity to tourism development across the state.

The MLA said efforts would continue to develop Swarnala Cheruvu into a vibrant leisure destination and create more tourism opportunities in the constituency. With the launch of boating services, Swarnala Cheruvu is expected to emerge as a popular weekend destination for visitors from across the district.



## Governor Takes Part in West Bengal Formation Day Celebrations at Lok Bhavan

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer participated in the West Bengal Formation Day celebrations held at Lok Bhavan on Saturday under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' programme. Addressing the gathering, the Governor said West Bengal is a hub of cultural activity and that Kolkata is widely regarded as the cultural capital of India.

He observed that the people of West Bengal had played a leading role in India's freedom movement and that several eminent national leaders had emerged from the state. He noted that India's national flag was first hoisted in Calcutta and that both the national anthem and the national song originated in West Bengal. The programme began with a video message from West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose, followed by an address by Dr Subbalakshmi and cultural presentations marking the occasion.

# AI Storm Will Hit Lakhs Of Jobseekers: Revanth

Select Deccan Chronicle Now Hyderabad: Warning that the "AI storm" could leave millions without jobs, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said Telangana was focusing on skill development, blue-collar employment, education reforms and sports infrastructure to prepare young people for future challenges and transform the state into an education and sports hub. The Chief Minister made the remarks while launching the distribution of Young India Student Kits to 27.5 lakh students at the LB Stadium. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla joined the programme and distributed kits to students. Revanth Reddy also laid foundation stones for sports complexes in different dis-

tricts. Addressing students, the Chief Minister said Telangana's future, as well as the future of the country, lay in classrooms and urged them to become active partners in the reconstruction of the state. "Students should grow into a force capable of leading the nation. Education alone can change your destiny," he said. Referring to the impact of artificial intelligence on employment, he said, "The AI storm is leaving millions unemployed." To address this challenge, the government has launched skill development programmes aimed at creating more blue-collar employment opportunities.

He said students were being offered Ger-



man and Japanese language training alongside English to improve overseas job prospects. Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) have been converted into Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs), while a Skill University has been estab-

lished to identify and strengthen the abilities of young people. Revanth Reddy accused the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government of neglecting education during its decade in office. The present government, Revanth Reddy said, has allo-

cated 8.5 per cent of the state budget to education in 2026-27, amounting to ₹26,600 crore. "We do not see this as expenditure. We see it as an investment in future generations," he said.

The Chief Minister said the government had

introduced pre-primary education in government schools and was rebuilding the public education system to compete with private institutions. Responding to criticism over the absence of a dedicated education minister, the Chief Minister said he had retained the education portfolio himself because the education system required comprehensive reforms. He said years of neglect had caused severe damage and that the government was committed to ensuring quality education for poor and marginalised students.

Governor Shukla administered an anti-drug pledge to students and described them as assets of both the present and the future. Calling for a collective effort to com-

bat substance abuse, he appreciated the government's initiative to distribute Young India Student Kits. The Governor also launched the Anna Akka Mentorship — AI and Digital Learning Programme. Exhibition stalls at the venue showcased digital governance initiatives, student amenities, student achievements, reforms in the mid-day meal programme and centralised kitchen services operated by organisations such as Hare Krishna Charities. Officials said the Young India Student Kits contain up to 22 items for residential students and a smaller set of educational materials for day scholars, including books, uniforms and other learning essentials.

## Jana Sena opens Telangana office, set to launch 'Janavani' to hear citizens' issues

Hyderabad: Jana Sena Party on Friday opened its Telangana state office with the party president and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan declaring that Jana Sena will accelerate its political journey in Telangana.

Addressing the party leaders after inaugurating the party office in Manikonda, he said people's problems should be the agenda of the party.

He called upon the party cadres to work to fulfil Telangana's aspirations and hopes. He said the first priority should be the nation's integrity and unity.

The Jana Sena chief claimed that he understands the soul of Telangana. "The soil here, the struggles, the sacrifices—all of these have inspired me. The caste-free struggles for rights led by the youth in Telangana are immensely valuable. This is a land of struggles... a blessed land. The Jana Sena movement began from the soil of Telangana," he said.

The actor-politician provided direction to the



party cadres on how the party's journey in Telangana should progress. He urged them to take the party's principles and ideology to the people. He urged the senior leaders to guide the newcomers, so they understand the party's ideology.

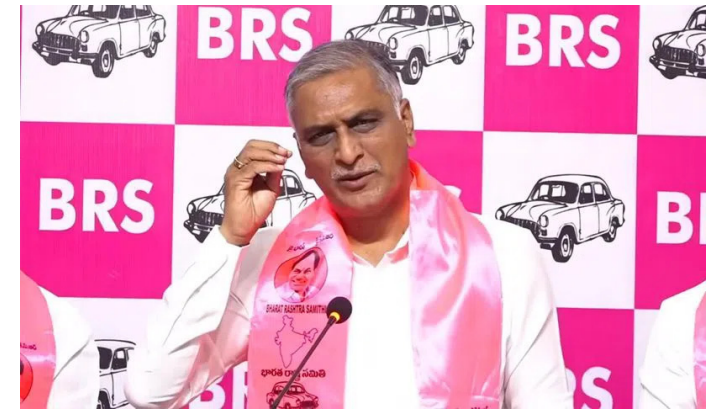
Pawan Kalyan called on them to conduct 'Janavani' in Telangana to listen to people's problems. Telangana State Updates "When someone comes to us to share their problem, we must first respect them. We must listen to their issue carefully. We must find a solution. Prepare a plan to conduct the

Janavani programme in Telangana as well. Listen to people's issues from all regions. Bring the problems of those who come to us to the attention of officials and public representatives so they can be resolved. If they still remain unresolved, let's think about how to launch public movements. First, set up a platform to fully hear people's issues. Ensure this works strongly in all regions," he said.

The Jana Sena leader said that the Telangana region is like the heart of India. He recalled that with the iron man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision, a five-day Police Action took place in Hyderabad. He said party leaders must fight with their lives for such a region and its people. The spirit of struggle in Telangana should be an inspiration to the nation, he added.

Pawan Kalyan stated that the Jana Sena movement has begun in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka as well.

## Congress buried Rythu Declaration by restricting procurement of grains: Harish Rao



Siddipet: Former Minister T Harish Rao has accused the Congress government of burying the Warangal Rythu Declaration on the day of party leader Rahul Gandhi's birthday by restricting the procurement of grains.

Speaking to reporters on Friday, Harish Rao said Rahul Gandhi had announced the Rythu Declaration during a public meeting in Warangal ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, making several promises for the welfare of farmers. Stating that the Congress had already failed to keep those promises, Rao said the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy-led government had buried the entire declaration with its decision to restrict the procurement of agricultural produce in line with the quota prescribed by the Centre.

