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### Pay Contract Staff On Time Or Face Action: Revanth To Agencies



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday announced the constitution of an Official Committee to strengthen "digital governance" in the Telangana State. The committee will have to submit a report in 100 days. To streamline the prompt payment of salaries of contract and outsourcing employees, the Chief Minister instructed the authorities to take action against the agencies that are not functioning in tune with the government's goals.

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The CM held a review of the problems facing the contract and outsourcing employees today. During the review, CM Revanth Reddy said that strict ac-

tion must be taken against the agencies that are not paying salaries promptly to the contract and outsourcing agencies even after the release of funds by the government. The Chief Minister sought the details of the implementation of the digital governance and in-

structed the officials to formulate plans for digital governance and draft the necessary legislation. The CM emphasized that the administrative system should move forward through full-scale digitization. The main objective of the State government is to provide better services to the public and ensure welfare schemes reach beneficiaries directly through digital governance.

CM Revanth Reddy enquired about the digitalization of the data regarding contract and outsourced employees along with regular government staff. The officials were ordered to digitize the data and ensure the salaries are paid on the first day of every month. The details of the contract and outsourcing employees in all departments, including their salaries and bank account information, should be digitized, the Chief Minister said.

### Any Pumping at KLIS Barrages Only After Repairs: Uttam



Hyderabad: Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday stoutly defended the state government's decision that operations at the Kaleshwaram barrages will begin only after their total rehabilitation. He said the Congress Government had already

taken up work on the Medigadda rehabilitation design and would now move ahead with the Tummidihatti project, which he described as a technically superior, economically viable and energy-efficient alternative.

Uttam Kumar Reddy was speaking during a detailed presentation on the status of the Medigadda barrage, and the rest of the key components of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS) at Praja Bhavan. The presentation was attended by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, among others.

He said the demand by BRS leaders that water be pumped upstream in Godavari from Medigadda using the Kannepalli pumphouse is irrational and cannot be done, as according to all the technical findings since the sinking of a part of Medigadda barrage, it was found that Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages have the same designs and suffer from the same flaws. Water cannot be stored at Annaram and Sundilla, just as it cannot be stored at Medigadda as the gates of the barrages have to be kept open as per NDSA recommendations to save the structures from further damages. The government, he said, is committed to rehabilitating the barrages and putting them to use from the monsoon season next year.

### Amit Shah Says Centre Will Take Legal Route to Protect Central Ridge

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that the government will take the legal route to protect the biodiversity, soil and water of the Central Ridge here. Shah, after inaugurating the mega plantation drive here, said trees such as Jamun, Mango, Arjun and Neem, that survive for 100 years, will be planted at the Ridge. The mega plantation drive targets the plantation of 70 lakh saplings in the city. He said that the Delhi government will provide green cover



to 6,300 hectares of Ridge area through the plantation of one crore local tree species, 23 lakh big tree species and 65 lakh shrubs and medicinal plants in the next four years. Shah also cited a "grand masterplan" to convert the Ridge into a "Green Ridge", which will have 100 water bodies, restaurants, as well as small gardens like "Nakshatra Van", "Tirthankar Van", "Vanan Van" to achieve the target of a green and pollution-free Delhi.

## India to supply BrahMos, Astra missiles to Indonesia; 14 pacts signed

Jakarta: India on Tuesday agreed to supply BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and Astra air-to-air missiles to Indonesia, marking a significant expansion of defence ties as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Prabowo Subianto held talks to ramp up bilateral relations and ways to ensure a peaceful Indo-Pacific. South Asians & Diaspora

The two sides inked 14 agreements to enhance cooperation in a range of areas, including critical minerals and steel supply chain, maritime security, medicines, education, outer space, research and innovation, telecommunication and food security, against the backdrop of increasing geopolitical upheavals.

"A golden era is now at the threshold for our two nations," Modi said at the end of his talks with the Indonesian leader. Modi landed in Jakarta on Monday to a red-carpet welcome in the first leg of his three-nation tour that will also cover Australia and New Zealand to shore up cooperation in sectors such as trade, security and rare-earth minerals under the framework of the India-Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of

2018.

In his media statement, Modi said India reiterated his call for navigating "global turbulence" through dialogue and diplomacy, and asserted New Delhi's support for a two-state solution to the Palestine issue.

The pacts sealed after the Modi-Subianto talks included one on supply of an unspecified number of BrahMos missiles and another on Astra beyond-visual range missiles. India travel packages

It is perhaps the first time that two Indian defence exports deals, worth over USD 600 million, were announced in presence of the prime minister.

Both weapon systems played a major role during Operation Sindoor last year. The BrahMos missile deal with Indonesia came after India inked similar pacts with Vietnam and the Philippines.

The missile pacts as well as another decision on implementation of an agreement on maritime safety and security came against the backdrop of rising concerns in South East Asia over China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the resource-rich South China Sea and beyond.

Both sides also deliberated on the overall situation in the Indo-Pacific.



President Subianto underlined the importance of an Indo-Pacific region that is open and transparent, with an order-based international law.

Modi said, "There is strong synergy in our respective outlooks on the Indo-Pacific. India has always attached special importance to ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) centrality." It was also decided that Indonesia will deploy a Liaison Officer at India's Integrated Fusion Centre at Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR). South Asians & Diaspora

Modi said the growing trust between the two countries is strengthening cooperation in defence, security and the maritime

domain.

"Today, we agreed to further enhance collaboration in defence exchanges, disaster management, and industrial cooperation," he said.

"Our two Coast Guards will now work together to enhance maritime safety and security in the Indian Ocean. As two close maritime nations, we have also decided to deepen our cooperation in the blue economy, port development, and maritime trade," he said.

India and Indonesia also agreed to jointly develop the strategically-located Sabang Port, which overlooks the Strait of Malacca and is 100 miles away from India's Great Nicobar port project.

In another significant move, New Delhi decided to invest in the manufacturing of steel, nickel and rare earth permanent magnets in Indonesia.

"In today's world, supply chain resilience in technology has become critically important. We have also concluded an important agreement to strengthen supply chain resilience in the areas of critical minerals and steel," Modi said.

"In addition, our companies are embarking on a new phase of partnership in stainless steel and rare earth magnets," he said. The prime minister said India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) will soon be integrated with Indonesia's payment system and it will

further enhance both the ease of doing business and the ease of travel between the two countries.

"Our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, established in 2018, is reaching new heights today. We are making significant strides across every domain of cooperation, including development, security, technology, culture, and education," Modi said. India travel packages

"I am confident that today marks the beginning of a golden new chapter in the India-Indonesia partnership. This new chapter will have a profound and positive impact on the world of the 21st century and on humanity as a whole," he said.

Modi also announced a decision to set up a campus of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore in Indonesia. The two sides also decided to enhance cooperation in areas of blue economy, maritime trade and port development.

India and Indonesia also decided to boost cooperation in the space sector. "We have taken important decisions today to advance joint research, technology sharing, and capacity building in the space sector," Modi said.

The prime minister and

the Indonesian president also discussed various global challenges including the situation in West Asia.

"In this period of global turbulence, India believes that the role of dialogue and diplomacy has become more important than ever before," said Modi, adding: "On the issue of Palestine, we continue to support a two-state solution and the pursuit of lasting peace."

In his remarks, the prime minister also touched upon people-to-people ties between the two countries. South Asians & Diaspora

"Our two countries will also celebrate, with great enthusiasm, the centenary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's historic visit to Indonesia. Indonesia's remarkable journey of nation-building owes much to the visionary educator and its first Minister of Education, Ki Hajar Dewantara," he said.

"His educational philosophy was profoundly influenced by the ideas of Gurudev Tagore. In recognition of this shared intellectual and cultural legacy, India and Indonesia will commemorate this centenary as the Tagor-Dewantara Year of Cultural and Educational Diplomacy," Modi said.

## CM to Launch Pattadar Passbook Distribution in Banaganapalle on July 9



of 29.04 lakh Pattadar Passbooks. During the past month, verification of 2.48 lakh passbooks covering 428 villages has been completed.

