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Hyderabad: Tensions escalate as police arrest Harish Rao, other BRS leaders amid Congress-BRS debate challenge



Hyderabad: High political drama unfolded in Hyderabad on Thursday as the face-off between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS over Telangana's debt burden and alleged irregularities in Gurukul residential school tenders culminated in the arrest of several BRS leaders, even as the leaders from both parties traded fresh challenges for an open debate.

Former Ministers T Harish Rao and V Srinivas Goud, BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar and several party leaders were arrested by the police outside Telangana Bhavan while attempting to proceed to the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial (Gun Park), where Congress ministers had challenged them to a public debate. The arrests came amid heavy police deployment around Telangana Bhavan, Gun Park and other key locations, as hundreds of Congress and BRS workers gathered, raising fears of a confrontation.

Addressing the media before being taken into custody, Harish Rao accused the Congress government of using the police to prevent the BRS from participating in the very debate that its Ministers had proposed. He said they were carrying documentary evidence to substantiate its

allegations of irregularities in Gurukul school tenders.

"We were going only for a debate, not for a fight. We are ready to present all the evidence even now. If the Ministers had challenged us, why are the police stopping and arresting us?" he asked. He also alleged that the police prevented him from speaking to Minister Ponnam Prabhakar.

The confrontation stemmed from a series of public challenges and counter-challenges between the Congress ministers and BRS working president KT Rama Rao and senior leader T Harish Rao over Telangana's debt burden and allegations relating to residential school tenders.

On Thursday morning, Rama Rao and Harish Rao reached Telangana Bhavan along with other BRS leaders. While Rama Rao remained at Telangana Bhavan awaiting the debate with Minister Jupally Krishna Rao who challenged for debate on the State debts, Harish Rao, accompanied by senior BRS leaders

including RS Praveen Kumar, proceeded towards the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial but were arrested outside the Telangana Bhavan.

However, Jupally Krishna Rao did not arrive either at Telangana Bhavan or Gun Park initially. Instead, he attended the Congress' weekly interaction programme at Gandhi Bhavan with party cadre and elected representatives. Responding to media queries, the Minister took a U-turn from his previous claim of a debate at Telangana Bhavan and said he had accepted the challenge for a debate at Gun Park and would head there shortly.

He dared both Rama Rao and Harish Rao to appear together at the Martyrs' Memorial. "Let both of them come together and I will answer them at once," he said.

Meanwhile, Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Adhuri Laxman Kumar and Mohammed Azharuddin reached Gun Park for debate with the BRS leaders over allegations of irregularities in residential school tenders.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday welcomed Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on her first official visit to India, expressing confidence that their discussions would further strengthen the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

In a social media post, Modi said he was delighted to host Takaichi and looked forward to wide-ranging discussions during the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit.

"Through our joint efforts, we will continue to advance peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and beyond," the Prime Minister said.

Earlier in the day, Takaichi was accorded a ceremonial welcome at the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, where Prime Minister Modi received her. Marching contingents from the Army, Navy and Air Force, along with a military band, honoured the visiting leader. Following the ceremony, Takaichi, accompanied by Modi, met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and other Union ministers. The leaders exchanged greetings before posing for photographs.

Later, Modi and Takaichi were scheduled to hold bilateral talks at Hyderabad House to review and expand cooperation in trade, investment, defence, technology, connectivity and other key sectors. The leaders were also expected to exchange views on regional and global issues, with a focus on ensuring peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific.

As part of the visit, the two Prime Ministers are also set to jointly inaugurate Maruti Suzuki India's new manufactur-



ing facility at Kharkhoda in Haryana, one of the largest investments in India's automobile sector in recent years. The project is being seen as another milestone in the India-Japan economic partnership.

The inauguration coincides with the India-Japan Economic Forum, which has brought together more than 150 Japanese companies to explore opportunities in manufacturing, semi-conductors, artificial intelligence, clean energy and mobility.

Ahead of the summit, Japan's Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Masanao Ozaki said he hoped the visit would lead to "concrete and remarkable development in Japan-India economic relations." Citing Japanese daily The Yomiuri Shimbun, he said around 120 cooperation initiatives worth nearly 2 trillion yen (about \$12.5 billion) are expected to be announced during the visit, underscoring India's growing importance as a destination for Japanese investment.

MUSI REJUVENATION PROJECT GETS CABINET NOD

Hyderabad: Despite opposition from different quarters, the State cabinet has approved the proposals to float tenders for the Musi Rejuvenation project's first phase covering 21 km with a cost of Rs. 7,345 crore.

In the first phase, works would be executed from Himayath Sagar to River Esa and Osman Sagar to River Musa confluence point to Babu Ghat. To execute works and monitor them, creation of 147 posts has been approved by the cabinet and if required, more staff would be deployed on deputation.

Briefing media persons at the cabinet meeting, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the State government accepted the VB-GRAMG scheme. However, it had also decided to approach the Supreme Court, considering the impact of imple-



menting the scheme as per the prescribed terms and conditions, he said.

The Minister said along with students up to 12th standard, nearly 1.5 lakh teachers, lecturers and staff, would be extended free mid-day meals, milk and snacks.

The cabinet also approved 6,278 posts in different TIMS hospital, including Sanathnagar, LB

Nagar and Alwal and super speciality hospital, Warangal. This apart, CMRF LOCs would also be processed at these hospitals, he said.

The cabinet approved allotment of lands for constructing warehouses in five to six assembly constituencies. Accordingly, 50 acres has been approved at Bollikunta in Warangal and 10 acres at

Kakarlapahad in Rangareddy to the State Warehousing Corporation. Similarly, 20 acres has been allotted for establishment of Jawahar Navodaya at Peddapally in Mahabubnagar and 19 acres at Kodad in Suryapet districts. Also, the cabinet approved allotment of five acres for setting up Kendriya Vidyalaya at Chalgai in Jagtial, he said.

Political Heat Rises in Telangana Over Gurukul Tender Allegations



Hyderabad: Political tensions escalated in Telangana after the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) alleged corruption in Gurukul tender allocations.

Responding to the challenge for a public debate, ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Adhuri Laxman, and Azharuddin reached the Martyrs' Memorial at Gun Park. They also

stated their willingness to attend a discussion at the Somajiguda Press Club, as suggested by former IPS officer R. S. Praveen Kumar.

Meanwhile, senior BRS leaders were asked to come to Gun Park. Former ministers T. Harish Rao and K. T. Rama Rao reached Telangana Bhavan, following which Harish Rao and other leaders set out towards the Martyrs' Memorial at Gun Park.

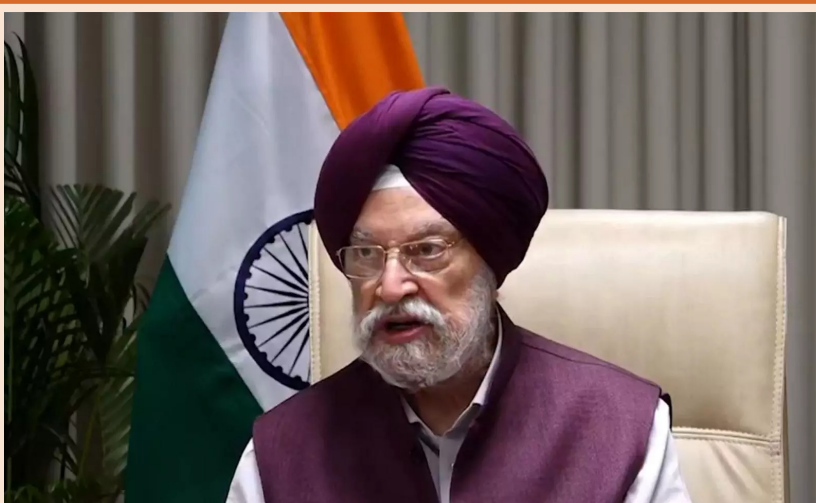
The developments underline intensifying political confrontation between the ruling side and the opposition over the Gurukul tender issue.

Oil Firms Lose Rs 74,781 Crore; Fuel Prices May Be Reviewed Soon

New Delhi: Union petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday said that oil-marketing companies (OMCs) suffered Rs 74,781-crore losses for selling petrol, diesel and LPG below cost for the period up to June 30 when global crude oil prices spiked in the wake of the West Asia conflict. However, the minister indicated that the government would relook at petrol, diesel prices, if global oil rates stay low for the next few weeks.

Briefing the media, Puri also said that international crude oil prices have come down but companies are still processing crude they bought at the height of the West Asia crisis. On whether there would be a cut in prices of petrol and diesel, Puri responded 'diplomatically', saying that this would be a legitimate question, if oil prices stayed low for the next few weeks.

Oil companies typically buy crude oil -- the raw material for producing fuel -- at least two months in advance. So, crude oil that is



being processed now is essentially what was bought in April or early May when international prices were very high. Crude oil prices started coming down only in the second half of June after the US and Iran reached an agreement to end the conflict.

The minister also said the government had largely shielded consumers from volatility in global crude oil markets, adding that India navigated the recent Hormuz crisis without any major disruption in fuel supplies. "Not one retail outlet reported a dry-out," he said, saying that India has about 1.07 lakh fuel retail outlets and the government has absorbed most of the shocks arising from the crude crisis.

Separately, Puri said that India's refining capacity is expected to increase to 309.5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) by 2030, with several refinery projects currently under implementation and some scheduled for completion over the next two years. "The global refining landscape is likely to consolidate into three to four major refining hubs, with India expected to emerge as one of them," he said.

Amaravati 10K Run to Promote Fitness Culture



Vijayawada: The SmartVision Amaravati 10K Run 2026 will be held at the Indra Gandhi Municipal Stadium on Sunday to promote fitness, healthy living and community participation.

