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CM Revanth Wants Aviation MRO Hub at Adilabad

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday urged Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to develop the Adilabad airport into a multi-functional aviation hub.

During his meeting with Singh in Delhi, the Chief Minister sought integrated development of the airport that includes cargo handling, MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) capabilities and large-scale hangar operations along with the planned Indian Air Force terminal and a civilian passenger terminal.

Revanth Reddy expressed gratitude to the defence minister for facilitating the transfer of defence land recently to the state government to construct the Gandhi Sarovar project at Babu Ghat, Langar Houz, as part of the Musi rejuvenation project. The CM described the decision as a significant boost



to the Musi rejuvenation project and public amenity plans in Hyderabad.

He assured Rajnath Singh of the Telangana government's full cooperation in expediting land acquisition for Adilabad airport, utility relocation and other administrative processes necessary for timely project delivery. The Chief Minister stated that expanding Adilabad Airport under the

aegis of the IAF is a top state priority, underlining its strategic importance for national integrity, regional connectivity and defence preparedness.

During the meeting, Revanth Reddy highlighted that several leading global airlines are actively seeking suitable locations to establish hangar facilities, a trend accelerated by recent geopolitical developments in Cen-

tral Asia.

In addition to civil and IAF infrastructure, the Chief Minister requested the defence minister's help in establishing robust cargo terminals and integrated MRO facilities at Adilabad to attract private investment and international carriers. Revanth Reddy also sought expedited sanction for a key DRDO/DRDL project at Devarakadra in Mahabubnagar district, selected for a defence research and testing facility, stressing its significance for local development and national security.

R&B special secretary Vikas Raj, principal secretary K.S. Sreenivasa Raju, Chief Minister's secretary Manicka Raj and special secretary (Coordination) Advait Kumar Singh were present in the meeting.

Bhatti Urges Mahila Congress Members To Publicise TG Welfare Schemes

Nalgonda: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday asked Mahila Congress members to undertake door-to-door campaigns to publicise state welfare schemes, stating that they had improved the living conditions of the poor.

Addressing a Mahila Congress meeting in Khammam, he said the government had introduced several welfare measures aimed at reducing the financial burden on poor families. He cited free electricity up to 200 units for domestic consumers, free bus travel for women in TGSRTC services and supply of fine rice to ration cardholders as key initiatives.

He said the Congress government had prioritised women's welfare and empowerment, describing its governance as "Indiramma Rajyam" focused on providing equal opportunities and strengthening women economically and politically. He said a target had been set to extend ₹1 lakh crore in loans to self-help group (SHG) women over five years, adding that ₹67,000 crore in interest-free loans had already



been disbursed in two and a half years. The loan limit for SHG women had been enhanced from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh, he said.

Referring to housing, he said the Indiramma Houses scheme had been revived after the Congress came to power. He stated that 4.5 lakh houses had been sanctioned to eligible beneficiaries in the first phase, with many completed, and that 2,000 houses would be allotted to each Assembly constituency in the second phase.

"To ensure poor families do not have to sell their homes, land, or gold for medical treatment, the Rajiv Aarogyasri limit has been increased to ₹10 lakh, enabling

access to quality treatment in corporate hospitals free of cost," he said.

He assured support to women leaders who had participated in party activities and protests over the past decade and said they would be given key roles in booth-level committees to strengthen the organisation.

He also urged women to take part in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls to ensure that no eligible voter was left out.

Mahila Congress state president Errabelli Swarna, district president Dobbala Soujanya and District Congress Committee president Nuthi Satyanarayana were present.

Rajolibanda Benefits For TG Back in Focus - Uttam Says State Interests Will Be Protected

HYDERABAD: Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday directed officials to take steps to assert Telangana's rights on using its share of the Tungabhadra river waters, and to prepare a comprehensive report on legal, technical, and administrative aspects on the state's share of water from the river.

Chairing a meeting with senior irrigation department officials, Uttam Kumar Reddy said there should be no compromise on using Telangana's share of water from the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) on the Tungabhadra. The minister held the meeting ahead of Karnataka's June 25 plans to celebrate the installation of 33 new gates of Tungabhadra dam.

Uttam Kumar Reddy stressed the need for expedit-



ing RDS' modernisation in line with expert committee recommendations and ensuring speedy implementation of Phase-II of the Tummiilla lift irrigation scheme, intended to serve as a supplementary source of irrigation for the region.

The meeting was also attended by RDS former chairman G. Sitarami Reddy who highlighted the poor condition of the the scheme's headworks,

unauthorised diversions by neighbouring states, declining storage in the Tungabhadra reservoir due to siltation, and the need for long-term measures to safeguard Telangana's rightful share of river waters.

As per the Krishna Waters Disputes Tribunal-I award, of the total 17.1 tmc ft of water allotted to erstwhile unified Andhra Pradesh, Telangana's share is 15.9 tmc ft but the state has been

receiving much less than that due to leakages and other issues. When residuary AP launched work at Rajolibanda in Kurnool district that to build at parallel canal to the RDS, Telangana had complained that this would result in additional drawal of water from RDS by Andhra Pradesh affecting Telangana's interests.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said officials should be ready with an action plan to strongly present Telangana's arguments before tribunals, boards, and inter-state meetings as required, adding that protecting Telangana's rights is the government's primary objective and it is taking all measures to safeguard the interests of RDS ayacut farmers.

Harish Rao accuses Revanth Reddy of failing farmers and misusing public funds

Nagarkurnool: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao flayed Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accusing him of threatening a national bank, cheating farmers with false promises and spending public money on personal comforts while denying welfare to the poor. Stating that the people of Telangana want a government of schemes and not scams, he vowed to win all 14 seats in undivided Palamuru and defeat Revanth Reddy in Kodangal in the next Assembly election. Telangana travel guide

Addressing the party cadre in Atchampet on Monday, Harish Rao said Revanth Reddy had threatened to withdraw the State government's deposits from State Bank of India (SBI) after the bank approached the High Court over the alleged



illegal auction of its land. "If RBI and the World Bank also question him, will he ban them too? He will probably open a 'Kondal Reddy Bank'," he said, adding that Revanth Reddy and his brothers had looted the State enough to start their own bank.

The BRS deputy leader said the Congress government had withheld Rythu Bharosa payments amounting to Rs 29,350 crore to farmers. He said Rythu Bima had been suspended for four months, with

7,600 farmers still awaiting payments. "Promises of a Rs 2 lakh loan waiver, fine rice bonus and 24-hour free power have remained unfulfilled," he remarked. Referring to the government's decision to procure crops in line with Central guidelines, he questioned the fate of farmers cultivating crops beyond the notified limits. He said paddy procurement during the Kharif season was also uncertain. "Revanth Reddy is not a leader, but a cheat. He is a puppet of middlemen and millers," he said.

Questioning the government's claims of a funds shortage, Harish Rao said Rs 100 crore was spent on a guest house near Revanth Reddy's Jubilee Hills residence and another Rs 17 crore on iron fencing around it, while fee reimbursement for students had been completely stopped. "An entire generation of students is paying the price for the Chief Minister's publicity campaigns in neighbouring States," he said. The BRS leader listed Singareni, power, HAM roads, coal, Gurukul tenders and land irregularities as evidence of what he described as a scam-ridden Congress rule. He also criticised increases in fuel prices, liquor prices, registration charges, transport fees and other levies, which, he said, imposed an additional burden on the public.

Revanth, Kishan Iron Out Metro Issues

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday said that discussions with Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on the pending Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) loan for the Hyderabad Metro Rail project were held in a positive atmosphere and expressed confidence that the issue would be resolved soon.

Speaking to reporters after a high-level meeting in Delhi, the Chief Minister said he, along with Union coal and mines minister G. Kishan Reddy, met Vaishnaw to discuss the release of the IRFC loan and other pending issues relating to Hyderabad Metro Rail. The meeting with Vaishnaw assumed significance as it focused on expediting the disbursement of the IRFC loan required for the Hyderabad Metro Rail project and addressing hurdles in the takeover of Metro Phase-I.

Revanth Reddy said he and Union coal minister Kishan Reddy would meet Union urban affairs minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday morning to pursue the matter.

