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### Telangana To Seek Changes In VB G RAM G Act

Hyderabad: The Cabinet sub-committee constituted by the Telangana government to examine the implications of the proposed Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB G RAM G) Act, 2025, is expected to recommend a series of amendments aimed at safeguarding the interests of workers, self-help groups, rural households, small and marginal farmers, and other vulnerable sections.

The committee, which met on Sunday under the chairmanship of irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy at Secretariat, expressed serious concerns over several provisions of the proposed legislation, which members felt could adversely affect Telangana's interests and weaken protections available to vulnerable rural communities.

Members observed that some provisions of the proposed legislation could dilute the role of state governments in planning and implementing employment guarantee programmes while increasing financial liabilities on states. The committee noted that Telangana's rural poor could be placed at a disadvantage in accessing employment opportunities and livelihood support under the new framework.

During the deliberations, the committee explored various options for formally conveying the state's dissent over omissions and commissions in the proposed framework that seeks to replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) with the VB-G RAM G Act from July 1.

The Telangana government's response is expected to emphasise the principles of cooperative federalism, greater fiscal support from the Centre, and stronger safeguards for rural livelihoods. It is also likely to stress the need for states to retain adequate flexibility in designing and implementing programmes suited to local socio-economic conditions.

The members also reviewed concerns raised by several non-BJP ruled states and certain northeastern states on the additional fiscal burden that may arise from implementation of the proposed legislation. It was pointed out that some states, including Himachal Pradesh, have not yet accepted the new framework.

Speaking during the meeting, Uttam Kumar Reddy recalled that the rural employment guarantee programme was conceived during the UPA government and described MGNREGA as one of the most successful social protection programmes in independent India. He said the scheme was the brainchild of Congress leader Sonia Gandhi and had become a model for rural employment and social security.

The minister strongly criticised the proposed removal of Mahatma Gandhi's name from the programme, describing it as unfortunate and unnecessary. He noted that several farmers' and labour organisations across the country had voiced opposition to the move. He reiterated the state government's demand that the Centre withdraw the proposed VB-G RAM G Act and restore the existing MGNREGA framework.

## Metro Loan Delay To Cost Rs.2.5 Cr A Day, Revanth To Notify Centre

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is to tell the Centre during his ongoing visit that delay in releasing the Rs 13,527-crore Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) loan for Hyderabad Metro Rail was imposing an additional interest burden of nearly Rs 2.5 crore per day on the state government, sources said on Sunday.

Sources said the CM's visit is focused on securing the early release of the IRFC loan for Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) and pursuing other pending issues with the Centre, including the ongoing Raidurg land auction dispute involving the State Bank of India (SBI).

Sources said Revanth Reddy reached Delhi from Mumbai and will camp in the Capital till June 23. He has sought appointments with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav to press for the immediate disbursement of the IRFC loan.

The Chief Minister visited Mumbai on Saturday to attend the wedding of Revati Sule, daughter of Lok Sabha member Supriya Sule, and stayed there overnight. Sources said he attempted to meet Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis to seek cooperation for construction of the Tummidihatti barrage under the revived Pranahita-Chevella project on the Godavari river. However, the meeting could not take place due to Fadnis' prior engagements.

The delay in operationalising the IRFC loan agreement has become a major concern for the state government. More than three weeks have



passed since the tripartite agreement was signed, but the funds have not been released. While the exact reasons remain unclear, the state government has indicated that the delay is significantly increasing its financial burden.

As part of the HMR takeover agreement signed on April 29, the government paid Rs 1,461 crore as equity to acquire 100 per cent shares from L&T and agreed to take over the project's outstanding debt of Rs 13,538 crore. Since the existing loans carried higher interest rates, the government decided to refinance them through the IRFC.

Accordingly, a tripartite agreement was signed in Delhi on May 25 among HMR Limited, L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited and the IRFC. The state had expected the loan to be released by May 30, enabling the metro's first phase to formally come under government ownership from June 1 and substantially reduce interest costs.

The delay has resulted in mounting liabilities. Since the takeover agreement was signed on April 29, the state

government has been servicing the interest on the existing debt. Officials initially estimated that the interest burden would be around `80 crore if the refinancing process was completed within 30 days. With the loan still pending, the burden has now crossed `130 crore.

Sources said Telangana accepted all conditions imposed by the IRFC, including providing a state guarantee and permitting direct recovery of loan instalments through the Reserve Bank of India mechanism in case of repayment defaults. The tripartite agreement was signed only after these conditions were accepted.

When the loan was not released by the end of May, Revanth Reddy met Union minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Delhi earlier this month and sought support for both Hyderabad Metro Phase-II approvals and the release of the IRFC loan. Despite the intervention, the funds remain pending.

Officials said the IRFC approved the refinancing proposal after six months of discussions, taking into account metro revenues from ticketing, advertisements and rentals. However, sources said the IRFC has neither communicated reasons for the delay nor sought additional information from the state, though officials reportedly indicated that final clearance from the railway ministry is still awaited.

## India-EU free trade agreement likely by December, may come into force by March 2027: Piyush Goyal

Mumbai: India and the European Union (EU) are expected to sign their long-awaited free trade agreement (FTA) by December this year, with the pact likely to come into force by February-March 2027, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal said on Sunday.

Addressing chartered accountants at an event here, the minister said the agreement would significantly enhance India's access to the European market by reducing tariffs on a wide range of goods.

"Now, with almost zero duty, almost the entire European market will be open for us. The EU's FTA will be signed by December and will be effective by February-March," the minister added.

India and the 27-nation European Union had announced on January 27 the conclusion of negotiations for what Goyal had described as the



mother of all deals.

Under the proposed pact, about 93 per cent of Indian exports are expected to enjoy duty-free access to the EU market.

The minister highlighted the growing importance of India in the global economy, saying that countries around the world are keen to strengthen economic

partnerships with the country. "The whole world is looking towards India," Goyal said.