When the Congress was in the Opposition, the former Minister said Revanth Reddy had assured farmers that every grain of paddy would be procured, encouraging them to cultivate the crop without restrictions. Recalling how the BRS government led by former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao procured all the grain despite several challenges and despite the Centre not procuring grain, he said BRS MLAs and MPs had staged protests in New Delhi against the Centre's restrictions on

procurement.

Rao expressed concern that the Revanth Reddy government would not procure maize, jowar and other grains if the Centre stopped purchasing them. He further said that the Centre was purchasing only 25 per cent of pulses and oilseeds besides imposing restrictions on several grains. While Telangana farmers were producing more than 90 lakh metric tonnes of agricultural produce in a season, the Revanth Reddy government was procuring only 50 lakh metric tonnes as prescribed by the Centre, pushing farmers into distress, he alleged. Telangana Property Listings

Elaborating on the struggles faced by farmers under the Congress government, he said that hikes in diesel, seed and fertiliser prices, coupled with the digital urea booking system, had left farmers struggling. Accusing the Congress of cheating farmers after promising a bonus for all crops, Rao said the government had restricted the bonus to only seven varieties of fine rice. Seeking an apology from the Congress for going back on its promise, the former Minister demanded that the government explain why it had restricted the bonus to just seven varieties of fine rice, down from the earlier 33.

## Srinivas Goud asks Congress govt to stop 'false cases' against BRS leaders, focus on six guarantees

Narayanpet: Former Minister V Srinivas Goud urged the Congress government to stop harassing BRS leaders by filing false cases and instead focus on implementing six guarantees.

He addressed party leaders at Special Intensive Revision (SIR) awareness programmes in Kodangal constituency here on Friday. The former Minister charged that the Congress government had failed to fulfill the promises made during the elections. He raised questions on the poor implementation of Rythu Bandhu, loan waivers schemes, besides pension hikes, promises made to Backward Classes (BCs).

The former minister



criticized the government for failing to effectively address the issues faced by farmers, women, and weaker sections of society. Crime against women, sexual assaults, and POCSO cases were increasing in the State, he stressed and expressed concern over the deteriorating law and order situation.

Srinivas Goud urged party workers to participate in the 'SIR' programme, noting that in a democracy, the vote provides the opportunity to elect a committed and visionary leadership. He expressed confidence that the BRS party would certainly come to power in the upcoming elections and that BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao would assume office as Chief Minister for a third term.

Former Minister P Sabithaindra Reddy and other senior leaders also participated in the programme.

## Telangana Police recognised as best in passport verification, bags MEA award

Hyderabad: Telangana Police have been recognised as the best performing state police force in the country for passport verification services, receiving the prestigious Institutional Performance Award for State Police from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

The award was presented by S Jaishankar to DGP, CV Anand during the Passport Seva Divas celebrations and Passport Officers' Conference held at Sushma Swaraj Bhavan from June 17 to 19.

The recognition comes in view of Telangana Police's consistent performance in ensuring speedy and transparent passport verification.

During the 2025-26 financial year, the department processed verification for over 8.67 lakh passport applications and cleared 99 per cent of them, with an average turnaround time of just five to seven days. In the previous financial year, it completed verification of more than 8.06 lakh applications within a similar timeframe.

Anand noted that efficient passport verification plays a crucial role in the passport issuance process and that the achievement was driven by technology-based systems and effective field-level coordination.

A key factor behind the State's success has been VeriFast, a technology platform developed for passport verification.



## 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."

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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.

## Youths Rally, Demand Accountability at CJP Protest at Jantar Mantar

New Delhi: The youth-led Cockroach Janta Party on Saturday held its second protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar, with a large gathering of students and supporters joining the demonstration over alleged examination irregularities, repeated paper leaks and demands for accountability from the government. The protest site witnessed heavy police deployment as students sloganeered and held placards seeking answers from the government over alleged failures in ensuring transparent examinations and protecting the interests of aspirants.

Supporters responded to Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke's call to bring "thali and chammach" (plates and spoons), using them as symbols of protest and banging them during the demonstration. Chants of "Dharmendra Pradhan must resign" echoed at the venue,



as protesters renewed their demand for accountability over issues related to examination management. Dipke arrived at the protest venue to huge cheers from the crowd and said they want to resolve the issues faced by the students.

"We are here to solve today's students' problems," he said. Ahead of the protest, Dipke had written an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demanding that accountability be fixed over the concerns raised by students. While the letter referred to fixing responsibility, the CJP has also been demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the handling of examination-related issues. The June 20 demonstration follows CJP's earlier protest at Jantar Mantar, where the youth-led group had raised concerns over alleged paper leaks, examination irregularities and delays affecting students and job aspirants.

## International Yoga Day: Significance, Theme & Impact

The International Yoga Day celebrated on June 21 every year, marks people's commitment to a healthy and holistic living. The official theme for the 12th anniversary in 2026 is "Yoga for Healthy Ageing," which holds immense relevance currently as life expectancy continues to rise.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi would lead this year's celebrations from Kolkata's Red Road, as millions of people from the nation and across the world would take part in yoga sessions.

Yoga has indeed evolved from an ancient traditional practice into a revolutionary global movement, highlighting that people across continents are embracing yoga's transformative potential in fostering vitality, resilience and independence. The theme underlines global trust in yoga's ability to improve longevity, mobility, flexibility, strength, balance and mental well-being among ageing populations.

The date was chosen as June 21 is the summer solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. It holds deep spiritual and astronomical significance across the world, as it is considered to represent a transition to light, energy, and renewal. In the Hindu tradition, the period following the summer solstice marks the beginning of Dakshinayana (meaning Sun's southward journey), which is considered highly auspicious for internal purification, penance, and ancestor worship.

Dakshinayana and Dakshinamurti are deeply connected in the Hindu tradition, as it is during the same period Lord Shiva (as the Adi Yogi) began his role as the ultimate Guru on the full moon day in Ashadha month, called Guru Purnima. Sitting facing the south, Adi Yogi began imparting ultimate wisdom of yoga to the Saptarishis, earning him the name Dakshinamurti.

### History of International Yoga Day

Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed the idea for an International Day of Yoga during his address to the United National General Assembly in September 2014. On December 11, the UN adopted a resolution declaring June 21 as International Yoga Day, on receiving the support of 177 UN member states.

