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Khammam Ministers failed to complete Sitarama Project: KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused three Congress Ministers in Khammam district of failing to complete the Sitarama irrigation project despite 80 per cent of the works being finished. He alleged that the Congress government deceived farmers and promised that BRS would complete the project if voted back to power.



Khammam: The three Ministers in Khammam district holding powerful portfolios have failed to complete the Sitarama Project, meant to irrigate seven lakh acres, alleged BRS working president KT Rama Rao.

Former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao initiated the project with an estimated cost of Rs 10,000 crore to make use of river Godavari waters. Around 80 percent works have been completed by spending Rs 8,000 crore.

But, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao failed to complete the remaining 20 percent works in the past two-and-a-half years, Rama Rao said.

Addressing the BRS party workers at Sathupalli in the district on Wednesday he assured that the party would take steps to complete Sitarama Project as soon as Chandrashekhar Rao comes to power in the next Assembly elections.

Rama Rao complained that the Congress party in the past deceived Khammam farmers by failing to execute Rajiv Sagar and Indira Sagar projects. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy went to New Delhi 72 times but could not get any funds for the State's development.

Chandrashekhar Rao was the only Chief Minister in the country who sought to provide input costs to farmers and credited Rs 73, 000 crore in the accounts of farmers under Rythu Bandhu in 11 seasons.

But Revanth Reddy skipped payment of Rythu Bharosa three times in the past two and half years, Rama Rao said while finding fault with the government's stand on paddy procurement that Telangana could procure only as much paddy as the Centre permits. Telangana travel guide

Every section in the society was deceived by the Congress government. Now, the entire Telangana community wants the BRS to return to power and Chandrashekhar Rao to become Chief Minister for the third time, Rama Rao noted.

Referring to the urea app introduced by the government to supply urea to farmers he said if BRS was given a majority of seats in the upcoming Assembly elections, the party would do away with the app. Urea would be delivered right to the farm fields with just a phone call.

Deputy Chief Minister Vikramarka who told the public to keep the guarantee cards safely should answer the public for failing to deliver the promises. Revanth Reddy, who promised to make one crore women crorepatris, should at least make them lakhpatris by depositing Rs 1.5 lakh due to them, Rama Rao demanded.

Rama Rao asked the BRS cadres to be vigilant during the statewide special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and ensure that no eligible voter's name was removed. He also urged party workers to make the upcoming digital membership drive a grand success.

CM's parallel review meetings spark debate over ministerial autonomy

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's frequent review meetings on subjects already handled by his Cabinet colleagues have triggered debate in political circles. Observers say the practice fuels perceptions of interference in ministerial portfolios and raises concerns about effective utilisation of administrative resources.

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's practice of conducting review meetings on subjects handled by his Cabinet colleagues and issuing directions is triggering a debate in political circles over the extent of his involvement in individual ministerial portfolios.

On Monday, Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy reviewed the status of the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS), with discussions focusing on the growing pressure on River



Tungabhadra waters and measures to safeguard the interests of farmers in the RDS ayacut in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district.

Interestingly, the Chief Minister convened another review meeting on the same irrigation project on Wednesday. While political observers note that the Chief Minister has the authority to review the implementation of welfare

and development programmes across departments, they question the need for separate review meetings on the same projects after the concerned Ministers have already held detailed discussions.

According to them, the practice has fuelled perceptions that the Chief Minister is only trying to assert control over portfolios handled by his Cabi-

net colleagues. They also argue that conducting multiple reviews on the same issues raises questions about the effective utilisation of the government's time and administrative resources.

There have also been instances in the past where Ministers appeared to be unaware of decisions taken in their own departments.

In December last year,

Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy had gone on record saying he was unaware of the government's decision permitting a hike in ticket prices for Akhanda 2.

The episode drew attention as the government issued the order despite the Minister's apparent lack of knowledge about the decision.

In February this year, during the AICC's meeting with the Telangana Cabinet in New Delhi, a few Ministers reportedly expressed their dissatisfaction over what they described as the Chief Minister's interference in their respective portfolios. Despite such concerns, the Chief Minister has continued to hold review meetings on issues relating to departments headed by his Cabinet colleagues, even as he himself is in charge of multiple portfolios.

Sensitivity on Core Concerns Key in Indo-China Ties: Doval Tells Wang

New Delhi: With India and China looking at repairing their ties, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval conveyed to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi the need for showing sensitivity to each other's issues of "core concern".

Doval held talks with Wang in New Delhi on Monday on the sidelines of a conclave of security officials of the BRICS nations.

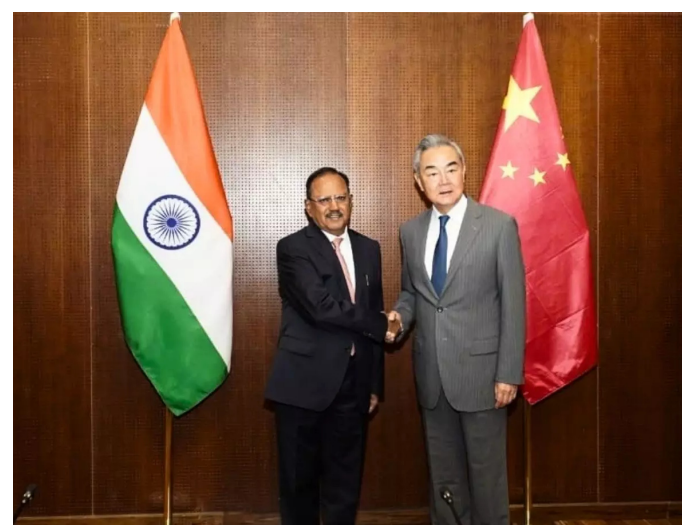
NSA Doval underlined that "stable, predictable and constructive bilateral relations will contribute to enhanced trust and deeper understanding between the two sides", External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Tuesday.

"The NSA also emphasised the importance of sensitivity being consistently displayed to each other's issues of core concern," he said.

Jaiswal, however, didn't elaborate on the core issues.

The spokesperson added that this would be in keeping with our overall approach of mutual sensitivity, mutual interests and mutual respect.

In the meeting, the two sides reviewed the overall situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).



The meeting came amid efforts by the two sides to rebuild the ties that came under severe strain following the over four-year military standoff in eastern Ladakh.

According to Chinese Ambassador Xu Feihong, Wang said in the meeting that as the two economies with the largest populations, China and India should not only view bilateral relations from a long-term perspective, but also promote cooperation between the two countries from a global perspective.

"Both sides should take concrete actions to implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, promote their respective development and revitalization through co-operation, and accelerate the modernization pro-

cess of the Global South," he said.

"It is imperative to respect each other's core interests, properly handle sensitive issues, and place the China-India border issue in an appropriate position, so that it doesn't affect the overall situation of bilateral relations," Xu said on social media.

"The two sides should also actively guide all sectors of society to form a correct understanding, and lay a solid public opinion and social foundation for improving bilateral relations," he added.

China supports India in fulfilling its responsibilities as the rotating chair of BRICS, and is willing to join hands with India in promoting the development and growth of the BRICS mechanism.

Jagadish Reddy alleges Rs 1,000-crore scam in PM-KUSUM scheme



Hyderabad: BRS MLA and former Minister G Jagadish Reddy accused the Congress government of indulging in a Rs 1,000-crore scam in the implementation of the PM-KUSUM scheme. He demanded an immediate investigation into alleged irregularities in the Energy Department. City & Local Guides

Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Jagadish Reddy said developers who invested in solar power projects under the PM-KUSUM scheme were being subjected to harassment by officials despite completing their plants. He said projects with a combined capacity of around 1,000-1,200 MW had been completed, but grid synchronisation had been deliberately delayed for the past two to three months.

According to him, certain officials from the Energy Department and REDCO were allegedly demanding bribes from developers and creating hurdles in the commissioning process. While the Centre had fixed a tariff of Rs 3.13 per unit, he said officials were now citing a lower rate of Rs 2.90, raising questions about the government's handling of the scheme. Telangana travel guide

The BRS leader demanded that Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka order a probe into the allegations. He said the BRS would soon reveal the names of officials allegedly linked to the issue and vowed to expose another major irregularity in the power sector shortly.

Jagadish Reddy also accused the government of neglecting farmers' interests. He criticised the declaration that paddy procurement had been completed, asserting that significant stocks were still awaiting purchase. The government should procure all remaining paddy and clear pending dues to farmers, he said.

Alleging that the State still owed farmers around Rs 30,000 crore, the former Minister demanded that the outstanding amount be credited to beneficiaries without delay. He also accused the government of spending more on publicity and public meetings related to the Rythu Bharosa scheme than on actual financial assistance to farmers.