In addition, the minister revealed that US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer is scheduled to visit India this week for discussions on the proposed bilateral trade agreement between the two countries.

During the interaction with CAs, Goyal also underscored the importance of preserving India's cultural heritage alongside economic growth. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for the country, he said development and heritage must go hand in hand.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi always tells us that the nation needs development, and the nation also needs its heritage. No country has become a developed nation without taking care of its culture, heritage and traditions," Goyal said.

## Modi: Yoga Connects All, A Must For Global Peace, Better Future Of The World

Kolkata, New Delhi: India celebrated the 12th International Yoga Day (IDY) on Sunday with President Droupadi Murmu, vice-president C.P. Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union ministers, chief ministers and the armed forces, among hundreds and thousands of others, performing yoga asanas at different locations across the country to mark the occasion.

While the Prime Minister, along with thousands of people, participated in the IDY event at Kolkata's iconic Red Road, the President led the "Yoga for Healthy Ageing"-themed celebrations in Madhya Pradesh, performing asanas at the state-level event in Jabalpur. The V-P participated in Leh, joining hundreds of yoga enthusiasts at Astro Turf Stadium in Spituk.

After leading the celebration in Kolkata, Modi called yoga a way to "connect all" and "a must for global peace and a better future of the world". West Bengal governor R.N. Ravi, chief minister Suvendu Adhikari, and foreign dignitaries, among others, also attended.

Sharing his thoughts, Modi told the participants, "June 21, which marks the longest day on earth, has now become the largest community celebration day because of yoga. Yoga brings people together. I congratulate the people of the world on this occasion," he said, adding, "From north to south and east to west, an inspiration for yoga is seen in India. The entire country and the world look connected. This is the power of yoga. Yoga connects all and brings all together."

"I convey my greetings on the occasion to the entire world and universal humanity. I also appreciate the people of Kolkata for hosting the event with cleanliness," Modi said, adding, "Yoga means connectivity. When yoga becomes a habit, it takes a shape of humane unity. Yoga is not just a physical exercise. It is also not restricted to any age group."

Referring to this year's IDY theme — Yoga for healthy ageing — Modi said the ancient practice plays a crucial role in promoting physical health, mental well-being and active ageing, thereby improving the



quality of life. "Our target is to be more energetic at 40 than we were at 20. We aim to be more energetic at 50 than we were at 30. Our target must be to be more resistant to lifestyle-related diseases at 70 than we were at 50. This is where yoga can help us," he added.

Describing yoga as "India's invaluable gift to humankind, nourishing holistic well-being", Union home minister Amit Shah performed exercises at an event in Ahmedabad. Gujarat chief minister Bhupendra Patel participated in the state-level yoga event at Mansa

town in Gandhinagar district.

Acknowledging the nature of parliamentary debates, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said while differences of opinion are natural in Parliament, yoga shows the path of dialogue and self-restraint. Birla led a yoga session with members of Parliament within the Parliament House complex, calling for a nationwide public health revolution.

From the icy heights of Siachen Glacier to the vast Rann of Kutch, and from the hills of the Northeast to naval platforms at sea, the armed forces observed the International Day of Yoga across the country, reaffirming their commitment to physical fitness and mental resilience.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh led the celebrations in Shillong. Accompanied by IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh and other air warriors, Singh took part in a yoga session hosted by the Eastern Air Command.

Chief of Defence Staff Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani led the Yoga Day celebrations organised by Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff at the National War Memorial in Delhi. Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi fronted the celebrations with troops in Tezpur, Assam.

In the national capital, the Indian Army hosted the event at the Cariappa Parade Ground at Delhi Cantonment. Defence attaches from more than 17 countries also joined the event, reflecting the global significance of yoga and its growing acceptance as a path to health, harmony and well-being, the Army official said.

Yoga events were held at various Army commands — Northern, Western, Eastern, Southern, Central and South Western. Naval platforms and the Indian Coast Guard's ships at sea and in harbour also took part in the celebrations.

The Indian Air Force too organised a host of events spanning its multiple commands, from the Western Air Command in Delhi to the Southern Air Command in Thiruvananthapuram.

## Congress Guarantees Unmet, NRR Writes In Open Letter To CM



HYDERABAD: In a sharp counter to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who recently sought Union minister G. Kishan Reddy's help to secure meetings with Union ministers and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis for clearances on state projects, BJP Telangana state president N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday wrote an open letter to the CM. He requested an appointment with Leader of the Opposition and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to submit a memorandum on the party's unfulfilled promises and guarantees to the people of Telangana. Rao said the people of Telangana had

trusted the Congress based on assurances given by party leaders Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi during the 2023 Assembly elections. Yet, promises made to womened, farmers, students, youth, the elderly, agricultural labourers and poor families remain unfulfilled, he alleged. The state BJP chief noted that women are still waiting for the promised financial assistance of Rs 2,500 per month, while farmers await the Rs 15,000 per acre under Rythu Bharosa. Tenant farmers, labourers and poor families hoping for Indiramma houses have also faced disappointment, he said.

Rao pointed out that the Rs 5 lakh aid under Vidya Bharosa has not materialised. Students continue to struggle with fee reimbursement, and unemployed youth are still waiting for the Rs 4,000 monthly allowance repeatedly promised by Rahul Gandhi. Senior citizens were yet to receive the Rs 4,000 monthly pension, and increased support for single women and persons with disabilities has not been implemented, he alleged. College-going girls are still waiting for free scooters, while unemployed youth await a job calendar and employment opportunities. Rao alleged that the Congress has failed to implement its guarantees, leading to resentment and despair across Telangana. He said if the Congress leadership failed to respond and grant the appointment, it would prove the party's betrayal to the state and its people.

## SIR: 'Language Split' for Enumeration Forms Triggers Debate



Hyderabad: The Election Commission of India's decision to distribute voter enumeration forms in English for the residents of Hyderabad district and Telugu in the rest of Telangana has triggered a massive debate, with questions over the neglect of Telugu in the state capital.