Though neither the Telangana government nor the Centre officially disclosed the outcome of the discussions, official sources said the railway minister gave a strong assurance that he would facilitate the release of the loan at the earliest.

The sources said Vaishnaw advised the Telangana government to re-



visit and rework the modalities for repayment of the proposed IRFC loan, pointing out that the earlier memorandum of understanding (MoU) entered into by the state government was not comprehensive enough. Under the earlier arrangement, the state government had proposed repayment of the IRFC debt after allocating revenues generated through Metro ticket sales, advertisements and real estate earnings towards the operation and maintenance of Metro.

However, the Centre reportedly insisted that debt repayment to IRFC should receive first charge on revenues every month, with the remaining funds being utilised for operations and maintenance. The Telangana government is understood to have agreed to examine the proposal and enter into a revised MoU.

During the meeting, Revanth Reddy and Kishan Reddy also sought early approval and Central financial assistance for the proposed expansion of the Hyderabad Metro Rail network. Discussions were held on clearing obstacles to secure an IRFC

loan of around ₹13,600 crore for the Metro project and to complete the takeover of Metro Phase-I from L&T.

The Chief Minister's meeting with the railway minister came after sustained efforts by the Telangana government over the past week. Revanth Reddy had written two open letters to Kishan Reddy seeking his intervention to facilitate meetings with both Ashwini Vaishnaw and Manohar Lal Khattar.

In the letters, he highlighted that IRFC had halted disbursement of the nearly ₹13,600 crore loan after the May 30 deadline stipulated under the existing MoU, creating obstacles in completing the takeover process of Metro Phase-I from L&T.

In his communications, the Chief Minister stated that Hyderabad Metro Rail was a crucial infrastructure project for both Hyderabad and Telangana and stressed the need for an early decision on pending issues. He informed Kishan Reddy that he would be in Delhi on June 22 and 23 and requested that meetings be arranged with the Railway Minister and the urban affairs minister.

Madhav Calls for Filling Up Vacant Posts in Food Safety Department



Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh BJP president P.V.N. Madhav has called for filling vacant posts of food safety officers and strengthening enforcement mechanisms to curb food adulteration in the state. BJP leaders and activists submitted representations at district collectorates across Andhra Pradesh, seeking intervention to address the growing incidence of adulterated food products and their impact on public health and household finances. Madhav said the food safety department was facing a severe shortage of manpower and alleged that even sanctioned posts

of food safety officers had not been filled, affecting effective monitoring and enforcement of food safety standards. He demanded the establishment of mini food-testing laboratories in every district and sought mandatory display of QR code-based food licences by all food business operators. The BJP leader also called for regular inspections of hotels, restaurants and meat shops to ensure sanitation standards, closure of illegal slaughterhouses, and food safety inspections in government and private schools, hostels and Anganwadi centres.

He urged the government to take stringent action against those violating food safety regulations and proposed the establishment of a 24x7 food safety helpline to receive public complaints and create awareness on food safety issues. Madhav alleged that the sale of adulterated milk, spurious masala products, substandard packaged food items, contaminated water and unhygienic meat products was increasing in the state. The BJP leader urged the authorities to strengthen food safety enforcement and improve monitoring systems to protect public health.

No Use of YSRC Kapu Meeting: Nanaji



Kakinada: Kakinada Rural MLA Pantham Venkateswara Rao (Nanaji) on Monday criticised a Kapu community meeting organised by YSRC leaders at Venkatayapalem village in Ramachandrapuram mandal of Dr B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district, questioning its purpose and outcomes. Addressing the media, Nanaji alleged that leaders participating in the meeting had failed to outline their demands to the present government or explain what they would do for the community if the YSRC returned to power. The Jana Sena MLA also criticised YSRC Kapu leaders for fo-

cusings their criticism on Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan. He said Pawan Kalyan advocated inclusive politics and sought to move beyond caste-based political mobilisation. Nanaji further alleged that the alliance government, particularly Pawan Kalyan, would not tolerate criminal activity and asserted that action should be taken against offenders irrespective of political affiliation. He also criticised several former YSRC ministers and questioned their performance during the previous government's tenure. Referring to former MLA Dwarampudi Chandrasekhar Reddy, Nanaji alleged that he had misused power

while in office and claimed that he remained away from public life after his electoral defeat. The MLA warned that Jana Sena would respond strongly to criticism directed at Pawan Kalyan and other alliance leaders. He also challenged Jagan Mohan Reddy to contest from Kakinada Rural constituency. YSRC MLC Thota Trimurthulu condemned Nanaji's comments. He said that if the MLA resigned from his post, "I would contest against him as an Independent candidate from Kakinada Rural constituency." Trimurthulu rejected allegations that he had been involved in land grabbing and challenged Nanaji to substantiate the claims. He also argued that caste continued to play a significant role in electoral politics and political representation. Former MP Vanga Geetha also criticised Nanaji's remarks and cautioned him against making personal comments.

CM Moots 15 Per Cent Growth Rate For AP Under Swarna Andhra Vision-2047

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has envisaged a 15 per cent growth rate for Andhra Pradesh under the Swarna Andhra Vision-2047. The state, he said, has achieved a compound annual growth rate of 13.5 per cent during 2014-19 while the current growth rate is around 11 per cent. The state planning department on Monday has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Institute for Financial Management and Research associated with KREA University to support implementation of the 10 guiding principles of Swarna Andhra Vision-2047.



Planning department principal secretary Piyush Kumar and IFMR's representative Kapil Viswanathan exchanged the documents. As part of the MoU, IFMR will oversee implementation of the Swarna Andhra Vision-

2047 and support the establishment of Mission Cells for achieving the GSDP targets and also higher growth rates. IFMR will work with the AP government in initiatives like Zero Poverty, Water Security and Deep Tech missions and undertake field-level

studies, provide policy recommendations and suggest innovative approaches related to the 10 guiding principles. A state-level commission and mission working groups will be constituted to monitor and facilitate implementation of the 10 guiding principles.

Naidu asserted that the government was integrating deep technologies across various sectors to accelerate development and noted that AP has attracted projects in varied sectors like AI skilling, drone mapping, automobiles, metals, steel, rare earth minerals, semi-conductors, defence manufacturing and others. "We are promoting AI and Quantum Technologies in a big way." Minister for finance Payyavula Keshav and representatives from KREA university and IFMR and also officials from AP's planning department were present.

AP CM Naidu to Unveil Reports on Government's Two-year Performance

Vijayawada: Beginning with a power sector report on Monday, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will unveil a series of Progress Report 2024-26 documents on the achievements of his government during its first two years in office. In a meeting with ministers and officials here on Sunday, Naidu directed various departments to prepare comprehensive reports showcasing the government's performance since 2024. The reports, he said, should serve as action-taken documents on the seven White Papers released shortly after the government took power. These would highlight the "corrective" steps taken and progress achieved in various sectors. The Chief Minister said the reports should explain how the government transformed a state that had "suffered administrative and economic setbacks" under YSRC



term, and how "we placed it on the path of growth and development" within two years. He stressed the need to project tangible achievements in welfare, development and governance before the people. The seven White Papers covered the state's financial condition, the Polavaram project, Amaravati capital development, the power sector, law and order, mining and excise. In addition,

reports would highlight three other themes — development, Good Governance and welfare/empowerment. The development progress report will focus on agriculture, industries, infrastructure and tourism. The Good Governance report will detail policy initiatives, administrative reforms and governance measures introduced by the government. The welfare/empowerment report will highlight

welfare programmes and initiatives, including the P4 model aimed at improving the socio-economic status of citizens. Naidu said the objective was not only to inform the people about the government's achievements but also provide factual information and counter fake news. "Significant reforms had been introduced across departments over the past two years and the public should be made aware of

the changes brought about in governance and service delivery." Of the 10 reports being prepared, the CM will release four covering finance, development, welfare and governance, while the six others will be released by ministers. Naidu directed officials to ensure that all reports are released by July 18 and later compiled into a single volume for public reference. "Progress reports should become an annual exercise of the government," he stressed. Ministers Payyavula Keshav, Ponguru Narayana, Anagani Satya Prasad, Vangalapati Anitha, Gottipati Ravi Kumar, Nimmala Ramanaidu and Kollu Ravindra, participated in the review through video conference. Chief secretary Sai Prasad, DGP Harish Gupta and other senior officials were present.