NAIDU OPENS GOLD MINING PROJECT AT JONNAGIRI; CALLS IT SWARNAGIRI

KURNOOL: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday inaugurated gold mining operations at Jonnagiri in Tuggali mandal of Kurnool district in Rayalaseema and laid the foundation stone for the expansion phase of the project.

Addressing a public gathering on the occasion, the Chief Minister pointed out that over ₹405 crore have been investigated in the gold field project at Jonnagiri, which he rechristened as Swarnagiri. He stated that the new identity would reflect its historical and economic significance, while playing a part in the broader vision of transforming the state into Swarna Andhra, thereby contributing to the national goal of a developed India by 2047.

Naidu pointed out that India currently imports around 800 tonnes of gold annually, making it the second largest import after crude oil. He said the Jonnagiri project would initially produce about 400 kilograms of gold per year, gradually increasing it to one tonne annually, with long-term targets of reaching 50 metric tonnes of production.

The Chief Minister pointed out that production of gold locally would help conserve foreign exchange reserves and provide significant employment opportunities for youth in the region. He described the project as a growth engine that would drive economic development in the area.

Naidu said the launch of the Jonnagiri gold mining project is a historic moment for the state, with Rayalaseema becoming the centre of this new development. He underlined that it is the country's largest private sector gold mining initiative. He congratulated the management, employees, and workers of Geomysore Services and Triveni Earthmovers for their efforts.



The CM maintained that Jonnagiri is not new to prominence. He recalled that the region had historically been known as Swarnagiri. It has been one of the four provincial capitals during the reign of Emperor Ashoka. He said the Erragudi inscriptions found nearby are a testimony to its rich past.

Naidu emphasised that Rayalaseema, often referred to as Ratnala Seema, has a long history of wealth in terms of gold and precious stones, especially during the Vijayanagara period when gems had been traded in abundance. The Chief Minister said over time, the region faced drought-like conditions. However, he said

irrigation projects are now helping revive Rayalaseema. With the launch of the gold mining activities, he expressed confidence that the region would regain its past glory.

Naidu announced plans to establish a jewellery park in Swarnagiri, so that the gold mined in the region could be processed and converted into ornaments locally, instead of being transported elsewhere. He promised necessary permissions and security for the development of the jewellery industry.

CM unveils AP map made of Jonnagiri gold

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday unveiled a unique gold-crafted memento in the shape of the Andhra Pradesh map, made from gold extracted from the Jonnagiri gold

mines, shortly after inaugurating the mining project in Tuggali mandal of Kurnool district.

Representatives of Geo Mysore and Triveni Earthmovers presented the specially designed memento to the Chief Minister following the inaugural ceremony. Crafted from gold mined at Jonnagiri, the memento symbolised the state's emerging strength in the mineral sector.

Expressing his appreciation, Naidu said it was a proud moment to see gold extracted from Andhra Pradesh being used to create the map of the state.

"Today, we have a Swarnandhra map made from our own gold. Let this be a step towards building a prosperous Swarnandhra," he said while thanking the companies for the gesture.

On the occasion, gold produced from the Jonnagiri mines was also supplied to jewellery firms within the state. Geo Mysore representatives said preference would be given to local jewellers for the sale of gold.

In the presence of the Chief Minister, leading jewellery firms, including Vasavi Jewellers, Sai Santosh Jewellers, Madhumurthy Jewellers and Emerald Jewellers, purchased part of the gold produced at the project.

Geo Mysore managing director G. Prabhakaran said gold deposits had been identified up to a depth of nearly 800 metres at the Jonnagiri site and that globally benchmarked technologies were being used for efficient and sustainable mining operations.

He said the company was committed not only to mining activities but also to the development of surrounding villages through improved infrastructure and livelihood opportunities.

Lokesh Wants AP Education System to Become a Role Model for India

Vijayawada: Education, IT and Electronics minister N. Lokesh has called for changes in AP's education system, so that the model of education in Andhra Pradesh becomes the role model for entire India.

Inaugurating a newly built building for the Zilla Parishad High School at a cost of ₹1.4 crore with support extended by donors under the P4 scheme

at Kokkiligadda village in Mopidevi mandal of Krishna district on Wednesday, Lokesh said his ambition is to formulate a model of education system in AP that becomes a role model for India. In this regard, he sought support from teachers, parents, and officials to work collectively towards building an ideal model of education in the state.

The minister said in the last two years, the state government has initiated several reforms in its education



system. It has developed basic amenities in schools. Hardware like infrastructure and software like learning outcomes in schools have been improved. However, he felt the need for teachers to improve the learning outcomes further.

Lokesh laid stress on improving the learning capability of students based on formative and summative test results. He said bridge course material will be provided to students who lag behind in studies. He advised teachers to pay attention to subjects in which they find their students weak. Students should be coached in these subjects, so that they are able to achieve cent per cent results.

The minister advised teachers to reach him through the LEAP app in case they find problems in their day-to-day functioning, instead of going to the concerned MEOs and DEOs to get them resolved. He expressed his wish to organise state-level parent-teacher meetings on July 16, 17 and 18. He asked teachers to familiarise parents of students with the LEAP app. This would help all stakeholders in the education system

to be on the same page, so that they could work as a team and achieve the best results.

In a lighter vein, Lokesh said if the students study well and get good marks, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu would give him (Lokesh) good marks for his performance. The minister said if the students failed to get good marks, the CM would give him minus marks.

Later, the minister had darshan and offered special prayers at the Subramanyeswara Swamy Temple in Mopidevi.

N Chandrababu Naidu Meets Bharat Bhushan

During the meeting, Bharat Bhushan expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister and reaffirmed his commitment towards the growth and development of the film industry in Andhra Pradesh. As the Vice President of the Film Federation of India (FFI), a body recognized by the Government of India, he stated that he would work closely with his team and industry stakeholders to strengthen the state's position as a major destination for film, television, and entertainment activities.

Speaking on the occasion, Bharat Bhushan said that the APSFTVTDC team is committed to creating an ecosystem that encourages more such prestigious film-related events



and productions in Andhra Pradesh.

He added that the Corporation will continue to work towards promoting the state as a preferred destination for the entertainment industry and contribute to its overall development.

Nuda Preparing 20-Year Master Plan Covering 2,200 Sq km: Chairman Kotamreddy



Nellore: The Nellore Urban Development Authority (Nuda) is preparing a master plan with a 20-year vision to guide planned development across its jurisdiction, Nuda chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy said on Tuesday.

Addressing a stakeholder consultation meeting conducted by RV Associates, the Nuda chairman said the proposed master plan would cover nearly 2,200 sq km under the authority's limits.

He said the first phase of consultations was being held for three of the 23 mandals falling

under Nuda's jurisdiction. Nuda vice-chairman M. Venkateswarlu participated in the meeting through video conference.

Officials informed the meeting that detailed mapping had been undertaken covering road networks, environmentally sensitive and protected areas, water bodies, residential zones, commercial centres and business districts.

Srinivasulu Reddy said the final master plan would be prepared after incorporating suggestions from local MLAs and other stakeholders.

He said the plan was being designed to address future population growth, infrastructure requirements and urban expansion over the next two decades.

The Nuda chairman directed local officials to bring major development projects within the master plan area to the notice of Nuda for inclusion in the planning process.

Special focus is being given to Nellore Rural, Buchireddypalem and Kavali mandals as part of the exercise, he added.

Modi Directs Ministries, States to Resolve Infra Delays in Mission Mode

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday directed ministries and state governments to resolve pending issues in infrastructure projects in a mission-mode manner, stressing that delays lead to cost escalation and deprive people of timely benefits.

Chairing the 52nd meeting of PRAGATI at Seva Teerth, the Prime Minister reviewed four infrastructure projects in the road, power, industrial corridor and metro rail sectors across four states, with a total cost of about Rs 30,000 crore.

He called for close monitoring of projects at the highest level and emphasised the use of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for better planning and timely implementation. The Prime Minister also stressed the need for regular updates of project data, including utilities, clearances and field-level information, on the



portal to reflect the latest ground situation and enable timely decision-making.

He said accurate and real-time data would help identify bottlenecks in advance and improve coordination among agencies.

Reviewing the TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, he emphasised the use of digital technologies, including artificial intelligence, and suggested involving NCC cadets and MY Bharat volunteers in awareness and patient support activities.

The Prime Minister also reviewed grievances related to cyber crime and digital arrest, expressing concern over the misuse of digital platforms to defraud citizens.