"So, as per the Election Commission, Telugu people are a minority in the state capital of the Telugu-speaking state of Telangana? What is the Chief Minister doing? Telangana politicians should learn something to protect their identity from Tamil Nadu politicians," posted M.A. Ashraf Ali on X.

Political activist D. Sitaram found the decision lacking transparency. "Enumeration forms only in the English language mean 'No Transparency' and 'No Accountability' in protecting democracy," he noted. Some people from other districts, too, demanded that English forms be made available to them. "There is a huge non-Telugu population outside Hyderabad as well," argued Chander.

"Why should English enumeration forms be available only in GHMC? Urban and semi-urban voters across Telangana, including Karimnagar,

deserve the same convenience. Many voters, youth, and migrants are more comfortable with English for official documentation," said Ehtesham Ulhaq.

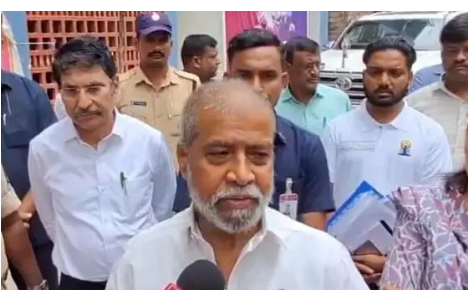
On June 21, CEO C. Sudharshan Reddy said the pre-filled voter enumeration forms will be available in English within the GHMC area and in Telugu throughout the remaining districts of Telangana. In the GHMC area, the exception was made following representations from political leaders, including AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi, who noted that English is widely used for administrative work and preferred by a cosmopolitan population in the capital region. In the rest of Telangana, enumeration forms will be distributed strictly in Telugu.

## Real-Time CCTV Surveillance Ensures Transparent NEET-UG Re-Exam in Telangana

Hyderabad: A state control room set up jointly by the state government and the National Testing Agency (NTA) oversaw the smooth conduct of the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination on Sunday. Officials monitored the examination centres in real time through CCTV surveillance.

Officials briefed health minister Damodar Rajanarsimha about the measures when he inspected the control room set up at the Directorate of Intermediate Education in Hyderabad. He was accompanied by health secretary Dr Christina Z. Chongthu and Director of Medical Education Dr Narendra Kumar. The minister reviewed the CCTV surveillance-based command and control system that was linked to examination centres across the state.

During the review, the minister held discussions with officials regarding measures taken to conduct the examination in a fair, transparent and secure manner. He directed officials to ensure strict adherence to examination protocols and stated that adequate arrangements had been made to ensure that candidates did not face any inconvenience during the examination.



## Telangana Cabinet panel flags concerns over proposed VB-G RAM G Act

The Telangana Cabinet Sub-Committee has raised strong objections to the proposed VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, warning that it could undermine rural protections and increase financial burdens on States. Telangana travel guide

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It noted the proposed legislation could adversely affect Telangana's interests and weaken protections available to vulnerable rural communities.

The committee, chaired by Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, held its first meeting on Sunday. After discussing the issue at length, the committee explored various options for formally conveying the State's dissent over what it described as significant omissions and commissions in the proposed framework that seeks to replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee



Act (MGNREGA) with the VB-G RAM G Act from July 1.

Some provisions of the proposed legislation could dilute State governments' role in planning and implementing employment guarantee programmes while increasing financial liabilities on States, the Committee Members observed.

The members also reviewed concerns raised by several non-BJP ruled States and certain northeastern States regarding the additional fiscal burden that may arise from implementation of the proposed legislation. It was pointed out that some States, including Himachal Pradesh, have not yet accepted the new framework.

The committee is expected to recommend a series of amendments aimed at safeguarding the interests of workers, self-help groups, rural households, small and marginal farmers, and other vulnerable sections. It is also likely to stress the need for States to retain adequate flexibility in designing and implementing programmes suited to local socio-economic conditions.

The Cabinet sub-committee preferred formally communicating State's concerns and recommendations to the union Government after finalising its report.

The Irrigation Minister strongly criticised the proposed removal of Mahatma Gandhi's name from the programme, describing it as unfortunate and unnecessary. He noted that several farmers' and labour organizations across the country had voiced opposition to the move.

## Telangana HC lawyers meet KTR, seek local representation in Judges' appointments

Hyderabad: The representatives of the Telangana High Court Advocates' Association called on BRS working president KT Rama Rao at his Nandinagar residence and sought his support for ensuring adequate representation for Telangana lawyers in appointments to the High Court judiciary.

A delegation led by Association president S Surender Reddy briefed Rama Rao on a recent resolution passed by the association, urging authorities to consider only advocates belonging to Telangana, when making appointments to the Telangana High Court. The delegation also called for adherence to principles of social justice and equitable representation for all sections of society in ju-



dicial appointments.

The advocates submitted a representation and requested the BRS working president to raise the issue with the government and exert pressure as the leader of the principal opposition party to safeguard the interests of Telangana lawyers.

The delegation expressed concern that even after the formation of Telangana, advocates from other regions were allegedly securing opportunities by claiming local status, resulting in injustice to eligible lawyers from Telangana. They said the association had unanimously adopted a resolution

on June 15 and staged a protest at the High Court on June 17 to press their demands.

Responding to the representation, Rama Rao said the concerns raised by the advocates were legitimate and assured them that the BRS would stand by Telangana lawyers. He assured support for efforts aimed at protecting the interests of the State and its legal fraternity.

Several office-bearers of the association, including vice-president DL Pandu, secretaries P Sravan Kumar Goud and K Niranjan Reddy, joint secretary P Krishna Keerthana and treasurer Balaji Banoth, were present.

## MLA NAYINI PROPOSES ALL-PARTY PANEL TO RECLAIM GOVT LANDS

Hanumakonda: Warangal West MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy on Sunday proposed the formation of a joint committee with representatives from political parties, public organisations and student unions to protect government lands and prevent encroachments in Warangal.