AP's Flagship Yogandhra 2026 Recognised By World Book of Records

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh's flagship mass yoga initiative, Yogandhra 2026, has received international recognition from the World Book of Records for its large-scale public participation and successful promotion of yoga across the state. The official certificate was presented to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in Vijayawada on Sunday, by Dr. Ullaji Eliazer, Joint Secretary (South Region) of the World Book of Records. State Health and AYUSH Minister Satyakumar Yadav said



the award was received by the AYUSH Department and credited the achievement to the collective efforts of officials, trainers, and participants. The state had set a target of involving 1.05 crore

yoga enthusiasts under Yogandhra 2026, but participation surpassed expectations, with more than 1.07 crore people registering, marking a major milestone. Officials said the programme was supported by a vast network of yoga trainers and gurus across the state, along with lakhs of participants from thousands of yoga centres. Large-scale yoga demonstrations and competitions were also held at multiple levels, with selected winners later named Yoga Brand Ambassadors to further promote the initiative across the state.

REVANTH REDDY ASSURES FULL SUPPORT FOR ADILABAD AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy thanked the Union Minister Rajnath Singh for transferring defence lands for Gandhi Sarovar project. He assured the Union Minister that the state government will provide full cooperation in land acquisition, transfer of utilities etc for the development of Adilabad airport, one of the state government's most priority projects. Revanth Reddy assured the Union Minister that the state government will provide all possible assistance and cooperation as it is a matter related to national unity and defence. The Chief Minister said that the state government will extend all possible cooperation for the massive expansion of the airport in Adilabad. He requested cooperation in setting up cargo, MRO and hangar facilities on a large scale along with the Indian Air Force terminal and the terminal building of the Civil Aviation to be constructed for the convenience of passengers. In the wake of recent developments in Middle-East Asia, Revanth Reddy appealed to develop Adilabad Airport, which is most suitable for world-famous airlines to set up their hangars, in that direction. He requested the Union Minister to immediately sanction a key project related to DRDO or DRDL at the location selected by them near Devrakdra in Mahabubnagar district.



Crackdown on Drugs: Massive Awareness Drive Launched Across the District

"We Must Unite Against Narcotic Drugs" – SP Rohith Raju, IPS



Bhadradi Kothagudem | June 22: The Bhadradi Kothagudem Police have intensified their fight against narcotic drugs by launching a large-scale awareness campaign across the district. On Monday, District Superintendent of Police (SP) Rohith Raju, IPS, unveiled Anti-Drug Awareness posters at the District Police Office.

Addressing the gathering, the SP emphasized that building a drug-free society is the collective responsibility of every citizen. He instructed officials to distribute anti-drug posters, banners, and selfie points to all police stations in the district to enhance public awareness.

Special Awareness Programmes from June 22 to 26

The SP directed police personnel to conduct extensive awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, villages, and urban areas to educate people about the harmful effects of drug abuse. He also urged parents to closely monitor their children's behavior and guide them away from drugs.

Strict Action Against Drug Trafficking and Consumption

Warning those involved in the illegal transportation and consumption of ganja and other narcotic substances, the SP stated that stringent legal action would be taken against offenders. He stressed that only through collective awareness and public participation can a drug-free future be achieved.

Administrative RI Lal Babu, police officers, and staff members participated in the programme.

The District Police Department appealed to the public with the message: "Say No to Drugs... Say Yes to Your Future."

ACCOMMODATION CONCESSION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO ARTISTES IN TOURIST PLACES

- Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka - Ardhanariswaram

National dance festivals are off to a good start - Central Sangeet Natak Akademi award winners felicitated

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mr Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka expressed happiness that the Telangana Sangeet Natak Akademi, which is recognized for its unique programmes, organized festivals at the national level and spread the fame of Telangana. The National Dance Festival under the auspices of Telangana Sangeet Natak Akademi started grandly at Ravindra Bharati on Monday. Talented artistes from different states participated in this festival organized in the name of Ardhanariswaram. Mr Mallu Bhatti, who was the chief guest, lighting of the Jyoti and started the festivities. He said that to respect artists is to encourage preservation of cultural traditions. Me Jupalli Krishna Rao, Minister of Culture and Tourism, who was the special



guest, said that similar dance and drama festivals should be held in the districts as well. He expressed hope that these festivals will help Telangana artistes to get recognition at the national level. Chair person of Telangana Sangeet Natak Akademi, Acharya Dr. Alekhya Punjala, who presided over the meeting. She said that as part of the 100 days of public governance celebrations, a national level dance festival has been launched in a most glorious manner as per the orders of Chief Minister Mr Revanth Reddy. She explained

that three-day dance festivals have been organized with the concept of Ardhanareeswaram for the first time at the national level while organizing various programmes. The Telangana award winners recently announced by Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi are Smt Voleti Rangamani (service to various dance arts), Smt Rajeshwari Sainath (Bharat dance), Sri Durishetti Ramaiah (Folk - Kaddi), Sri D. Srinivas (Music - Veena), Ustad Bismillah Khan Youth Award winners Smt

Satvika Penna (Andhra Natyam), Mr Peri Thyagaraju (Music - Violin) and Mr Ajay Srinivas Chakraborty (Kuchipudi) were felicitated. Later, Hyderabad young artists Mr Surendranath Dr. Bijina couple completed the Arthanariswaram with "Dwayam" Kuchipudi dance. New Delhi artist Mr Waseem Raja's Kuchipudi - style "Samarpanam" exuded spirituality. Finally Hyderabad artistes Ayana Manojna Balaraju troupe performed "Adharva" and enchanted Ardhanariswaram blind-

folded while expressing the uniqueness of nature and the equality of men and women. Commentator Muralikrishna announced that Mumbai artistes Smt Pavitra Bhatt, Smt Aparna Shastri "Ekam Devayam", Dr Vasant Kiran "Sabhapati" from Bangalore and Vaishnavi Sainath Nriytra Kadambam Bharata from Hyderabad will perform on the evening of the second day, 23rd. For three days, students are encouraged to write a review essay about the respective shows and give suitable prizes.

Nizamabad Administration Intensifies Monsoon Preparedness to Ensure Sanitation and Public Safety :

Government Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy Reviews Civic Conditions During Extensive City Inspection

Nizamabad, June 22, 2026 : With the monsoon season gaining momentum across the district, the Nizamabad administration has intensified precautionary measures to ensure sanitation, public safety, and uninterrupted civic services throughout the city. Government Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy on Monday conducted an extensive inspection of various localities in Nizamabad city and directed officials to remain fully alert in preventing sanitation-related problems during the rainy season.



Accompanied by District Collector Ila Tripathi, Municipal Commissioner Dilip Kumar, and senior officials of the Municipal Corporation, Sudarshan Reddy toured several important areas including Bodhan Road, Quilla Road, Devi Theatre Junction, Fruit Market area, and the Khaleelwadi Integrated Market Complex to review sanitation conditions, drainage systems, road maintenance, and civic infrastructure development works.

During the inspection, the Government Advisor instructed municipal authorities to take preventive action well in advance to avoid water stagnation, overflowing drains, and accumulation of garbage in residential colonies and commercial areas.

He emphasized that sanitation management during the monsoon is directly linked to public health and therefore requires constant monitoring and immediate response mechanisms.

Sudarshan Reddy observed the condition of roadside drains and directed officials to ensure continuous desilting and cleaning operations. He instructed sanitation staff to remove waste materials, plastic covers, and debris from drainage canals to facilitate the smooth flow of rainwater. He further stressed that negligence in sanitation maintenance during the rainy season could lead to serious inconvenience for citizens and increase the risk of seasonal diseases.

Reviewing the progress of the

Khaleelwadi Integrated Market Yard building works, Sudarshan Reddy instructed engineers and contractors to expedite the remaining construction activities and complete the project on priority basis. He stated that the integrated market facility would improve trading conditions, reduce congestion, and provide better amenities for traders, vendors, and consumers.

To prevent accidents and ensure pedestrian safety, he suggested installing protective iron grills over open drains in vulnerable locations. He also instructed officials to identify damaged roads and potholes caused by heavy rainfall and prepare an action plan for immediate restoration after the monsoon period.