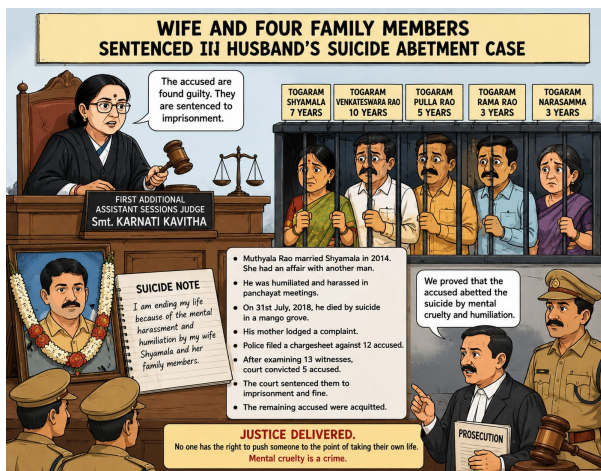
He said such cases required coordinated and time-bound action, and stressed that citizens should not have to approach multiple agencies for redressal.

Wife, Four Family Members Sentenced in Husband's Suicide Abetment Case

Kothagudem Legal | June 24: The First Additional Assistant Sessions Court at Kothagudem on Wednesday sentenced a woman and four of her family members to prison after finding them guilty of abetting the suicide of her husband.

According to the prosecution, Togaram Muthyala Rao, a resident of Nehrunagar in Perayigudem village under Aswaraopeta Mandal, married Togaram Shyamala of Narayanapuram village in 2014. Muthyala Rao worked as a daily wage labourer in a local factory.

The case arose from allegations that Shyamala maintained an extramarital relationship with another man, leading to repeated disputes within the family. The deceased had reportedly objected to the relationship on several occasions. Later, village panchayats were conducted to resolve the issue, during which Muthyala Rao was allegedly subjected to humiliation and mental harassment.



On July 31, 2018, Muthyala Rao died by suicide in a mango grove at Aswaraopeta. A suicide note recovered from the scene reportedly stated that his wife and her family members were responsible for the mental torture that drove him to take the extreme step.

Based on a complaint lodged by the victim's mother, Togaram Tirupattamma, Aswaraopeta police registered a case and launched an investigation. The then Sub-Inspector S. Madhu Prasad filed a charge sheet against 12 accused persons.

After examining 13 witnesses and reviewing the evidence, the court held five accused guilty. The court sentenced Togaram Shyamala to seven years' imprisonment, Togaram Venkateswara Rao to ten years, Togaram Pulla Rao to five years, and Togaram Rama Rao and Togaram Narasamma to three years each. All five were also fined ₹10,000 each.

The remaining accused were acquitted as the charges against them could not be proved.

Additional Public Prosecutor Karam Raja Rao argued the case on behalf of the prosecution. SI D. Raghavaiah, Court Liaison Officer M. Srinivas, and Court Duty Officer PC B. Nageswara Rao assisted in the case proceedings.

Government Aims to Ensure Every Welfare Scheme Reaches the Poor:

Special Officer Ilambarthi Reviews "Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika"

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : The government's primary objective is to ensure that every welfare scheme being implemented reaches all poor people at the grassroots level, said Special Officer Ilambarthi during the review of the "Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika" programme.

On Wednesday, Special Officer Ilambarthi conducted a review meeting with officials of various departments at the Collectorate conference hall regarding the implementation of the 99-day action plan. Prior to the meeting, he, along with the District Collector and other officials, visited a photo gallery showcasing activities undertaken by different departments under the programme.

Officials presented detailed reports on departmental activities through a PowerPoint presentation. Speaking on the occasion, Ilambarthi appreciated all departments for successfully implementing the special 99-day programme. He urged officials to continue the same spirit in the future and ensure that welfare schemes and government benefits reach all sections of society, especially the underprivileged.

He congratulated the officials for successfully executing the Praja Palana programme with a clear action plan and expressed satisfaction over the reports presented. He noted that special initiatives undertaken by the Police Department had contributed to a reduction in road accidents across the district. He also encouraged officials to adopt innovative ideas and approaches in governance.

"Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika Succeeded Through Collective Efforts"

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra
District Collector Bhavesh Mishra stated that



the Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika programme was successfully completed in the district through the collective participation of the public, people's representatives, and government officials.

As part of the special programme, extensive activities were conducted in rural and urban areas, including sanitation drives, village and ward meetings, clearance of pending files, the "Arrive Alive" road safety campaign, and special weeks dedicated to farmers, women and child welfare, education, health, culture, and environmental awareness.

The Collector explained that officials visited villages and wards, directly interacted with citizens, identified their problems, and worked towards resolving them. He said that several long-pending issues had been addressed during the programme.

He further stated that the district recorded a high agricultural yield this season and that,

through coordinated efforts of various departments, all crops were procured without causing inconvenience to farmers. Keeping future requirements in mind, the administration plans to construct additional warehouses for grain storage.

The Collector also assured that all revenue-related issues would be resolved promptly and announced plans to establish a petrol bunk for women's self-help groups.

The review meeting was attended by District Superintendent of Police Dr. Janaki Sharmila, Additional Collectors B. Venkateswarlu and Kishore Kumar, DFO Sushant Sukhdev Bobade, Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, DRO Rathod Ramesh, officials from various departments, staff members, and others.

Collector Conducts Surprise Inspection at Ashwapuram Gurukul School; Expresses Serious Concern Over Cleanliness

Orders Issuance of Memo to Warden

Ashwapuram | June 24: District Collector Ankith and Sub-Collector Mrinal Shrestha conducted a surprise inspection at the Ashwapuram Tribal Gurukul Ashram School on Wednesday. During the visit, they thoroughly reviewed student accommodation facilities, food arrangements, campus cleanliness, hostel maintenance, and other related aspects.

During the inspection, the Collector noticed several shortcomings in cleanliness and sanitation within the school premises and hostel surroundings. Expressing serious dissatisfaction, Collector Ankith stated that school authorities are responsible for providing a healthy and hygienic environment for students and warned that negligence would not be tolerated.

The Collector expressed displeasure over the poor maintenance standards and directed the concerned officials to issue a memo to the Warden immediately. He emphasized



that there would be no compromise regarding the health, safety, and welfare of students.

Officials were instructed to improve sanitation standards and ensure that all basic facilities are made available to students without delay. The Collector also directed the staff to maintain the campus in a clean and student-friendly manner.

RI Leelavathi, Laxman, and several other officials accompanied the Collector and Sub-Collector during the inspection.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Ankith said that the welfare of students remains the government's top priority and reaffirmed the district administration's commitment to providing quality facilities in government educational institutions.

Bisleri Workers' Strike to Continue Until Dismissed Employees Are Reinstated CITU

SANGAREDDY Correspondent : June 24, 2026: CITU State Working Committee Member and Bisleri Workers' Union President Atimela Manik has said that the ongoing strike by Bisleri workers at IDA Pashamayaram in Sangareddy District. will continue until the workers who were allegedly removed from service are reinstated.

As part of their agitation, the striking workers submitted a memorandum at the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Isnapur Crossroads and staged a protest demanding justice for the dismissed employees.

Addressing the gathering, Manik alleged that the Bisleri management was disregarding labour rights and violating labour laws. He accused the company of attempting to intimidate workers participating in the strike and said that management was relying on security personnel to continue operations instead of addressing workers' grievances.

He stated that many of the affected workers had served the company for over 15 years and deserved fair treatment. The union leader warned that if industrial managements continued to act in an authoritarian manner and ignore workers' rights, labour unrest and protests would intensify. Demanding recognition of the workers' union and the conclusion of a wage settlement agreement, Manik asserted that the strike would be intensified until the dismissed employees were taken back into service. He also urged workers to remain united and resist any attempts to weaken the ongoing agitation.

CITU district committee member Raju, Bisleri Union General Secretary Shekhar Reddy, and union leaders Nagaraju, Praveen Goud, Satish Goud, Krishna Kumar, Ajay, Srikanth and others participated in the protest.



Ardhanariswara philosophy - A great role model for society - The National Dance Festivals ended grandly

Saying that the companionship and unbreakable bond of Shiva and Parvati is the ideal inspiration for this world creation, the "oneness" presented by Sri Nidhaga Karnad and Smt Rachna Karanik, a pair of artists from Bengaluru, reflects the philosophy of Ardhanara Reeswara. The Lucknow Gharana Kathak dance style is mesmerizing with lightning moves and rhythmic acrobatics. The Ardhanarishwaram National Dance Festival, which has been going on for three days at Rabindra Bharathi under the auspices of Telangana Sangeet Natak Academy, concluded on Wednesday. In Kathak, Bharata Natyam and Kuchipudi dance styles, the sublime Ardhanarishwara philosophy has been brilliantly explored. Sri Nidhaga, Smt Rachana a pair of artistes running the Karnad Gurukula Dance in Bengaluru, asserts that cosmic rhythm governs the entire creation with the beauty of tala rhythm in Kathak. Maha Shakti, who is half of Lord Shiva, displayed elegance and bravery in the form of divinity and received applause. Also, presented the topic of Sankara Girijapathe beautifully while discovering the many aspects of Mahadeva. Shiva's glories, Shiva's mysteries, Shiva Parvati's power maneuvers in upholding dharma, power maneuvers, compas-



sion austerity and loving kindness were displayed in the respective dances. Later, Mr Surya N. Rao, a very talented BharataNatya artist from Bengaluru, impressed by performing Ravana, a villain of Ramayana. The scene where Ravana, a great devotee of Shiva, claimed to be an aspect of Shiva was entertaining. While giving the message that no matter how powerful one is, if he does not follow the Dharma, he will be degraded, and he also showed the qualities of a statesman in Ravana and provoked thoughts. Especially in Mr Surya Rao's performance, the color lighting made it even more exciting. Finally, one of the successor duo of Padmavibhushan Sri and Smt Raja Radha Kaushalya Reddy from New Delhi, Hyderabad's daughter-in-law Smt Yamini Reddy along with her Natya Tarangini troupe performed the Kuchipudi dance called "Ishani" as the greatest highlight of this dance festival. The audience was enthralled throughout the performance explained the miraculous power of Goddess Parvathi, the goddess of great power. Gender equality, The audience

stood up in awe and applauded as the great message that Ardhanarishwar philosophy is ideal was presented in a rhythmic and well-choreographed manner by brilliantly inventing the elements of integrity and harmony.