Addressing a press conference at the District Congress Committee office in Hanumakonda, he alleged that Opposition parties were criticising the government without placing complete facts before the public. He accused former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and BJP leaders of neglecting Telangana activists after state formation.

Reddy criticised what he described as distribution of goods under the guise of welfare using illegally amassed wealth and expressed concern



over the participation of senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao in such programmes. He said people who had earlier targeted Congress leaders were now criticising the Congress government and maintained that public programmes should not be used as platforms for political attacks.

Reaffirming the government's development agenda, he said ₹11 crore had been sanctioned for development of Mada streets in the city and an additional ₹19 crore secured on June 12

after discussions with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He alleged that Opposition parties were misrepresenting these allocations as achievements of the previous government.

Calling for collective action, the MLA proposed an all-party committee including CPI and CPM representatives to identify and reclaim encroached government lands through a mechanism similar to HYDRAA.

Referring to the YSR Nagar land issue, he alleged that BJP

and BRS leaders were making baseless accusations and said that if the land was established as government property, it should be used for public transport and administrative purposes. He added that he had written to the district collector seeking action against illegal constructions in the Warangal West constituency.

Reddy said the Congress government had secured funds for an underground drainage system in the city and alleged that previous governments had neglected develop-

ment of Mamnoon Airport despite completion of land acquisition.

On housing, he said the Indiramma Housing Scheme was being implemented transparently and alleged that houses built during the previous regime were not properly handed over to beneficiaries. He said title deeds had recently been distributed under the supervision of the SC and ST Commission.

Criticising the Union government, he said Telangana was not receiving its fair share of funds despite contributing significant tax revenues and challenged BJP leaders to outline their developmental initiatives in the state.

He said public welfare and development remained his priority and added that people would support leaders who deliver results.

## 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

accorded 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.

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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.

# India Will Be Global Arms Maker: Modi

Kolkata: Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear on Sunday that India does not want to remain merely a buyer of foreign defence products or allow its military strength to be reduced to a "marketplace" for the world. He asserted that the country would become "decisive" when it emerges as a full-fledged defence manufacturer.

The Prime Minister was speaking at the tri-commissioning of INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak, built by defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, into the Indian Navy before concluding his two-day state visit. Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, West Bengal Governor R.N. Ravi and Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari attended the ceremony.

Modi said, "Today, India does not want to remain merely a buyer in the defence sector. Our military strength cannot be reduced to a marketplace for the world. The identity of our strength lies not in being a market, but in our self-reliance. India wants to be a manufacturer. And the day we become manufacturers, we will also become decisive. We are moving rapidly in this direction."



He said India's total defence production had risen to ₹1.8 lakh crore from nearly ₹40,000 crore after 2014, while defence exports had increased to ₹40,000 crore from ₹700 crore, with more than 80 countries now buying Indian defence products.

Referring to the three newly commissioned warships, the Prime Minister said, "They are symbols of three important resolutions of India. They have been built in India. Their designs were prepared in India. Their construction involved the talent of Indian industries, the skill of Indian engineers and the hard work of Indian workers."

Modi said more than 40 indigenous warships and submarines had been inducted into the Navy in recent years and 45 major naval platforms were under construction. Underlining the importance of maritime power, he said, "The world bears witness that no nation can become a great power without maritime capability. Development is linked to the seas, security is linked to the seas, prosperity is linked to the seas."

He said most of the world's trade moved through maritime routes, while vast data networks passed beneath the oceans. In the coming years, critical minerals, deep-sea resources and new energy sources would also be

linked to the seas, he said.

"The stronger a nation's maritime strength, the stronger its economic and strategic influence. India understands this reality well. India is preparing itself for it," Modi said.

The Prime Minister said India had entered the next phase of maritime power and had begun moving forward with a new vision for the shipbuilding sector. "India also knows that strength is equally necessary to safeguard peace. Security is essential to protect prosperity. And self-reliance is indispensable for building the future," he said.

Highlighting job opportunities in the sector, Modi said India's maritime sector had the potential to generate millions of jobs in the coming years. "We do not see the maritime sector as an isolated sector. We see it as the employment engine of a developed India. A modern ship requires hundreds of tonnes of steel, electronics, machinery and thousands of components. Behind all this, thousands of companies work, which means thousands of youth get employment," he said.

## Ram temple probe: SIT asks trust officials not to leave Ayodhya

The SIT probing alleged embezzlement of funds linked to the Ayodhya Ram temple has directed trust officials and temple functionaries not to leave the city. Investigators are also examining land purchases and procurement activities undertaken by the temple trust

Ayodhya (UP): The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged embezzlement of funds in the Ram Temple in Ayodhya has instructed the office-bearers of the temple trust and temple functionaries not to leave Ayodhya, according to temple sources.

The instruction by the three-member SIT was issued before its members left for Lucknow on Sunday.

According to temple sources, the daily investigation reports, including those related to the questioning of trust officials and other persons connected with the investigation, have been saved in digital form, and the report will be given final shape before being presented to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Adityanath.

At the same time, the SIT has been sending



reports of its findings to the Chief Minister's Office on a daily basis, they said.

The sources said the SIT's probe has not remained limited to investigating the alleged embezzlement of funds, but has also covered the purchase of land in different phases by the

temple trust as well as the procurement of building materials for the temple.

The temple trust had allegedly purchased land at rates above the market price. The issue had been vocally raised by different political parties, including the Samajwadi Party and Aam Aadmi Party.

On June 13, the Uttar Pradesh government constituted an SIT following a request from the temple trust after allegations of misappropriation of donations received at the Ayodhya Ram temple.

The SIT comprises Lucknow Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant, Inspector General of Police Kiran S and Finance Department Special Secretary Neel Ratan.

## AP to Set up Yoga Mandirs in Every Village and Ward

VIJAYAWADA: Unveiling an ambitious vision to make yoga an integral part of daily life across Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday announced that permanent Yoga Mandirs would be established in Swarna Gram and Swarna Ward offices across the state.