For the July 9 programme, the department has readied 8,412 passbooks in Nandyal district, including 1,125 passbooks for beneficiaries in the Banaganapalle assembly constituency.

The government has set a target of completing the resurvey in the remaining 9,929 villages by March next. It also plans to distribute another 64.53 lakh Pattadar Passbooks bearing the state emblem after the survey process is completed.

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will visit Banaganapalle in Nandyal district on July 9 to distribute Pattadar Passbooks under the state's Mee Bhoomi-Mee Hakku (Your Land-Your Right) programme.

This marks another milestone in the government's resurvey and land records modernisation initiative.

The chief minister will hand over Pattadar Passbooks carrying the official state emblem to farmers and landowners in villages where the resurvey process has been completed. With the latest phase of distribution on July 9, the government will have distributed nearly 29 lakh Pattadar Passbooks across AP.

According to the revenue department, the resurvey process has been completed in 6,887 villages, leading to the printing and distribution

## AP To Be First AI-Powered Tourism State

VIJAYAWADA: Andhra Pradesh would become India's first Artificial Intelligence-powered tourism state, with the government here signing a three-year strategic pact with travel technology company Explurger to deploy its NiVU AI platform across major tourist destinations.



to interact with NiVU AI through voice or text in more than 130 languages. The service will be free of cost and will not require visitors to download any application.

Durgesh said successful pilot projects at the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple and Sri Panakala Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple in Mangalagiri received an encouraging response. Hundreds of devotees used the AI platform daily to learn about temple history, rituals and cultural significance in their preferred languages.

The minister unveiled the "Ask AI" QR code and demonstrated the platform live before the media along with Ajay Jain.

Besides enhancing visitor experience, the platform will provide APTA with real-time analytics on tourist preferences, languages and behavioural patterns, enabling better tourism planning and destination management.

Describing the initiative as a major milestone under the state's Swarna Andhra Vision-2047, Durgesh expressed confidence that AI-enabled services would significantly boost tourist arrivals, particularly during major events such as the Godavari Pushkaralu.

Ajay Jain said the initiative would position AP as a model for other states and countries by making advanced AI technology easily accessible to tourists.

APTA CEO Padmavathi said the partnership combines Andhra Pradesh's rich heritage with world-class Indian technology.

Explurger Founder and CEO Jitin Bhatia said the collaboration would make AP the first state where every major tourist destination could "speak" to every visitor in their own language. The platform, which has over 22 million users across 75 countries, was showcased during the G20 Summit at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Tourism minister Kandula Durgesh announced the initiative on Tuesday after signing an MoU at the Secretariat in the presence of special chief secretary Ajay Jain, tourism authority managing director Amrapali Kata, CEO Padmavathi and senior officials.

The minister said NiVU AI (neural intelligence vernacular unified model) would be introduced at over 100 tourist and pilgrimage destinations across the state in phases, making AP the country's first AI-powered tourism destination. The first phase will cover 30 major locations within a year. Full implementation is targeted over three years, with the agreement extendable based on performance.

Tourists will be able to scan QR codes installed at forts, beaches, temples and heritage monuments

## Bhogapuram Airport Ready For Opening by End of July

Visakhapatnam: Civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu has announced that the Alluri Sitarama Raju Bhogapuram International Airport is ready for inauguration as the aerodrome licence has been issued.

Inspecting the airport on Tuesday, the minister said the chief minister's office has approached the Prime Minister's Office to finalise a date for the inauguration. The event, by the end of this month, is likely to be attended by Narendra Modi.

Addressing the media, Ram Mohan described the airport as a world-class facility built through the joint efforts of the central government, the Andhra Pradesh government and GMR. The project, originally targeted for completion by December 2026, is ready for operations nearly six months ahead of schedule.

Extensive verification processes, he said, had been carried out over the past month before the aerodrome licence was issued. Once inaugurated, full-scale commercial flight operations would begin within a week.

Designed to handle 40 million passengers annually, the airport features a 78,000-square-metre terminal building inspired by the shape of a flying fish.

According to the minister, the interiors and exteriors reflect the culture and heritage of north Andhra while the airport offers facilities comparable to those at major metropolitan airports.

He said the airport would serve as a major



catalyst for the development of north Andhra, generating employment and boosting sectors such as tourism, aviation, aquaculture, pharmaceuticals and exports.

On connectivity between the airport and Visakhapatnam, he said seven major road links are being developed to ensure seamless access to Bhogapuram. Plans are also under way for

a six-lane coastal corridor connecting RK Beach in Visakhapatnam to Bhogapuram.

The Union minister said a dedicated cargo terminal would be built with an annual handling capacity of 20,000 metric tonnes that would support exports of seafood, pharmaceuticals, mangoes and also horticultural and agricultural products.

Bhogapuram, he stressed, would emerge as an international aviation hub with dedicated Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities and an Edu City aimed at creating employment opportunities for local youth.

Vizianagaram MP Kalisetti Appala Naidu and MLA Lokam Madhavi were present.

## Govt Committed to Providing Pucca Houses to All Eligible Poor: Parthasaradhi



Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh government is committed to ensuring every eligible poor family owns a pucca house, Housing Minister Kolu Parthasaradhi said on Tuesday.

He said chief minister Chandrababu Naidu has prioritised housing by allocating adequate funds and securing higher central assistance.

Addressing the media at the secretariat, the minister said that between 2014 and 2019, the then Telugu Desam government sanctioned 13.04 lakh houses and completed 8.04 lakh units at a cost of ₹10,194 crore. It also extended ₹712.83 crore in additional financial assistance to SC, ST and BC beneficiaries, including ₹50,000 per house for SC/ST families and ₹75,000 for tribal beneficiaries.

Criticising the YSRC government, Parthasaradhi alleged that although it sanctioned 18.61 lakh houses, it completed only 6.70 lakh by May 31, 2024, despite spending ₹9,588 crore. He accused the Jagan-led government of cancelling 4.36 lakh houses sanctioned during the TDP tenure, causing hardships to the beneficiaries who had already invested their own money.

The minister said the present government has accelerated housing construction after assuming office in 2024. It secured approval for 86,714 houses under PMAY-Urban, PMAY-Gramin and PM-JANMAN schemes, while spending ₹2,102 crore to complete 4.56 lakh houses.

Of the 10.42 lakh applications received for new houses, about 9.5 lakh eligible beneficiaries have been identified, with the Centre sanctioning 74,812 houses in the first phase.

Kolu Parthasaradhi said the government has strengthened financial support under PMAY, deployed 370 engineering assistants to speed up construction, and will also implement the Polavaram rehabilitation housing programme to ensure all displaced families receive permanent homes before completion of the project.

## AgriGold Depositors to Get Justice in Six Months



Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh government has set a six-month deadline to provide complete justice to AgriGold depositors by resolving legal hurdles, auctioning company assets through court orders, and repaying investors.

Speaking after a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on AgriGold at the Secretariat on Tuesday, Food and Civil Supplies minister Nadendla Manohar said the government is committed to honouring its election promise to AgriGold victims.

He said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan have initiated steps to establish a special court to expedite the process.

Those who attended the Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting included Home minister Vangalapudi Anita, Revenue minister Anagani Satya Prasad and Health minister Y. Satya Kumar Yadav, who joined through video conference.

Officials made a detailed presentation on the status of the case, the proposed auction of assets, compensation already paid, and the roadmap for settling the remaining claims.

Manohar said 11.57 lakh depositors, most of them from Andhra Pradesh, are awaiting settlement, with dues in the state estimated at ₹3,944 crore.

CID investigations have found bonds worth about ₹2,000 crore in the possession of agents, which would be seized within 30 days.

The government has identified 23,599 acres of AgriGold land spread across eight states. The properties will be geo-tagged to prevent encroachments and preserved for court-monitored auctions.

Manohar said the ministers' sub-committee would review progress every 15 days to ensure that compensation reaches every genuine depositor at the earliest.

## CM Revanth Challenges KCR to Assembly Debate on Kaleshwaram Project

HYDERABAD: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has thrown a direct challenge to BRS chief and former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), inviting him for a comprehensive debate on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project in the state assembly. Expressing readiness to convene the assembly at KCR's earliest convenience, Revanth Reddy urged the opposition leader to write to the Speaker to finalise the dates for a joint session.