Hyderabad Central University in-charge Vice Chancellor Acharya Dr. Anuradha Jonnalagadda, Padma Shri awardees Smt Deepika Reddy, Smt Uma Maheshwari, Director General of Jails Management Smt Soumya Mishra, Central Sangeet Natak Academy awardees Dr. Kalakrishna, Dr. Vanasree Rao, Government Advisors Mr K.Keshavrao, Mr A.K.Khan and others participated and felicitated the artists. Praised that organizing national level dance festivals with young talented artistes from different states with Ardhanarishwaram concept is wonderful. Acharya Dr. Alekhya Punjala, Chair Person of Telangana Sangeet Natak Academy, who presided over the meeting, said that the nine dance troupes presented the Ardhanarishwara philosophy in various ways and expressed happiness that the young artistes and art lovers were greatly inspired by the performances. Muralikrishna as the narrator and coordinated by Academy officials Mr Vinod Kumar, Mr Ashok and Miss Rekha.

Cheque of Rs. 1.45 Lakh Handed Over for Development of Manuguru Government Polytechnic College - District Collector Ankith

Bhadradi Kothagudem District Correspondent | June 24, 2026 : A cheque worth Rs. 1.45 lakh was handed over to District Collector Ankith on Wednesday under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for the development of the Government Polytechnic College, Manuguru. The cheque was presented under the leadership of BTPS Chief Engineer (CE) Bichanna at the Collector's Chamber in the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC).

Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Ankith said that it is commendable for corporate organizations to come forward and support the strengthening of government educational institutions. He stated that CSR funds play a vital role in providing better infrastructure and facilities for students. He also urged more organizations to contribute towards the development of the education sector as part of their social responsibility.

BTPS Chief Engineer Bichanna stated that the funds



would be utilized for essential development works at the Government Polytechnic College in Manuguru.

Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Sanjeeva Rao, concerned officials and others participated in the programme.

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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.

Don't Ignore SIR Impact, Warns Revanth

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday warned Congress leaders against treating the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll casually. Revanth Reddy warned that the party would not tolerate negligence in a crucial exercise like SIR to safeguard the voting rights of genuine electors.

He directed ministers, MLAs, MPs and constituency in-charges to be extra vigilant during the SIR process, which begins on Thursday, across Telangana.

Addressing a Zoom conference attended by TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, the Chief Minister expressed serious displeasure over reports that some leaders were not taking the SIR exercise seriously in their respective constituencies. He said he already received district-wise reports on SIR awareness meetings and warned that the party would not remain a silent spectator if such negligence caused damage to the Congress.

He also called upon Congress sarpanches to conduct extensive awareness campaigns in villages and educate people about the importance



of the voter verification exercise. He said the party had complete information about participation levels in district-wise awareness meetings and cautioned leaders against creating a situation where disciplinary action would become necessary.

Revanth Reddy cautioned that any lapse in the voter list revision exercise could result in poor people and weaker sections losing their voting rights. The Chief Minister said safeguarding every eligible vote should be the party's foremost objective and stressed that negligence in the exercise would amount to injustice to vulnerable sections of society.

The Chief Minister warned leaders to im-

prove their performance within the next 10 days or face action. He said the party was closely monitoring the performance of MLAs and would appoint new in-charges in constituencies where MLAs failed to work effectively.

He also made it clear that in-charge ministers would not be spared and could be replaced if they failed to implement party directives or acted against the party's interests. Revanth Reddy said all leaders must strictly adhere to party instructions and warned that those who ignored the party's decisions on SIR would not be forgiven.

Expressing concern over reports of possible deletion of genuine voters' names from electoral rolls, the Chief Minister instructed party leaders to organise more awareness programmes across the state and entrusted in-charge ministers with greater responsibility for ensuring the success of the campaign. He stressed that protecting the voting rights of the poor was critical and warned that if poor people lost their votes, they would lose welfare schemes, ration cards, Aadhar cards and official documentation could also be adversely affected.

BRS urges ECI to enforce 'one person one vote' during SIR

Hyderabad: Intensifying its efforts to enforce the "One Person, One Vote" principle, the BRS on Wednesday approached the Election Commission of India to treat duplicate voter registrations as a priority during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The party argued that the success of the SIR exercise depended not just on updating rolls but also on identifying and removing duplicate, migrated, deceased and other ineligible voters. Geographic Reference

A delegation of BRS leaders, including BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan, former MLC Karne Prabhakar and BRS general secretary Ravula Chandrasekhar Reddy, met Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudharshan Reddy at BRK Bhavan on Wednesday and submitted a representation in this regard.

In a representation to the Election Commission of India, the BRS leaders said duplicate and multiple registrations undermine the credibility and fairness of elections. They said Hyderabad's status as a major employment and education hub has created conditions for multiple voter registrations from across the country.

The party pointed to the particular challenge posed by Telangana's bifurcation from Andhra Pradesh in 2014. Continued migration and social, educational and business links between the two States have left many individuals registered as voters in both, the party said.

The BRS called for a coordinated mechanism between the Chief Electoral Officers of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to detect and remove cross-State duplicate registrations. It sought a technology-driven national verification exercise using deduplication software, text matching, photo similarity checks and Aadhaar-Voter ID linkage verification. Politics

The BRS also demanded rigorous field verification by Booth Level Officers and Electoral Registration Officers in cases involving suspected duplicate or migrated voters. The party stressed that deletions should be carried out only after due process and in accordance with the law. The party



called for a transparent grievance mechanism through which voters and recognised political parties could report suspected duplicate entries and track action taken.

Strict legal action against individuals found to have knowingly maintained registrations in multiple locations was also demanded.

The party also emphasised that no genuine voter should be removed without prior notice, proper inquiry and due process. It urged the Election Commission to issue clear instructions to election authorities to ensure transparency and accountability throughout the revision. Geographic Reference

Speaking to mediapersons after the meeting, Sravan argued that the true objective of SIR cannot be achieved unless the electoral process is completely freed from the menace of bogus and duplicate votes across the States. He pointed to lack of a scientific and dedicated mechanism to completely eliminate bogus and duplicate votes across the States. He emphasised the need to implement "One Nation, One Citizen, One Vote" principle.

He emphasised that only through coordinated efforts, cross-verification of voter databases, and meticulous scrutiny can the Election Commission ensure clean electoral rolls and strengthen public trust in the democratic process.

"The fundamental democratic principle is that every citizen should have only one vote in one location and should not be allowed to retain voting rights in multiple locations which is an offence under the Representation of the People Act, 1951," he said.

Harish Rao warns Revanth Reddy against compromising on Telangana water rights



Hyderabad: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader and former Irrigation Minister T Harish Rao accused the Congress government of failing to protect Telangana's water rights. He demanded that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy immediately intervene to stop Karnataka's alleged illegal projects on Tungabhadra River. City & Local Guides

He urged the State government to formally object to Karnataka's projects before the Central Water Commission (CWC), Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) and the Union Jal Shakti Ministry. He demanded that the government ensure strict enforcement of Bachawat Tribunal provisions, and, if necessary, move the Supreme Court to protect Telangana's interests.

In a five-page letter written to the Chief Minister, Harish Rao criticised that the present Congress government was jeopardising Telangana's interests by remaining silent over the ongoing construction of projects by the Karnataka government upstream of the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS). He questioned whether the State government tacitly approved Karnataka's Kurdi Lift Irrigation Scheme and the proposed bridge-cum-barrages at Chikkalaparvi and Chikkalmanchi on Tungabhadra River.