Highlighting the im-

portance of proper planning, Sudarshan Reddy said all departments must work in coordination to provide uninterrupted civic services to the public. He directed officials to maintain special focus on drinking water supply systems and ensure there is no contamination of potable water due to leakage or drainage overflow. Assuring the citizens, he stated that sufficient drinking water storage is available for the coming months and there would be no shortage of safe drinking water in the city.

The Government Advisor also spoke about the reopening of schools for the new academic year and appealed to teachers to dedicate special attention towards improving educational standards and guiding students towards a better future

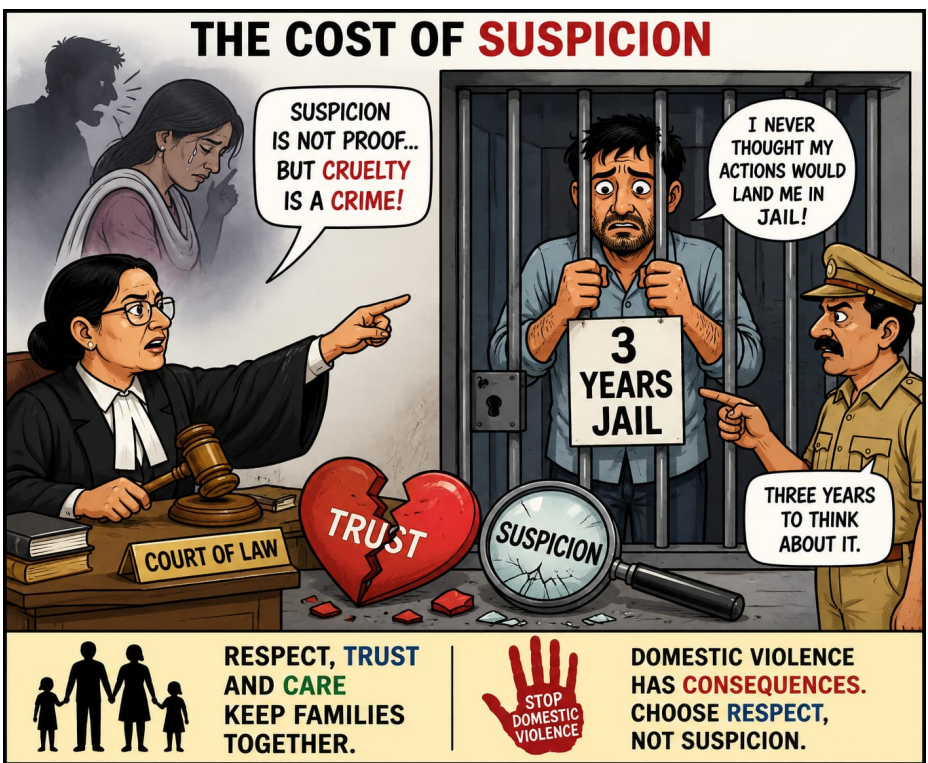
through quality teaching practices.

District Collector Ila Tripathi stated that the administration had already initiated a large-scale sanitation special drive across all municipal divisions to strengthen monsoon preparedness. She informed that drainage cleaning, road sweeping, garbage clearance, removal of wild vegetation, and sanitation awareness activities had been completed across all 60 municipal divisions.

She further stated that major desilting works are underway in drainage canals at an estimated cost of ₹70 lakh. According to the Collector, JCB machines are being deployed in major drainage stretches while sanitation workers are manually carrying out cleaning operations in narrow lanes and inaccessible areas to ensure complete coverage.

The inspection programme was attended by State Urdu Academy Chairman Taher-Bin-Hamdan, NUDA Chairman Kesha Venu, District Library Organisation Chairman Antireddy Rajireddy, Corporator Shakeel, Incharge Corporator Riyaz of Division 32, public representatives, municipal engineering staff, sanitation supervisors, and local officials.

Suspicion Turns Costly: Husband Sentenced to 3 Years in Jail for Harassing Wife



Kothagudem | June 22: A court in Kothagudem has sentenced a man to three years of imprisonment for subjecting his wife to continuous mental and physical harassment due to suspicion. The case has drawn significant attention in Bhadradi Kothagudem district.

Milka, a resident of Manderikalapadu village in Palvoncha Rural Mandal, married Ajmeer Mohan of Suryathanda in Lakshmidivipalli Mandal through a love marriage eight years ago. The couple had two sons. However, according to family members, Mohan frequently suspected his wife's character and allegedly abused, assaulted, and harassed her from the beginning of their marriage.

Despite several village-level mediations conducted in the presence of elders, his behavior reportedly did not change. On February 7, 2022, Milka consumed pesticide in an apparent suicide attempt. She died while being shifted to a hospital.

Following a complaint lodged by the victim's father, Vajja Krishna, alleging that his daughter's death was the result of her husband's harassment, police registered a case and conducted an investigation. The matter was later taken up by the court.

After examining 10 witnesses, the First Additional Assistant Sessions Judge, Smt. Karnati Kavitha, found Ajmeer Mohan guilty under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for cruelty towards his wife. The court sentenced him to three years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹10,000.

However, the court acquitted him of the charge under Section 306 IPC (abetment of suicide), citing insufficient evidence to prove that he had directly instigated the suicide.

The case serves as a reminder that domestic violence and harassment can lead to serious legal consequences, with the court once again taking a firm stand against cruelty within the family.

100% fee waiver should be given to children of working journalists

Petition to the Collector of the District

Peddapalli Correspondant June 22: On Monday, the Journalists' Welfare Association under the auspices of the Telangana State Journalists' Union gave a petition document to the District Collector Koy Srirahula Thirupathi, pleading with him to give 100 per cent fee waiver to all the children of working journalists in the district of Somavali who are studying in private educational institutions. On this occasion, the Journalists' Welfare Association said that the government, which is working as their intermediary to the people and taking government welfare



schemes to the people, is not extending any kind of allowance to the Journalists who are working as their intermediary and taking government welfare schemes to the people, and is extending 100 per cent fee waiver to the children of such Journalists who are studying in private educational institutions.

On this occasion, the District Collector gave a positive response. The event was attended by the President of the JSS district, Vennapalli Sriravas, the Secretary of the TSJU state organiser, Aunoori Sampath, and the Chief Secretary of the JSS district, Vodnala Thirupathi, Anil, Santosh, Satish and others.

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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.

Shinde Claims 'Operation Tiger' Success As 6 MPs Formerly Cross Over

Mumbai: In a major political setback for the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT), six of its Lok Sabha MPs on Monday formally joined the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, further weakening the Opposition's parliamentary strength.

Welcoming the MPs into the party fold, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde said he believes in fulfilling promises and completing every mission he undertakes. Referring to the political exercise that culminated in the induction of the MPs, Shinde declared that "Operation Tiger" had been completed successfully. He also claimed that the Shiv Sena had now become the second-largest political party in Maharashtra.

The development came five days after the six MPs skipped a crucial Shiv Sena (UBT) parliamentary party meeting in New Delhi, triggering speculation about an imminent rebellion. Only three Lok Sabha MPs from the Uddhav Thackeray-led outfit attended the meeting, highlighting growing discontent within the party's par-



liamentary ranks.

The six MPs — Sanjay Dina Patil (Mumbai North East), Sanjay Deshmukh (Yavatmal-Washim), Sanjay Jadhav (Parbhani), Nagesh Patil-Ashtikar (Hingoli), Omprakash Rajenimbalkar (Dharashiv) and Bhausahab Wakchaure (Shirdi) — formally joined the Shinde-led Shiv Sena at a function held at the Y.B. Chavan Centre in Mumbai in the presence of Mr. Shinde and other senior party leaders.

"All necessary legal and constitutional formalities related to this process have been completed," Shinde said. He added that the six MPs had joined the "original Shiv Sena" that follows the ideology of the late Balasaheb Thackeray.

Shinde said the new entrants would be accorded due respect and assured them that they would not be neglected within the

party. He also announced that all six MPs would contest the 2029 Lok Sabha election on the Shiv Sena's bow-and-arrow symbol. "All of them will get elected," he claimed.

After joining the Shiv Sena, Sanjay Dina Patil questioned the leadership style of Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and blamed a lack of internal dialogue for the split. "Uddhav Thackeray visited the Mumbai North East constituency yesterday. Had he come earlier, this situation would not have arisen," he said.