The initiative, he said, is aimed at taking yoga to every household and ensuring comprehensive public health.

Addressing a massive gathering at International Yoga Day celebrations at the IGM Stadium here, the chief minister said his government was committed to building a "healthy, wealthy and happy Andhra Pradesh" through a combination of physical fitness, mental well-being and spiritual growth.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, youth, government employees, officials and others. Yoga guru Baba Ramdev led the sessions, while Naidu and IT minister Nara Lokesh prominently participated in performing the pranayama, anulom-vilom and various yoga postures.

The CM said yoga was not merely a form of exercise but a way of life that could significantly improve physical and mental health. Stressing the importance of preventive healthcare, he urged the people to dedicate time every day to yoga, meditation and healthy living practices.

Later, sharing his message on social media platform X, Naidu described yoga as India's invaluable gift to humanity and said it offered benefits to people of all ages and backgrounds. "Yoga offers a simple and effective path to better health, well-being and inner balance," he said, calling upon citizens to make yoga a part of their daily routine.

Naidu credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi



for securing global recognition for yoga and said India, as a Vishwaguru had the capacity to guide the world. He noted that the future belonged to the combination of technology and spirituality and encouraged young people to embrace both.

Outlining the government's roadmap, the chief minister announced that district and mandal-level officials would monitor yoga programmes, while an expert committee would formulate standard yoga protocols. A dedicated Yogandhra portal would also be launched to coordinate yoga-related activities across the state.

The CM announced that yoga would be integrated into the Sanjeevani health initiative, which is scheduled to be rolled out statewide from August 15. The government, he said, would also promote chemical-free diets through natural farming and work towards increasing AP's green

cover to 50 per cent.

Recalling the success of Yogandhra-2025 in Visakhapatnam, where world records were created in the presence of the PM, Naidu announced that Andhra Pradesh would host International Yoga Day celebrations in Tirupati next year under the banner of Yogandhra-2027. The Chief Minister, who said he had practised yoga for nearly three decades, said this helped him cope with the pressures of public life. He urged citizens to devote at least an hour daily to yoga and meditation to maintain good health and reduce dependence on hospitals. Officials presented two World Book of Records certificates to the CM, recognising the participation of 1.07 crore people and 2.5 lakh trainers in yoga-related activities across AP. Union ministers, state ministers and several other public figures attended the programme.

# 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 Navarang 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."



## Kishan Reddy Leads Mega 24-Hour Countdown Yoga Event in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: A day before the International Yoga Day, a massive '24-Hour Countdown Event' was organised in Hyderabad under the leadership of Union Minister G Kishan Reddy at Parade Grounds in Secunderabad on Saturday morning.

The event witnessed participation from several prominent personalities, yoga organisations, students and international delegates, reflecting the growing popularity of yoga both in India and abroad.

Kishan Reddy said the event was part of India's continued efforts to promote yoga globally since the observance of June 21 as the International Day of Yoga was initiated.

"The Central government initiated the celebration of June 21 as International Day of Yoga across the world. In Hyderabad, prominent people have been observing



24-hour countdown to June 21 for the past seven years. Even today, a fantastic program was organised in Parade Grounds here. Thousands of Yoga enthusiasts participated in this. Telangana Governor, former Vice President of India, former Governors, MPs and MLAs, actors, Yoga associations, students and 45 for-

eign delegates participated in the program today," Reddy said.

Actor Payal Radhakrishna, who attended the programme, expressed surprise at the turnout and highlighted yoga's growing global appeal. "I did not expect such a big crowd at 6 am in the morning. The entire ground was filled. We all

know the benefits of Yoga. We see a lot of foreign delegates here. When I travel, a lot of foreign travellers talk to me about Yoga. I think that in India, whatever treasure we have, we have not used completely. So, I urge everybody to push forward, support, promote and self practice Yoga and make it a daily routine...", she said.

## CM Urges NEET Candidates To Stay Calm, Trust Their Preparation

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy extended his best wishes to students appearing for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-UG (NEET) to be held on Sunday, urging them to approach the examination with confidence and without anxiety. The Chief Minister said students should trust the hard work and perseverance they have put in while preparing for one of the most important examination for admission to medical courses.

Around 72,956 candidates from Telangana are expected to appear for the examination at 208 centres across 24 cities in the state. Nationally, more than 22.74 lakh candidates will take the test at 5,440 centres. The earlier test was cancelled after it emerged that question papers had been leaked, leading to an outcry.

Revanth Reddy reminded students that the state government had



already announced free travel in Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) buses for candidates appearing for the medical entrance examination. He advised students not to delay their travel plans and to reach examination centres well in advance. Candidates should follow all examination guidelines and write the test with a composed and focused mind, he said.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that students would achieve their goals and excel in their future careers. NEET is the national entrance examination for admission to undergraduate medical programmes, including MBBS, BDS and other allied health science courses across the country.

## 'PR First, Not Nation': Cong Slams PM for Not Raising Seafarers' Killing With Trump

New Delhi: The Congress on Saturday lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "not taking up" with US President Donald Trump the killing of three Indian seafarers as a result of an American attack and alleged that "PR first" was the government's mantra and not "nation first". The opposition party also cited the responses of the former prime ministers Manmohan Singh -- during the diplomatic row surrounding MEA official Devyani Khobragade in 2013 -- and Indira Gandhi to argue that previous Congress governments had given primacy to nation's interest when speaking with America.

In the context of the Modi-Trump bilateral meeting and the public remarks they made on Wednesday on the sidelines of the G7 summit in France, Congress's media and publicity department head Pawan Khera claimed that Modi sat with his gaze lowered before Trump. "He sat huddled on the sofa, addressing Trump as 'excellency'. It was truly embarrassing. It looked as though a company agent were speaking to the boss; we had never seen a prime minister like this before," Khera said at a press conference here.