The Chief Minister added a significant condition to his challenge, stating that if KCR could convincingly explain why the project should be handed over to him, the current government would officially task him with overseeing the project's repair works for the next three years. Assuring a fair and respectful environment, Revanth Reddy promised that the government would ensure the assembly sessions run smoothly without compromising KCR's dignity.



## 24-Hour Medical Services Must Be Available to People in Remote Areas

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Plant More Saplings During Vanamahotsavam

Ensure All Facilities for Students in Government Schools

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra Issues Directions During Surprise Inspection in Pembli Mandal

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to ensure that quality medical services are available round the clock at government hospitals for people living in remote areas. During a surprise visit to Pembli Mandal on Tuesday, the Collector inspected the Primary Health Centre (PHC), Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS), Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), and the Gram Panchayat office, issuing several instructions to officials.

The Collector first visited the Primary Health Centre at the mandal headquarters, where he inspected the Outpatient (OP) section, medicine store, and other facilities. He instructed officials to maintain adequate stocks of essential medicines at all times and ensure proper maintenance of OP registers, staff attendance records, and other official records. Considering the monsoon season, he directed doctors to re-



main alert for seasonal diseases and snakebite cases. He also instructed that patients visiting the hospital should be provided with safe drinking water and proper seating facilities. The Collector reviewed the functioning of health sub-centres across the mandal.

Later, he visited the Zilla Parishad High School, where he planted a sapling as part of the Vanamahotsavam programme and stressed the importance of protecting and nurturing planted trees. Interacting with Class 10 students, he encouraged them to excel in academics

and attend school regularly. He directed teachers to identify students who are absent from school and take steps to bring them back to the classroom.

At the Mandapalli Gram Panchayat office, the Collector reviewed the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls. He instructed officials to speed up the online entry of enumeration forms and complete the process within the stipulated deadline.

The Collector also inspected the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in the village, where he reviewed the attendance of students

and teachers. He directed officials to ensure that all necessary facilities are provided to students. Interacting with Class 10 students, he asked them questions related to their subjects. Appreciating those who answered correctly, he encouraged them to study with discipline and achieve excellent academic results.

District Medical and Health Officer Rajender, District Educational Officer Bhojanna, Tahsildar Laxman, MEO Ramchander, FRO Kalpana Devi, along with officials from various departments, teachers, and staff, participated in the inspection.

## All Departments Must Work Together to Prevent Seasonal Diseases

Nagarkurnool : District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil has directed all government departments to launch war-footing measures to prevent the spread of seasonal diseases during the monsoon. He emphasized that the Health, Municipal, Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and ITDA departments must work in close coordination to safeguard public health and ensure there is no negligence in disease prevention.

Chairing a district-level coordination meeting at the Collectorate on Tuesday, the Collector said that diseases such as dengue, malaria, chikungunya, viral fevers, and diarrhoeal illnesses are likely to spread rapidly during the rainy season due to stagnant water and poor sanitation. He instructed officials to implement effective preventive measures in every village and urban ward and maintain continuous surveillance.

The Collector directed officials to pay special attention to the agency areas of Nagarkurnool district by ensuring uninterrupted healthcare ser-



vices in remote tribal villages. He instructed that adequate stocks of medicines, medical personnel, and mobile medical teams be kept ready, and that special medical camps be organized whenever necessary.

He also ordered all government hospitals, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and sub-centres to maintain sufficient stocks of essential medicines, diagnostic kits, IV fluids, and emergency medical supplies. Fever cases should be tested immediately, and suspected patients must be referred to higher medical centres without delay.

The Municipal and Panchayat Raj departments were instructed to intensify sanitation drives by cleaning drains, preventing water stagnation, ensur-

ing timely garbage disposal, and maintaining safe drinking water sources. The Collector also stressed the scientific implementation of anti-larval spraying and fogging operations to control mosquito breeding.

Highlighting the importance of public awareness, he directed ASHA workers, ANMs, and Anganwadi staff to conduct door-to-door awareness campaigns on personal hygiene, safe drinking water, and mosquito control measures. They should also advise residents to visit the nearest government hospital immediately if they develop symptoms such as fever, vomiting, or diarrhoea.

The Collector further instructed the Health Department to

keep emergency response teams on standby throughout the monsoon and closely monitor the situation in every mandal. He emphasized that strong inter-departmental coordination and continuous field visits by officials are essential for effective control of seasonal diseases and for ensuring timely healthcare services to the public.

The meeting was attended by Additional Collector Deva Sahayam, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Krishna, DPO Sriramulu, Immunization Officer Dr. Ravi Naik, Municipal Commissioner Nagi Reddy, and officials from the Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and other departments.

## 200 Degree Students Receive Free Notebooks in Nagarkurnool

Nagarkurnool: Principal Madan Mohan announced that free notebooks were distributed to 200 first, second, and third-year degree students of Government Science Degree College, Nagarkurnool.

Speaking on the occasion, he said the notebooks were provided with the support of generous donors to encourage and assist students in their academic pursuits. He emphasized that education is the greatest form of charity and expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the donors for their valuable contribution.

He urged the students to make the best use of the notebooks, study sincerely, and bring pride to their parents as well as the



college through their achievements.

The programme was attended by Administrative Officer Mohammed Irfan and faculty members Anjaiah, Vanitha, Uma Devi, Kodanda Ramulu, Ramakrishna, and others.

## Food Safety Officials Conduct Surprise Inspections in Sujathanagar; Irregularities Found in Hotels and Sweet Shops

Sujathanagar: In a drive aimed at protecting public health, Food Safety Department officials conducted surprise inspections at hotels and sweet manufacturing and sales establishments in Sujathanagar on Tuesday. Acting on complaints, the officials found that several food business establishments were operating without the mandatory registration and licences.

During the inspections, officials collected three legal samples and three surveillance samples and sent them to the State Food Testing Laboratory for quality analysis. They also issued improvement notices to two food business establishments for failing to maintain hygiene and food safety standards.

Speaking on the occasion, Food Safety Officer Sharath said that providing safe and quality food to consumers is the responsibility of every food business operator. He stated that, as per the regulations of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), every food business establishment must obtain mandatory registration or a licence and strictly adhere to hygiene and food safety standards.

He warned that strict action would be taken against those violating the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act. He further stated that the Food Safety Department would continue regular inspections across the district to safeguard public health.



## Official Inauguration of New Bharosa Centre Building in Nirmal

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Providing Better Support Services to Women and Children is the Primary Objective of Bharosa Centre

– District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS

A newly constructed Bharosa Support Centre, built under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of NTT DATA Business Solutions Private Limited, was officially inaugurated today at Ellapelli in Nirmal. The centre has been established with the objective of ensuring the safety, protection, and welfare of women and children.

The Principal District Judge, Mrs. Srivani, attended the inauguration as the chief guest. Before the inauguration, District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila planted saplings on the Bharosa Centre premises as part of the event.

Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that the Bharosa Centre will serve as a one-stop facility providing safety, legal assistance, psychological counselling, medical support, and rehabilitation services to women and child victims. The



centre aims to ensure prompt, comprehensive, and victim-friendly support under one roof.

She explained that trained counsellors, support personnel, legal experts, medical professionals, and police officials work in coordination to provide continuous assistance to victims until the completion of the legal process. The centre offers police assistance, medical care, counselling, legal aid, and rehabilitation services at a single location.

Dr. Janaki Sharmila expressed her gratitude, on behalf of the Nirmal District Police, to NTT DATA Business Solutions Private Limited and its Managing Director, Mr. Krunal Patel, for supporting the construction of the new Bharosa Support Centre building under the company's CSR initiative for the welfare of women and children.

The programme was attended by Principal District Judge Mrs. Srivani, District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, Bhainsa ASP Sai Kiran, IPS, Nirmal DSP Srinivas, NTT DATA Business Solutions Private Limited Managing Director Mr. Krunal Patel, company representatives Mr. Tirumala Reddy, Mr. Khush Gupta, Mr. Anil, Mr. Sai Kiran, Mr. Shivcharan Reddy, judicial officers, police officials, Bharosa Centre staff, and other dignitaries.