Without naming Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Sunil Raut, Patil alleged that the party leadership failed to address his grievances. "If I had not attended the meeting of the rebel MPs, the quorum would not have been completed. Had I been invited and consulted, this would not have happened. If the person who abused me had been asked to apologise, none of this would have occurred," he said. Patil further alleged that the party leadership preferred sycophants over strong leaders. "The leadership does not want strong leaders; it wants slaves," he claimed.

Hyderabad gets first footpath made entirely of recycled plastic paver blocks

The GHMC has completed Hyderabad's first footpath made entirely of recycled plastic paver blocks at Somajiguda. Developed as part of a pilot project, the eco-friendly walkway uses single-use plastic waste and offers durability, safety, lower maintenance and long service life. City & Local Guides

Hyderabad: Hyderabad's first footpath made entirely of recycled plastic paver blocks has come up at Somajiguda, offering a sustainable alternative to traditional walkways.

The novel initiative of developing a footpath using plastic paver blocks was completed by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials from the Khairatabad Zone. As part of a pilot project for the construction of solar-powered footpaths, the GHMC had proposed developing footpaths with plastic paver blocks on two stretches, including Somajiguda and Jubilee Hills near Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

A few days ago, the GHMC completed a plastic paver block footpath spanning two kilometres between Somajiguda Circle and Necklace Road MMTS Station. The works related to developing a similar walkway at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan will commence in a day or two, a senior GHMC engineer from the Khairatabad Zone told Telangana Today. Telangana travel guide Discarded plastic, including polybags, plastic bottles, bottle caps and plastic wrappers from snack items, was used to



make the plastic paver blocks. The paver blocks are composed of 65 per cent to 70 per cent post-consumer single-use plastic waste, such as Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE), including plastic bags, or High-Density Polyethylene

(HDPE), with the remaining mix consisting of fillers and mineral additives, GHMC officials said.

According to GHMC officials, such footpaths offer flexibility, durability, waterproofing and longevity. If repairs are required,

individual blocks can be lifted in sections and replaced. The blocks are lighter than traditional concrete and the cost of making plastic paver blocks is lower than that of conventional tiles, GHMC officials said.

From a safety point

of view, plastic paver blocks installed on a footpath are expected to provide better grip for pedestrians, making them less likely to slip even during heavy downpours. The paver blocks do not generate as much heat as traditional tiles during the summer season, GHMC officials said, adding that such footpaths can last for at least 50 years.

To ensure pedestrians are informed about the use of the novel technology, the GHMC will soon display signboards on the Somajiguda footpath, stating that it has been made using plastic paver blocks.

INALSA Reimagines Air Frying with SteelChef DW5.5, Combining Trusted Stainless Steel with Modern Technology

Building on the momentum of the category expansion, INALSA introduces the SteelChef DW5.5, bringing food-grade stainless steel interiors to the air frying experience.

New Delhi, 22 June 2026: INALSA, one of India's established home appliances brands, has announced the launch of the SteelChef DW5.5 Air Fryer. With an MRP of ₹13,999, the product is currently available exclusively on Amazon at a special launch price of ₹5,999, offering consumers savings of up to 60%. As consumers become more mindful of the materials used in everyday cooking, stainless steel continues to remain a trusted choice in Indian kitchens. Long valued for its durability and familiarity, the material is now influencing appliance preferences as well, with more households seeking stainless steel components in products they use regularly.

Following the launch of the Nutri Fry DuoSlim, INALSA has expanded its air fryer portfolio with the introduction of the SteelChef DW5.5, bringing a new focus on material innovation to the category. The appliance offers a 5.5-litre cooking capacity suited to everyday family meal preparation and is powered by a 1600W heating system that supports eight cooking functions, including frying, baking, grilling, and roasting. These modes allow households to prepare a wide range



of dishes using significantly less oil than conventional frying methods. For greater cooking control, the appliance features adjustable temperature settings from 80°C to 200°C alongside a variable timer that runs up to 60 minutes.

The appliance incorporates an SS304 food-grade stainless steel cooking pan and stainless steel separators across all contact areas, ensuring that every surface involved in the cooking process is made from a material with a well-established record in Indian kitchens. Unlike coated cooking surfaces, which can raise durability and reliability concerns over extended use, SS304 stainless steel maintains its integrity across repeated cooking cycles, offering a more dependable interior environment for daily meal preparation.

Built around this growing material awareness, the INALSA SteelChef DW5.5 air fryer brings SS304 food-grade stainless steel into the cooking chamber itself, placing a trusted material at the centre of the cooking experience rather than treating it as an exterior finish.

Speaking on the launch, Mr Jitendra Chauhan, CEO of INALSA

said: "The strong response to our DuoSlim Air Fryer reinforced a growing consumer focus on healthier lifestyles and smarter cooking solutions. As these expectations evolve, we felt there was an opportunity to create a product that combines modern technology with trusted materials. Air fryers have transformed everyday cooking, but the materials used inside them have largely remained unchanged. With the SteelChef DW5.5, we have brought SS304 stainless steel into the heart of the cooking experience, delivering a solution that is modern, convenient, and designed for everyday use."

Further supporting ease of use, the SteelChef DW5.5 includes a clear cook viewing window that allows users to monitor the cooking process during the cycle without opening the basket and disrupting internal heat circulation. An intelligent touch control panel provides straightforward access to all cooking settings and functions.

With the SteelChef DW5.5, INALSA brings together trusted materials, reduced-oil cooking, and everyday cooking convenience in a single appliance reflecting a broader understanding that what food touches during cooking matters just as much as how it is cooked.

Disclaimer: Prices are indicative and may change from time to time at the company's discretion.

Do Not Delay the Resolution of Prajavani Applications: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra instructed officials not to delay the resolution of applications received through the Prajavani grievance redressal program.

The Collector participated in the Prajavani program held on Monday at the Collectorate conference hall, where he personally received complaints and applications from the public.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector directed officials of all departments to carefully examine every application and respond promptly. He emphasized that pending Prajavani applications across various mandals should be resolved without delay. He also instructed departments to work in coordination to effectively address public grievances.

During the Prajavani program, citizens submitted applications related to education, healthcare, Indiramma housing, pensions, and land issues.

After the program, the Collector reviewed preparations for the



“Prajapalana–Pragathi Pranalika” initiative and instructed officials to be ready for the district special officer’s review meeting. He directed departments to prepare reports on the programs undertaken, success stories, and other relevant data.

Later, the Collector and officials unveiled wall posters related to the “Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan” campaign under the Department of Women and Child Welfare.

Additional Collectors B. Venkateswarlu and Kishore Kumar, DRO Rathod Ramesh, officials from various departments, staff members, and others participated in the Prajavani program.

GITAM Hyderabad Celebrates International Yoga Day with Enthusiasm

SANGAREDDY Correspondent :June 22, 2026: GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, celebrated the 12th International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm on Monday. The event was organized by the Department of Sports to promote yoga as a holistic approach to health and well-being.



Faculty members, staff, and students gathered at Gandhi Square on the university campus and actively participated in a guided yoga session. The celebration aligned with this year’s global theme, “Yoga for Healthy Ageing,” highlighting the role of yoga in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, emotional balance, and healthy longevity across all age groups.

The programme commenced with an introduction to the im-

portance of yoga and its benefits for maintaining physical and mental health. Participants then performed yoga postures, K a p a l a b h a t i , Pranayama, and meditation as per the Common Yoga Protocol prescribed by the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India.

The session provided valuable insights into the scientific benefits of yoga, with instructors explaining

how regular practice contributes to an active lifestyle, stress management, disease prevention, and overall wellness.

Among those present were Prof. D.S. Rao, Additional Pro Vice-Chancellor, Hyderabad; DVVSR Varma, Resident Director; and Ambika Philip, Director, Hospitality and Campus Life, along with several heads of departments. They joined the partici-

pants in practicing yoga and encouraged the university community to adopt this ancient discipline for a healthier and more balanced lifestyle.