The US killed three Indian sailors, yet Trump did not even express regret because Narendra Modi sat there "meekly", content merely with the praise he was receiving, the Congress leader said. "Narendra Modi kept giggling but failed to ask Trump a single question about the killing of Indian sailors, simply because his skin had been complimented." (External Affairs Minister) S Jaishankar returns after being reprimanded by Marco Rubio. Narendra Modi returns after hearing praise for his skin. It is deeply disheartening to see the government of the world's largest democracy return from the global



stage having suffered such indignity," Khera said.

This is not "nation first" but "PR first", the Congress leader asserted. The message Manmohan Singh conveyed to the US as the prime minister regarding the Khobragade case had astonished the entire world, Khera said. It was the UPA government that succeeded in placing Pakistan on the FATF 'grey list', and yet today, Modi's "friend" Trump invites Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir to dinner following Operation Sindoor, he said.

Khera further said in 1986, Voice of America wanted to set up a transmitter in Sri Lanka, right next to the Indian coast, but Rajiv Gandhi did not allow it to happen. "It took us 200 years to drive out the British, but in just 12 years, Narendra Modi has brought back servitude," Khera alleged. "When Modi and Trump sat together, three things happened -- the US renamed the US Indo-Pacific Command back to US Pacific Command; the US depicted the PoK region as part of Pakistan on a map; and the US State Department suspended EB-2 and EB-5 visas for Indians in the July 2026 visa bulletin," he said. In his meeting with Trump, Modi did not raise the issue of the killing of Indian sailors, discuss the one-sided US trade deal or bring up the US president's 'Operation Sindoor' ceasefire claims, Khera said. "Narendra Modi does not wish to learn from Indira Gandhi. At the very least, he should learn from

(Italian Prime Minister) Giorgia Meloni how to look someone in the eye and give a firm response," he said, referring to her rebuttal of Trump's claim that she "begged" for a photo with him. Khera said the US torpedoed and sunk the 'IRIS Dena', a vessel "that was our guest". Yet, Modi did not raise this issue with Trump, he added, referring to the incident in March. "Trump stated that if anyone attacked India while Modi was the prime minister, the US would come to its aid. This statement made it sound as though we were an American colony... whereas India has won numerous wars on its own strength," the Congress leader said. The opposition party earlier attacked Modi for not mentioning the killing of three Indian seafarers during his public remarks with US President Trump, calling it "pathetic" and "totally unacceptable". While Modi raised the issue of the safety of seafarers with Trump on the sidelines of the G7 summit at Evian-Les-Bains, France, the Congress slammed him for not specifically raising the issue of the seafarers' killing as the two leaders made a public statement. Modi and Trump held wide-ranging talks on the sidelines of the G7 summit that focused on the proposed bilateral trade deal, bilateral defence and security ties and the West Asia crisis. The meeting came days after three Indian seafarers were killed onboard a merchant ship in a US military strike.

## GHMC Distributes 7.1 Lakh Saris to SHG Women

HYDERABAD: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) would be distributing 7.1 lakh saris to self-help group (SHG) women as well as 40 egg street food carts as part of the Indira Mahila Shakti initiative. The Indiramma saris were distributed to SHG members at Banjara Bhavan, Banjara Hills, by minister Md Azharuddin, in the presence of GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan.

The minister stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the state government was committed to economically empowering women and to help one crore women become financially independent entrepreneurs and 'crorepatis' through welfare and livelihood initiatives.



The minister urged the SHGs to expand their reach by encouraging small-scale workers, domestic workers, and women from economically weaker sections to join as members. The members

would benefit from access to low-interest loans, financial assistance, skill development programmes, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Azharuddin said the government was exploring additional opportunities to entrust to SHGs such as the operation of electric buses, petrol bunks, and income-generating ventures.

## Congress government has betrayed farmers, must step down: BRS

Hyderabad: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Saturday demanded the Congress government step down, accusing it of betraying Telangana's farming community by limiting crop procurement to quotas fixed by the Centre and failing to safeguard farmers' interests.

Addressing a press conference in Hyderabad, former ministers S Niranjan Reddy and Gangula Kamalakar, along with Jangaon MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, launched a scathing attack on the State government and demanded an apology to farmers.

Former Agriculture Minister S Niranjan Reddy said the Revanth Reddy government has pushed farmers into a situation where they were forced to seek mercy from officials for procurement.

Recalling the BRS government's stand on pro-



urement, Niranjan Reddy said former chief minister K Chandrashekhar Rao had staged protests in New Delhi demanding that the Centre procure paddy from Telangana farmers.

He pointed out that while serving as Leader of the Opposition in March 2022, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had criticised the BRS government and accused it of failing to procure paddy.

"At that time, Revanth Reddy accused the BRS

government of making excuses on procurement. Today, his own government has announced that procurement will be restricted to the Centre's quota," Niranjan Reddy said.

He further alleged that Telangana did not face any shortage of urea during the BRS government's decade-long tenure, but such issues surfaced after the Congress came to power. Telangana travel guide

"Shouldn't the govern-

ment be ashamed of these developments? Revanth Reddy must apologise to farmers for misleading them and subjecting them to hardship," he demanded.

The BRS leaders also accused the Chief Minister of reneging on his promise to procure every grain produced by farmers. "Within days of assuring farmers that every grain would be procured, the government has changed its stand and decided to restrict procurement to the Centre's quota," they alleged.

Jangaon MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy accused the Congress government of repeatedly failing to provide farmer assistance under the Rythu Bharosa scheme.

According to him, farmers did not receive assistance during the Vanakalam 2024 season, while payments in 2025 were restricted to three acres.

## 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. Chandrashekar 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.