The BRS deputy leader sought an explanation for Karnataka allegedly issuing No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme and asked whether Telangana's water rights were used as a bargaining tool. He alleged that despite Karnataka proceeding with construction activities, including intake structures that were reportedly 60 per cent complete, the Congress government in Telangana had neither objected nor taken up the matter with the authorities concerned over the last year. Telangana travel guide

He contended that the projects, if completed, would significantly reduce inflows to the RDS and affect irrigation in Telangana. He alleged that Karnataka was already utilising water beyond its allocated share of 1.2 TMCft and warned that the new projects could further diminish Telangana's entitlement, rendering the RDS ineffective.

Harish Rao also accused the State government of failing to challenge projects being undertaken without approvals from the CWC, KRMB, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. He questioned the reasons behind the Congress government's inaction and sought clarity on any alleged understandings between Telangana and Karnataka.

The former Irrigation Minister said the impact would extend beyond the RDS, affecting the Thummilla Lift Irrigation Scheme, Bhima Project, Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme and drinking water needs across the undivided Mahabubnagar region. He argued that reduced inflows into the Srisailem reservoir, could have long-term consequences for Telangana's irrigation and water security.

Harish Rao reminded that Telangana had historically suffered due to diversion of Krishna and Godavari River waters in undivided Andhra Pradesh and that the BRS government had reversed this trend after the State formation, by expanding irrigation and transforming drought-prone regions such as Palamuru.

He said the Congress government neglected the RDS Phase-II works initiated by the previous BRS government and had weakened the Bhima Project by diverting water allocations to the proposed Kodangal Lift Irrigation scheme.

Telangana HC questions Government over non-payment of fee reimbursement to colleges

Justice Juvvadi Sridevi of the Telangana High Court pulled up the State Government for failing to clear crores of rupees in admitted fee reimbursement dues to private colleges. Hearing petitions from engineering institutions, the Court sought a clear stand and directed the Government to furnish clarification by Thursday. Telangana travel guide

Hyderabad: Justice Juvvadi Sridevi of the Telangana High Court on Wednesday once again questioned the State Government over the continued non-payment of fee reimbursement dues to private educational institutions, asking how admitted dues running into crores of rupees could be kept pending indefinitely. City & Local Guides

Hearing a batch of petitions filed by several engineering colleges challenging certain provisions of G.O.Ms. No.7 dated April 29, 2026, the Judge orally observed, "You do not clear the dues and at the same time, how can the institutions be prevented from collecting fees from students? How can students be admitted without payment of fees?"

The Court was informed that despite earlier directions, the State had not furnished a clear explanation regarding the timeline for clearing admitted dues under Clause XIV of the Government Order, which provides for continuation of the existing mechanism for settlement of pending fee reimbursement amounts through institutions.

Expressing concern over the uncertainty surrounding payment of the dues, Justice Sridevi directed the State Government to place on record a clear stand on the issue and furnish the necessary clarification by Thursday.

The matter was adjourned for further hearing to Thursday, while the interim suspension of Clause XII of the Government Order, which restrains institutions from insisting upon payment of fees at the time of admission was extended.



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.



Come to Telangana with Ideas, We Will Support You: Sridhar Babu at Hyderabad Economic Forum



Hyderabad: Telangana IT and Industries Minister Sridhar Babu on Monday invited innovators, entrepreneurs and creators to bring their ideas to the state, assuring full support to turn them into reality, as he addressed the inaugural Hyderabad Economic Forum (HEF) 2026.

Delivering the keynote on "Hyderabad: Becoming India's Innovation Capital," the minister highlighted that the 21st century belongs to nations that attract ideas, tal-

ent and innovation. He noted India's rise in the Global Innovation Index and said Telangana is determined to lead this transformation.

Positioning Hyderabad as one of India's fastest-growing economic and innovation hubs, he outlined key initiatives including AIKAM, Telangana Data Exchange (TGDeX), a ₹1,000-crore Fund of Funds for startups, and plans for an AI University, Skill University and 100 advanced ITIs.

"Come to Telangana with

an idea. We may not guarantee success for every idea, but we assure support, opportunity and confidence for every sincere effort," he said.

The forum, hosted by SAS Infra in association with Bower School of Entrepreneurship at SAS iTower, Khajaguda, brought together over 500 business leaders, policymakers, investors and industry experts to discuss Hyderabad's future growth.

The day-long event featured sessions on economic outlook, infrastructure, AI transformation, startups, investment and multiple sectors including life sciences, real estate, education and sports.

Industry leaders and experts emphasised Hyderabad's unique position to emerge as a global economic and innovation hub, with the forum marking the beginning of a long-term platform to shape the city's growth and competitiveness.

Revanth Reddy's Delhi Meetings with Union Ministers Held in Positive Atmosphere

Hyderabad: Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy on Tuesday said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy wrote to him twice requesting for a meeting with Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw.

"Over the last two days I facilitated meetings for Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in New Delhi. The meetings with Ashwini Vaishnaw yesterday and the joint meeting with Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar and Ashwini Vaishnaw today took place in a conducive atmosphere.

"As a representative of Telangana in the Union Cabinet, I will always strive for the development of Telangana and the welfare of the people of the state," he said in a post on 'X'.

Revanth Reddy stated that discussions with the Railway Minister regarding the loan from IRFC for Hyderabad Metro have progressed positively. The Chief Minister met with Kishan Reddy and Ashwini Vaishnaw in Delhi.

He said the discussions with the Railway Minister went positively. He met Khattar on Tuesday morning regarding the same matter.



A SBICAPS has been appointed as the consultant to undertake the valuation of Metro Phase-I and examine Phase-II expansion plans.

The study will cover Phase-I takeover modalities, funding requirements, lender selection, Phase-II costs and financing op-

tions. The future decisions on Metro takeover and expansion will be based on the consultant's report.

A Central government official and the State MA&UD Special Secretary will act as nodal coordinators to ensure speedy execution of the process. The decision was taken at a joint meeting attended by Khattar, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Kishan Reddy and Revanth Reddy in New Delhi.

'Donald Trump Avenue' inaugurated near US Consulate in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday unveiled a ceremonial plaque commemorating the renaming of the road adjoining the US Consulate Hyderabad as 'Donald Trump Avenue'.

The US Consulate Hyderabad organised a reception to commemorate America's 250th anniversary of Independence. The event brought together senior diplomatic representatives, government officials, and prominent personalities from the business, aerospace, defence, and technology sectors. Telangana travel guide



Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Gor underscored the Hyderabad consular district's impressive contributions and continued relevance for strategic cooperation.

"Nowhere is the high-speed trajectory of our partnership more evident than in Hyderabad. From Hitec City to aerospace and defence, this region represents progress that

is defining our bilateral momentum," said Ambassador Gor.

Deputy Chief Minister Vikramarka congratulated the American people on the occasion of their 250th Independence Day, highlighting Telangana's role as a vital partner in the U.S.-India relationship. US Consul General Laura Williams also participated in the event.

Harish Rao calls for 'Congress Hatao, Singareni Bachao' fight to protect SCCL

Kothagudem: Former Minister T Harish Rao has called upon all the SCCL labour unions and employees to fight collectively with the slogan 'Congress Hatao, Singareni Bachao' to safeguard the Singareni Company for future generations.

He demanded the Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy order a CBI inquiry and a Central Vigilance probe into the corruption in Singareni. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has brought Singareni to the brink of privatisation. If unions and workers do not fight, setting aside political affiliations, the Congress government would hand it over to Adani and Ambani, he cautioned.

Harish Rao made a powerpoint presentation here on Tuesday on the issues



being faced by the SCCL and sought to know how 40 lakh metric tonnes of coal vanished. When the BRS questioned it, the government presented figures showing a reduced count; records indicated a daily stock depletion of 40,000 tonnes.

On the other hand, Union Minister Kishan Reddy wrote a letter to Revanth Reddy, the very person responsible for the disappearance of coal. Both Kishan Reddy and Revanth Reddy colluded to betray Singareni, he al-

leged.

While Telangana Genco should have held 25 lakh tonnes of coal reserves, only six lakh tonnes were available - a deficit of 76 percent. Similarly, at Yadadri power plant, against a required stock of 11 lakh tonnes, only two lakh tonnes were present - an 82 percent deficit. Telangana travel guide

If the figures related to coal production were indeed accurate and there was no shortage, why was there such a low stock level at

Genco, Harish Rao questioned. Production stood at 70 million tonnes in 2023 during the BRS regime, but it has dropped to 58 million tonnes during 2025-26, he said.

Referring to CPI MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao's reported statement in support of the government claims on coal reserves, Harish Rao asked him to physically show where exactly the coal reserves were present.

The CPI might be an ally of the Congress, but because of it the party should not do an injustice to Singareni. The MLA must decide whether his party would side with the Congress, a party mired in scams or would it stand with the workers, Harish Rao suggested.