### Importance of International Yoga Day



The day signifies the importance of yoga as a holistic approach that nurtures physical health, mental well-being, and spiritual growth. The word Yoga is derived from Sanskrit root Yuj, which means to unite, symbolizing the union of individual consciousness with universal consciousness. Yoga encompasses yogic postures (asanas), meditation (dhyana), and breath control (pranayama), through which the practitioner can achieve balance and harmony.

The day highlights the need to incorporate yoga into one's daily routine, raising awareness about its role in physical fitness and mental health.

### Impact Of Practising Yoga

There are multiple benefits. Physically, it improves flexibility, strength and rectifies posture. Mentally, it helps reduce stress and anxiety, along with depression. It promotes concentration and mindfulness. Spiritually, it fosters deep self-awareness and inner peace, enhancing intuition, reducing ego and creating a profound sense of gratitude and contentment.

International Yoga Day significantly boosted the popularity of yoga, encouraging scores of people to imbibe yoga into their life. The day reminds people to give importance to yoga in the pursuit of mental and physical health.

### Different Themes Of Yoga Day

Each year, a specific theme is picked highlighting various aspects of yoga relevant to the contemporary issues. During the launch year in 2015, the theme for International Yoga Day was Yoga for Harmony and Peace. In 2023, the day stressed on Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbam, in 2024, Yoga for Women Empowerment, and in 2025, it was Yoga for One Earth, One Health.

### Popularity & Celebration

Though initiated by India PM Narendra Modi, Yoga Day soon gained popularity across the globe. While the US boasts an estimated 35 million practitioners, European nations like UK and France established strong, active communities. In Italy, nearly 10% of the population engages with yoga. In neighbouring Nepal, yoga has been identified as an official health promotional tool. Yoga is practiced in Japan, New Zealand and Australia too.

In India, schools, healthcare institutions, and several communities organize sessions, workshops, and cultural programmes. International Yoga Day brings people together in pursuit of health, well-being and harmony.

## 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.

## 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 co-operative 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.

## Former Nizamabad Mayor Dharmapuri Sanjay Felicited by Serilingampally Leaders in Hyderabad :



Hyderabad, June 20, 2026 : Former Mayor of Nizamabad and senior political leader Dharmapuri Sanjay was grandly felicitated by leaders and prominent personalities of the Serilingampally constituency in Hyderabad in recognition of his remarkable contribution to public service and social welfare activities.

The felicitation ceremony was organized amidst a warm and enthusiastic atmosphere where political leaders, social activists, youth representatives, and well-wishers gathered in large numbers to honour Dharmapuri Sanjay for his dedicated service to society and his leadership during his tenure as the first Mayor

of Nizamabad.

Speakers at the programme praised Dharmapuri Sanjay for his visionary leadership, administrative capabilities, and his constant efforts towards the development of civic infrastructure and public welfare in Nizamabad city. They stated that his commitment towards addressing people's issues and maintaining close interaction with citizens earned him immense respect among all sections of society.

Leaders further noted that Dharmapuri Sanjay has continued his social and public service activities even after completing his tenure as Mayor. They appreciated his role in promoting social harmony, encouraging

youth participation in public life, and standing with people during difficult times.

As part of the felicitation programme, the organizers honoured Dharmapuri Sanjay with shawls, flower bouquets, and special mementos as a mark of respect and admiration for his services. The gathering applauded his contributions and extended their wholehearted support for his future public endeavours.

Addressing the gathering, Dharmapuri Sanjay thanked the leaders and people of Serilingampally constituency for the honour and affection shown towards him. He stated that such encouragement from the public motivates him to continue working sincerely for society and dedicate himself towards people's welfare and development.

The programme concluded on a positive note with leaders conveying their best wishes to Dharmapuri Sanjay and appreciating his continued commitment towards public welfare, unity, and social progress.

## Greenery is a Gift to Future Generations – Minister Jupally Krishna Rao

Nagarkurnool : State Minister for Excise, Tourism and Culture, Jupally Krishna Rao, called upon everyone to act responsibly in protecting the environment and preserving ecological balance in Nagarkurnool district.

As part of Vanamahotsavam-2026, the Minister participated in a plantation drive organized by the District Forest Department on Saturday at government land near Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavan in Nagarkurnool town and planted saplings.

Nagarkurnool Member of Parliament Mallu Ravi, Nagarkurnool MLA Dr. Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy, Achampet MLA Dr. Vamshi Krishna, Kalwakurthy MLA Kasireddy Narayana Reddy, District Collector Hemanth Keshav Patil, District SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil, Nagarkurnool Municipal Chairman Theegala Surender and other officials also participated in the plantation programme.



Addressing the gathering, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao said that large-scale plantation is essential to tackle increasing pollution, climate change, and depletion of groundwater resources. He emphasized that trees not only provide oxygen but also play a vital role in maintaining environmental balance.

He stated that the State Government is implementing several initiatives to enhance greenery and that public participation is crucial for their success. Planting saplings alone is not enough;

nurturing them into fully grown trees is equally important. He urged every individual to plant at least one sapling and care for it like a family member.

The Minister said Telangana has emerged as a model state in promoting greenery and added that government initiatives have significantly contributed to increasing forest cover. He stressed that tree plantation should become a people's movement to ensure a clean environment and healthier living conditions for future generations.

MP Mallu Ravi said that protecting natural resources is the social responsibility of every citizen and appealed for public cooperation in government-led environmental programmes.

Nagarkurnool MLA Dr. Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy stated that a special action plan is being implemented in the district to promote greenery and that plantation efforts contribute not only to environmental balance but also to the beautification of villages and towns.

Achampet MLA Dr.

Vamshi Krishna and Kalwakurthy MLA Kasireddy Narayana Reddy urged people to plant saplings at their homes and workplaces and take responsibility for their protection.

District Collector Hemanth Keshav Patil stated that the district administration has prepared plans to plant 3.5 million saplings across Nagarkurnool district this year under the Vanamahotsavam programme. He urged all departments to achieve their plantation targets and said special measures are being taken to ensure the survival and maintenance of every planted sapling.

The Vanamahotsavam programme poster was also unveiled during the event.

District Forest Officer Revanth Chandra, Additional Collector Amarender, DRDA PD Chinna Obulesu, officials from various departments, and public representatives participated in the programme.

## Steps Should Be Taken for the Development of the Public Dairy Sector: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra



Nirmal District Staff Reporter : A review meeting on the progress of Vijaya Dairy was held on Saturday at the Collectorate conference hall under the chairmanship of District Collector Bhavesh Mishra, with officials from the concerned departments participating.

During the meeting, the Collector discussed the services being provided to dairy farmers through Vijaya Dairy, measures to enhance milk procurement capacity, and changes required in marketing strategies. He directed officials to move forward in a planned manner at the grassroots level to ensure that the dairy industry operates profitably in line with the prescribed targets.