As part of the celebrations, T-shirts were distributed to all participants. The event concluded with a group photograph and refreshments, fostering a spirit of unity, wellness, and community engagement among Enthusiasm

Better Transport Facilities Are Government’s Priority: Minister Seethakka

Nagarkurnool : The foundation stone for the construction of a High-Level Bridge across the Dundubhi stream near Sirsivada village in Tadoor mandal of Nagarkurnool constituency was laid on Monday by State Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr. Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka. The project is being undertaken at an estimated cost of ₹20.20 crore.

The event was attended by Nagarkurnool Member of Parliament Dr. Mallu Ravi, MLC Kuchukulla Damodar Reddy, Nagarkurnool MLA Dr. Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy, Achampet MLA Dr. Vamsi Krishna, and Jadcherla MLA Anirudh Reddy.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Seethakka said the bridge is not merely an infrastructure project but a historic development initiative that will make daily travel easier and improve connectivity for thousands of people in the region. She appreciated MLA Rajesh Reddy for his determination and sustained efforts in fulfilling a decades-long demand of local residents.

The Minister instructed officials to ensure quality standards and complete the project within the



stipulated timeframe.

Highlighting the government’s commitment to women’s empowerment, Seethakka stated that the state government is implementing several programmes aimed at strengthening women economically, socially, and politically. She noted that interest-free loans are being provided to Self-Help Groups to help women become financially independent and encouraged them to expand into entrepreneurship and business activities.

She also said the government has initiated the construction of Indra Mahila Shakti Buildings across the state to provide women with accommodation, training facilities, meeting halls, and other support services.

The Minister added that creating employment opportunities and promoting self-reliance among women remain key priorities of the government.

Additional Collectors Amarender and Devasahayam, officials from various departments, public representatives, party leaders, and local villagers participated in the programme.

Livelihood Programs Get a Boost..! SERP CEO Focuses on Tribal Family Development

Hyderabad/Bhadradi Kothagudem | June 22: In a significant step towards improving the lives of poor families, the Telangana Government has intensified the implementation of self-employment and livelihood programs. SERP CEO Divya Devarajan directed District Collectors to accelerate the execution of livelihood initiatives and ensure that all eligible families receive the benefits of government welfare schemes.

During a video conference held from Hyderabad on Monday, she reviewed the progress of the Telangana Integrated Livelihood Programme (TILP) and the Telangana Social Development Programme (TSDP). She emphasized the need to focus particularly on the development of Tribal and PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group) families.

Government Welfare Schemes for Every Family

The CEO instructed officials to organize special camps to ensure that eligible families receive Aadhaar enrollment, MGNREGA job cards, ration cards, housing benefits, healthcare services, vaccination coverage, and other welfare schemes without delay.

New Opportunities to Increase Income

She advised officials to strengthen coordination with the Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Horticulture Departments to create multiple livelihood opportunities for rural families. She also encouraged the promotion of forest-based income-generating activities such as beekeeping, honey collection, Mahua flower collection,



and bamboo cultivation.

Identification of 3,330 Families in Bhadradi District

District Collector Ankit, who participated in the video conference, stated that a total of 3,330 families have been identified under the program in Gundala, Dummugudem, Pinapaka, and Charla mandals. He said that a special action plan is being implemented to provide livelihood opportunities, link welfare schemes, and improve basic infrastructure for these families.

Government Committed to Rural Poverty Eradication

Officials reiterated that the government’s primary objective is to eliminate rural poverty and strengthen the economic status of Tribal and PVTG families. With the accelerated implementation of these programs, thousands of families are expected to gain better employment opportunities, higher incomes, and improved access to welfare benefits.

Democratic Journalist Federation (Working) Nirmal District New Committee Elected



Nirmal District Staff Reporter : The new district executive committee of the Democratic Journalist Federation (Working), Nirmal District, was unanimously elected. The election process was conducted in the presence of Founder President Tangallapalli Arun Kumar and State President Kola Srinivas.

The newly elected office-bearers are: Arugula Poshetti as District President, Patharla Dharma Raju as General Secretary, Maraju Gangadhar as Official Spokesperson, Tadichetla Madhukar as Vice President, and Padigela Devender as Treasurer. Members were also selected for various other positions in the committee. The newly formed committee resolved to work for the protection of journalists’ rights, welfare, and professional development. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders stated that they are committed to uniting journalists across the district and addressing their issues effectively.

Several journalists and public representatives extended their congratulations to the newly elected committee members.

Land Survey Must Be Completed Systematically: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to carry out the land re-survey and survey process in a systematic and efficient manner.

On Monday evening, the Collector inspected the ongoing land re-survey and survey activities in several villages of Laxmanchanda Mandal. He first visited MuniPELLI village and reviewed the re-survey work being conducted by Revenue Department officials.

During the inspection, the Collector interacted with the concerned revenue officials and enquired about the progress of the survey. He stated that some villages in the district are facing difficulties due to the absence of revenue maps and emphasized that updated revenue maps should be prepared through the re-survey process. He instructed officials to use advanced surveying equipment and complete the survey within the stipulated timeframe.

The Collector said that the survey would help resolve land-related issues faced by farmers. He also directed senior officials to continuously monitor the progress of the survey work.

Later, he inspected the survey activities in Chamanpalli village and issued several important in-



structions to the officials. He directed them to expedite the survey process and ensure its early completion.

Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, DRO Rathod Ramesh, RDO Devidas, Tahsildar Saritha, Deputy Inspector Vittal Rao, other officials, staff members, and concerned personnel participated in the inspection.

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.

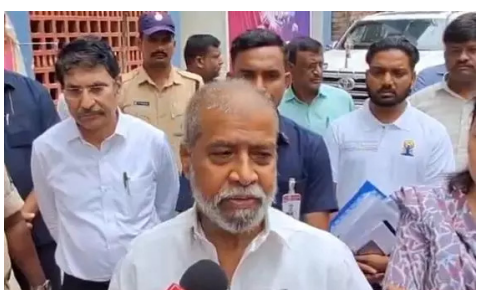
On June 21, CEO C. Sudharshan Reddy said the pre-filled voter enumeration forms will be available in English within the GHMC area and in Telugu throughout the remaining districts of Telangana. In the GHMC area, the exception was made following representations from political leaders, including AIMIM president 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

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, expressed serious concerns over several provisions.

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.

Serena Williams to Make Wimbledon Singles Comeback at 44



London: It's been talked about ever since Serena Williams announced nearly three weeks ago that she was returning to professional tennis after almost four years away from the sport. Still, seeing the single-sentence announcement from The All England Club that the 23-time Grand Slam champion will play singles at Wimbledon was stunning nonetheless. "Serena Williams (USA) receives the final ladies' singles wild card," read the key line in Sunday's announcement, which was issued eight days before the grass-court Grand Slam begins.

At 44, Williams will actually play both singles and doubles at Wimbledon after already accepting a wild card for the doubles competition with older sister Venus. "This is not a drill," Wimbledon said on its social media accounts Sunday. Commented the WTA Tour, "Name a more iconic return...we'll wait." Wimbledon held open the eighth and final women's singles wild card spot until Williams made up her mind. As recently as earlier this week after losing a doubles match in Berlin, she appeared to be waffling over the decision.

"Oh my gosh, there are some left?" she replied when she was told there was still a wild card spot open. Wild cards are special invitations handed out by tournament organisers, which allow former champions and others access to the main draw without the necessary entry qualifications. But then she mused about her readiness for it. "Do you think I'm ready for singles?" she asked a reporter and then turned to doubles partner Karolina Muchova to ask what she thought.

"I think I would be interested in it," the Czech player responded. "That's the question of the hour, right?" Williams said. "I don't know. I don't know. I wonder why there's - I don't know." Well, now that Williams has made up her mind, the big remaining question is how she can physically handle singles play after so long. Serena's most-recent singles match was a loss to Ajla Tomljanovic in the third round of the 2022 US Open. At the time, she said she didn't want to use the word "retiring" and instead declared that she was "evolving" away from tennis. Her second daughter was born in 2023.