President Murmu confers Padma awards to Rohit Sharma, Mammooty, Vijay Amritraj

New Delhi: Tennis legend Vijay Amritraj, actors Mammooty and Satish Shah, cricketer Rohit Sharma, and playback singer Alka Yagnik were among eminent personalities conferred with the Padma awards by President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday.

In the second civil investiture ceremony at the Ganatantra Mandap of Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President presented the Padma Vibhushan to former Supreme Court judge K T Thomas for contribution to literature and education.

Alka Yagnik, Mammooty, American oncologist Dattatreya Nori, tennis player Vijay Amritraj, industrialist S K M Maeilanandhan, and social worker and educationist Vellappally Natesan received the Padma Bhushan during the ceremony.

Rupi Soren, wife of JMM founder Shibu Soren, received the Padma Bhushan on behalf of the late leader.

The President conferred the Padma Shri on cricketer Rohit Sharma, who led India to victory in the last T20 World Cup, and hockey player Savita Punia.

Vladimir Mestvirishvili,



the Georgian coach who mentored Indian Olympic medallists like Sushil Kumar, Yogeshwar Dutt and Ravi Dahiya, was awarded the Padma Shri posthumously. His wife received the award on his behalf.

The function was attended by Vice President C P Radhakrishnan,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, among other dignitaries.

The arrival of 83-year-old folk artist and cultural guardian from Nagaland, Guru Sangyusang Pongener, added a vibrant cultural touch to the ceremony. Dressed in

traditional Naga attire, his spirited entry drew applause from the audience, including Prime Minister Modi. He received the Padma Shri.

Social worker Budhri Tati, who worked in education and women's empowerment in the erstwhile Naxal-affected Bastar region of Chhattisgarh, also received the Padma Shri.

She preferred traditional attire and received warm applause while accepting the honour.

The President also conferred the Padma Shri on actor Satish Shah posthumously. The actor was known for roles in Ye

Jo Hai Zindagi, Sarabhai vs Sarabhai and the cult film Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro. His brother received the award on his behalf.

Former CEO of Prasar Bharati Shashi Shekhar Vempati, now CBFC chairman, was also awarded the Padma Shri.

The President conferred a total of 65 Padma awards in the ceremony, including two Padma Vibhushan, seven Padma Bhushan and 56 Padma Shri awards.

Actor R Madhavan, DRDL scientist Chandramouli Gaddamanugu, RVS Mani and entrepreneur

Ashok Khade were among other Padma Shri awardees.

Dalit author Asok Kumar Haldar, railway guard-turned-writer; Carnatic duo Ranjani and Gayatri; actor Anil Kumar Rastogi and chemistry professor Mahendra Nath Roy were also conferred the Padma Shri.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Modi said the Padma awards celebrate exceptional service and dedication across diverse fields.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also congratulated the awardees and hosted a dinner in their honour.

ICC, UNICEF to host matchday takeover at Lord's during Women's T20 World Cup

ICC, UNICEF UK and ECB will host a matchday takeover at Lord's during the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 match between England and West Indies. The initiative aims to raise funds and awareness for UNICEF's global child support programmes

Hyderabad: The International Cricket Council (ICC), UNICEF UK and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) will host a special matchday takeover at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground in London when England take on the West Indies at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 on 24 June. City & Local Guides

In taking over Lord's, the ICC and UNICEF are aiming to raise both funds and awareness for UNICEF's projects supporting children around the world, with a fundraising target of £100,000 from the activation.

UNICEF UK Supporter Nabhaan Rizwan, a passionate cricket fan and two-time BAFTA-nominated actor, will attend the game and walk out with the trophy alongside England legend Isa Guha in support of the Play for UNICEF matchday. History

"I'm excited to be at Lord's on Wednesday, 24 June for the Play for UNICEF match day takeover," said Rizwan. "As a huge cricket fan, I can't wait to see England play West Indies for this ICC Women's T20



World Cup game, during which fans will also be able to donate to support UNICEF's work for every child."

The wider takeover of Lord's will see a branded UNICEF presence across the ground, with the UNICEF flag featuring in the Anthem Ceremony, and global broadcast audiences encouraged to support through dedicated donation messaging throughout the day.

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).

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 less than a victory in their minds as they step foot on the pitch at the Miami Stadium.

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Former Wimbledon Champion Vondrousova Gets 4-year Ban for Refusing Doping Test

Former Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova was suspended for four years on Monday for refusing an anti-doping test, the latest high-profile player sanctioned. The Czech cited "mental stress" and fear when the testing agent "rang my door late at night without properly identifying themselves." The International Tennis Integrity Agency made the announcement, saying Vondrousova refused a test in December and the maximum four-year ban for a routine first offense was reached by an independent tribunal following a hearing this month.

Vondrousova became Wimbledon's first unseeded female champion when she beat Ons Jabeur in the 2023 final. She reached a career-high ranking of No. 6 that year. She also reached the French Open final in 2019, losing to Ash Barty. The 26-year-old Vondrousova detailed her reaction to the missed test in an Instagram post in April. "It is very tough for me to talk about this, but I want to be transparent with you about my mental health," Vondrousova said. "The recent doping control incident happened because I reached a breaking point after months of physical and mental stress."

The ITIA said Vondrousova "did not submit a sample when notified by a Doping Control Officer during an out-of-competition test attempt at her home at around 8 p.m. on 3 December 2025" and that she instead signed a refusal form. "I have never doped. I have never had a positive test," Vondrousova wrote on Instagram after the ruling was released. "Throughout my entire career, I have undergone countless anti-doping controls and have always stepped onto the court with a clear conscience. Just three days after the incident that ultimately changed my life, I was tested again. The result was negative. Just like every test before it."

Vondrousova was repre-



mented by Los Angeles-based lawyer Howard Jacobs, a specialist in doping rules cases. Jacobs helped two-time Grand Slam singles champion Simona Halep win an appeal case in 2024 at the Court of Arbitration for Sport against a four-year ban for doping. Vondrousova becomes the latest high-profile tennis player involved in a doping case after Halep, Jannik Sinner and Iga Swiatek.

Sinner accepted a three-month ban in a settlement with the World Anti-Doping Agency at the start of last year and Swiatek accepted a one-month suspension at the end of 2024. Halep, Sinner and Swiatek each proved they were not entirely responsible for their positive tests. "We recognize this is a significant ban," ITIA CEO Karen Moorhouse said. "You can't have an anti-doping system where a player is in a better place by refusing to take a test than they would by taking a test and testing positive. So that feeds into the structure of the doping rules that provides for a starting point in the four-year ban for refusing to take a test." Vondrousova's ban expires June 21, 2030. She can appeal the decision to the Switzerland-based CAS. During a hearing before the tribunal, Vondrousova presented explanations that stress and poor mental health affected her decision making, in addition to concerns for her safety because she claimed the tester did not identify herself. The tribunal also took testimony from the doping control officer and concluded the evidence offered "no compelling justification" for the test refusal. Tennis players and other pro athletes are required by anti-doping rules to specify where they will be available for a one-hour period each day to give samples for testing. The female testing agent showed up at Vondrousova's home outside the assigned hour that the player signed up for that day — in a surprise test. Athletes are required to submit for testing if they are located for a surprise test outside their assigned hour. If they are not found when a tester shows up outside assigned hours, there is no sanction. "Unpredictable testing is an essential tool to protect clean sport," Moorhouse said. "The independent tribunal ultimately supported that principle. This case is an important reminder that players can be tested at any time, in any place, and that refusal comes with significant risk." The ITIA would not say if any inconsistencies were found in Vondrousova's previous anti-doping history. "We wouldn't disclose that," said Nicole Sapstead, the ITIA's senior director of anti-doping, adding: "We look at all things like that." Vondrousova, ranked 122, hasn't played since January. Wimbledon starts next week.

FIFA World Cup 2026: Algeria Complete Comeback to Beat Jordan 2-1

FIFA World Cup 2026: Algeria Rally Past Jordan 2-1 to Keep Knockout Hopes Alive

Algeria produced a spirited second-half comeback to defeat Jordan 2-1 in a crucial FIFA World Cup 2026 Group J encounter.

Jordan stunned the Desert Foxes by taking the lead in the 36th minute through Nizar Alrashdan, carrying a 1-0 advantage into half-time. Algeria responded strongly after the break, increasing the pressure and eventually finding an equaliser through Nadhir Benbouali in the 69th minute.

With momentum



firmly on their side, Algeria completed the turnaround in the 82nd minute when Amine Gouiri found the back of the net to put his side ahead. Jordan pushed for a late response, but Algeria held firm through the closing stages to secure all three points.

The victory breathes new life into Algeria's World Cup campaign, while Jordan's hopes of progressing from Group J have suffered a major setback ahead of their final group-stage match. The result leaves Algeria firmly in the race for a place in the knockout rounds after recovering from an early deficit.

Strict Action Against Bonded Labour: SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil

Nagarkurnool: District SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil stated that strict action will be taken against those involved in bonded labour and human trafficking.