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### ELEVEN YEARS ON, DIGITAL MISSION STILL FACES CHALLENGES

Technology has the power to bridge socioeconomic gaps and propel a nation into a new era of innovation and a knowledge economy. The 'Digital India' mission, launched 11 years ago to transform India into a digitally empowered society, has demonstrated this in an exemplary manner by building a robust digital infrastructure and providing a host of government services online. Today, India can boast of recording the highest penetration of digital payment methods in the world. The ubiquitous presence of QR code scanners across the country — from small street vendors to large retailers — tells the success story of the country's digital transformation. This widespread adoption is driven by the simplicity, affordability, and adaptability of QR codes, making them a convenient tool for both businesses and consumers. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) now processes a staggering 75 crore transactions daily and is recognised by the IMF as the world's largest real-time payment system. India accounts for nearly half of all real-time digital payments in the world. While digital adoption is one of the big success stories of India, several challenges remain. Among them are the rural-urban and gender digital divides, cybersecurity and data privacy enforcement, welfare-authentication exclusion errors, and language and institutional gaps. Nearly 103 crore Indians now have internet connections, but that still leaves several hundred million people outside the net, and access is not evenly distributed. Fibre-optic connections reach only about 7% of households nationally, and just over 3% in rural areas. Most connectivity still rides on mobile data rather than the stable broadband network.

Rural youth are also considerably less likely to own a device outright, and women are particularly less privileged on this count, making the digital divide an uncomfortable reality. In rural India, only around 57% of young women own a phone against over 81% of young men. Another challenging area is the poor public awareness about where to report online frauds, especially among rural and female users, at a time when instances of digital fraud are rising sharply. As UPI, Aadhaar and DigiLocker have become load-bearing infrastructure for the country, they have also become easy targets for cyber fraudsters. The mission has weathered periodic UPI outages that exposed how much now depends on a small number of systems staying up, and analysts expect more coordinated, AI-assisted phishing and fraud attempts in the years ahead. The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, gives India, for the first time, a comprehensive legal framework for handling personal data, but its rules are still being operationalised, and the harder test — consistent enforcement, and genuine recourse for citizens whose data is misused — is still ahead. Overall, the impact of the digital mission has been transformational. Powered by the Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and Mobile (JAM) trinity, the sovereign digital identity framework has facilitated the government to transfer Rs 51.5 lakh crore directly to citizens through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

## India, Indonesia sign key pacts for BrahMos missile supply, maritime security

India and Indonesia signed a defence agreement for the supply of BrahMos missiles and expanded cooperation in defence, maritime security, healthcare and critical minerals during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Jakarta visit, where he also received Indonesia's highest civilian honour India travel packages



Jakarta: In a key boost for the domestic defence industry, India and Indonesia on Tuesday signed an agreement for the supply of BrahMos missiles to the Indonesian military. History

Indonesia is also set to import India's indigenously developed Astra air-to-air missiles. The Astra, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is a beyond-visual-range missile designed to track and destroy highly manoeuvrable enemy aircraft. India is also likely to provide Indonesia with additional batteries of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.

The two countries also finalised a framework for maritime safety and security cooperation. The agreements were signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Indonesia, the first leg of his three-nation tour.

"The growing trust between our countries is

strengthening our defence, security, and maritime cooperation. Today, we have reached an agreement to enhance defence exchanges, disaster management, and industrial cooperation," said PM Modi.

"With today's agreement, India's high-quality and affordable medicines will be even more easily accessible to the citizens of Indonesia. We will also contribute to the capacity building of doctors and healthcare workers in Indonesia," the Prime Minister added. India travel packages

India and Indonesia also inked agreement on minerals and technologies for steel supply chain, a move aimed at strengthening the critical mineral supply chain. India is also expected to support the development of Indonesia-specific Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), extending its poll technology expertise to the Southeast Asian nation.

Meanwhile, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto conferred the country's highest honour, the 'Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia', upon PM Modi.

The 'Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia', instituted in 1959, is the highest civilian and military medal of honour conferred by the Southeast Asian nation, recognising extraordinary service. This marked another addition to the growing list of highest honours for PM Modi bestowed on him globally.

## TG RERA States Registration for Pradeep Constructions' Bliss Project Is Over, GHMC Reportedly Issues...

Hyderabad: The Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TG RERA), the GHMC and the HYDRAA have issued advisories and notices concerning the 'Bliss' high-rise residential project of Pradeep Constructions at Necklace Road, Hussainsagar, cautioning the public against purchasing or occupying flats in the project.

RERA said the project's registration had expired on January 2. It stated that the developer was no longer permitted to sell, advertise, market, book or offer the project for sale until further orders. It advised prospective buyers to verify the registration status of the project before making any financial commitment.

The regulatory action comes amid separate proceedings initiated by GHMC, the irrigation department and HYDRAA over the validity of the building permissions granted for the project.

According to official records, GHMC granted the original building permission for the project on December 14, 2018, and later issued a revised permission on January 2, 2020.

The civic body said that it received a complaint alleging that the project was constructed on disputed land, and objecting to the issue of occupancy certificate (OC). Following the complaint, GHMC sought reports from the Hyderabad district collector and the irrigation department.

A joint inspection was carried out by the irrigation department on July 4, based on which it was reported that about 7,355.15 square metres of the project site fell within the full tank level (FTL) of the Hussainsagar, while the remaining 285.74



square metres fall within the mandatory 30-metre buffer zone, indicating that the entire built up area falls within the lake's boundary.

The collector's office reportedly informed GHMC that the land was recorded in the Town Survey Land Register as "vacant land and tank submerged". The report also stated that no NOC (no objection certificate) had been issued for the land and that the property is the subject of pending civil and High Court cases.

Based on these findings, GHMC has issued a show-cause notice to Pradeep Constructions proposing cancellation of the building permissions granted in 2018 and 2020, alleging material misrepresentation and suppression of facts by the developer. The corporation has also kept the occupancy certificate application in abeyance.

On Monday, HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath, collector Priyanka Ala and GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan inspected the property amid complaints from the irrigation department about the building being within Hussainsagar's FTL boundaries. Officials also stated that the Irrigation authorities said they have not given any permissions for the construction of the project.

## ISRO Achieves Breakthrough in Testing Cryogenic Engine For LVM3 Mission

Nellore: In a significant milestone in India's heavy-lift launch programme, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the flight acceptance hot test of its indigenous CE20 cryogenic engine using a newly developed Nozzle Protection System (NPS) for the first time.

The test carried out on Monday, July 6 at the Main Engine & Stage Test Facility within the ISRO Propulsion Complex at Mahendragiri marks a major technological advancement. It is expected to simplify cryogenic engine testing while reducing resources and enabling longer-duration tests.

CE20 engine powers the upper stage of the LVM3 launch vehicle. It has already proved its reliability by powering eight consecutive LVM3 missions, including Chandrayaan-2, Chandrayaan-3, and three commercial launches. The engine has also completed the stringent human-rating qualification required for the upcoming Gaganyaan mission.

The newly developed NPS enables the CE20 engine, equipped with its full area-ratio-100 nozzle, to be tested in sea-level conditions—eliminating the need for complex High Altitude Test facilities. The innovation is expected to streamline engine qualification while enhancing testing efficiency.

During the latest test, the CE20 engine operated at a thrust of 19.5 tonnes for 45 seconds before being ramped up to its maximum rated thrust of 22 tonnes for 25 seconds. The successful performance validated both the engine and the Nozzle Protection System.

Following refurbishment, the tested engine will be integrated with the C32 cryogenic stage for the LVM3-M7 mission, further strengthening ISRO's capability to support future satellite launches and human spaceflight missions.



## BRS challenges Congress to operate Kannepalli pumps or hand project to KCR

The BRS intensified its attack on the Congress government over the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, demanding the immediate operation of the Kannepalli pump house. Party leaders accused the government of neglecting farmers and threatened fresh protests if irrigation pumping was not resumed.