The Collector emphasized that the primary objective should be to provide remunerative prices to dairy farmers in rural areas through the expansion of milk collection centers. He advised that Vijaya Dairy products should consistently maintain high quality standards and be made widely available in the market to gain consumer confidence.

He also instructed officials to ensure that

various government schemes and subsidies aimed at the welfare of dairy farmers reach all eligible beneficiaries on time. The Collector stressed the need to promote the development of the dairy sector through women's self-help groups and to fully utilize the opportunities available across the district for dairy industry growth.

He assured all necessary support to further strengthen Vijaya Dairy. He stated that the development of the public dairy sector would not only improve the economic condition of dairy farmers but also ensure the supply of better-quality milk and dairy products to consumers.

Later, officials of Vijaya Dairy presented their products to the Collector.

The meeting was attended by Vijaya Dairy Deputy Director Srinivas, DRDO PD Vijayalakshmi, Animal Husbandry Officer Balig Ahmed, Agriculture Officer Anji Prasad, LDM Ram Gopal, and other officials and staff members.

## Pallavi Model School Celebrates International Yoga Day with Enthusiasm

Nagar Kurnool: International Yoga Day was celebrated grandly at Pallavi Model School in Nagarkurnool district headquarters, with enthusiastic participation from students and teachers.

Speaking on the occasion, School Principal Shruti encouraged students to make yoga a part of their daily lives. She explained that yoga helps achieve physical fitness, mental peace, concentration, and a disciplined lifestyle. She stated that yoga has become increasingly important for maintaining health in today's fast-paced world.

She also advised students to give equal importance to their health along with academics and said that dedicating some time every day to yoga helps develop positive habits and overall well-being. She emphasized that yoga plays a vital role in building a healthy society.

As part of the programme, students enthusiastically performed various yoga postures and pranayama exercises, impressing everyone



present. Teachers also explained the benefits of yoga and motivated students to practice it regularly.

## Congress Betrayed Farmers; We Will Sound the "Jung Siren" if Every Grain is Not Procured: BRS Warning

Sarapaka Correspondent | June 20: BRS leaders strongly criticized the Congress government, alleging that it has betrayed Telangana farmers and failed to fulfill its promises. A press conference was held on Saturday under the leadership of Sarapaka Town President Konakanthi Srinivasa Rao, following the directions of Bhadradi Kothagudem District BRS President and former Pinapaka MLA, Rega Kantha Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, Konakanthi Srinivasa Rao said that during the elections, Congress had promised to increase the Rythu Bandhu assistance to ₹15,000, procure all crops till the last grain, and provide a bonus of ₹500 per quintal. However, after coming to power, the government allegedly ignored farmers and abandoned its promises.

**Negligence Towards Farmers**  
He alleged that the Congress government is attempting to weaken the 24-hour free electricity supply to farmers and has failed to pay crop insurance premiums on time, causing hardship to thousands of farming families. He further accused the government of creating a urea shortage and delaying paddy procurement, pushing farm-



ers into severe financial distress.

**Bonus Must Be Extended to 40 Paddy Varieties**

Srinivasa Rao stated that while the government had promised bonuses for 40 varieties of paddy, it has limited the benefit to only seven varieties, thereby deceiving farmers. He demanded immediate implementation of all promises and extension of the bonus to all paddy varieties.

**Golden Era for Farmers Under KCR**

The BRS leader claimed that during the tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao, farmers were at the center of governance. Schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima,

loan waivers, and 24-hour free power supply provided unprecedented support to the farming community. He also highlighted irrigation initiatives like the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project and Mission Kakatiya, which helped bring irrigation water to lakhs of acres of farmland.

**Agitation if Every Grain is Not Procured**

The BRS demanded that the government procure every grain produced by Telangana farmers. Failing this, the party warned of launching a massive statewide agitation alongside farmers. Srinivasa Rao stated that BRS would sound the "Jung Siren" with the support of 70 lakh farmers and four crore people of Telangana.

Among those present at the meeting were BRS Youth President Somu Lakshmi Chaitanya Reddy, Tirupati Esobu, Challakoti Poorna, former Agricultural Market Director Banoth Srinu (Era Srinu), Kari Nageswara Rao, Pangti Suresh, Sudipaka Eswar, Chattu Anjaneyulu, Dasari Mohan Rao, Guguloth Ashok Kumar, and several other party leaders and activists.

# TNGOs State Association Felicitates Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad



SANGAREDDY Correspondent : June 20, 2026: Representatives of the Telangana Non-Gazetted Officers (TNGOs) State Association paid a courtesy visit to Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Sri Gaddam Prasad and felicitated him with a shawl and bouquet.

ests of government employees. Among those present were State Associate President Mutyala Satyanarayana Goud, TNGOs Sangareddy District President Mohammed Javed Ali, Associate President Kasini Srikanth, P. Venkata Reddy, and other association representatives. The TNGOs leaders expressed their gratitude to the Speaker and said the meeting provided an opportunity to highlight key concerns and welfare-related matters affecting government employees across the state.

# National Lok Adalat Achieves Grand Success at Manuguru Court

147 Cases Settled – Over ₹3.55 Lakh Collected in Fines More Than ₹30 Lakh Recovered in Bank Dispute Settlements

Manuguru Correspondent | June 20: The National Lok Adalat conducted on Saturday at the Manuguru Junior Civil Court in Bhadradi Kothagudem district concluded successfully, providing speedy resolution to numerous pending cases through compromise settlements, admission of guilt, and payment of fines. The initiative helped litigants save both time and money while significantly reducing the burden on the judiciary.



Speaking at an awareness meeting held on the occasion, Judicial First Class Magistrate Kambhampati Suri Reddy stated that Lok Adalats offer an effective platform for resolving disputes amicably and quickly. He urged the public to make use of such opportunities to avoid prolonged legal proceedings.

## 147 Cases Resolved Out of 2,199 Pending Cases

A total of 2,199 cases relating to police matters, cheque bounce cases, maintenance claims, domestic violence, and prohibition department issues were pending under the jurisdiction of the Manuguru Court. Through the National Lok Adalat, 147 cases were successfully disposed of.