A training programme on Human Trafficking and Bonded Labour was conducted on Wednesday at the District Police Office under the supervision of the International Justice Mission (IJM) for police officers and staff across the district.

During the programme, High Court advocates Merakamani and Raviteja created awareness on identifying and rescuing victims trapped in



bonded labour, protecting women and children from trafficking, and ensuring legal action against offenders through coordination between police and courts.

Addressing the gathering, SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil said the district police have strengthened surveillance to curb bonded labour and illegal labour trafficking. He warned that strict legal action would be taken against those exploiting poor and vulnerable people through forced labour. The SP also urged the public to immediately report cases involving illegal confinement of workers or child labour to the District Police Control Room.

Additional SP N. Venkateswarlu, CCS CI Shankar, inspectors, sub-inspectors, and police personnel attended the programme.

Make the National Tribal Representatives Conference a Grand Success: State Convener Payam Satyanarayana Calls for Unity

Bhadrachalam | June 24: State Convener of the National Tribal Constitutional Rights Protection Coordination Cultural Committee, Payam Satyanarayana, has called upon tribal communities and organizations to make the National Tribal Representatives Conference, scheduled to be held in Bhadrachalam on July 6, a grand success.

On Wednesday, at Ambedkar Center in Bhadrachalam, leaders paid floral tributes to the statues of great social reformers and freedom fighters before flagging off the "National Tribal Constitutional Rights Protection Yatra" vehicle.

Speaking on the occasion, Payam Satyanarayana said that the yatra would travel across Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana, meeting tribal leaders, intellectuals, and public representatives to invite them to participate in the conference.

He alleged that both the Central and State Govern-



ments were acting against the spirit of the Constitution and stated that the main objective of the conference is to unite tribal communities across the country and formulate a nationwide action plan to safeguard constitutional rights through a strong democratic movement.

He appealed to tribal intellectuals, professors, advocates, leaders of tribal organizations, employee and teachers' unions, retired employees, student associations, women's groups, community elders, traditional tribal leaders, priests, cultural representatives, social activists, and well-wishers to participate in large numbers and contribute to the success of the conference.

Prominent leaders participating in the yatra include Chanda Lingayya Dora, Chairman of the National Tribal Constitutional Rights Protection Coordination Cultural Committee and former MLA and former ZP Chairman of Khammam; Lake Rajarao, National Convener and former MLA of Paderu, Andhra Pradesh; Madavi Narasimha Rao; Komaram Rammurthy; Vajja Narasimha Rao; Somesh Kumar, State leader of the Adivasi Self-Governance Movement Committee; Lake Donnu, AIBSP Araku Assembly President; and Korra Apparao, the Yatra vehicle coordinator, among others.

The leaders emphasized that a united national movement is essential for the protection of tribal constitutional rights and appealed to all sections of tribal society to make the Bhadrachalam conference a historic success.

Welfare that will remain in the hearts of the poor -Congress Party State Leader Ujwal Reddy

Zahirabad, June:: Congress Party State Leaders Siddam. Ujwal Reddy participated in the inauguration ceremony of the newly built Indiramma house in Ippepalli village of Mogadampally mandal of Sangareddy district. Ujwal Reddy participated and inaugurated it. He congratulated the beneficiaries and shared happiness with them. Later, the beneficiaries honored them. Speaking on the occasion, Ujwal Reddy said that the main goal of the public government is to provide a house of their own to poor families.

He said that the government is working hard to improve the living standards of the poor by providing them with a permanent residence through Indiramma houses. He said that the construction work of



Indiramma houses is going on rapidly in Zahirabad constituency and that the responsibility of providing a house to every eligible poor family is the Congress government. CDC Chairman Mubeen, former Society Chairman Mallikarjun Reddy, former M.P.P. Priyanka Gunda Reddy, Municipal Vice Chairman Sirisha Surender Reddy, Mogadampally Mandal Congress Party SC Cell President Gopal, Sarpanchs Rukki Bai, Harisingh, Brahmananda Reddy, senior Congress leaders Srikanth Reddy, Ashwin Patil, ST Cell Parliament Coordinator Banoth Raju Nayak and others participated in this program.

Indiramma Housing for Every Eligible Poor Family: Minister Jupally Krishna Rao

Nagar kurnool : State Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao stated that every eligible poor family would be provided an Indiramma house irrespective of political affiliation. He made these remarks while participating in the Indiramma housing housewarming ceremony held at Gantraopally and Chennapuravupally villages in Peddakotheppally mandal of Nagarkurnool district.

During the event, the minister distributed new clothes to the beneficiaries and extended his greetings. He wished the families happiness, prosperity, and good health in their



new homes.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao said that immediately after coming to power, despite financial challenges, the Congress government sanctioned 4.50 lakh Indiramma houses across the state in the first phase with an expenditure of ₹22,500 crore. He stated that 3,500 houses were allocated to each con-

stituency.

The minister further announced that the government has decided to undertake the construction of 2.50 lakh houses across the state in the second phase and has allocated 2,000 houses per constituency.

He emphasized that houses are being sanctioned to all eligible poor families without considering

caste, religion, social category, or political affiliation. According to him, the government is spending ₹5 lakh for the construction of each house.

Minister Jupally said that beneficiaries undertaking construction are being provided payments in stages every Monday to accelerate the completion of housing works.

He added that fulfilling the dream of home ownership for poor families is the objective of the state government and that the Indiramma Housing Scheme is providing permanent housing security to thousands of families across Telangana.

MLA Payam Extends Support to Poor Family; Hands Over ₹4 Lakh LOC to Sariyam Lalasa

Government Committed to Delivering Welfare Benefits to Eligible Beneficiaries – MLA Payam Venkateswarlu

Manuguru | June 24: In a significant step towards providing financial assistance to underprivileged families through government welfare schemes, Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu handed over a Letter of Credit (LOC) worth ₹4 lakh sanctioned to Sariyam Lalasa of Gandhinagar, Sarapaka Village in Burgampadu Mandal. The LOC was presented to her mother, Sariyam Bhavani, at the MLA's camp office in Manuguru on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu said that the government is taking special measures to ensure that eligible poor families receive the benefits of



welfare schemes. He stated that the government is responding promptly to the needs of the people and implementing financial assistance programs efficiently.

The MLA emphasized that public welfare remains the government's primary objective and that every effort is being made to ensure that deserving families receive the benefits of various welfare initiatives. He added that it is the responsibility of public representatives to stand by poor families during times of need.

Family members of Sariyam Lalasa expressed their gratitude to the MLA for the support extended to them. They said that the financial assistance would be of great help to their family.

Manuguru Mandal President Pirinaki Naveen, District General Secretary Polamuri Raju, party leaders, activists, and local residents participated in the program.

Reiterating the government's commitment to social welfare, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu stated that the administration is moving forward with the goal of "Welfare for Every Eligible Citizen – Assurance for Every Poor Family."

Collector Warns LPG Agencies Against Overcharging ; Biometric Aadhaar Verification Drive to Continue Till June 30 :

Nizamabad, June 24, 2026 : The District Collector (Civil Supplies) has directed all LPG dealers in the district to complete the Biometric Aadhaar Authentication (BAA) process for LPG consumers on a priority basis before June 30, 2026, while ensuring uninterrupted supply of domestic gas cylinders to the public.

The directions were issued during a review meeting held with the District LPG Dealers Association at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Tuesday. The meeting was organized in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, and the Civil Supplies Commissioner, Hyderabad.

Speaking at the meeting, the Collector emphasized that no LPG consumer should face inconvenience due to the ongoing authentication process. Dealers were strictly instructed not to stop gas cylinder deliveries to households merely because the consumer's BAA process remains incomplete.

The Collector also instructed LPG delivery personnel to provide doorstep delivery services without fail and warned agencies against collecting extra charges beyond the amount mentioned on the official bill or invoice. He cautioned that any complaints regarding excess collection or irregularities would invite stringent action under the Essential Commodities Act against the concerned dealers and agencies.

As part of measures to curb misuse and

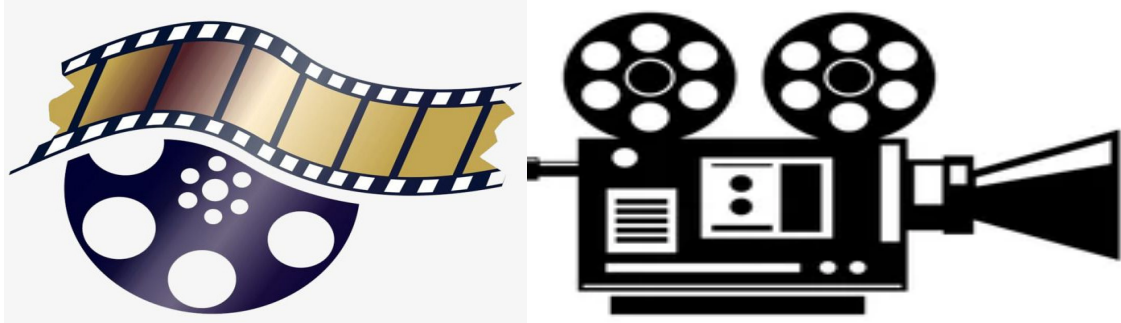


diversion of subsidized LPG cylinders, all agencies were instructed to strictly implement the OTP-based Delivery Authentication Code (DAC) system during every delivery transaction. Officials said the DAC mechanism would enhance transparency and accountability in the LPG distribution system.