The event will be conducted under the theme "Run for Amaravati". More than 1,200 participants, including competitive athletes, fitness enthusiasts, families, youth and first-time runners, are expected to take part.

Registrations for the 10K Dream Run, 5K Sportive Run and 3K Fun Run will remain open until July 3, while spot registrations will be accepted on the day of the event, subject to availability.

Data-Driven Governance, Private Investments Key to Swarna Andhra Vision-2047: Naidu



TIRUPATI: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has said the state is adopting data-driven governance and encouraging private investment as the twin pillars of the Swarna Andhra Vision-2047 to improve people's lives and accelerate economic growth.

Addressing the two-day workshop on 'Swarna Andhra-2047: Economic Intelligence for Governance' organised by the planning department here on Thursday, Naidu said governments should rely on data-based decision-making and use economic indicators such as GSDP and Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) while framing policies to improve the living standards of poor families.

Naidu said data had become a valuable resource and future governance would depend on how effectively governments collected, integrated and used information. He stressed the need to create a Data Lake to link information from all government departments, adding that the state had prepared an action plan to implement the Sanjeevani project through the digitisation of health records.

He said governments should combine efficient public service delivery with private investment to create wealth, making it a key pillar of the Swarna Andhra Vision-2047. Citing pension beneficiaries Tulasamma and Padamma, he said welfare schemes and DWCR loans had improved their families' living conditions, showing the impact of effective implementation.

The Chief Minister said he had studied economics but learned more from society and people's experiences.

Recalling Vision-2020, he said it had initially drawn criticism despite being the country's first long-term development vision, adding that former President APJ Abdul Kalam had supported the idea of a national vision document.

Naidu said he had long believed information technology could drive development and stressed the need to use technology while building indigenous systems. The P4 initiative, he noted, aims to reduce the gap between the rich and the poor by encouraging people to give

back to society, while improving family living standards and promoting the joint family system.

During an interaction with the participants, the chief minister said policymakers should never become complacent. Those who are happy and satisfied prefer to maintain the status quo, he noted.

Naidu called for continuous innovation and collective efforts, urging people to think about what they could contribute to the nation rather than what the nation had given them.

He announced that a quantum computer would soon be available in Amaravati. The state is working towards developing the capability to manufacture quantum computers.

Chairman of the PM's economic advisory council Prof S Mahendra Dev, NITI Aayog members Prof. K.V. Raju and R. Balasubramaniam, chief economic adviser to the central government V Anantha Nageswaran, secretary to the ministry of statistics and programme implementation Saurabh Garg, NCAER director Suresh Goyal, industries secretary Yuvaraj, senior state government officials, planning department officials and students of Economic Statistics were present.

VBG RAM G Rollout Begins From Andhra Pradesh

TIRUPATI: The nation-wide rollout of the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar Ajeevika Mission Gramin (VBG RAM G) took place from Railway Koduru in Tirupati district on Thursday.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Union rural development and agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan jointly did the launch. Union ministers Pemmasani Chandrasekhar and Kamlesh Paswan released the mission's promotional song, while Pawan Kalyan unveiled its booklet.

Addressing the gathering, Naidu called the launch historic, noting that the erstwhile MGNREGA programme had also originated in Rayalaseema. He said Andhra Pradesh would implement the programme with an allocation of ₹7,700 crore from the Centre and ₹4,000 crore from the state.

The mission would provide 125 days of employment while creating rural infrastructure, with geo-tagging and biometric authentication ensuring trans-



parency.

Naidu credited Pawan Kalyan with conducting Gram Sabhas simultaneously in 13,226 villages, creating a Guinness World Record. He said employment guarantee works generated 55.44 crore person-days at a cost of ₹16,695 crore, resulting in 7,000km of CC roads, 40,000 cattle shelters, 15,500 water troughs, 1.07 lakh farm ponds, 1,373km of tribal roads and horticulture plantations over 1.66 lakh acres.

This year, the state targets 10,000km of gravel roads, 1,500km of cement and BT roads, 500km of magic drains and horticulture on one lakh acres, he said.

Alleging that the YSRC government had weakened 93 centrally sponsored schemes, including the Jal Jeevan Mission, Naidu said his government has revived them and is implementing works worth ₹28,000 crore. He claimed the present government rebuilt the state within two years, while the Centre fully supported Amaravati capital project.

He announced that Galeru-Nagari waters would be brought to Koduru and groundwater level improved through Jaladhara.

The chief minister highlighted investments including a Google Data Centre, a fighter aircraft manufacturing unit at Puttaparthi, a Hero MotoCorp facility at Satyavedu, a Royal Enfield unit in Tirupati and a horticulture hub

at Madanapalle.

Thanking Chouhan, he said the Centre had supported the Totapuri mango farmers, roads and housing projects and that the new job mission would accelerate rural development under Pawan Kalyan.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the Centre had earmarked ₹7.5 lakh crore for rural development under VBG RAM G and AP would receive ₹7,700 crore during the current nine-month period. Calling himself Andhra Pradesh's "maternal uncle", he announced 74,212 pucca houses under the PMAY, ₹422 crore for rural roads and procurement of 2,16,250 metric tonnes of Totapuri mangoes under the Market Intervention Scheme.

Pawan Kalyan said strong villages formed the foundation of the Viksit Bharat-2047 vision and AP's selection for the national launch was an honour. He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chouhan for sanctioning ₹12,845 crore for rural development.

Describing the increase in employment from 100 to 125 days as historic, he said the additional work and a 60-day agricultural break would benefit workers and farmers.

He said the state had risen from 24th to first nationally under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, won five national Panchayat awards in 2024-25 to secure second place, and earned recognition for its Magic Drains initiative.

The alliance government in AP, Pawan Kalyan said, had replaced the term "coo-lie" with "Shramikudu" and increased accidental death assistance from ₹50,000 to ₹4-6 lakh by linking it with the PMSBY and PMJJBY. The VBG RAM G mission would promote rural employment, poverty alleviation and self-reliant villages, he added.

Central Support for Airport Expansion, Seaplane Project Sought

Vijayawada: Minister for investments and infrastructure, BC Janardhan Reddy on Thursday met civil aviation minister K Ram Mohan Naidu in New Delhi and sought early central support for AP's new airports, seaplane services, heliports and aviation projects.

Janardhan Reddy said the state government was according priority for strengthening aviation infrastructure. The government aimed to establish an airport within every 150-km radius across the state.

The two ministers reviewed proposals relating to new airports, expansion of regional and interstate air connectivity, development of flight training organisation (FTO)



clusters and measures to attract investments into the aviation sector.

They also discussed the creation of dedicated airspace near Puttaparthi for flight-testing activities of the Aeronautical Development Agency, along with the required regulatory clearances.

The AP minister proposed the develop-

ment of water aerodromes at 10 locations across rivers and reservoirs to introduce seaplane services. He also sought central support for developing heliports under the public-private partnership model.

The discussions also covered joint ventures under the regional connectivity scheme, development

of local airports and future aviation infrastructure, including vertiports.

Janardhan Reddy said the state aimed to develop AP as a hub for aerospace manufacturing, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), aviation training, logistics and allied industries.

Later, Janardhan Reddy met power grid

corporation chairman Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan at the corporation's headquarters in Gurugram and sought CSR support for infrastructure projects in Banaganapalle constituency in Nandyal district.

He requested a CSR assistance of Rs 4.95 crore for the construction of a retaining wall along the Jurreru stream to prevent flooding during the monsoon and Rs 2 crore to arrange medical equipment for the Banaganapalle government hospital.

According to the minister, the Power Grid CMD responded positively and promised support for the projects proposed under the corporation's CSR initiatives.

Lokesh Launches Siu, Highlights Industry-Linked Higher Education Model

Tirupati: Education Minister Nara Lokesh on Thursday launched SriCity International University (SIU) in Sri City and said AP's industry-linked higher education model would equip students with practical skills, work experience and an entrepreneurial mindset.

Addressing the inaugural programme, Lokesh said the state would strengthen links between higher education institutions and industry to improve graduate employ-

ability. Students required an education system that connected classroom learning with employment opportunities.

Highlighting SIU's Work-Study Dual Model, the minister said students would spend about one-third of their academic programme in classrooms and the remaining period as interns with industry partners, enabling them to graduate



with practical skills and industry exposure.

He said Sri City's ecosystem of more than 200 companies from over 30 countries offered students opportunities to combine learning with workplace experience.

SIU governing board chairman Srinu Raju said the university was established with a focus on employability. He said students enrolled in four-year degree programmes would graduate with more than two years of work experience through paid internships.

Students would receive a minimum monthly stipend of Rs 10,000 during internships from the first year, with industry partners expected to enhance the stipend as students gained experience. Besides technical education, the university would also focus on life skills and entrepreneurship.

The university's curriculum has been designed in consultation with industry partners and will be updated annually to meet the requirements of an AI-driven industrial landscape.

Kuram Ravi Mudiraj Appointed as Manuguru Town Congress President

Recognition for Loyalty to the Party... Celebrations Among Party Cadres

Manuguru Correspondent: Manuguru, July 2: Senior Congress leader Kuram Ravi Mudiraj, who has served the Congress Party with dedication for many years, has been appointed as the Manuguru Town Congress President. His appointment has been welcomed with great enthusiasm by party workers and supporters.

Kuram Ravi Mudiraj previously served as the Manuguru Youth Congress Town President during the tenure of former Chief Minister Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy. Since then, he has remained loyal to the Congress Party, playing a key role in every election and contributing significantly to the party's victories. Despite holding or not holding official positions, he continued to work tirelessly for the party and earned a distinct identity in active politics while remaining accessible to the local MLA.