Among them, 94 police cases and 2 cheque bounce cases were settled. Additionally, 42 police cases were resolved through mutual compromise. In another 52 cases, the accused admitted their guilt, leading the court to impose fines

amounting to ₹1,15,000, thereby closing the cases. Furthermore, 385 petty cases were disposed of with fines totaling ₹2,16,000, while 213 e-petty cases resulted in fines of ₹24,700. **30.27 Lakh Recovered in Bank Cases** Under the pre-litigation settlement mechanism for bank-related disputes, 55 cases were settled successfully. Borrowers paid a total of ₹30,27,800, leading to the closure of those cases. The program was attended by Bar Association Secretary Madhu, Legal Aid Counsel Veeranki Padmavathi, advocates Sandhya, Nagarjuna Reddy, Sarveswara Rao, Ramu, court staff, police officials, and litigants. Organized under the theme "Justice Through Compromise – Speedy Resolution of Disputes," the National Lok Adalat received an encouraging response in Manuguru.

# DRDO PD Vijayalakshmi Visits Social Welfare Gurukul School at Nachan Ellapur

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : DRDO Project Director (PD) Vijayalakshmi visited the Social Welfare Gurukul School located in Nachan Ellapur village of Kadem mandal.

During the visit, she reviewed the students' attendance percentage and enquired about the distribution of textbooks and notebooks.

She also discussed the implementation of the food menu being provided to students and sought details from Principal Shahunthala regarding its execution.

Speaking on the occasion, PD Vijayalakshmi instructed the school authorities to ensure 100 percent student attendance, provide quality education, and strictly implement the menu prescribed by the government.

Congress Party Kadem Mandal President Boddu Ganganna, APO Jayadev, Principal Shahunthala, Village Secretary Shantha, Field Assistant Kamalakar, TA Ganesh, and others participated in the programme.



# MLA Payam Venkateswarlu Emerges as Lifesaver for Trapped Lorry Driver

Swift Response by MLA Ensures Timely Rescue Operation

Ashwapuram Correspondent | June 20: In a remarkable act of humanity and quick thinking, Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu played a crucial role in rescuing a lorry driver who was trapped inside the cabin of an accident-hit sand truck near Mondikunta Palavagu in Ashwapuram Mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district.



While passing through the area on Saturday, the MLA noticed the accident and immediately stopped his vehicle to assess the situation. Upon finding that the driver was critically trapped inside the damaged cabin and unable to escape, he acted without delay.

MLA Payam Venkateswarlu promptly contacted ITC officials and instructed them to dispatch a special rescue team to the accident site on an emergency basis. Acting on his directions, the rescue personnel arrived swiftly with specialized equipment and began intensive rescue operations.

After several hours of dedicated effort, the rescue team successfully extricated the trapped driver from the mangled cabin. The MLA also ensured that the injured driver received immediate medical attention. Local residents lauded the MLA's timely intervention, humanitarian approach, and commitment to public welfare. They praised his swift action, which they believe played a vital role in saving the driver's life.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu said, "There is nothing more valuable than human life. In times of emergency, everyone should respond with compassion and humanity."

Once again, the MLA demonstrated his dedication to public service and humanitarian values by standing beside a citizen in distress and ensuring a successful rescue operation.

After several hours of dedi-

# Grand Felicitation to Dosapati Venkateswara Rao

Joy Over His Appointment as Chairman of the TTD Telangana Bhavan Construction Committee

Manuguru Correspondent | June 20: A grand felicitation ceremony was organized in Manuguru for SKT Group Chairman Dosapati Venkateswara Rao, who was recently appointed as the Chairman of the Telangana Bhavan Construction Committee to be established at the sacred premises of Lord Venkateswara Swamy under the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD).



The event was held on Saturday at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Guttamallaram under the auspices of the Arya Vysya Association and Vasavi Club. On the occasion, community leaders and members honored him with a shawl and presented bouquets in recognition of his achievement.

Speaking at the event, several speakers praised Dosapati Venkateswara Rao for initiating and support-

ing numerous social service activities as the International Vice President of Vasavi Club. They highlighted his contributions, including the provision of a free funeral vehicle service, installation of public seating facilities for the convenience of residents, and generous donations toward the development of several temples in the region. The speakers expressed happiness over his appointment as Chairman of the TTD Telangana Bhavan Construction Committee, stating that it is a matter of pride for the people of Manuguru and a well-deserved recognition

of his commitment to public service. Temple priests offered blessings with Vedic chants, while leaders of the Arya Vysya Association and members of the Vasavi Club felicitated him with great respect and admiration.

Among those present were Kadavendi Viswanatha Gupta, Duggi Satish, Dosapati Nageswara Rao, Chittaluri Ramesh Babu, Kathi Ramu, Bandaru Narasimha Rao, Chittoori Seshu Kumar, Boggavarapu Murahari, Murali, Sanka Radhashyam Gupta, Sanka Srinivasa Rao,

Kandukuri Subba Rao, Boddu Pulla Rao, Vadiyala Prabhakara Rao, Dintakurthi Brahmaiah, Suggala Bhanu Santosh, Suggala Suryam, Kotagiri Sandeep, Bachu Swarajya Rao, Vasu, Narendra, Kankana Venkateswara Rao, Vasavi Club President Mittapalli Shyam, Kolluri Gouri Shankar, Sriram Ramu, Dr. Sammaiah, Venkanna, and several others.

"The honor bestowed upon Dosapati Venkateswara Rao, who has dedicated himself to service, is a matter of pride for the entire Manuguru region," remarked several speakers at the gathering.

# BJP Slams Congress For Invoking NTR to Get Andhra Votes

Nalgonda: BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao on Friday accused the Congress of invoking the name of TD founder N.T. Rama Rao (NTR) to lure Andhra voters in the GHMC elections, stating that the party had no right to speak about him.

Addressing a meeting titled "Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Abhiyan" in Suryapet, he alleged that the Congress had altered its narrative for vote-bank politics. Referring to the Jubilee Hills bypoll, he said Congress leaders had made statements to attract minority votes and were now referring to NTR, who, he said, had entered politics after the Congress "insulted Telugu pride" and called for a Congress-mukt Bharat.

Termining the Congress government "corrupt and commission-driven party," he alleged that it had exposed an anti-farmer approach through delays and irregularities in paddy procurement. He said farmers in erstwhile Nalgonda district were facing difficulties in selling their produce and demanded immediate procurement of all paddy, adding that the Centre reimburses procurement.

He also alleged that delays in procurement were forcing farmers to sell below the minimum support price. Targeting the BRS, he said the party had lost public confidence due to alleged corruption and ineffective administration during its nine-year rule. He claimed that the BRS had failed to win any Lok Sabha seats and that several of its leaders were looking to join the BJP.

He said the BJP currently has eight MPs and eight MLAs in Telangana, attributing the growth to party workers. He expressed confidence that the BJP would form the next government in the state.

He further said that people across Telangana were now looking towards the BJP after giving opportunities to both the BRS and the Congress, and referred to the concept of a "double engine" government.

He also stated that the BJP had provided representation to OBCs, while alleging that the Congress only engages in OBC politics.