Hyderabad: The BRS on Monday intensified its offensive against the Congress government over the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), demanding the immediate operation of the Kannepalli pump house. Throwing an open challenge to the government, Jagadish Reddy said if the Congress lacked the confidence to operate the pumps, it should hand over the project to former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao for a week.

"The BRS would fill the reservoirs within seven days. We accept full responsibility and will even dissolve the party altogether in case of any untoward incident, as feared by Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy," he asserted, accepting the challenge.

Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan here, former Minister and Suryapet MLA G Jagadish Reddy said operating the Kannepalli pumps would enable the storage of up to 150 TMCft of Godavari River water. He accused the ruling Congress of deliberately refusing to lift irrigation water for the farmers of Telangana despite looming drought conditions. He reminded that despite its allegations, the Congress had failed to prove irregularities in the construction of the Kaleshwaram project till date.

Rejecting the government's reliance on the recommendations of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), the senior BRS leader said the issue was being used as a pretext to avoid operating the project. He also accused the government of avoiding water lifting to save on power costs and evade procurement and bonus payments to farmers.

Former Minister and Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar questioned why water was not being lifted from Kannepalli and Yellampalli despite the absence of any NDSA restrictions on storing water in the Annaram and Sundilla barrages. He warned that the BRS would launch another "Chalo Kannepalli, Chalo Yellampalli" agitation if the government failed to act.

Former MP B Vinod Kumar rubbished Uttam Kumar Reddy's statements, calling them misleading. Referring to the Minister's concerns over flood risks, he said the Godavari River witnessed an inflow of 29 lakh cusecs in 2021 without any adverse impact on Bhadrachalam. He alleged that the barrages were being kept empty to facilitate large-scale sand mining and urged the government to partially fill the Annaram and Sundilla barrages and begin lifting water immediately.

"Neither the Chief Minister nor the Ministers are fully aware of the size of the Kaleshwaram project and its usefulness. Without knowing it fully, they are using around 95 per cent of the project at different levels," he asserted.

The BRS leader maintained that the State should prioritise irrigation in view of the El Nino threat and urged Ministers from the erstwhile Karimnagar, Warangal and Nalgonda districts to persuade the Chief Minister to operationalise the Kannepalli pumps without further delay. They also questioned the silence of the 16 MPs from the Congress and the BJP from Telangana on the crisis.

## RS Praveen Kumar alleges large-scale irregularities in Bhu Bharati portal

BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar alleged large-scale irregularities in the Bhu Bharati portal, claiming thousands of land transfers took place without owners' consent. He demanded the Revenue Minister's resignation, a police investigation and disclosure of the official inquiry report.



Hyderabad: BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar raised an alarm over alleged large-scale irregularities in the State government's Bhu Bharati land records portal. Accusing the Revenue Department of facilitating unauthorised land transactions, he demanded the resignation of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and an in-depth investigation into the allegations. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, Praveen Kumar said nearly 22,000 land transfers had been carried out through the portal without the knowledge or consent of land-owners. He urged farmers to verify their land records, alleging

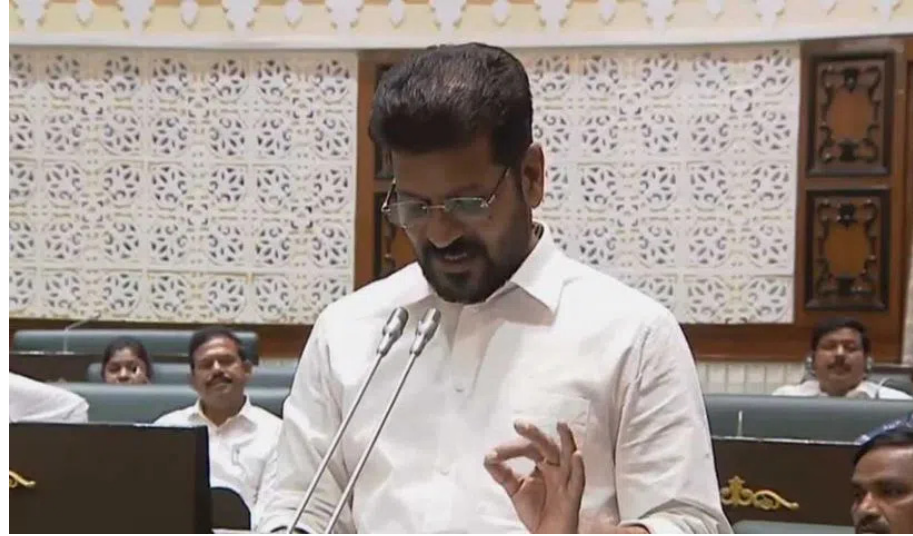
that changes had been made in districts including Ranga Reddy, Medchal, Sangareddy, Siddipet and Rajanna Sircilla. "More than 200 acres of land in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts had been transferred illegally by misusing the prohibited lands list and missing records. This includes the alleged transfer of 13 guntas of land in Serilingampally to a private firm," he said, accusing the government of concealing information and shielding those responsible. The BRS leader stated that Congress leaders, led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, were operating like a land mafia and encroach-

ing upon public as well as private properties illegally. "Even as farmers and people are struggling due to the looming water crisis in the State, the Congress leaders prioritised land encroachments," he said. Terming the alleged irregularities a massive scam, Praveen Kumar demanded a police investigation, publication of the official inquiry committee's report and disclosure of the call records of those allegedly involved. He also questioned the government's handling of anti-corruption cases, alleging selective action against officials while influential individuals escaped arrest. He appealed to victims of Bhu Bharati-related issues to approach the BRS office and assured them of support. He asserted that the law should apply equally to all, irrespective of their political or official status

## Revanth dismisses BRS demand to operate Kaleshwaram pumps, cites lack of flood waters

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy defended the government's decision not to operate the Kannepally pump house, citing inadequate rainfall and floodwaters due to El Niño. He challenged K Chandrashekhara Rao to suggest repairs for the Kaleshwaram project and criticised Congress legislators for weak political messaging.

Hyderabad: Despite a substantial flow of water downstream at Medigadda, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday sought to defend the State government's decision not to operate the Kannepally pump house, contending that there was neither adequate rainfall in the catchment area nor floodwaters in the River Godavari to justify lifting water. Executive Branch



Participating in a meeting where a presentation on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme was made at Praja Bhavan, the Chief Minister attributed the situation to the impact of El Niño. "Due to the El Niño effect, there were no rains and no floodwaters. How can water be lifted to the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages?" he asked. The presentation was delivered by Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy

to around 200 elected representatives from the Congress. A similar presentation had earlier been conducted on July 9, 2025. Government Revanth Reddy said the Kaleshwaram project was designed to lift nearly two tmcft of floodwater every day from the Godavari and store it for irrigation purposes. He accused the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) of misleading farmers in north Telangana by claiming that water could be lifted from Medigadda despite the absence of adequate inflows. "When there is no

rain and no water, how can there be floods? Even if there is some flow, what is the scope for lifting water?" he asked, reiterating that the government remained committed to repairing the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages and restoring them to operation. The Chief Minister also challenged BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao to present his views on the Kaleshwaram project and suggest remedial measures. "If he writes to the Speaker, we will con-

vene a joint session of the Assembly and the Council. Experts will also be invited. He should explain how the repairs should be carried out, and he will be given an opportunity to do so," Revanth Reddy said. Finds fault with Congress leaders for failing to respond The Chief Minister also expressed dissatisfaction with Congress legislators for failing to effectively counter the Opposition's narrative. "The Congress government is implementing several welfare and development programmes. But no

one is talking about them. Why are you not responding boldly?" he asked the elected representatives. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday stated that the Congress government had borrowed nearly Rs 1.80 lakh crore during its 30 months in office, echoing a claim made recently by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka. However, the figure differs significantly from the Chief Minister's own statement in the Assembly on March 18, 2026, when he said that the State government had raised Rs 3.47 lakh crore in loans between December 1, 2023, and February 28, 2026. Last Friday, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka also claimed that the government had borrowed Rs 1.77 lakh crore, rejecting the Opposition's allegation that borrowings had touched Rs 4.14 lakh crore.