Speaking on the occasion, Kuram Ravi Mudiraj said that, under the guidance of Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu and in accordance with the directions of the TPCC and DCC, he would work with dedication to strengthen the Congress Party. He also assured that he would remain accessible to the public and party workers and strive to resolve people's issues.

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Bhadradi



Kothagudem DCC President Thota Devi Prasanna, and MLA Payam Venkateswarlu for reposing their trust in him and entrusting him with this responsibility.

Kuram Ravi Mudiraj reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening the Congress Party in Manuguru Town, supporting party workers, and working tirelessly for the welfare of the people.

Demand for 2,000 More Indiramma Houses for Agency Areas: Tribal MLAs Meet CM Revanth Reddy

Bhadradi Kothagudem Correspondent July 2, 2026: Tribal MLAs from the Agency areas have appealed to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to sanction an additional 2,000 Indiramma houses to address the housing needs of tribal families in the region.

A delegation of Tribal MLAs, led by Panchayat Raj Minister Dansari Anasuya (Seethakka), met the Chief Minister at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat in Hyderabad on Thursday and submitted a memorandum outlining their demands.

The delegation urged the government



to issue land ownership titles for podu lands, effectively implement the Indira Girijana Vikasam Scheme, strengthen the Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs), and upgrade tribal residential schools up to the Intermediate level.

The delegation included Ashwaraopet MLA Jare Adinarayana, Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu, Yellandu MLA Koram Kanakaiah, Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao, and Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Adhuri Laxman Kumar, and Mohammed Azharuddin were also present during the meeting.

The public representatives expressed hope that the State Government would respond positively to these demands aimed at the welfare and development of the tribal communities in the Agency areas. If you want,

Special sale to celebrate the 63rd anniversary

A trusted name for shopping enthusiasts for many years, Narsing celebrated its 63rd anniversary in a grand manner. The special sale organized on this occasion received an overwhelming response from customers from all over the region. Narsing Anniversary Sale always attracts record crowds and entertains shoppers with special discounts and festive offers. Speaking about this success, Narsing Group MD Mr. Sanjay Singhania said, "We are extremely grateful for the love and trust our customers show us every year. This



anniversary sale is our way of giving back to the community that supports us wholeheartedly. The event held at Narsing Hyderabad's Kukatpally showroom was graced by actress Varshini Soundararajan, celebrities, fashionistas and influencers who graced the event with glamour. The show showcased an elegant collection of sarees, fabrics, lehengas, half sarees and festive wear.

Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao Strongly Condemns the Arrest of Former Minister Harish Rao

"Stop Suppressing Democracy": Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao

Bhadradi Kothagudem, July 2: Bhadradi Kothagudem District BRS BC Cell leader and National BC Welfare Association District General Secretary Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao strongly condemned the arrest of former minister and senior BRS leader Tanneeru Harish Rao by the police.

In a press statement issued on Thursday, Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao said that it was the Congress leaders who had challenged the BRS to a public debate, and the party had already expressed its readiness to participate. Arresting Harish Rao while he was prepared for



such a discussion was against the spirit of democracy, he alleged.

He stated that questioning the government is not only the right of the opposition but also its responsibility. Seeking explanations on how public money is being spent and questioning government decisions

should never be treated as a crime, he said.

Bhupathi Srinivasa Rao demanded that the Congress government immediately stop using the police machinery for political purposes. If the government is genuinely confident about its stand, it should participate in an open debate

and respond with evidence instead of using the police, he asserted.

He further alleged that the arrest of Harish Rao was an attack on democratic values and said that the people were closely observing what he described as politically motivated actions by the government.

District Collector Ankit Conducts Surprise Inspection at Kothagudem Government Hospital, Warns Against Negligence

Kothagudem, July 2: District Collector Ankit conducted a surprise inspection of the Bhadradi Kothagudem Government General Hospital on Thursday and reviewed the functioning of medical services. He examined the attendance registers of doctors and staff, assessed their duty schedules, and enquired about the shift system being followed at the hospital.

The Collector later visited the maternity ward, general ward, and other departments. He interacted directly with patients to understand the quality of medical treatment, availability of medicines, and the response of doctors and hospital staff. Doctors informed the Collector that medical services in the maternity ward are being provided in three shifts.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Ankit said that providing timely and quality healthcare to every patient visiting a government hospital is the primary responsibility of doctors and medical staff. He instructed hospital personnel to treat patients with courtesy and ensure that their griev-



ances are addressed without delay.

The Collector issued a stern warning that strict action will be taken against any officer or employee found negligent in the discharge of their duties, with no compromise on accountability.

Hospital Superintendent M. Radha Mohan, Deputy Civil Surgeon Sitaram, RMO Chaitanya, Kothagudem Tahsildar Pullayya, and other officials were present during the inspection.

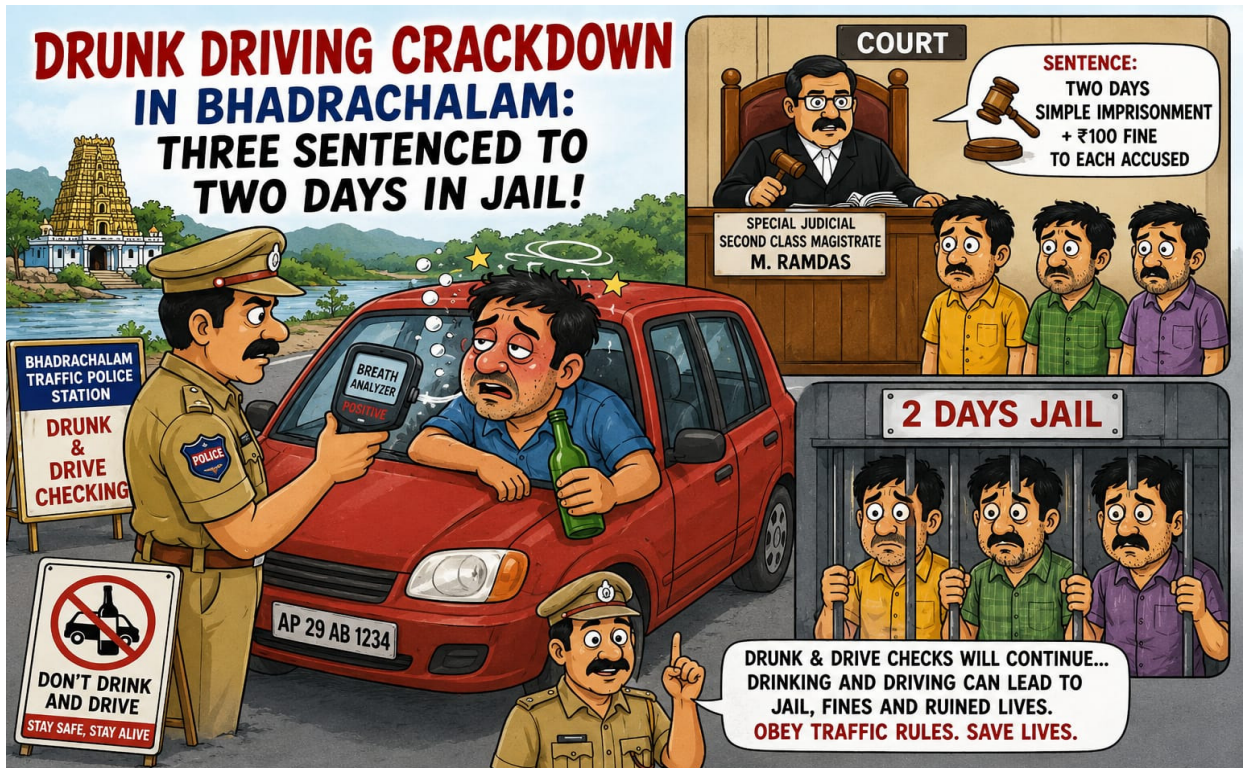
Three Arrested for Illegal Transportation of Cattle in Dummugudem

Dummugudem, July 2: Police arrested three persons for allegedly transporting cattle illegally during a vehicle inspection at Mulakapadu Junction in Dummugudem Mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Thursday.

According to the police, a vehicle without a registration number plate was intercepted while transporting 12 cattle from Charla towards Panditapuram. The vehicle was seized, and the cattle were rescued.

The accused have been identified as Shaik Kasim, Shaik Hannu, both residents of Palvancha, and the vehicle driver Vamsi. A case has been registered against them, Dummugudem Sub-Inspector Shyam Prasad said. Police stated that strict action will be taken against those involved in the illegal transportation of cattle and that intensified checks will continue across the region.

Drunk Driving Crackdown in Bhadrachalam: Three Sentenced to Two Days in Jail



Bhadrachalam Correspondent: Bhadrachalam, July 2: Bhadrachalam Traffic Police have intensified their crackdown on drunken driving. Three persons who were caught driving under the influence of alcohol during a special Drunk and Drive enforcement drive were produced before the court. The court sentenced each of them to two days of simple imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹100.

The offenders were apprehended during special drunk driving checks conducted under the jurisdiction of the Bhadrachalam Traffic Police

Station. They were later produced before Special Judicial Second Class Magistrate M. Ramdas, who delivered the judgment.

The Bhadrachalam Traffic Police stated that Drunk and Drive enforcement drives will continue regularly. They warned that anyone found driving under the influence of alcohol will face strict legal action, including imprisonment and fines. Police also urged motorists to obey traffic rules and avoid drunk driving to protect their own lives as well as the lives of others.