The District Collector further directed LPG agencies to create awareness among consumers regarding the Aadhaar biometric verification process. Dealers were instructed to prominently display the final deadline for BAA completion, along with grievance and helpline numbers, at their respective offices for the benefit of consumers.

Assuring the public, the Collector stated that there is no need for consumers to worry about disruption in gas supply and appealed to all LPG users to cooperate with the ongoing verification drive to ensure successful completion within the stipulated time.

The meeting was attended by the District Supply Officer (DSO), Assistant Civil Supplies Officer (ACSO), and representatives of LPG dealer agencies from across the district.



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Makutam Teaser: Vishal Stuns In Three Powerful Avatars

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Actor Vishal is coming with a new film titled Makutam. The movie is very special because it marks his first project as a director. After the success of Mark Antony and Madha Gaja Raja, fans are eagerly waiting for this ambitious film.

Makutam is being produced by Super Good Films as its 99th production. The movie is backed by the late producer RB Choudary and is written by Ravi Arasu. The film has already created curiosity with its posters and promotional content. Now, the makers have released the teaser, and it has received a positive response from movie lovers.

The teaser begins with a powerful scene where Vishal appears as an aged gangster. He lights a cigarette in front of a burning body, creating a strong impact. As the teaser continues, viewers get to see two more versions of Vishal. The actor appears in three different looks, each with a unique style and personality.

One of the biggest highlights of the teaser is Vishal's transformation. His appearance, expressions, and body language are completely different in all three roles. This has increased excitement among fans and movie audiences.

Actress Anjali also grabs attention with her action-packed role. In one scene, she is seen holding a knife and getting ready for a fight. Her powerful screen presence has become one of the talking points of the teaser. Dushara Vijayan and other important cast members are also seen briefly.

The teaser is visually rich and stylish. Cinematographer Richard M Nathan has captured the scenes beautifully. The background score by GV Prakash Kumar adds more energy and intensity to the teaser. The action sequences look grand and well-designed.

As a director, Vishal seems to have done an impressive job. The teaser shows his confidence in handling action, emotions and visual storytelling. The editing by NB Srikanth keeps the teaser engaging from beginning to end.

Bharatavarsha: Gopichand oozes magnetic charm as warrior

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Macho Hero Gopichand is working with highly talented director Sankalp Reddy for his high budget warrior epic, Bharatavarsha. The movie has created huge buzz and anticipation with the glimpse and promotional campaign till date.

On the occasion of Gopichand's birthday, the movie team have released a new poster with him as a warrior. With a bow and arrow in his hand, against the huge arsenal of forces, his machismo is on a full display. With International level technicians working on the film, the makers are promising an unprecedented cinematic experience.

The poster rises high curiosity and excitement further about this incredible action warrior saga. Anudeep Dev is composing music and Srinivasa Chitturi is producing this mega action drama on a massive scale. Further details to be announced soon.



Nani's The Paradise: Why No Clarification On Delay?

Despite claiming multiple times that they are not shying away from the August 21st release date, a date that Nani's upcoming film The Paradise locked after moving out of the March 2026 clash with the then-planned Peddi movie, there's no sound yet again. With Raviteja's Irumudi locking the date of The Paradise, things are very clear from the trade circles that the Dasara director's movie is not hitting cinemas as planned.

Even for a couple of months, producer Sudhakar Cherukuri maintained that they are hitting cinemas on August 21st as planned, and even gave assurance about it. However, reports are coming that the film's budget has shot up massively and the makers wanted to do some sort of magic for recovery. Keeping the Baahubali and Dhurandhar technique in mind, they have now decided to release the movie in two parts.

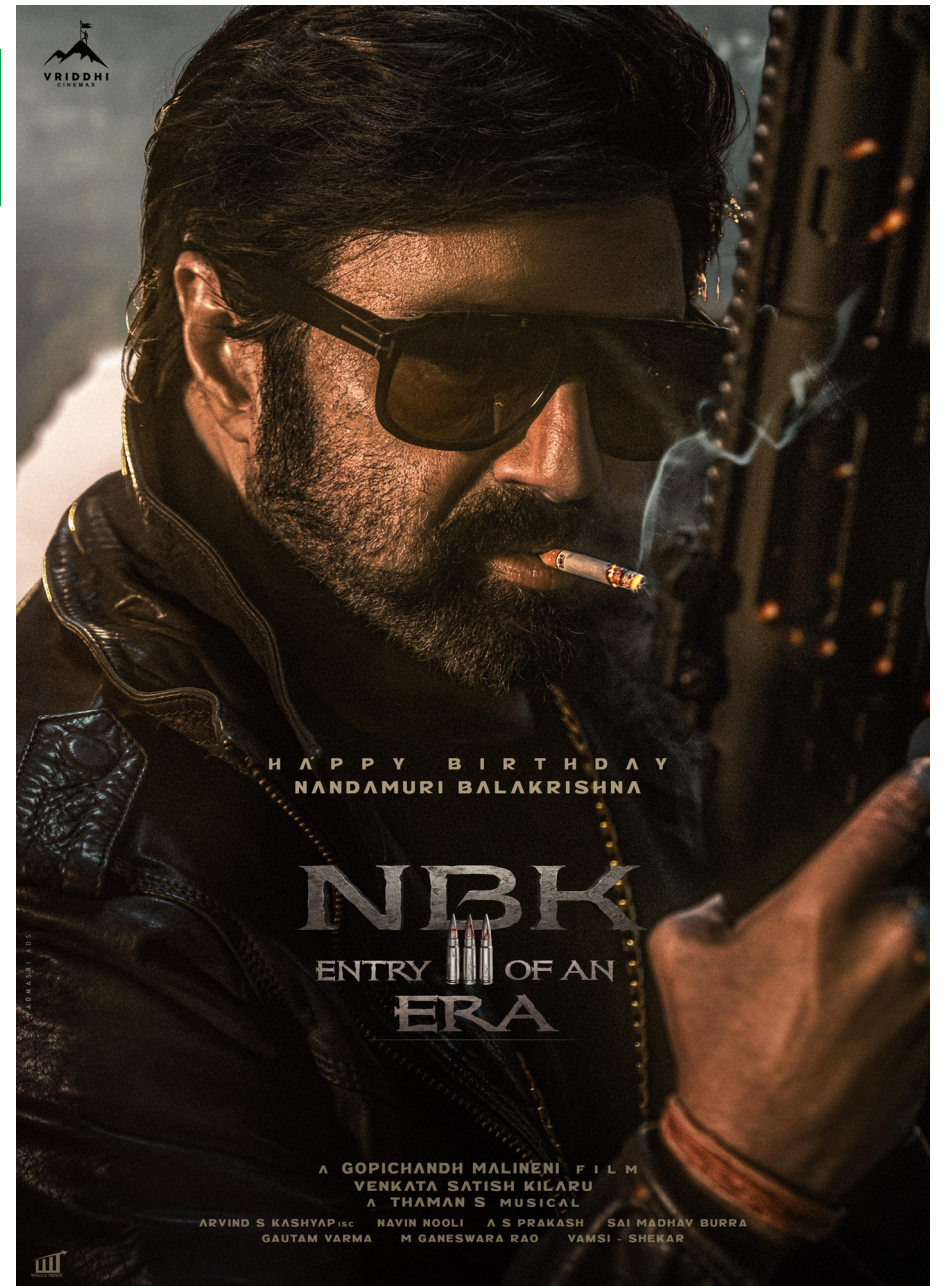
Some reports are doing rounds that currently they are filming both parts simultaneously, meaning the extra footage needed to extend Part 1 and the extra footage needed to fill Part 2, at the same time. That's the reason behind the movie's delay, and that's why they have given up the August 21st slot much earlier. If the production house fails to give clarity over the same, fans might keep believing this story only.

On the other hand, these days many big films, including the likes of Peddi, Toxic, and many others, haven't stuck to the announced release date, and their change of plans is severely disrupting the plans of many other small films and medium-budget movies.



NBK111 Glimpse: NBK's Perfect B'Day Treat

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



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

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

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

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

Kiran Abbavaram's crazy project grand opening Tomorrow

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

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

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