"Just finished a mean game of duck duck goose," Williams said on X after the wild card announcement. Of Williams' 23 Grand Slam titles in singles, seven have come at Wimbledon: in 2002, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015 and 2016. She's also won 14 Grand Slams in doubles, all with Venus, and six of them at Wimbledon. Serena also swept the singles and doubles (with Venus) titles at the 2012 London Olympics, when the tennis competition was held on the hallowed grass of the All England Club. At her last Wimbledon appearance in 2022, Serena was beaten in the opening round by 115th-ranked Harmony Tan in her first match since having to stop less than a set into her opening contest at the All England Club because of an injury the year before. Serena won a doubles match with partner Victoria Mboko at Queen's Club last week but the pair had to withdraw after Mboko injured her knee in a singles match. In another doubles match at the Berlin Open on Tuesday, Serena and Muchova were beaten by Giuliana Olmos and Erin Routliffe. As of Sunday, Serena had not entered the singles draws of any grass-court tuneup tournaments before Wimbledon. She will learn who her first-round opponent is on Friday when the singles draws for Wimbledon are held. While she's No. 593 in the doubles rankings courtesy of her victory last week, Serena has no singles ranking after being away for so long. Iga Swiatek is the defending Wimbledon champion, while Aryna Sabalenka is ranked No. 1. Because Serena has no ranking, she could potentially face Swiatek, Sabalenka or any other top-ranked player in the opening rounds.

World Cup Match Day 12: Spain, Belgium, Uruguay Promise Entertainment

Tonight's FIFA World Cup matches will be highly entertaining, as football lovers could even witness some potential upsets in Group G and Group H. Title favourites Spain are set to take on Saudi Arabia in the first game of Match Day 12, followed by the matches between Belgium and Iran, Uruguay and Cabo Verde, in the late hours, and a game between New Zealand and Egypt tomorrow morning.

Spain vs Saudi Arabia (09:30 PM)

A wounded Spain will aim to get their World Cup challenge firmly back on track when they face Saudi Arabia in Atlanta on Sunday.

Spain coach Luis de la Fuente said his players had been stung by the criticism after they were held to a goalless draw in their opening match by Cape Verde, the African archipelago of just over half a million people who are making their World Cup debut.

The European champions arrived in North America as one of the favourites, but with Lamine Yamal only able to appear as a second-half substitute on his return from injury, La Roja were unable to find the target against Cape Verde.

De la Fuente, who confidently described his squad as the best in the world before the tournament, said they would show their true colors on Sunday.

"This generation of footballers is highly competitive and really fired up... It's going to be a completely different story," he said at his pre-match press conference on Saturday.

Saudi Arabia had drew 1-1 in their opening game against Uruguay, making it necessary for the Green Falcons to win the game against Spain to keep their knockout dreams alive.

Belgium vs Iran (12:30 PM)

Belgium will again be without Jeremy Doku with respiratory problems as they face Iran.

Without the winger, Belgium sputtered to a draw in their opener against Egypt.

Iran coach Amir Ghalenoei said he has been told US travel restrictions on his team will finally be eased for their third group game, against Egypt in Seattle on June 26, but he claimed the



treatment they have received so far had adversely affected their on-field performance.

Despite that, Iran remain in contention for knockouts from Group G after drawing 2-2 with New Zealand in their first game.

Uruguay vs Cabo Verde (03:30 AM)

Cape Verde, the team that frustrated Spain, will play "without fear" when they face Uruguay in Miami on Sunday, coach Pedro Leitao Brito, known as "Bubista", said.

"We didn't come just to take part. We want to play all the matches and to be able to show that we have the level to take on the best teams in the world," he added.

"Our aim is to play all the games with courage, in an organised way but also without fear."

Voizinha, the 40-year-old Cape Verde goalkeeper who held Spain at bay with a remarkable performance, will be watched by his mother on Sunday after she arrived in Miami on a US visa.

Ana Candida Evora travelled from Cape Verde's capital Praia after her son tearfully told reporters she had not been granted a visa in time for the first game, but the US State Department has now provided her with the necessary document.

Meanwhile Latin American giants Uruguay would be looking to register their first full three points after their surprising draw against Saudi Arabia. The team studded with superstar footballers playing in Europe will not have anything lesser than a victory in their minds as they step foot on the pitch at the Miami Stadium.

SPORTS



India Win FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup Title, Beating Hosts New Zealand 2-0

Auckland: The Indian Women's Hockey Team was crowned champion of the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup New Zealand 2025-26 after defeating the hosts 2-0 in the final at Auckland on Sunday. Navneet Kaur (4') gave India the early lead before Sunelita Toppo (15') doubled India's advantage. The team produced a stellar defensive display to protect their lead and win the title, which also marked their return to the FIH Hockey Women's Pro League next season, according to a press release. Lalremsiami won the 'Player of the Match' award in the final, while Deepika finished as the joint-top scorer in the tournament with six goals to her name - sharing the honours with USA's Ashley Sessa. This is India's second Nations Cup title, having won the inaugural edition of the tournament in 2022. India remained unbeaten throughout their campaign, defeating USA (3-2), Japan (2-1), and Uruguay (3-2) in the Pool A matches, before registering a commanding 6-0 win over Chile in the semi-final. They delivered an excellent performance in the final to clinch the title with a 2-0 victory over New Zealand. To recognise the teams' achievements, Hockey India announced a cash award of INR 3 lakh for each player and INR 1.5 lakh for each member of the support staff. In the title match on Sunday, the hosts enjoyed the majority of possession in the early exchanges as they looked to make early inroads. However, the visitors manufactured the first meaningful opportunity of the game when Navneet won a penalty corner. She converted from the set-piece with a thunderous hit in the 4th minute, putting India in front. India were exceptional in transition, causing all sorts of problems for New Zealand's defence with their intensity. They



doubled their advantage through their fifth penalty corner of the opening quarter, with Sunelita Toppo deflecting a sharp attempt from Deepika, handing India a 2-0 lead in the 15th minute. India were disciplined in the second quarter, while New Zealand began to grow into the game as they looked to claw back. The visitors too had a couple of opportunities to extend their lead. However, neither side could find the back of the net, resulting in India holding onto their two-goal advantage at half-time. India remained resolute in the third quarter, putting up a remarkable defensive display that kept the hosts at bay and denied them any clear goal-scoring opportunity. With their high intensity, the visitors forced a mistake from the New Zealand defence, but Navneet's reverse hit was saved by the goalkeeper. New Zealand earned a penalty corner in the opening exchanges of the fourth quarter. The resulting set-piece, however, was saved by Savita - keeping India's two-goal lead intact. The visitors remained superb in maintaining a tight defensive structure and eventually secured a 2-0 win to clinch the title.

Linda Noskova Beats Jessica Pegula to Claim 2026 Berlin Open Title

Berlin: Linda Noskova claimed the 2026 Berlin Open title on Sunday after defeating Jessica Pegula 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in a hard-fought final, securing the first grass-court title of her career.

The triumph marks the second WTA singles title of Noskova's career and improves her record in WTA Tour finals to 2-5, according to the WTA website. The victory will also propel the Czech star into the Top 10 of the WTA rankings for the first time, with Noskova set to surpass Karolina Muchova and become the new Czech No. 1.

Noskova had a strong record when winning the first set, going 16-1 in such matches since her loss to Mirra Andrejeva in Brisbane in January. She improved that to 17-1 after taking the opening set against Jessica Pegula in the final. Noskova started brightly, winning the first three games with powerful serving and aggressive shot-making. She broke for 2-0 after excellent court coverage and a volley winner, then held a long service game to move 3-0 up. Pegula fought back to level at 3-3, but Noskova held firm in a tight game to break again and take the set. In the second set, Pegula raised her level and surged from 3-3 to lead 5-3, eventually winning the set to force a decider.

Noskova responded strongly in the third set, breaking early to lead 2-0 and quickly moving 3-



0 ahead. Although Pegula pushed back and even saved a championship point late on, Noskova stayed steady. She finished the match with a forehand winner after Pegula's final shot went long, sealing the title in style. With her win, Linda Noskova became the second Czech woman to win a title on Sunday, after Marie Bouzkova defeated Emma Navarro in a three-hour final to lift the Nottingham Open.

It marked the fourth time two Czech women won WTA singles titles on the same day. The previous instances, according to the WTA website, were: October 1, 2016: Petra Kvitova (Wuhan) and Karolina Pliskova (Tashkent); January 7, 2017: Katerina Siniakova (Shenzhen) and Pliskova (Brisbane); September 18, 2022: Linda Fruhvirtova (Chennai) and Siniakova (Portoroz).