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STUDENT SUICIDES, SYSTEMIC TRAGEDIES

Attributing student suicides on campuses solely to mental health problems is to ignore the larger structural issues responsible for the alarming trend. These tragedies should not be viewed in isolation as problems of individuals but rather as the culmination of institutional, social, and cultural breakdown. Every death is a cry in the wilderness; a silent scream that should haunt us collectively as a nation. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, over 13,000 student suicides are reported every year across the country. The Supreme Court-appointed National Task Force (NTF) on student suicides, headed by former judge Justice S Ravindra Bhat, has rightly concluded that there is now an urgent need to move beyond reactive measures towards structural, preventive, and sustainable solutions. Despite years of reports, University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations, and government strategies, India has no direct statutory framework for suicide prevention in higher education. The most glaring gap is the complete absence of any direct statutory, regulatory or institutional framework to address and prevent suicides. Most interventions so far have been generic and reactive. The NTF surveyed over 2.43 lakh students and 2,119 higher educational institutions across the country, but despite several deadline extensions, only 3.5% of the institutes submitted their responses to the survey. This shows their callousness towards the problem.

Last year, the apex court held that mental well-being is inseparable from the right to life under Article 21 and noted that there was a legislative and regulatory vacuum in the country with respect to a unified, enforceable framework for suicide prevention. An exacting examination system, parental expectations, an individual's limitations, and the debilitating fear of failure can take a heavy toll on young minds. What is more appalling is that student suicides are reduced to cold statistics, and society is becoming increasingly numb to these tragedies. The entire education ecosystem that puts a premium on success and shuts the doors on alternative career avenues is to blame for the sorry state of affairs. A mismatch between rising aspirations and shrinking opportunities has created enormous stress — a pressure-cooker kind of situation for the youth. This must be treated as a public health crisis requiring urgent attention. Parents, too, must candidly discuss career choices and the aptitude of their children and not push them into difficult corners. The government needs to enact a robust oversight mechanism and invest in creating some support structures to lessen anxiety among students. The Task Force identified "extensive delays, inconsistencies and inequities in scholarship disbursement" as a primary factor, compounding stress for students from poorer backgrounds, alongside steep fee hikes across public universities that have repeatedly pushed students to desperation. Institutional failures include extremely rigid attendance policies, poorly planned academic curricula, faculty shortages, and excessive reliance on inexperienced guest faculty.

Revanth Reddy Hails Osmania Doctors for Historic Surgical Feat

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Thursday congratulated doctors at Osmania General Hospital for achieving a landmark surgical milestone, calling it a moment of pride for the state's public healthcare system.

In a post on social media, the Chief Minister noted that the achievement comes just days after the celebration of National Doctors' Day, adding greater significance to the accomplishment.

He lauded the medical team led by Dr Ch Madhusudan for scripting "medical surgery history" at the historic hospital, one of Telangana's premier government healthcare institu-



tions.

The Chief Minister extended his congratulations to all members of the team, appreciating their dedication, expertise, and contribution to advancing healthcare standards in the state.

Least Bothered By Congress Leaders Remarks: Ramchander Rao



Hyderabad: Telangana BJP President N Ramchander Rao on Thursday hit out at Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president B Mahesh Kumar Goud over his comments targeting BJP National President Nitin Nabin, saying that the BJP is least bothered

about the remarks made by the Opposition.

Speaking to ANI, Rao said that not only the party cadres but the general public had welcomed Nabin wholeheartedly. The Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, TPCC chief also commented on BJP national president Nitin Nabin's visit, calling it a "flop show."

However, the party cadre and the public grandly welcomed Nabin. This has clearly made the Congress Pa and its TPCC president uneasy, as they are worried about the BJP's growing presence in the state.

Nitin Nabin's visit exposed the Congress party's corruption and further strengthened the BJP's prospects in the state. "We are least bothered by the Congress Party's remarks. The BJP is growing stronger, and we will come to power," he said.

KTR tears into Congress Ministers for evading debate and arrest of BRS leaders

BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of avoiding a public debate by arresting BRS leaders and preventing them from participating. He demanded an Assembly session to discuss the State's finances, Gurukul tenders and the government's alleged failures.

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao ridiculed the Congress government for orchestrating a political drama by challenging the opposition BRS to an open debate and then using the police to prevent BRS leaders from participating. He said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Ministers lacked the courage to face a public debate on issues ranging from the State's debt to alleged irregularities in Gurukul residential school tenders. City & Local Guides

"The Congress leaders have no courage to face the BRS. If they cannot debate with us, they should abstain from throwing open challenges," he said.

The remarks came after former Ministers T Harish Rao, V Srinivas Goud, senior leader RS Praveen Kumar and several other BRS leaders were arrested, while heading to the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial at Gun Park. Minister Jupally Krishna Rao who challenged for an open debate on the State finances, also did not turning up at Telangana Bhavan and Rama Rao was also prevented from leaving Telangana Bhavan.

Addressing the media at Telangana Bhavan, Rama Rao said BRS leaders had assembled at Telangana Bhavan by 10 a.m., keeping a chair and ceremonial shawl ready for Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, who had earlier expressed willingness to debate there. However, he said the Minister failed to turn up, while Harish Rao and other leaders were arrested when they attempted to proceed to Gun Park for another debate with Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Adhuri Laxman Kumar and Mohd Azharuddin.

"We waited at Telangana Bhavan, and when we tried to go to Gun Park, we were stopped by the police. The Ministers issue challenges from one place while using the police to block us elsewhere. It only shows the government's moral bankruptcy," he said.

Police personnel prevented the BRS working president from leaving Telangana Bhavan to either reach Gun Park or visit the Kancharbagh



Police Station, where the arrested BRS leaders were being detained. Demanding their immediate release, he questioned why the government feared a public debate if it was confident of its claims.

Escalating the political challenge, Rama Rao demanded that the government convene a special session of the Assembly to discuss the Congress government's 30 months of betrayal, deception and failures, including the State's finances, alleged corruption in Gurukul tenders and unfulfilled election promises.

If the government has the courage, let it allow a full discussion in the Assembly. We are ready to place every fact before the people," he said.

The BRS leader also targeted the Congress government on a range of issues, alleging corruption, failure to deliver promised police recruitment, irregularities in welfare and infrastructure projects, and inaction on farmers' concerns. He challenged the government to match the BRS record in housing construction, with the previous BRS regime built one lakh houses in Hyderabad. City & Local Guides "Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy claimed that the Congress will construct over one lakh Indiramma houses in Hyderabad. We have already constructed one lakh dignity homes for the poor. If the Congress manages to construct at least one home more than the BRS, I will quit politics," he declared.

Rama Rao also questioned the BJP over the status of alleged investigations into senior Congress leaders, including the purported "RR Tax" allegations and AMRUT tender irregularities, while accusing both the Congress and BJP of shielding each other on corruption.

He maintained that the Congress leadership had once again backed out of a debate after issuing repeated public challenges, asserting that the government lacked the confidence to defend its record before the people.

KTR challenges Revanth Reddy for open debate on Congress misrule, State finances and farm distress



Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao tore into Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, challenging him to an open public debate on the Congress government's performance, State finances and farm distress during its 30-month rule. He lashed out at the Chief Minister for damaging Telangana's reputation through repeated claims that the State was bankrupt.

Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Rama Rao said he was ready to debate the Chief Minister anywhere in Telangana, on any subject related to governance, farmers, employment or the State's economy. He challenged Revanth Reddy to choose the venue, time and topic, asserting that he would back his arguments with official data and evidence. He declared that he would resign from the Assembly and retire from politics if he failed to substantiate his allegations against the Congress government.

The former Minister took strong exception to the Chief Minister's repeated references to Telangana as a bankrupt State, alleging that such remarks tarnished the State's reputation. He stated that no Chief Minister who genuinely cared for the State would describe it in such terms and accused Revanth Reddy of making inconsistent statements that undermined public confidence.

Questioning the Chief Minister's frequent visits to New Delhi, Rama Rao asked why Revanth Reddy had travelled to the national capital 72 times in 30 months despite alleging that Telangana received little support from the Centre. He said instead of repeatedly visiting Delhi, the Chief Minister should focus on delivering effective governance in the State.

Rejecting the government's narrative on Telangana's finances, the BRS working president maintained that the State emerged as one of the country's fastest-growing economies under the previous BRS government led by K Chandrashekhar Rao. He said Revanth Reddy had been citing contradictory debt figures ranging from Rs 6 lakh crore to Rs 8 lakh crore despite the Union government placing Telangana's outstanding debt at around Rs 2.78 lakh crore in Parliament. He accused the Congress government of deliberately misrepresenting the State's financial position.

"If Telangana is facing financial stress, it is because of corruption and financial mismanagement by the Chief Minister, his family members, Ministers and Congress leaders. The government is using exaggerated financial narratives to justify its inability to fulfil election promises," he said.

Rama Rao devoted considerable attention to the condition of farmers, accusing the Congress government of failing to implement its key commitments. He stated that promised benefits worth more than Rs 1.13 lakh crore remained unpaid, including dues under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, farm loan waiver commitments, and assistance promised to tenant farmers and agricultural labourers.

Questioning the government's priorities, the BRS working president asked when pending dues to farmers would be cleared, pointing out that Rythu Bharosa investment support had been released only for limited landholdings while being projected as universal implementation. He also criticised the government's handling of fertiliser supply, crop procurement, irrigation and power supply, claiming Telangana was witnessing one of its worst agrarian crises.

He stated that the government lacked funds for farmers, students, women, pensioners and government employees, while simultaneously making allocations for political purposes. He also questioned the construction of the Chief Minister's official residence at a cost of Rs 200 crore despite the government's claims of financial constraints.