## Women's T20 WC: Ashleigh Gardner back for Australia as Netherlands opt to bowl

The Netherlands won the toss and elected to field against powerhouse Australia in the Women's T20 World Cup. Australia welcomed back fit-again Ashleigh Gardner, while handing a highly anticipated tournament debut to young left-arm speedster Lucy Hamilton



Southampton: Netherlands won the toss and elected to bowl first against Australia in the 14th match of the ongoing Women's T20 World Cup 2026 at the Rose Bowl on Saturday.

Six-time champions have made some big changes in the playing XI as Ashleigh Gardner is back after missing the last match due to injury and Lucy Hamilton is playing her first Women's World Cup match.

Australia are up and running after a perfect start with back-to-back wins, meaning they sit joint top of Group 1 alongside India in a group featuring all three of last year's semi-finalists. Already having accounted for a big one when beating South Africa in their opener, should the Aussies prevail over the Dutch and Pakistan then they will arrive in Lord's for their crunch final group encounter with India in a very strong position.

The match offers the Netherlands the chance to measure themselves against one of the pre-tournament favorites of world cricket once again. This is the nation's debut at a T20 World Cup, but they have already shown plenty of fighting qualities in the face of tougher opposition.

There is zero history between the two sides in T20 cricket though they met at the Women's ODI World Cups at intervals between 1988 and 2000, with the Australians taking all of those games by varying wide margins of 255 runs, 173 runs, 10 wickets, 115 runs and 10 wickets.

After winning the toss, Netherlands skipper Babette de Leede said, "We are going to bowl first; the conditions will suit our seamers, so hopefully we will get something out of it. To play 100 games, especially against a great side in a World Cup, is a special feeling. Same team."

Whereas, Australia skipper Sophie Molineux said, "It will be a good opportunity for us to be out there. Seeing it play out last night, I think there's plenty of runs in it. Two changes: Megan Schutt and Grace Harris, and Ash Gardener and Lucy Hamilton are in. Lucy will be playing her first World Cup game."

Playing XIs

Netherlands: Heather Siegers, Phebe Molkenboer, Babette de Leede(wk/c), Sterre Kalis, Robine Rijke, Frederique Overdijk, Iris Zwilling, Myrthe van den Raad, Silver Siegers, Caroline de Lange, Isabel van der Woning  
Australia: Georgia Voll, Beth Mooney(wk), Ellyse Perry, Ashleigh Gardner, Georgia Wareham, Annabel Sutherland, Nicola Carey, Sophie Molineux(c), Alana King, Kim Garth, Lucy Hamilton



## Women's T20 WC: Batting the strong pursuit of Indian team, power-play bowling not a strength, says Mithali

Former captain Mithali Raj praised India's top-order batting depth but highlighted power-play bowling as a critical vulnerability. Ahead of crucial clashes against South Africa and Australia, she urged the support staff to establish clearer definitions within the seam attack

New Delhi: The going has been great for India so far in the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup. With two wins out of as many games, the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side have themselves in a good space to enter the semi-finals.

But with tougher opponents like South Africa, Bangladesh and Australia coming up, India have to step up in all aspects if they are to enter the knockouts. Mithali Raj, the former India captain, addressed questions around the Indian team, its various talking points and future opponents as ICC Women's T20 World Cup expert on a JioStar Media Day.

Excerpts: –

On any areas of concern which Indian team can work on ahead of the upcoming games

I would pick the first six overs of our bowling innings as something I would not call it as a strength. In these two games, if you've seen, that first four-five overs with the new ball is something that I expect our bowlers, whoever are bowling in that phase, to get us some breakthrough, which in the last two-three series, we were not able to see.

Yes, India are missing Kashvee Gautam and Amanjot Kaur, but with the resources that we have, we need to make inroads in those initial few overs. We could see that when you get early breakthroughs, it sort of obviously puts pressure on the batting team. Like if we put ourselves as well, if we lose early wickets, like we lost Shefali and Jemimah in the power play against Pakistan, it is our experience that has come to our rescue.

It's Smriti and Harmanpreet Kaur and then again, in terms of bowling also, it is Deepti who's come and got us the first breakthrough. So yes, experience does matter, but against teams like South Africa and Australia, you want more. So yes, I would like it if support staff could find ways where our seamers are able to use the conditions or hit the right lengths to give us a better start in terms of our bowling innings.

On what would be India's focus point right now – improving their batting intent or the overall bowling department?

Well, see, batting, I think Smriti is doing great. I've really been very impressed with the way she's shown game awareness, losing Shefali or Jemimah, but she still kept her composure and had a plan in how she wanted to execute or get her innings through. She held one end and then had partnerships with the other batters.

Richa is such an integral part of that batting unit coming in the last five-six overs. My concern, of course, greatly is in terms of her bowling because batters do know their role. I mean, clearly, we are able to at least see whether it is Shefali who adjusted her innings against Netherlands. She wanted to spend some time. It was quite evident there, or Jemimah.

But when it comes to bowlers, who are our strike bowlers? Who are the ones who are going to get us wickets? Who are the ones who are going to consolidate or tighten the run flow? There has to be that role clarity in the bowling department, which I feel is sort of either it's missing in a sense.

Nandni Sharma was given a go, and she bowled well. Kranti Gaud was again given a second game, which I'm very happy about because youngsters sometimes need a game or two to get into the rhythm. Now, you have Arundhati Reddy as well. So how do you use your seamers? You have spinners in the ranks, but Shreyanka is injured.

So perhaps you might get a left arm spinner in Radha Yadav and Charani and having just one off-spinner, how are you going to use these overs? So yes, there is a lot of thinking that needs to go into that. One big aspect of getting into the knockouts is to get your bowling unit to be stronger. Right now, if you ask me, it is batting that is the strong pursuit of the Indian team.

On how crucial it will be to dismiss Laura Wolvaardt early in the match

Well, any player who's in form, I'm sure that's how every other team is planning against us. It's like to get Smriti Mandhana out because in a format like this, having a set batter or having someone who's in really good form, if you can get them out early, that definitely puts pressure on the other batters. It's because a lot will depend on how Laura has that opening stand with Dercksen in the first six overs for South Africa. Every time she's held that one end and the rest of them have batted around her, which is a very similar role is what Smriti is



also doing for India.

In that context, she is just as important to South Africa as Smriti is for India. So yes, if you get Laura's wicket early, then you can strangle South Africa because if you talk about the last game, they were at 60-odd runs for two wickets. Then from there to score 126, they lost nearly 8 wickets. So that says that if you get the captain out early, you sort of naturally put pressure on the other batters.