## 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.

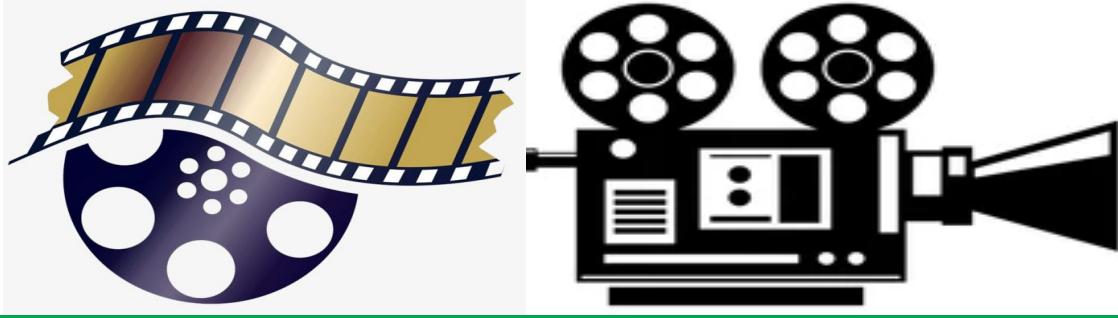
It was the midfielder's second strike of the tournament having also netted in the opening 1-1 draw with Brazil. Saibari, who reportedly underwent a medical ahead of a move to Bayern Munich, is only the second African to net in each of his first two World Cup appearances, the other being Egyptian star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



## CINEMA

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

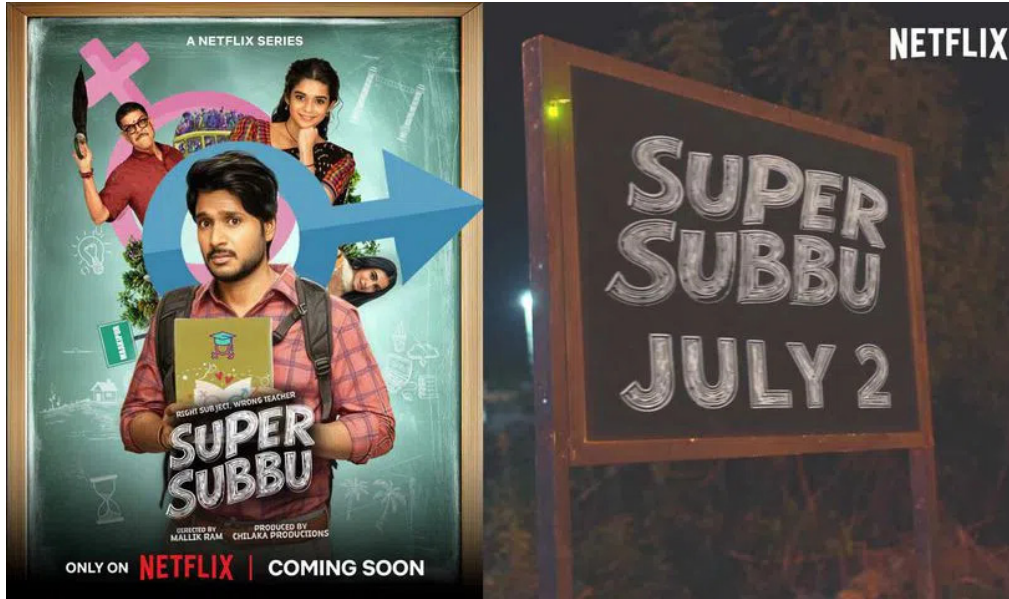
Netflix has announced that its first Telugu original series, Super Subbu, starring Sundeep Kishan, will premiere on July 2. Directed by Mallik Ram, the comedy-drama explores sex education, family relationships and social taboos through humour and heartfelt storytelling.

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

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

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

Armed with no experience, a lesson plan and a calling to educate these villagers, he soon finds himself navigating a whirlwind of curiosity, chaos, and conversations that rarely stay within four walls. For Subbu, this short-term posting turns into a life-changing experience! But there's one question that he needs to answer for himself – is he willing to risk his love, family and career as he attempts to survive this new normal?



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

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

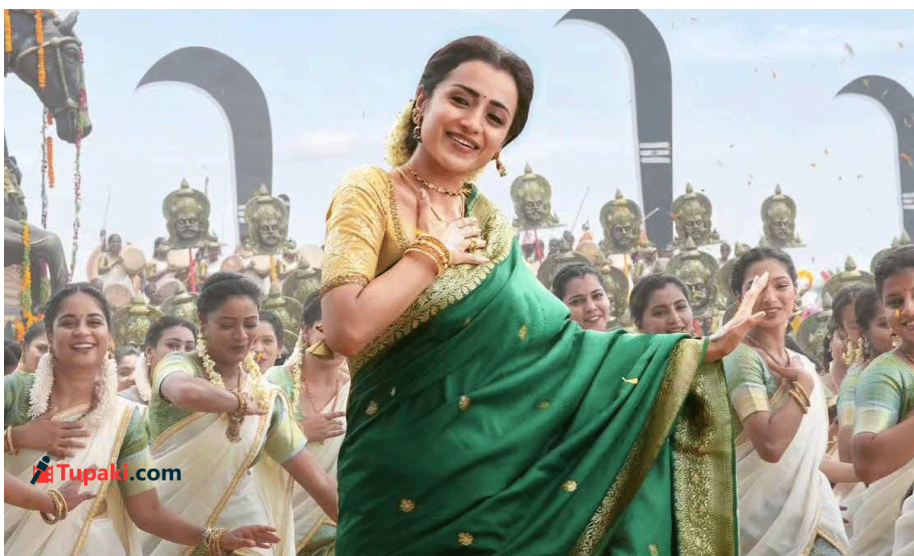
Talking about the series, creator and director Mallik Ram said, "With Super Subbu, we wanted to tell a story that is fun and full of heart while also making conversations around topics like sex education feel less taboo. Humour became the best way to do that because laughter instantly breaks the discomfort.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

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



### Is Trisha Now the Highest-Paid South Indian Actress?

Trisha is one of the few actresses who continues to enjoy huge popularity despite being in the industry for many years.



Trisha Krishnan is once again making headlines in the film industry. The popular actress, who has been a leading star for more than two decades, is reportedly increasing her remuneration after the success of her latest film Karuppu.