Responding to Revanth Reddy's challenge for a discussion on governance, Rama Rao accused the Chief Minister of frequently issuing political challenges only to withdraw from them later. He reiterated that he was willing to debate at Warangal, where the Congress unveiled its Farmers' Declaration, or at Ashok Nagar, where it made employment promises to youth.

Drawing a comparison between the BRS and Congress administrations, Rama Rao asserted that Telangana had witnessed significant progress in agriculture, irrigation and economic growth under K Chandrashekhar Rao, whereas the present Congress government had presided over declining revenues, a slowdown in the real estate sector, lower vehicle registrations and weaker GST collections. He alleged that the only area showing growth under the Congress government was liquor consumption.

He urged the Chief Minister to stop making irresponsible statements that damaged Telangana's reputation and eroded public confidence. He asserted that the people would ultimately judge the Congress government's performance and alleged that Revanth Reddy repeatedly targeted Chandrashekhar Rao only to enhance his own political relevance.

Education, Dignity, and Responsibility Lessons from the Success of Muslim Candidates in UPSC

Bureau Chief Warangal July 2: Every year, the results of the Union Public Service Commission Civil Services Examination bring stories of struggle, perseverance, and hope. The success of candidates from diverse backgrounds reminds the country that dedication and hard work can overcome many barriers. Among these stories, the achievements of Muslim candidates hold a special significance for a community that often faces social and economic challenges but continues to dream of contributing positively to the nation. The civil services in India represent more than just prestigious government jobs. They symbolize participation in governance, service to society, and the opportunity to influence policies that affect millions of people. When young Muslims succeed in this examination, they not only secure a personal milestone but also inspire an entire generation to believe that education and determination can open doors that once seemed distant. The journey of preparing for the civil services examination is not easy. Candidates spend years studying subjects ranging from history and economics to ethics and public administration. They sacrifice comfort, social gatherings, and often financial security while pursuing their goal. When Muslim candidates succeed in such a demanding competition, their success reflects resilience, discipline, and faith in the power of education. However, the lesson from these successes should go beyond celebration. While a few individuals entering civil services is inspiring, the broader challenge facing the community is economic empowerment. Education should not only lead to elite careers but also to widespread employment, skill development, and entrepreneurship. In many parts of India, Muslim community struggle with unemployment and limited economic opportunities. This situation cannot change simply by waiting for government jobs or high-profile positions. Real empowerment requires a culture of work where dignity attached to every lawful profession, whether it is a government officer, a technician, a mechanic, a driver, a carpenter, or a skilled factory worker.

Islam itself strongly emphasizes the value of work and self-reliance. The life of Prophet Muhammad provides a powerful example. Before prophet hood, he worked as a trader and earned a reputation for honesty and integrity. His life shows that earning through lawful means is honourable and that economic independence strengthens both individuals and communities. There is a well-known teaching of the Prophet that says that no one has ever eaten better food than that which he earned through the labour of his own hands. This message is simple but powerful. It reminds believers that dignity lies in honest effort, not in social status. A person who works hard with integrity, even in a modest profession, earns respect in the sight of God. Education is not only a path toward white-collar careers. Education is also about skills, discipline, critical thinking, and the ability to improve one's circumstances. A young person who studies engineering but works as a skilled technician is still contributing meaningfully to society. A graduate who strengthening the economic foundation of the community.

For communities seeking progress, the most important factor is economic participation. When families have stable incomes, children can pursue better education, healthcare improves, and social confidence grows. Employment also reduces vulnerability to exploitation, frustration, and social marginalization. This is why the success of Muslim candidates in the civil services examination should inspire two parallel paths. The first path is academic excellence. Young students should aim high and pursue competitive fields such as civil services, law, medicine, research, and technology. These professions allow individuals to represent their communities in decision-making spaces and contribute to national progress.

The second path is skill-based empowerment. Vocational training, technical education, and blue-collar professions must be embraced as respectable and necessary forms of work. Governments and educational institutions have already launched programs that promote skill development across the country. Communities should actively encourage youth to take advantage of these opportunities. Islamic teachings strongly support this balanced approach. The Qur'an repeatedly emphasizes knowledge and reflection. The first revealed word, "Iqra", highlights the importance of learning. At the same time, Islamic tradition also honours work and productivity. Knowledge without action does not benefit society. Education must translate into service, employment, and contribution to the well-being of others. The message for the next generation is therefore simple but profound: pursue knowledge, embrace honest work, and serve society with integrity. When education leads to employment and employment leads to empowerment, a community gains confidence and pride. Moreover, when dignity is combined with faith, patience, and hard work, the path toward collective progress becomes clear.

"SmartVision Amaravathi 10K Run 2026" Set to Inspire Andhra Pradesh to Embrace Fitness and Healthy Living

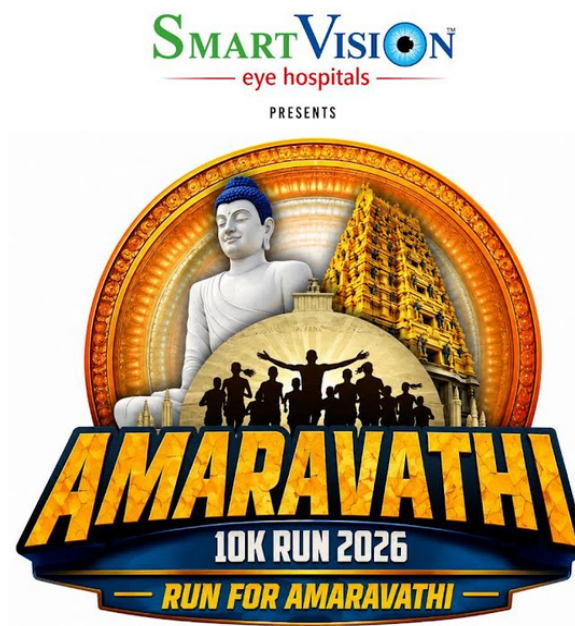
~Over 1,200 runners expected to participate in Vijayawada on Sunday, July 5, 2026~

Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh | July 2, 2026: Vijayawada is all set to witness one of the region's biggest community fitness celebrations as the SmartVision Amaravathi 10K Run 2026 takes place on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium, Vijayawada. Organized by GLOBAL Events & Entertainment and powered by SmartVision Eye Hospitals as the Title Sponsor.

Positioned under the theme "Run for Amaravathi", the event aims to promote fitness, community participation and active living among citizens of Vijayawada and surrounding regions. The run is expected to attract fitness enthusiasts, competitive runners, youth, families and first-time participants, making it one of the key participative fitness events in the city.

Registrations for the Amaravathi 10K Run 2026 will close on 3rd July 2026. Participants can register across three race categories — 10K Dream Run, 5K Sportive Run and 3K Fun Run. The spot registrations will also be available at the venue on race day, subject to availability. Interested participants are encouraged to arrive early to complete the registration formalities and collect their race kits before the event begins.

Speaking on the association, Dr. Harshavardhan Reddy, Director & Chief Surgeon,



SmartVision Eye Hospitals, said, "We are proud to be the Title Sponsor of the Amaravathi 10K Run 2026. At SmartVision Eye Hospitals, we believe that good health and good vision go hand in hand. This event gives us a meaningful opportunity to connect with the community and encourage people to take charge of their fitness as well as their eye health. We look forward to making this an annual movement that inspires healthier lives across Andhra Pradesh."

As part of its association, SmartVision Eye Hospitals will use the platform to promote the message of better vision, preventive eye care and active lifestyles. The hospital will also highlight advanced eye-care solutions, including ZEISS SMILE pro, a flapless laser vision correction procedure designed to help eligible individuals reduce dependence on glasses.

Commenting on the event, Shanya Reddy, Managing Director, GLOBAL Events & Entertainment, said, "The SmartVision Amaravathi 10K Run has been envisioned as a city-wide fitness festival that welcomes everyone, from seasoned runners to families taking their first steps toward a healthier lifestyle. Our objective is to create a platform that encourages year-round fitness while showcasing Amaravathi and Vijayawada as vibrant destinations for sporting and community events."

The event will offer participants a complete race-day experience, including an official event T-shirt, finisher medal, timing bib for 5K and 10K categories, e-certificate, goodie bag, breakfast and post-race photographs. A Zumba session will also be conducted as part of the event engagement. Competitive runners will be eligible for cash prizes across categories, including Open, Under 25, 25 to 45 and Above 45 divisions.

Mobis India Foundation Marks Disabilities Across AP Through Mobility Assistance Initiative

Peddapuram, Andhra Pradesh - June 30, 2026 - Marking the beginning of Disability Pride Month with a commitment to independence and inclusion, Mobis India Foundation, the CSR arm of Hyundai Mobis in India, today distributed 42 personalized mobility devices to wheelchair users in Kakinada, Peddapuram Andhra Pradesh, under its ongoing "Accessibility & Freedom - Empowering Wheelchair Users with Mobility Assistive Devices" initiative.

NeoMotion, an IIT Madras-incubated assistive technology company, collaborated on the initiative by supplying the personalized mobility devices for this noble program. The handover ceremony was held in the presence of Sri Sri Nimmakayala Chinaraajappa, MLA, Peddapuram Constituency, who attended the event as the Chief Guest and handed over the mobility devices to the beneficiaries.