On who are semi-finals contenders from both groups  
See, I feel in our group, since Australia and India have already won two games, and they have one game to go against India and we are yet to play South Africa. As South Africa lost to Australia, that means to say, we do have a better chance to qualify considering that at least some of our core players are in form.

I want to see how these two games go for us, but still, if we talk about today, I think Australia and India are getting into the knockouts from our group. From the other group, it would be England, since they've also started on a good note and won most of all of the games.

Now the second team from that group is going to be a little difficult because there are a few teams that can actually come through. It could be the West Indies or Sri Lanka. Since New Zealand pretty much have reduced their chances of getting into the knockouts, it's a little tough to pick between West Indies and Sri Lanka. Well, perhaps we'll go with the West Indies.

On what are one or two areas in the Australian team that India can exploit or expose in big games

If you look at the Australian team overall, there are specific roles that each one of them play. If we talk about the opening batters, Georgia Wall is the aggressor, Beth Mooney drops the anchor. They depend heavily on Phoebe Litchfield because of her stroke play also and as someone who plays with a higher strike rate.

So she doesn't really stay for long, but her impact is so much that the rest of them can take time and play those innings that they have played. So she is one player that India can really look forward to getting her wicket early and that is provided we get the openers early and then Litchfield too.

In terms of their bowling, they have an all-round attack. They have seamers in their ranks. Even if they want to introduce a left-arter, they have Lucy Hamilton there. They have the spinners, leg spinners, off-spinners – so all the boxes ticked. For me, it is going to be a test of who executes the plans well, who reads the game much ahead of the rest of the players or the opponent and who seizes those moments.

It's because every game has those moments where it gives us an opportunity. India was very good in the ODI World Cup semi-final against Australia. It was not about skills that day also, I felt it was more about the nerves and I felt Australia was more nervous.

So, here, it is going to come down to that – how you absorb pressure, how aware you are about the situation on the field and how quickly you change your plans by understanding where the game is going. That would be the key against Australia because skill-wise, the Indian team are not behind as they have all the skills.

On who between Bharti and Yastika should India pick and how big a threat Marizanne Kapp and Shabnim Ismail will be in Sunday's clash

I would say there is no point in changing a player in every game. You have given Bharti a go in the first game. If you wanted to continue with her, you should have given her the second game. But they have got Yastika and again, going back to Bharti actually doesn't make sense.

I think they should continue with Yastika as she got runs in the England series prior to this World Cup. She also plays as a left-hander and that is also a plus. Having an extra left-hander along with Smriti and Deepti – you have another left-hander in the top order and I think India should go with Yastika.

Shabnim Ismail and Marizanne Kapp are going to be the key because Kapp was brilliant in that first spell against Pakistan and both of them know the Indian batters well. So they have that knowledge going into the game and they are also vastly experienced. So it is going to be those top 4-5 South African players versus our top 4-5 players.

## FIFA WC 2026: Morocco overpower Scotland to seize control of Group C

Foxborough: Morocco underlined their growing World Cup credentials with a commanding 1-0 victory over Scotland on Friday, as Ismael Saibari's strike after just 71 seconds proved enough to send the North Africans to the top of Group C.

The surprise semi-finalists of four years ago thrashed the Scots, imposing themselves from the start, pressing high up the pitch and dictating terms throughout. Morocco's opener by Saibari – the fastest goal of the tournament to date – settled any nerves and set up a performance in which the Scots were often trailing in their opponents' wake.

With four points from two games, Morocco top Group C with just a single fixture against Haiti to play in two days time. Scotland sit on three points and face an intimidating task against five-time champions Brazil in their final group match, knowing only the top two finishers in each of the eight groups, along with the eight best third-placed nations, are guaranteed a place in the



knockout stage.

Scotland had travelled full of optimism after snatching a first World Cup victory in 36 years via a 1-0 success against Haiti, but all that was gone within 71 seconds. With Scotland skipper Grant Hanley out of position, a quick pass from Brahim Diaz bypassed the Scotland backline and a run from Saibari in behind was expertly met and finished.

It was the midfielder's second strike of the tournament having also netted in the opening 1-1 draw with Brazil. Saibari, who reportedly underwent a medical ahead of a move to Bayern Munich, is only the second African to net in each of his first two World Cup appearances, the other being Egyptian star Mohamed Salah.

Morocco were close to adding a second soon afterwards, with a tantalizing cross from Azzedine Ounahi from the left not quite met by a Moroccan striker in the 6-yard box. However, that would not have done justice to the territorial control Morocco exerted, as it continued unabated, and the Moroccans' dominance was such that the half could nearly have passed with no Scottish input to the game at all.

An excellent run down the left by Hakim was stopped only as Hanley intercepted the forward pass, while Achraf Hakimi, who had been booed from some sections of the Scottish support in relation to personal issues off the field, was commanding. A pre-match assertion from Ounahi that Morocco was targeting a final place looked to have some foundation, with the Scottish midfield non-existent and play almost exclusively at their end of the pitch.

The first recorded shot for the Scots came only in injury-time, a weak effort over from Lyndon Dykes as Morocco repeated their exploits from just after the break, a sweeping move culminating in El Khannouss' header only turned round the post by Angus Gunn. Scotland threatened after the break when Saibari brought the woodwork back into the equation, a deflected effort pinging out off the post as the Scots appeared destined for an ever-growing deficit.

Ultimately, a second goal never arrived for Morocco but they defended sternly as Scotland pushed forward belatedly for an equaliser in the closing moments, without producing a significant threat.



### Sukumar, Bunny Vas Back Telugu Talent Naga Durga's Silver Screen Debut

The Telugu film industry is all set to welcome a promising new talent. Popular Telangana folk singer Naga Durga will be making her acting debut in an upcoming comedy entertainer starring Priyadarshi.

The project is being jointly produced by acclaimed filmmaker Sukumar and successful producer Bunny Vas under the banners of Sukumar Writings and Bunny Vas Works. Even before its official launch, the film has generated considerable interest thanks to its unique casting and strong creative team.

Naga Durga has earned immense popularity through her soulful folk songs and energetic stage performances across Telangana. Her authentic connection with local culture and audiences has made her a recognizable name, and now she is ready to take the next big step in her career by entering cinema.

The makers were reportedly looking for a fresh Telugu face who could bring authenticity and natural charm to the character. After several discussions and auditions, they finalized Naga Durga for a pivotal role opposite Priyadarshi.

Directed by Vamsi Reddy, the film is said to be a rooted Telangana family entertainer packed with humor, emotions, and relatable characters. The story will showcase the flavor, culture, and lifestyle of Telangana while delivering wholesome entertainment for family audiences.