## Palla Rajeshwar Reddy attacks Congress over drought preparedness

BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy criticised the Congress government for allegedly failing to prepare a drought contingency plan despite warnings about El Nino. He urged immediate operation of the Kannepalli pump house to protect crops, irrigation and drinking water needs.



Hyderabad: BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy launched a scathing attack on the Congress government over its failure to prepare a contingency plan for the looming drought despite repeated warnings about El Nino. He demanded the immediate lifting of water from the Kannepalli pump house to protect crops and farmers' livelihoods. Speaking to mediapersons here on Tuesday, Rajeshwar Reddy said rain deficit conditions prevailed in 246 mandals across the State, with reservoirs and tanks running dry and groundwater levels declining sharply. He said farmers had missed the critical sowing window, while crops such as cotton, red gram and maize had failed to germinate in several areas. The BRS MLA questioned the State government for neither having a contingency plan nor taking steps to address the emerging crisis. He

stated that although water could be lifted from the Kannepalli pump house and the Sammakka Sagar system, the government was deliberately avoiding it for political motives. He also targeted Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, urging him to consult serving and retired engineers instead of relying on what he described as baseless interpretations of the NDSA report. He charged that irrigation adviser Adityanath Das was acting in line with the interests of the Andhra Pradesh government. Stating that the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme had transformed Telangana's agricultural output, Rajeshwar Reddy questioned why the government had obstructed the BRS delegation's visit to the Kannepalli pump house. He urged the government to immediately operationalise the pumps and utilise the available Godavari River waters to safeguard irrigation and drinking water needs across the State.

## Congress jibes at PM Modi after Indonesia's highest civilian honour

The Congress criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi after he received Indonesia's highest civilian honour, with Jairam Ramesh remarking that Jawaharlal Nehru received the same award posthumously "without having to wrangle it." Modi dedicated the honour to the people of India.

New Delhi: The Congress on Tuesday took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi after he was conferred with Indonesia's highest honour 'Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia' medal, saying India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru had gotten it posthumously "without having to wrangle it". Modi was on Tuesday conferred with Indonesia's highest honour 'Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia' medal for his role in strengthening the ties between both the countries. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto presented the medal to Modi. Responding to a post which highlighted that Modi is the second Indian leader after Nehru to receive Indonesia's highest honour, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said on X, "And Nehru got it posthumously without having to wrangle it." Earlier, Modi said, "This morning, I have also been conferred with Indonesia's highest honour with immense affection. This honour belongs to the crores of Indians... it belongs to the sentiments of the people of Indonesia, to the his-

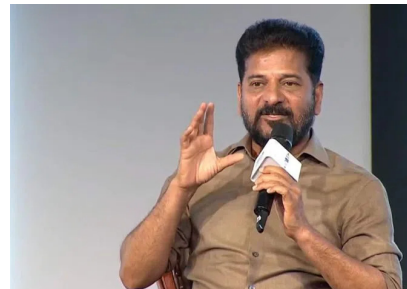


toric and intimate ties between India and Indonesia." "I express my heartfelt gratitude to President Prabowo Ji, the Government of Indonesia, and the people here," Modi was quoted as saying by the Prime Minister's Office in a post on X. Instituted in 1959, the Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia is the highest honour in the Republic of Indonesia. This award is given to individuals who have rendered exceptional service to the unity, continuity and prosperity of the Republic of Indonesia.

## Official committee to strengthen digital governance

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy constituted an official committee to strengthen digital governance in Telangana and directed it to submit a report within 100 days. He also ordered action against agencies delaying salaries and instructed officials to digitise employees' data

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy constituted an official committee to strengthen digital governance in the State. The committee will submit a report within 100 days. The Chief Minister sought details on the implementation of digital governance and instructed officials to draft the necessary legislation. To streamline the timely payment of salaries to contract and outsourcing employees, the Chief Minister instructed the authorities to take action against agencies that were not functioning in line with the government's goals.



On Tuesday, he held a review meeting on the problems being faced by contract and outsourcing employees. During the meeting, he ordered that

strict action be taken against agencies that were not paying salaries to contract and outsourcing employees on time even after the government had released the funds. He enquired about the digitisation of the data of contract and outsourcing employees along with that of regular government staff. Officials were instructed to digitise the entire data and ensure that salaries were paid on the first day of every month. The details of contract and outsourcing employees in all departments, including their salaries and bank account information, should be digitised, the Chief Minister added.

## Jaggareddy, Daughter Jaya Reddy Celebrate Birthday Amid Massive Public Gathering in Sangareddy



SANGAREDDY, Correspondent: July 7, 2026: Telangana PCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy and Youth Congress General Secretary Jaya Reddy celebrated their birthdays in a grand manner at Sangareddy on Tuesday, with thousands of party workers, supporters and well-wishers participating in the celebrations.

The event witnessed a festive atmosphere with drum beats, traditional musical performances and cultural dances as supporters gathered in large numbers to greet the Congress leaders.

Addressing the gathering, Jagga Reddy reflected on his life journey after turning 60. He said his parents, Jayamma and Jagga Reddy, had blessed him with a fortunate birth and that the past six decades had been filled with both hardships and honours.

I have experienced insults, recognition, struggles, happiness and difficult phases. That is my life, He said, adding that his parents had instilled in him the values of helping people in distress. He recalled that because of his compassionate nature, his father's friends began calling him "Jagga Reddy," a name that stayed with him.

Jagga Reddy also noted that his daughter, Jaya Reddy, was born on the same day as his birthday, making the occasion doubly special for the family.

## Speed Up Voter List Revision Digitization, Leave No Room for Errors: Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy



Bhadrachalam: Telangana Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy has directed officials to expedite the ongoing Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls across the state, with a special focus on completing the digitization process within the stipulated timeline without any errors. He issued the instructions while reviewing the progress of the revision programme through a video conference from Hyderabad on Monday with District Collectors, Additional Collectors, Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs), and other election officials.

Addressing the officials, the Chief Electoral Officer said that the Special Summary Revision programme, launched on June 25, is progressing successfully across the state. He stated that the distribution of Enumeration Forms has reached the final stage and instructed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to digitize the data immediately through the designated mobile application as soon as the completed forms are received from voters.

He further directed officials to utilize the services of volunteers to assist voters in filling out the Enumeration Forms accurately. Emphasizing the importance of error-free data entry, he instructed officials to prepare an effective action plan to complete the digitization process within the prescribed deadline.

Sudarshan Reddy also directed officials to undertake the rationalization of polling stations in accordance with Election Commission guidelines, ensuring that no polling station exceeds the prescribed voter limit. He warned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone submitting false information during

Speaking of politics, he said he continued to work under the leadership of Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, while appreciating the support extended by the state ministers.

Highlighting the functioning of the Congress government in Telangana, Jagga Reddy said there was a clear difference between the present administration and the previous government. He stated that under the Congress government, people have the freedom to approach district collectors directly to present their grievances without obstruction.

"Every family has differences and challenges, but the Congress provides the freedom to discuss issues and resolve them democratically," he said.

The celebrations concluded with party workers cutting cakes, greeting the leaders and reaffirming their support for the Congress leadership.

the revision process. He also instructed supervisors and volunteers to extend full support to Booth Level Officers throughout the digitization exercise.

Participating in the video conference from the Bhadrachalam Sub-Collector's Office, District Collector Ankit and Sub-Collector Mrunal Shrestha informed the Chief Electoral Officer that the Special Summary Revision programme is being implemented in the district in a systematic manner as per the Election Commission's guidelines.