FIFA WC: Spotlight falls on Messi, Ronaldo as football's new generation eyes the throne

Mumbai: Football's past, present and future will converge on a blockbuster FIFA World Cup matchday as Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo continue their pursuit of another defining chapter, while Kylian Mbappé and Erling Haaland look to further cement their status as the sport's next global superstars. With crucial group-stage points at stake, Sunday's fixtures promise a compelling blend of legacy, ambition and emerging rivalries.

The headline attraction sees reigning world champions Argentina take on Austria in Group J, with Messi once again expected to orchestrate his side's attack. The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner starred in Argentina's opening victory over Algeria and will now face an Austrian outfit buoyed by an impressive win over Jordan. Austria's aggressive pressing game and confidence on the ball could provide Argentina with one of their sternest examinations of the group stage.

Elsewhere, France will seek to build on their winning start when they meet Iraq in Group I. Fresh off another influential performance against Senegal, Mbappé remains the focal point of



Didier Deschamps' star-studded squad. Already one of the World Cup's most prolific performers, the French forward will look to continue his rich scoring form against an Iraqi side aiming to recover from its opening defeat to Norway.

Another key contest in Group I pits Norway against Senegal, with Haaland preparing for arguably his toughest assignment of the tournament so far. The Manchester City striker made an immediate impact during Norway's victory over Iraq, but Senegal's physicality, pace and defensive organisation present a far greater challenge.

Preity Mukundan's Role in 'Blast Zone' and 'Kannappa'; triggers debate

Actress Preity Mukundan has become a talking point on social media following the success of her latest Tamil film Blast Zone. The young actress, who played the daughter of senior actor Arjun Sarja and portrayed a skilled karate fighter in the film, has received praise for her performance and screen presence.



However, the appreciation has also sparked an online debate among fans from different film industries. Some social media users have been comparing Preity's role in Blast Zone with her appearance in Manchu Vishnu's Kannappa. According to these discussions, Blast Zone offered the actress a stronger, character-driven role, while Kannappa largely showcased her glamorous side.

The comparisons have led to criticism of

Tollywood from certain sections of fans, who argue that the Telugu film industry did not fully utilize the actress's acting potential. However, others point out that such comparisons may be unfair, as actors often choose roles based on various factors, including career strategy, opportunities, and the nature of the projects.

Interestingly, Preity Mukundan's journey in the entertainment industry began with glamorous appearances, including the popular Tamil music video Aasa Koodai. She later featured in several other music videos that highlighted a similar image. Her role in Kannappa was also part of that phase of her career.

Industry observers note that commercial cinema often requires actors to balance glamour-oriented roles with performance-driven characters. Several leading actresses, including Trisha and Samantha, have successfully navigated both spaces during their careers.

For now, Preity Mukundan appears to be benefiting from the attention. With Blast Zone earning positive responses and her performance drawing praise, the actress has emerged as one of the young talents to watch in South Indian cinema.

Nushratt Bharuccha issues clarification over weird sounds on Instagram, reveals its source

Nushratt Bharuccha clarified viral Instagram stories after speculation over unusual sounds following the IPL final, explaining they were from a puppy at her friend's house. She urged responsible interpretation, denying misinformation while also sharing glimpses of her recent birthday celebrations with friends



not misinterpret or follow blindly. Think and act responsibly (sic)".

Earlier, the actress turned 40 on May 17, and celebrated her birthday in the most stylish and cheerful way possible, surrounded by close friends. The actress took to her social media account to share a carousel of pictures from her intimate birthday bash.

The birthday party also marked her reunion with her 'Pyaar Ka PUNCHAMA' co-star Ishita Raj. The two actresses were seen happily posing together, dancing together. In the pictures, Nushratt looked stunning in a bright pink strappy gown.

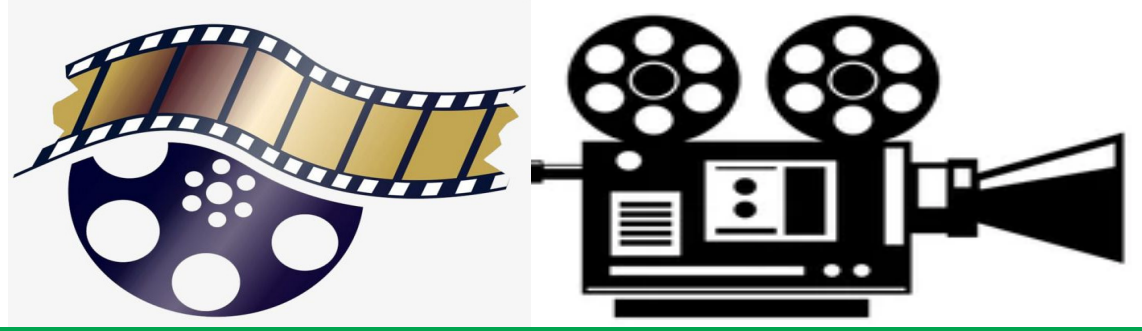
She was seen dancing barefoot, and having a ball of a time. The birthday party was attended by Bollywood stars Jacqueline Fernandez, Mrunal Thakur, Jacky Bhagnani, Rakuul Preet Kaur and others. In one picture, the actress was seen dancing her heart out with Mrunal Thakur.

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Nushratt Bharuccha has issued a clarification after her Instagram Stories went viral over alleged weird sounds after the IPL final between RCB and GT.

The actress took to the Stories section of her Instagram on Thursday, and shared screenshots from previous Stories, and penned a long note clarifying that the sounds were made by a puppy.

She wrote, "Kuch logon ne hadh hi kar di hai. Ek puppy ke rone ki awaaz se itna bawaal mach gaya hai and someone has issued a fake clarification also on my behalf. So here's the reality... I was watching the match at my friends house and their young puppy was making these crying 'Sounds'.

This is the video made by my friend at the same time with the same sounds from another angle". She further mentioned, "This is the house where I was watching the match. This is the puppy. This is a video from that very night a while later. Fearing exactly what has happened, I was advised to delete that video and I did. People, calm your wild thoughts down! Owing a mobile phone doesn't empower harrassment. Do



CINEMA

Nikhil's unwavering commitment for Swayambhu won hearts

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Nikhil Siddhartha's Swayambhu has become one of the most anticipated Pan-India warrior epic. Since, the announcement the excitement surrounding the movie has been building organically with each update. The songs composed by Ravi Basrur and huge visual landscape have always raised expectations from the film.

Directed by Bharat Krishnamachari and produced by Bhuvan, Sreekar the movie promises a spectacular visual experience that will stay with audiences forever. Nikhil has given 3 and half years of his career for the film putting his blood and sweat to achieve a Pan-India pinnacle.

On his birthday, makers released a BTS video of him training with International stuntmen to pull



off his own stunts. He worked hard, dedicated his time and even overcame injuries to finally, deliver a highly realistic convincing warrior portrayal. Currently, the movie VFX works are progressing rapidly and soon, makers will announce the release date.

Smart Sithara Locks The Independence Day Weekend

Like we have been telling from days, already there's buzz in the trade circles that the films that have actually locked the August release are actually struggling to come on time. Though there is a good two months' time already, there's no chance that Nani's upcoming big-budget bonanza "The Paradise" will hit cinemas on August 21st. Catching on to this buzz, ace production house Sithara Entertainment made its mighty move already.

Already the teaser of "Viswanath and Sons" featuring Tamil hero Suriya in the lead, and directed by proven filmmaker Venky Atluri has worked out well. The film deals with the love relationship of an older man with a younger woman, played by Mamitha Baiju. As the teaser has already set up the debate well, now the success of Suriya's Karuppu (Veerabhadru in Telugu) has given more momentum for the Suriya starrer. As that film collected ₹250 crores gross already, surely the expectations on the hero's next will be high.

Owing to all of this, with August getting empty, to cash on the Independence Day weekend, Suriya's Viswanath and Sons got moved from tentative July to August 14th release now. While the 14th is Friday, the 15th we have Independence Day weekend on Saturday, and that gives a stunning advantage for the movie. Hope they won't change the release date based on other biggies, if at all those biggies confirm the date.



Weekend Telugu BO: What's The Final Verdict?

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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