Trisha is one of the few actresses who continues to enjoy huge popularity despite being in the industry for many years. She has successfully worked in Tamil, Telugu, and other South Indian films and has also built a strong pan-India image. Fans admire her for maintaining her charm and staying relevant across generations.

In recent months, Trisha has been in the news not only for her film projects but also for several discussions on social media and in political circles. While she has faced ups and downs in her career, she has always managed to bounce back with successful films.

After the blockbuster success of Ponniyin Selvan, expectations were very high for Trisha. However, some of her recent films, including Vidaamuyarchi with Ajith Kumar and Thug Life with Kamal Haasan, received mixed reactions and criticism from audiences.

Interestingly, Trisha has a history of making strong comebacks after a few setbacks. The recent success of Karuppu appears to have brought her back into top form. According to reports circulating on social media, the actress is now being considered for a big pan-India Tamil film.

The buzz is that Trisha has demanded a remuneration of ₹12 crore for the project. Although she was already said to be charging a high fee for Karuppu, reports suggest that she is now asking for an even bigger amount.

Sources claim that discussions are currently taking place between the actress and the film's producers regarding the remuneration. The makers are reportedly trying to negotiate the amount and bring it down.

At the moment, there is no official confirmation from Trisha or the production team regarding these reports. However, the rumor has gone viral online, with many fans saying that Trisha is in no mood to reduce her fee after delivering another successful film.



### ANANYA NAGALLA STUNS IN A BEAUTIFUL WHITE SAREE

Draped in an elegant white saree with delicate floral motifs, her poised look and radiant smile are pure Sunday vibes — graceful, charming, and effortlessly stunning.

Happy Sunday guys ! Just saw this beautiful photo of Ananya Nagalla and I loveeeeeee thiss . Draped in an elegant white saree with delicate floral motifs, her poised look and radiant smile are pure Sunday vibes — graceful, charming, and effortlessly stunning.

Ananya Nagalla, born on January 8, 1996, in Sathupalli, Telangana, stepped into Telugu cinema with a powerful debut in the 2019 biographical drama Malleshham, portraying Padma. Her performance earned her a SIIMA Award nomination for Best Female Debut. She further impressed audiences with roles in Vakeel Saab (opposite Pawan Kalyan), Play Back, Shaakuntalam, and Malli Pelli.

In 2024, she delivered memorable performances in Darling, Pottel (as Bujjamma), Tantra, and Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes. Her work in Pottel won her the Gaddar Telangana Film Award for Special Jury – Best Actress, a proud milestone in her journey.

Ananya continues to shine with exciting upcoming projects including Lechindi Mahila Lokam (2026), Sambarala Yeti Gattu, and Joruga Hushaaruga Shikaaru Podhama. She is also gearing up for her Bollywood debut, marking an exciting new chapter.

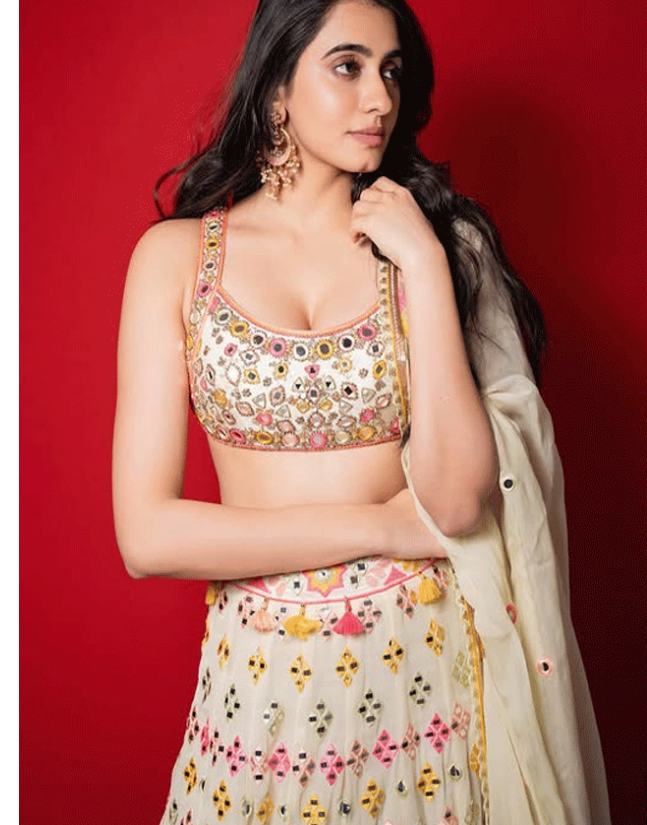
With talent, dedication, and versatility, Ananya Nagalla is steadily rising as a strong force in Indian cinema. Keep shining!

### Maanasa Choudhary's Traditional Glow: Debut to Rising Star

Maanasa Choudhary (born August 2, 2000) is a rising Indian actress and model primarily working in Telugu and Tamil cinema.

Radiating confidence against a bold red backdrop, Maanasa Choudhary stuns in a colourful embroidered lehenga choli with delicate mirror work, paired with a flowing cream dupatta. Her long tresses, statement earrings, and poised gaze highlight her fresh, graceful charm.

Maanasa Choudhary (born August 2, 2000) is a rising Indian actress and model primarily working in Telugu and Tamil cinema. She began with modelling, pageants, and short films before making her mark in digital content. Her feature film debut came with the lead role in the Telugu romantic drama Bubblegum (2023). She gained wider recognition with a special appearance as dancer Mona in the blockbuster Lucky Baskhar (2024) opposite Dulquer Salmaan.



Maanasa is quickly expanding her portfolio with strong roles in pan-Indian projects. Her upcoming films include Aaryan (Tamil, 2025), Love Jathara (Telugu, 2025), DNA (2025), Gaaya Padda Simham (Telugu, 2026), and Mustafa Mustafa (Tamil, 2026). She is also part of the Netflix series Super Subbu. With her natural screen presence and dedication, Maanasa Choudhary is carving a promising path in South Indian cinema.