The Peddapuram, distribution marks the third phase of the nationwide initiative and the second phase in Andhra Pradesh, following the successful distribution of 48 personalized mobility devices in Sri Sathya Sai District. Together, the two phases have empowered 90 wheelchair users across Andhra Pradesh with customized mobility solutions designed to enhance independence, accessibility, and quality of life. The distribution forms part of the larger ₹6.3 crore mobility empowerment project, through which 600 wheelchair users across eight states and union territories will receive NeoFly

wheelchairs and NeoBolt motor-powered attachments. The initiative aims to enhance independent mobility, accessibility, and quality of life for persons with disabilities by enabling safe and affordable movement both indoors and outdoors. Each beneficiary received a personalized NeoFly wheelchair, designed with multiple customization options to improve posture, comfort, and mobility. The wheelchair can be paired with NeoBolt, a motor-powered attachment that transforms it into a roadworthy mobility device within seconds, enabling users to travel longer distances independently. Developed and patented at



IIT Madras, these mobility solutions are designed to address the unique challenges faced by wheelchair users in India. Prior to the handover, beneficiaries underwent assessments and measurements to ensure that each wheelchair was customized to their individual needs, maximizing comfort, safety, and mobility outcomes. Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Narasimhan G, Head of CSR, Mobis India Ltd., said, "As Disability Pride Month begins, we are proud to celebrate the spirit of independence by expanding our mobility assistance initiative to Kakinada. With this distribution, we have now empowered 90 wheelchair users

across Andhra Pradesh through two phases of the programme. At Mobis India Foundation, we believe that access to appropriate mobility solutions is fundamental to enabling education, employment, healthcare, and community participation. Through our partnership with NeoMotion, we remain committed to creating a more inclusive society where persons with disabilities can lead independent and dignified lives."

Sri Nimmakayala Chinaraajappa, MLA, Peddapuram Constituency, said, "Mobility is a key enabler of independence and equal opportunity for persons with disabilities. I commend Mobis India

Foundation and NeoMotion for bringing this meaningful initiative to Kakinada and for their continued efforts to improve accessibility across Andhra Pradesh. These personalized mobility devices will empower beneficiaries to participate more actively in education, livelihoods, and community life while strengthening our collective vision of an inclusive and accessible society." With successful distributions now completed in Sri Sathya Sai District and Kakinada, the Andhra Pradesh chapter of the initiative has empowered 90 wheelchair users with personalized mobility solutions. As the nationwide programme progresses across multiple states and union territories, Mobis India Foundation remains committed to enabling greater accessibility, independence, and inclusion for persons with disabilities across India.

Journalists' Rights to Take Centre Stage at TUWJ (IJU) Sangareddy District Conference on July 9

SANGAREDDY, Correspondent : July 2, 2026: The Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ-IJU) will organise its Sangareddy District Conference on July 9 at TNGOs Bhawan Sangareddy with the objective of highlighting journalists' welfare issues and strengthening efforts to secure their rights.

A review meeting on the conference arrangements was held on Thursday at the TNGO Bhavan in Sangareddy. State Vice-President M.A.K. Faisal, District President Bandaru Yadagiri and District General Secretary Vishnu

Prasad addressed the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, M.A.K. Faisal said the conference aims to bring long-pending issues of journalists to the government's attention. He noted that many eligible journalists are yet to receive house sites, health cards remain pending, and job security continues to be a major concern. He also announced financial assistance of 10,000 each for two journalists suffering from ill health.

District President Bandaru Yadagiri said the union is committed to resolving the problems of journalists



across all media platforms, including print, electronic, Urdu newspapers, small and medium publications, cable television, photographers and videographers. He expressed confidence that the conference would strengthen efforts to secure house sites, health cards and accreditation cards for eligible journalists.

The organisers have constituted separate committees for reception, registration, food arrangements and stage management to ensure the smooth conduct of the conference.

State President Virahat Ali and State General Secretary Rama Narayana, along with public representa-

tives, government officials and other dignitaries, are expected to attend the event. The organisers appealed to journalists from all mandals and assembly constituencies in the district to participate in large numbers.

District General Secretary Vishnu Prasad said TUWJ-IJU has consistently raised

journalists' issues in both the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and continues to work for the unity and welfare of media professionals.

The conference poster was also released during the meeting. District Electronic Media President Anil, General Secretary MdAsif, Vice-President Md Siddiq, Treasurer Masood Khan, and union leaders Siddana patil, M A Mateen, Baswaraj, MD Haji, Shivakumar, MA Basith, Anwer Hussain, Wilson, Ishwer Chawan, Lakshman, Prabhaker, MD Nazeer, Paramjothy and several members were present.

Free Eye Medical Camp for Persons with Disabilities



Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Nirmal: Free eye screening camps are being organized for persons with disabilities in Nirmal district, said Mr. Isaac Ali, District President of the Spandana Welfare Association for Persons with Disabilities.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the eye screening camp will be conducted under the supervision of renowned ophthalmologist Dr. Irfan Faraz and ophthalmic assistant Sheikh Zubairuddin from Ain Eye Hospital, Nirmal. He urged all eligible persons with disabilities in the district to make use of this free medical service.

Interested beneficiaries can register their names at Spandana Xerox Center or contact 7013627736 for further information and registration.

District General Secretary Sak Pelli Surender was also present during the announcement.

Book Knowledge Should Be Linked with Social Awareness: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Collector Conducts Surprise Inspection at Son Kasturba Gandhi Girls' School, Interacts with Students

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra advised students that education should not be limited to textbook learning alone but should also be connected with social developments and real-life situations. On Thursday, the Collector paid a surprise visit to the Kasturba Gandhi Girls' School at Son mandal and reviewed teaching standards, hostel facilities, food quality, and cleanliness.

The Collector visited classrooms and assessed students' learning levels. He later inspected the kitchen, food storage room, and dining hall, issuing instructions to officials regarding hygiene and food quality. He directed the mess committee to use only quality vegetables and food items, maintain cleanliness in the kitchen, provide nutritious meals as per the government-prescribed



menu, and update the stock register regularly.

Later, the Collector interacted with Class 10 students, examined their answer sheets, and tested their knowledge by asking questions related to Mathematics and Physics. Some students were invited to solve problems on the blackboard and explain their methods. He highlighted the contributions of scientists and the role of science in society, encouraging students to go beyond textbooks and stay informed about current social, scientific, and technological developments.

He advised students to develop the habit of asking questions, reading newspapers regularly, and cultivating book-reading habits to broaden their knowledge. He emphasized that creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills are essential for achieving higher goals.

The Collector also instructed the concerned officials to continuously monitor the quality of education, hostel facilities, and food being provided to students.

District Education Officer Bhojanna, Special Officer Sudhakar, Tahsildar Santosh, other officials, teachers, and staff participated in the inspection.

Archana Assumes Charge as New RDO of Nagarkurnool

Nagarkurnool: Archana has officially assumed charge as the new Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) of Nagarkurnool. On the occasion, she paid a courtesy visit to District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil at the Collectorate and presented him with a bouquet.

Prior to her new posting, Archana served as Deputy Collector in the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority. She was appointed as the RDO of Nagarkurnool as part of the recent transfers of government officials.

After assuming charge, Archana said she would strive to provide transparent, accountable, and efficient administration to the people. She also assured that priority would be given to resolving public grievances promptly and ensuring better delivery of government services.



Nirmal District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, Conducts Annual Inspection of Dasturabad Police Station

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : "Police personnel must discharge their duties responsibly and uphold public trust" – District SP

As part of the annual inspection programme, Nirmal District Superintendent of Police Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, visited Dasturabad Police Station on Thursday and conducted a comprehensive review of the station's functioning. She inspected law and order maintenance, crime investigation, record management, progress of pending cases, implementation of community policing, and the overall performance of the police personnel.

The Station House Officers welcomed the SP by presenting a sapling. She also received a ceremonial guard of honour from the police staff. During the inspection, she examined the police station premises, malkhana (property room), armoury, police vehicles, CCTV surveillance system, station records, service records, beat policing system, rowdy sheets, suspect sheets, pending cases, and the progress of investigations. She issued several instructions to the concerned officers.

Addressing the police personnel, the District SP said that public trust is the strongest



foundation of the police department. She instructed officers to treat every complainant with courtesy, resolve grievances promptly, and perform their duties with transparency, integrity, and accountability to strengthen public confidence in the police.

She directed officials to maintain constant surveillance to prevent anti-social activities within the station limits and to focus on eradicating ganja, illicit liquor, and other narcotic substances. She also stressed the need to strengthen community policing by maintaining close interaction with villagers.

The SP instructed the staff to create widespread awareness on crimes against women and children, child marriages, cybercrime, and online fraud. She emphasized the use of modern technology in investigations and directed officers to collect strong evidence to improve conviction rates in courts.

She also enquired about the welfare of the police personnel and the challenges they face while performing their duties. Stressing the importance of their health

and well-being, she advised them to continue providing efficient and people-friendly policing services.

Highlighting the crucial role of Village Police Officers (VPOs) in maintaining peace and security, she directed them to strengthen the village-level information network, maintain close coordination with villagers, and promptly report suspicious persons and anti-social activities to senior police officers. She said effective village-level policing would enhance the sense of security among the public.

The SP further instructed the staff to maintain cleanliness in the police station premises by effectively implementing the 5S system. She emphasized discipline, punctuality, and dedication to service to uphold the reputation of the police department. She also directed the staff to respond immediately to every Dial-100 emergency call and provide prompt assistance to victims. Additionally, she advised creating awareness among the public about the benefits of installing CCTV cameras in every village.

The inspection was attended by Nirmal DSP Srinivas, the concerned Circle Inspector, Dasturabad SI, and other police personnel.

BLOs Must Assist Every Voter in Filling Enumeration Forms: Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil

Nagar Kurnool : District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil has directed all Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to personally distribute Enumeration Forms to every voter in their respective polling areas, assist them in filling out the forms wherever required, and collect the completed forms as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the Electoral Roll. He also appealed to voters to actively cooperate in the exercise by accurately completing and submitting the forms to the BLOs.