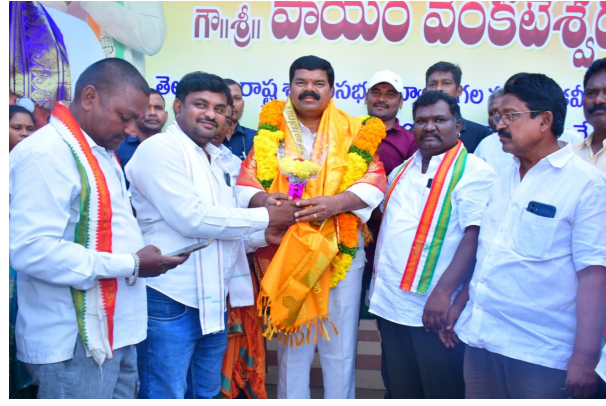
The District Collector said that all necessary steps are being taken to expedite the distribution of Enumeration Forms and complete the digitization process within the stipulated time. He assured that the rationalization of polling stations would be carried out strictly as per norms. He added that regular review meetings are being conducted with Booth Level Officers and Booth Level Agents to monitor the progress and ensure the successful completion of the programme across the district.

Officials from the concerned departments also participated in the review meeting.

## Payam Venkateswarlu Appointed as Telangana ST Welfare Committee Chairman; Felicitated in Manuguru

Manuguru | July 7, 2026: Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu, who was appointed as the Chairman of the Telangana State Legislative Assembly Scheduled Tribes (ST) Welfare Committee, received a grand felicitation at the MLA Camp Office in Manuguru on Tuesday. Congress leaders, public representatives, and party workers congratulated him by presenting bouquets and draping him with a ceremonial shawl.

The event witnessed the participation of Congress presidents from all mandals in the constituency, district leaders, mandal-level functionaries, sarpanches, deputy



sarpanches, ward members, village Congress committee presidents, Youth Congress, Mahila Congress, NSUI, Seva Dal leaders, representatives of affiliated organizations, party workers, and supporters in large numbers.

Speaking on the occasion, several leaders said that the appointment of Payam Venkateswarlu to such an important state-level position was a

matter of pride for the Pinapaka constituency. They expressed confidence that his leadership would strengthen the welfare, development, and protection of the rights of tribal communities across Telangana.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu thanked the Telangana State Government and the Congress high command for reposing faith in him and en-



trusting him with the responsibility. He said he would treat the post as a greater opportunity to serve the people and work with dedication for the welfare, development, and protection of the rights of Scheduled Tribes throughout the state. He also assured that, with the continued support of the people of Pinapaka and the co-operation of party leaders and workers, he would strive tirelessly

to resolve public issues. The felicitation programme at the MLA Camp Office concluded in a festive atmosphere, with leaders and party workers showering flowers and extending their heartfelt congratulations. The appointment of Payam Venkateswarlu as Chairman of the ST Welfare Committee has been widely welcomed across the Pinapaka constituency.

## SIR Process Will Be Completed Transparently: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra said that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls will be carried out in a completely transparent manner.

The Collector chaired a meeting with representatives of various political parties at the Collectorate conference hall on Tuesday evening to discuss the implementation of the SIR process in the district.

During the meeting, the Collector explained the SIR process in detail. He stated that the distribution of Enumeration Forms



through Booth Level Officers (BLOs) has already been completed. The filled-in Enumeration Forms will be collected from voters until July 24. He added that the acceptance and digitization of the forms are currently underway and

will be completed within the stipulated timeframe.

The Collector assured that no genuine eligible voter would lose their voting rights and that the entire SIR process would be conducted fairly and transparently. He also in-

formed that meetings are being held every Wednesday at the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) level to review the progress.

Responding to issues raised by representatives of political parties, the Collector said that awareness

campaigns would be intensified through public announcements using autos (Tom-Tom campaign) to ensure that every voter is informed about the process. He also stated that Help Desks have been set up to assist voters.

The meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, DRO Rathod Ramesh, RDOs Devidas and Mohan Singh, representatives of various political parties, Tahsildars, and other officials.

## "Quality Education for Every Student... Voting Rights for Every Eligible Citizen" – Collector Ankith Conducts Surprise Inspections

Bhadradi Kothagudem District Collector Ankith conducted a surprise visit to Sujathanagar Mandal on Tuesday to inspect the functioning of a government primary school and review the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls. The Collector issued clear instructions to officials on improving education, nutrition, and voter registration.

The Collector first visited the Sujathanagar Mandal Parishad Primary School, where he inspected student attendance, classroom teaching, implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, food quality, hygiene, and kitchen maintenance. He personally examined the meals served to students and directed officials to ensure that every child



receives nutritious, high-quality food. He also stressed the need for continuous monitoring to improve educational standards, cleanliness, and infrastructure in government schools.

Later, the Collector inspected the door-to-door Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in Raghavapuram village. He interacted

with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and reviewed the distribution of Enumeration Forms, voter awareness activities, and data collection. Officials informed him that 1,400 Enumeration Forms had already been distributed in the village.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Ankith directed officials to conduct the SIR pro-

cess strictly in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India, ensuring complete transparency and accuracy. He instructed BLOs to visit every household, distribute Enumeration Forms to all eligible voters, and create awareness by addressing voters' queries.

The Collector emphasized that there

should be no errors in the voter list revision process. He instructed officials to collect all Enumeration Forms within the stipulated deadline, verify the details carefully, and ensure that every eligible citizen is included in the electoral roll.

Appealing to the public, the Collector urged citizens to actively cooperate in the Special Intensive Revision, describing it as a vital exercise for strengthening democracy. He also instructed officials to immediately report and resolve any field-level issues to ensure the successful completion of the voter list revision.

Tahsildar Krishnaprasad and officials from various departments accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

## INCUSPAZE POSITIONS HYDERABAD AS ITS SOUTH INDIA GROWTH HUB; TARGETS 1000 CR REVENUE MILESTONE

Acquisition of iKeva strengthens Incuspaze's leadership across South India and accelerates enterprise, GCC and managed workspace growth strategy

- Incuspaze raises Rs 150 crore to fuel expansion ahead of FY29 IPO
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- Targets becoming a ₹1,000 crore company within the next three years
- Incuspaze plans significant investments in South India over the next 24–36.

Hyderabad, July 2, 2026: Incuspaze, India's leading workspace solution provider, has raised Rs 150 crore in a funding round led by Bharat Value Fund and other financial institutions. The capital will be used to strengthen its presence in key commercial markets, accelerate technology investments and pursue acquisitions as the company prepares for a planned public listing in FY29.

Incuspaze has acquired iKeva and strengthens leadership across South India, accelerating enterprise, GCC and managed workspace growth strategy.

Flexible workspace provider Incuspaze announced Hyderabad as its strategic hub for South India, underscoring the company's long-term commitment to one of the country's fastest-growing business and innovation ecosystems. Following the acquisition, the company now operates a network of over 80 centres across the country, further strengthening its position as one of India's largest enterprise-focused workspace platforms.

The acquisition enhances Incuspaze's portfolio with 18 centres and over 5 lakh sq. ft. of workspace across Hyderabad and Bengaluru. In Hyderabad, Incuspaze currently manages a portfolio of over 5 lakh sq. ft. and plans to add another 5 lakh sq. ft. by the end of FY27, taking its total footprint in the city to 1 million sq. ft.

Driven by a combination of organic expansion, increased enterprise occupancy, and strategic acquisitions, contributing towards Incuspaze's target of ₹1000 crore revenue for FY28–29. The integration is expected to unlock substantial value through revenue synergies, advanced technology capabilities, operational efficiencies, and the standardization of services across all locations. This move is also a strategic step as Incuspaze prepares for a potential IPO within the next 24 to 36 months.



Speaking at a media interaction in Hyderabad, Mr. Sanjay Choudhary, Founder & CEO, Incuspaze, said:

"South India represents one of the most important growth opportunities for the future of the workspace industry in India. The acquisition of iKeva is not merely an expansion of our footprint it is a strategic step towards building a stronger enterprise workplace platform across the region.

Hyderabad, in particular, offers a unique combination of global enterprises, GCCs, technology companies, startups and innovation-led businesses. As we enter our next phase of growth, Hyderabad will serve as our strategic hub for South India and play a central role in driving our regional expansion agenda."

Mr. Choudhary added: "Our ambition is to build a category-defining enterprise workplace platform for India. We are targeting ₹1,000 crore in revenues within the next three years

through a combination of organic growth, strategic expansion and deeper engagement with enterprise customers. South India will be a significant contributor to that journey."