Priyadarshi, who has consistently impressed audiences with his versatile performances, will headline the film. The actor's strong comic timing and natural acting style are expected to perfectly complement the film's rural Telangana backdrop.

The movie will be formally launched on June 25, with regular shooting scheduled to commence next month. With Sukumar and Bunny Vas introducing a talented Telugu girl to the big screen and Priyadarshi leading the cast, the project has already become one of the most eagerly awaited upcoming Telugu films.

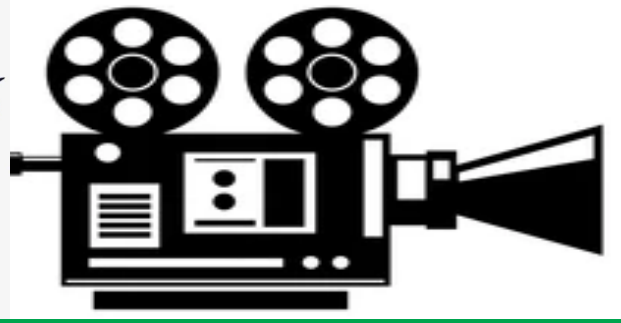
### Teja Sajja Continues Old Ones, No New Films

Firstly, Teja Sajja has shot to fame with the HanuMan movie, though most of the credit went to director Prashanth Varma.

After getting fame, some heroes take certain decisions, which sometimes work out well, and sometimes don't. For example, after getting fame with Baahubali, Prabhas didn't get stuck there, but did a variety of films like Saaho, Adipurush and Salaar. That way, whether the film worked or not, he branched out into different genres and a variety of work. Here comes young hero Teja Sajja now.

Firstly, Teja Sajja has shot to fame with the HanuMan movie, though most of the credit went to director Prashanth Varma. Then came his other film Mirai, which is full of visual effects, fantasy, and various other characters as well as well-crafted elements in the story. And now, rather than choosing new movies, Teja is coming up with a Mirai sequel on one side, and the sequel of his other commercial film Zombie Reddy on the other side. With the young actor getting attached to the old story even after a couple of years, many are wondering if that's the right decision going forward.

On the other hand, sometimes believing in the content that has already delivered results at the box office might help big time. Because the audience knows what's coming and how to prepare for the same. However, the downside is that those films as the world is already known, the audience will have high expectations, and if there's nothing new with the same old characters, they won't get excited. So we have to see how Teja Sajja impresses this time.



## CINEMA

### Nagabandham Trailer: Grand Tribute to Indian Culture

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Abhishek Nama made entire India notice his grand ambitious tale, Nagabandham. The songs and teasers have presented the ambition on a massive scale while hinting at the crux of the story laced in Indian Traditions and customs. Nagabandham with a promise to give an immersive visual cinematic experience as a Grand Tribute to Indian Culture, is releasing on 3rd July.

Now, with the trailer he has submitted his colossal visual texture that his film adventurously explores. We see Demons trying to grab Brahma Kamalam that grants them all the power and desires they ever wish for. Also, they challenge gods by looting ancient temples to establish their own unchallenged rule over the world. When humanity is in need for God's help, we see Lord Shiva responding as powers of Nagabandham are activated.

Virat Karma, the leading man as an adventure enthusiast and a Naga Sadhu has delivered a very neat performance. His hard work in transforming his looks to suit the character and



his body language changes in playing two different shades are commendable. Nabha Natesh and Ishwarya Menon are playing leading ladies.

Producers Kishore Annapureddy, Nishitha Nagireddy have shown great belief in the larger-than-life ideas that the film presents. Their passion is visible in each frame as it is not easy to mount such big film without any major stars. Junaid Kumar's background score elevates the visuals and technically, the movie is solid.

### ANIL'S MIDAS TOUCH: FOUR STARS NEED IT

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Director Anil Ravipudi is getting hailed as an instant hitter in Tollywood, as most of his films are ending up as blockbusters and making profits flow for the producers. Despite getting trolled for his cringe content, the filmmaker continues to make similar movies because they are doing well at the box office. After back-to-back heavy blockbusters like Sankranthi Vastunnam and Mana Shankara Varaprasad Garu, he's now teaming up with lucky charm Venkatesh and his debut film hero Kalyan Ram.

Looking at this film's casting, one thing that comes to mind is that most of the star cast of the film needs immediate oxygen for their careers. Means, they need a blockbuster badly, and at the right time they have got Anil Ravipudi's project; thank the stars. From Kalyan Ram to Keerthy Suresh to Kriti Shetty, the three want to hit films badly, because their last bunch of films have failed massively at the box office. While Kalyan Ram keeps trying to do something new, they didn't click for him. Though Keerthy and Kriti upped the glam quotient, things are not working for them too. Apart from these three, there is another fourth person who



needs a break from this project.

He is none other than GV Prakash, who is known for his soothing music. With the arrival of musical geniuses like Anirudh and Sai Abhyankar, GV is not getting the best films these days. And then, his music is also not working like before. At this juncture, if he proves big with Anil Ravipudi's movie, surely the absence of Devi Prasad, the busy schedules of Thaman, and the costly factor of Anirudh and Sai Abhyankar will make many projects land in GV's lap. We have to see if these four stars will get the desired breakthrough with Anil Ravipudi's Midas Touch.

### Weekend Telugu BO: What's The Final Verdict?

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Maa Inti Bangaram has Samantha in the lead role, and it is the obvious choice for the family audience this weekend. This film has been able to pull the audience in reasonable numbers thanks to the Samantha factor.

Deewana has youngster Harshit Reddy and others in the lead roles, and it is turning out to be a youthful love drama with a hint of comedy element. Younger generation of the audience can give it a try this weekend.

Balan- The boy is a dubbed film, and it is a critically acclaimed social drama that has a strong plot that resonate with the current society. It might not be a film that will primarily appeal to the larger section of the audience, but it has won the applause of the critics.

Cocktail 2 is the reimagined version of the original film that was a blockbuster back in the day. But this film has not been able to pull the audience to theatre in big numbers, and a lot will depend on the kind of performance it can generate over the weekend.

In the OTT, space we have the third season of Save The Tigers and this is coming fresh from the success of the first two parts which could generate a reasonably good word of mouth. It can make for a happy family watching in



the OTT space which will help its cause on Disney + Hotstar.

Transfer Trimurtulu is the comeback film for Vadde Naveen. This film has an interesting premise and a reasonably good core point, but the execution is outdated and the narration is not up to the mark which makes it a mediocre film.

Subsequently, we have multiple notable films at the ticket counter this weekend, and it appears that Samantha will be running with the bigger section of the pie for now. A lot will depend on the kind of performance that this other bunch of films can put up over the weekend.