On Thursday, the Collector inspected the Enumeration Form distribution drive at Polling Station No. 107 in Ramnagar Colony, Ward No. 24, Nagar Kurnool town. During the visit, he reviewed the distribution and collection process and issued detailed instructions to the BLOs. He



clarified that even voters whose names already exist in the electoral roll and those who had exercised their franchise in previous elections must compulsorily fill and submit the Enumeration Form. Failure to submit the form may result in their names not being included in the revised electoral roll.

The Collector instructed that voters whose names are included in the 2002 electoral roll should complete Parts I and III of the Enumeration Form, affix a recent passport-size photograph, sign the form, and submit one copy to the BLO. They should also collect an acknowledgment receipt from the BLO and preserve it safely. He advised voters to

approach the BLOs if they face any difficulty while filling out the forms, adding that comprehensive training has already been provided to BLOs to assist the public.

Collector Hemant Keshav Patil said the Enumeration Forms collected by the BLOs would be thoroughly verified, and based on the information received, the draft electoral roll would be prepared and displayed at all polling stations by July 31. He urged all eligible voters to cooperate with the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision exercise to safeguard their voting rights.

The inspection was attended by Nagar Kurnool RDO Archana, Tahsildar Tabitha Rani, DT Kiran Kumar, BLO Devi, and other officials.

Part-Time Teacher Recruitment in Telangana Social Welfare Residential Schools in Nirmal District

Nirmal, July 2: The District Coordinator (DC), R. Prashanthi, has announced that applications are invited for the recruitment of part-time teachers to fill vacant teaching positions in Telangana Social Welfare Residential Schools and Colleges in Nirmal district.

The vacancies are available in various subjects, including Telugu, English, Hindi, Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science, Chemistry, Physical Director (PD)/Physical Education Teacher (PET), Art/Craft/Music, Librarian, and Degree Lecturer posts in Botany, Chemistry, Microbiology, and Computer Science.

Candidates should possess the required qualifications relevant to their respective subjects, such as Postgraduate (PG), B.Ed., Ph.D., TGT, PD/PET, Art/Craft, Librarian, and other prescribed qualifications.

Interested candidates may submit their applications from July 4 to July 9, between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the Telangana Social Welfare Residential Girls School, Nirmal.

Applicants will have to attend a demonstration (Demo) session on July 10 at 10:30 a.m. at



the Telangana Social Welfare Girls Degree College, Shivanagar, Nirmal, as part of the selection process, District Coordinator R. Prashanthi stated.

Cheteshwar Pujara backs Sanju Samson to retain T20I spot, praises skipper Shreyas Iyer's maturity against England

Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara has backed Sanju Samson to get an extended run in India's T20I top order against England. Pujara also praised stand-in captain Shreyas Iyer's brilliant 68-run knock in the rain-hit Durham opener

New Delhi: Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara addressed the discussion surrounding India's top order ahead of the second T20I against England, making it clear that he does not believe Sanju Samson should lose his place to accommodate Vaibhav Sooryavanshi despite growing calls for the teenage batter to be included in the playing XI.

The veteran batter added that constant speculation over Samson's place in the side was unnecessary, insisting the wicketkeeper-batter deserves a longer run.

"I think India should persist with Sanju Samson. I don't think he should be feeling any pressure. He has proved himself in the T20 World Cup and, with the kind of talent he possesses, he should be there in the playing XI," Pujara said on JioStar. "There shouldn't be a lot of noise about dropping Sanju Samson. He is a quality player and should get a longer run. Sanju just needs to bat naturally and not think too much," he added.

While Pujara acknowledged that



Sooryavanshi has earned an opportunity, he argued that the youngster's inclusion should not come at the cost of disrupting India's established top order.

"If Vaibhav needs to play, he should play, but not at the expense of dropping someone, rather by resting someone. If you want to give him an opportunity, that is fine. But you shouldn't be dropping any of India's top three players, whether it's Sanju, Abhishek or Ishan Kishan. Having said that, Vaibhav does deserve an opportunity, and his opportunity will come," he mentioned.

Pujara also praised captain Shreyas Iyer's composed innings after India recovered from an early setback to post a competitive total in the rain-hit opening T20I against England in Durham.

With India losing early wickets after electing to bat first, Pujara said Iyer's ability to steady the innings before accelerating played a decisive role in putting the visitors in a strong position.

Pujara felt Iyer delivered exactly what was expected of a captain after India found themselves under pressure in the powerplay, balancing caution with aggression as the innings progressed.

"It was an important knock from Shreyas Iyer and, when you are leading the team, you always look to lead from the front. He showed a lot of maturity because India were in trouble after losing a couple of early wickets," Pujara told JioStar.

He also credited Iyer for pacing his innings according to the match situation before shifting gears once he was well established at the crease.

"Abhishek played a good knock, but it was important for Shreyas to hold one end up and take his time. Once he was set, he played some quality shots," he added.

According to Pujara, the India captain's innings reflected both responsibility and leadership, leaving the side in an excellent position by the end of its 20 overs.

"If you look at his innings at the end of the 20 overs, you know that, as a captain, you have done your job. You have put your team in a very commanding position. This was a perfect knock from Shreyas, both as a leader and as a batter," he said.

Hyderabad's Advika Muthar Wins Gold at National Ice Skating Championship

Hyderabad: Eleven-year-old Advika Muthar from Hyderabad won the gold medal in the Under-12 girls' Figure Skating category at the 21st National Ice Skating Championship held recently in Dehradun.

Competing in her maiden national ice skating event, Advika finished on top of the podium, earning qualification to represent India at the upcoming Asian Open Ice Skating Championship in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Already an accomplished artistic roller skater, Advika had earlier won two silver medals and one bronze medal at the Taiwan Open Artistic Roller Skating Championship this year.

She also boasts an impressive record in national artistic roller skating competitions, having won 12 gold, six silver and one bronze medal.

Advika is the daughter of retired Indian Army engineer Subedar Prakasan Muthar and Santhika.



The family, originally from Kerala's Kannur district, is now settled in Hyderabad.

A Class 7 student at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Picket, Secunderabad, Advika trains under former world champion and Arjuna Award recipient Anoop Kumar Yama. Under his guidance, she successfully transitioned from artistic roller skating to ice skating and has quickly emerged as one of the country's promising young talents.

With her national title secured, Advika will now represent India at the Asian Open Ice Skating Championship in Jakarta, aiming to add another international achievement to her growing list of accolades.

SPORTS

FIFA WC 2026: Kane's brace powers England to comeback win over Congo DR, sets up Mexico clash

Harry Kane scored twice as England came from behind to defeat Congo DR 2-1 in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Round of 32. The victory secured a place in the Round of 16, where Thomas Tuchel's side will face Mexico on July 6.

2025 FIFA WC: Brilliant Harry Kane scores late double to save England against Congo DR (Ld) Atlanta, July 2 (IANS) Skipper Harry Kane led from the front with a brilliant performance as he scored twice to help England come back from a goal deficit to overcome Congo DR 2-1 in a Round of 32 match at the Atlanta Stadium on Wednesday and set up a last 16 clash with Mexico at the Mexico City Stadium on July 6.

Thomas Tuchel's team trailed from the seventh minute, when Brian Cipenga opened the scoring, until the 75th minute, when Harry Kane equalised, with the England skipper then blasting a brilliant winner in the 86th minute to script a dramatic turnaround.

This is the first time in the World Cup since 1986 that the Three Lions have come back to win a match after trailing by a goal at half-time, surviving a huge scare to progress to the Round of 16.

England, the 1966 champions, had lost none of their previous nine World Cup meetings with African opposition, and they kept that record intact in Atlanta, but only just.

"It feels amazing to be honest. What a crazy game. They are a tough team, and then after that first break, we were much better, and their keeper made some unbelievable saves. We spoke about people having hero moments, and it can be anyone. It was me today. We spoke all week about just being ourselves. There are still things to work on for sure,



and these rounds are just about getting through. We are in the part of the tournament when you have to grind out wins, and that's what we have done today," Kane told BBC Sport after the match.

After Germany and the Netherlands crashed out of this World Cup in the knock-out stage, it seemed England could join them in returning home early as they trailed by a goal past the hour mark. They created many chances in the second half but were thwarted by Congo goalkeeper Lionel Mpsi, who pulled off a few brilliant saves and kept Congo's hopes alive until late in the match.

Congo had never played a World Cup knockout game before, yet they made a dream start after seven minutes with Cipenga's first-ever international goal. A crossfield ball from the right was flicked on by Chancel Mbemba to Cipenga, who was completely free on the left side of the box to fire in a low shot that beat Jordan Pickford at his near post.

England took time to respond before creating several clear chances. Congo DR goalkeeper Lionel Mpsi saved superbly from two Jude Bellingham headers. In between, Noni Madueke's run into the box brought a shooting chance for Rashford at the far post, only for Aaron Wan-Bissaka to clear off the line. Then, on the stroke of half-time, Mpsi blocked Kane's close-range volley following a corner.

At the other end, Congo might have snatched a second goal when Yoane Wissa turned Wan Bissaka's low centre against the post.

It took Tuchel's change of his wingers to spark the fightback, substitute Anthony Gordon crossing for Kane to head his 12th World Cup finals goal. Number 13 would certainly be lucky for England as Kane turned away from his marker and unleashed an unstoppable shot inside the near post.

French Open Champion Andreeva Stunned By Krejckova At Wimbledon 2026

London: French Open champion Mirra Andreeva suffered a shock defeat against Barbora Krejckova in the Wimbledon second round on Wednesday. Andreeva arrived at the All England Club hailed as one of the sport's rising stars after winning her maiden Grand Slam crown in Paris in June. But the Russian teenager was unable to maintain the momentum from the Roland Garros as Krejckova recaptured the magic that inspired her unexpected Wimbledon title triumph two years ago.

The 30-year-old Czech, who also won the French Open in 2021, fought back for a dramatic 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory in two hours and 47 minutes on Centre Court. Krejckova will play compatriot Nikola Pietrangola in the third round. "What a match!



It's always been a huge fight against Mirra. She is such a young and unique player. I'm extremely proud I managed to win on this beautiful Centre Court, the best court in the world," Krejckova said.

"I've been through a lot with the injuries but also in my personal life. It was really hard to get through with all the emotions with everything that happened. I tried to go day by day. Thanks to my team and my family." Andreeva advanced from her previous Wimbledon showdown with Krejckova in 2023 when the injured Czech withdrew after falling a set behind. That was Andreeva's Wimbledon debut campaign as an unknown 16-year-old, while Krejckova was just 12 months away from winning the All England Club crown with a surprise run that culminated in final victory over Jasmine Paolini.

Andreeva, 19, is now tennis royalty after fulfilling her potential at the French Open. In contrast to the fifth seed's ascent, Krejckova has plummeted to 38th in the rankings after an injury-plagued period including first-round losses at the Australian and French Opens this year. But Krejckova flipped the script in impressive style, holding her nerve after wasting six match points in the deciding set to finally seal a memorable victory.

7 Reasons Why Heartbeat Season 3 Is a Must-Watch on JioHotstar



Heart Beat Season 3 is all set to return with more drama, emotions, medical emergencies, and relationship twists. The latest poster hints at fractured bonds, personal struggles, and high-stakes moments inside the hospital. Here are seven reasons why fans are excited for the new season.

A New Chapter for Reena

Season 3 appears ready to take Reena's journey to the next level. As she navigates personal and professional challenges, viewers can expect a more mature and determined version of the character.

The Hospital Drama Gets More Intense

From life-or-death cases to ethical dilemmas, the series has always balanced emotions with medical emergencies. Season 3 promises even higher stakes.

Relationships Under Pressure

The broken-heart imagery in the poster suggests that relationships could face major tests this season, leading to emotional confrontations and unexpected decisions.

Strong Female Characters Lead the Story

One of Heartbeat's biggest strengths is its portrayal of ambitious and resilient women. Season 3 is expected to continue celebrating their growth and determination.

Fresh Twists and Unexpected Conflicts

No season of Heartbeat is complete without surprises. Fans can look forward to new challenges that will keep them guessing until the very end.

A Perfect Blend of Emotion and Inspiration

The show stands out for delivering heartfelt moments while highlighting the dedication of healthcare professionals and the realities of hospital life.

A Stellar Ensemble Cast

The cast has been one of the driving forces behind the show's popularity. Their chemistry and performances are expected to make Season 3 another engaging watch.

Final Thoughts

With emotional storytelling, compelling character arcs, and gripping hospital drama, Heartbeat Season 3 looks poised to deliver another memorable chapter. Streaming from July 30 on JioHotstar.

Playing Mother Roles Showcases Their Acting Versatility



Mother roles, once considered a career-ending move for heroines in Tollywood, are gradually losing their stigma. Popular actress Srinidhi Shetty, who rose to fame with the KGF franchise, will be seen playing the mother of two children opposite Venkatesh in the upcoming Telugu family drama Adarsha Kutumbam. Her casting reflects a noticeable shift in the industry's attitude towards mature female characters.

The trend is not limited to Telugu cinema. Samantha Ruth Prabhu portrayed a mother in the Hindi web series Citadel: Honey Bunny, while Tamannaah Bhatia played a mother in the horror hit Aranmanai 4, released in Telugu as Baak. Anushka Shetty also stepped away from conventional glamour by essaying a pregnant woman in Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty, proving that unconventional roles need not diminish an actress's star value.

"It is true that Tamannaah, who is known for glamorous dance numbers like Kaavaalaa and Aaj Ki Raat, accepted a mother's role in Aranmanai 4 because the character had substance. Similarly, Anushka's role as a pregnant woman in Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty added emotional depth to the film. They are expanding their versatility with meaningful characters," says director Hemanth Madhukar.

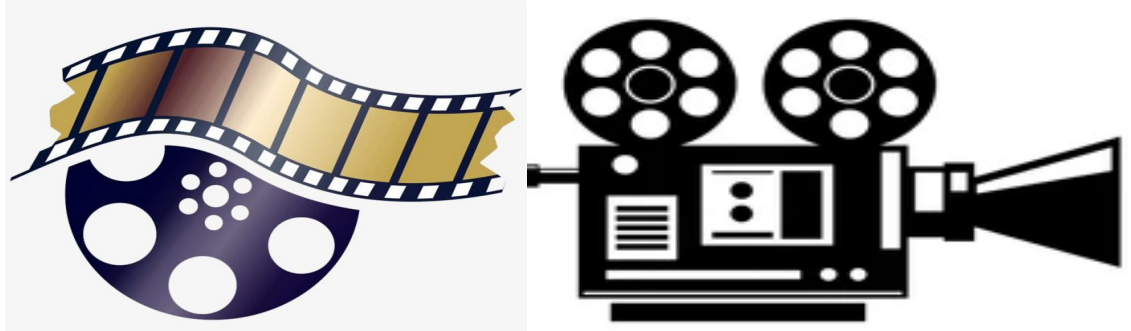
However, not every actress is ready to make the transition. Producer M.S. Raju believes some leading stars still hesitate to take up mother roles.

"Certain actresses fear losing their glamorous image. Playing the mother of one or two children could make them appear older on screen, affecting opportunities to play romantic leads or pair opposite younger heroes. But that mindset is slowly changing, thanks largely to OTT platforms and audiences accepting well-written characters regardless of age," he says.

Raju points out that several actresses have already broken this barrier. "Shruti Haasan appeared as the mother of a child in Krack. Keerthy Suresh, Shraddha Srinath in Saindhav, and Neha Shetty in Gangs of Godavari have all shown that motherhood is simply another character to portray. More recently, Meenakshi Chaudhary impressed audiences in Lucky Bhaskar while simultaneously playing a romantic lead in Matka. Today's actresses are smart enough to balance varied roles without getting stereotyped."

Actress Priyamani, who played a mother in The Family Man, believes the fear of being typecast no longer exists. "Earlier, actresses were worried that playing mothers would define their careers. Today, filmmakers are writing far more layered and interesting female characters. I accepted The Family Man because it was a beautifully written role. That doesn't mean I will only play mothers. I simply choose characters that challenge me as an actor and help me grow," she says.

"When leading heroes have no hesitation in portraying fathers, it is only natural that actresses like Shruti Haasan, Nayanthara, Neha Shetty and now Srinidhi Shetty are equally open to playing mothers if the role is meaningful," adds Hemanth.



CINEMA

Chiranjeevi, Pawan Kalyan Grace Meher Ramesh's Daughter's Wedding



At least three major Telugu stars turned up in full force for the wedding of director Meher Ramesh's daughter, Krishna Mohana, to Anirudh.

Megastar Chiranjeevi and his wife attended to bless the couple, closely followed by Andhra Pradesh Deputy



CM Pawan Kalyan and Anna Lezhneva. Victory Venkatesh Daggubati was also among the high-profile guests from various industries.

Given Meher Ramesh's long-standing personal and professional ties with Mega family, it was no surprise they were present.

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Back then, when producer Abhishek Nama overtook the film "Eagle" featuring Kalyan Ram from a director, many criticised him for putting his name as a 'director' just because he poured money into the project. Taking that criticism into mind, Abhishek has now taken up the direction mantle and carved out Nagabandham. Going by the trailer, it's not looking like any basic attempt but like something a talented and experienced filmmaker could do. So if the film clicks, earlier rumours on Abhishek Nama will be wiped off.

The second thing is an interesting one. In recent times, many films that have promised amazing Visual Effects in the trailer have turned out to be damp squibs when it



comes to the silver screen. Most of the effects fizzled out, some are unclear, some are illogical, and some are very cheapish quality and this happened with some big-ticket films. If Nagabandham's VFX stand out, then the film will show the way for others when it comes to producing films with realistic-quality CGI imagery.

Within a few hours, the truth of Nagabandham will be out, so let's see what happens.

Half Dozen Heroes Bank On 'Uncertain' Month

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Just after the monsoon rains start, usually in the month of July, the cinema industry considers this a dry season. Because schools and colleges will be at full capacity, there are not many holidays, and at the same time, the footfall will be low. However, this year, Tollywood's young chaps are thinking that July will bless them with luck and sunshine.

On July 3rd, we have Satyadev testing his luck with Rao Bahadur at the box office, though he wants to score that blockbuster which never came his way. At the same time, a big producer's brother-in-law, Virat Karna, made his debut with Pedda Kapu, but things didn't work out; now coming up with Nagabandham, which is also another heavy-budgeted movie. Similarly, on July 10th, Akhil Akkineni



is testing his luck with Lenin to score that hit film that's evading him for a decade.

The buck goes to Tiruveer's Oh Sukumari on July 17th, who is another struggling hero waiting for a blockbuster to come his way. Then comes the dubbed film Makutam, which has Vishal in the lead, and after 20 years of a good run at the Telugu market, this hero is struggling to get things right. Though his last couple of films spun some money, somehow Kiran Abbavaram is waiting for the right blockbuster, and his July 24th-releasing Chennai Love Story is what he pins his hopes on.

These half dozen heroes are betting big on their respective movies in the uncertain month of July, and hope all of them gets their dreams fulfilled.