Highlighting the growing role of Global Capability Centres in shaping future demand, Mr. Sanjay Choudhary, Managing Partner-India, Incuspaze Solutions Pvt. Ltd., said: "South India continues to attract some of the largest GCC investments in the country and has emerged as a preferred destination for multinational corporations establishing long-term operations in India.

Incuspaze is uniquely positioned to support this growth by offering flexible, scalable and enterprise-grade workplace solutions that meet global standards of quality, compliance and operational excellence.

Our focus is not only on providing workspace, but on becoming a long-term workplace partner for enterprises as they scale across India."

Over the last decade, Hyderabad has evolved into one of India's most influential business destinations, attracting investments across technology, life sciences, financial services, manufacturing and innovation sectors. The city continues to witness strong demand from GCCs, multinational corporations and emerging enterprises, making it a key growth market for the future of managed office and enterprise workspace solutions.

With Hyderabad as its South India headquarters, Incuspaze plans to deepen its presence across the region while continuing to invest in workplace innovation, customer experience and enterprise-focused solutions.

## SmartVision Amaravathi 10K Run 2026 brings together over 1,200 participants in a celebration of fitness and community spirit

~ Participants across age groups take part in the city-wide run held along BRTS Road under the theme 'Run for Amaravathi' ~

Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh | July 6, 2026: Vijayawada witnessed a massive surge of energy this Sunday morning as more than 1,200 runners took to the streets for the SmartVision Amaravathi 10K Run 2026. Under the title sponsorship of SmartVision Eye Hospitals, GLOBAL Events & Entertainment successfully hosted a multi-category running event drawing regional appeal. The city-wide fitness initiative successfully united professional athletes, amateur runners, students, corporate teams, and families in a vibrant celebration of health and community spirit.

Held at the Seethanapeta Gate on BRTS Road, the

high-octane community runathon was designed to promote active living and encourage public participation in everyday fitness.

The race attracted a diverse crowd from Andhra Pradesh and nearby states, offering 10K and 5K timed tracks alongside a 3K fun run. The event began with a warm-up Zumba session before runners set off along the designated race route.

Ahead of race day, registered participants collected their race kits during the official Bib Expo held at Decathlon Vijayawada, where they received their event bibs and official event T-shirts. Participants were also encouraged to familiarise themselves with the official race route in advance to ensure a



seamless race-day experience.

The event offered a professionally managed race experience with timing bibs for the 10K and 5K categories, hydration points, route marshals, medical assistance, volunteers, post-race refreshments, finisher medals, e-certificates,

event T-shirts, goodie bags and post-event photographs, ensuring a memorable experience for participants across all age groups.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Harshvardhan Reddy, Director & Chief Surgeon, SmartVision Eye Hospitals, said, "The en-

thusiastic response to this year's Amaravathi 10K Run reflects the growing awareness around fitness and preventive healthcare. We are delighted to have partnered with this initiative and thank every participant, volunteer and stakeholder for making the event a success."

Amaravathi 10K Run Organiser Mr. Aadi Narayana expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors, partners, volunteers, and more than 1,200 participants for making the event a grand success. He conveyed special thanks to SmartVision Eye Hospitals, particu-

larly Dr. Prathima Garu and her dedicated team, for their unwavering support, encouragement, and outstanding contribution as the Exclusive Title Sponsor, which played a pivotal role in the successful execution of the event.

Shamya Reddy, Managing Director, GLOBAL Events & Entertainment, said, "The objective of the Amaravathi 10K Run is to create a platform where people from all walks of life can come together through sport and fitness. The response this year reinforces the growing interest in community-based sporting events, and we look forward to taking this initiative to even greater heights in the coming years."

Beyond the race,

the event also served as a platform to raise awareness about preventive healthcare and eye wellness. SmartVision Eye Hospitals engaged participants on the importance of regular eye examinations and showcased advancements in vision correction technologies, including ZEISS SMILE Pro.

With strong public participation and enthusiastic community support, the SmartVision Amaravathi 10K Run 2026 concluded on a high note, further strengthening Vijayawada's position as a growing destination for mass participation sporting events and reinforcing the message that fitness is a shared community responsibility.

## KTR ASSURES BIGGER PUSH FOR OIL PALM CULTIVATION UPON RETURNING TO POWER

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palm farmers during his recent visit to Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, Rama Rao discussed the progress of the crop diversification programme initiated during the previous BRS regime and the challenges faced by cultivators.

He said former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Reddy envisioned expanding oil palm cultivation to 20 lakh acres to re-

duce India's dependence on edible oil imports while providing farmers with returns substantially higher than those from conventional crops like paddy. He stated that oil palm cultivation doubled from about 1.5 lakh acres to nearly three lakh acres during the BRS tenure. Government

Farmers shared their experiences, with several terming oil palm a stable source



of monthly income and a crop requiring relatively less water than paddy. They sought greater support for mechanisation to address labour shortages, assistance for

installing additional drip irrigation lines after plantations mature, and anti-dumping measures to protect domestic growers from low-priced palm oil imports.

Responding to their requests, the former Minister said that after coming to power, the future BRS government would provide higher subsidies for agricultural machinery such as tractors and slashers, extend support for second-stage drip irrigation systems, and organise exposure visits to Malaysia to enable farmers to study advanced cultivation, mechanisation and water manage-

ment practices. Politics Rama Rao criticised the Congress government over its failure to effectively utilise the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme despite water being available. He argued that the entire irrigation system should not be abandoned because of problems at one section of the Medigadda barrage. He demanded imme-

mediate operation of the Kannepalli pump house to fill reservoirs and protect standing crops.

Reiterating that farmers' welfare remained central to the BRS agenda, he said Telangana's crop diversification model became an example for the country and asserted that the party would accelerate oil palm cultivation after returning to power in 2028.

## Top 7 Highest Grossing Female-Led South Movies

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Women-centric films are becoming more popular in South Indian cinema. Many actresses have proved that they can carry a movie on their own without depending on a male superstar. These films not only received appreciation from audiences but also earned impressive collections at the box office.

At the top of the list is Kalyani Priyadarshini's Lokah, which collected around ₹300 crore worldwide. The movie became a huge blockbuster and created history as the highest-grossing female-led South Indian film. Its strong story, emotional moments, and Kalyani's performance helped the film achieve this massive success.

The second place belongs to Samantha's recent film Maa Inti Bangaaram. The movie earned around ₹93 crore worldwide and became one of the biggest women-led hits in South cinema. Samantha received praise for her performance, and the film performed well in both India and overseas markets.

The third position is taken by Keerthy Suresh's Mahanati with a worldwide collection of ₹84 crore. The biographical drama, based on legendary actress Savitri, won several awards and received love from critics as well as audiences. Keerthy's outstanding performance became one of the biggest highlights of her career.

Anushka Shetty dominates the list with three successful films. Rudramadevi collected ₹81 crore, while Arundhati earned ₹70 crore and became a cult classic. Bhagamathie also performed strongly at the box office with ₹63 crore worldwide. These films proved Anushka's strong fan following and ability to lead big-budget movies.

The final spot on the list goes to Nazriya Nazim's Sookshma Darshini, which collected around ₹54 crore worldwide. The film became a surprise commercial success and received positive reviews for its engaging story and Nazriya's natural performance.

## These Stars Never Acted In Remake Movies

Begin typing your search above and press return to search. For example, we have Mahesh Babu and Jr NTR, who have nearly 25 years of career as star heroes, and have never featured in any remake movies.



Some stars are hell-bent on giving good films to the audience inside theatres, and in that process, they also remake movies as well. From Chiranjeevi to Nagarjuna, Pawan Kalyan to Raviteja, Ram Pothineni to Vishwakshen, they have all done remakes, scored mega blockbusters that are bigger than the originals and proved their mettle. However, some stars never acted in any remake.

For example, we have Mahesh Babu and Jr NTR, who have nearly 25 years of career as star heroes, and have never featured in any remake movies. In fact, Mahesh has directly rejected the idea of remakes as they were already done by someone else, while his father has done more than 50 remake films to reach the superstar position. Similarly, Jr NTR has also not done a remake in his entire career, though many have been offered to him. The next in line is Allu Arjun, who has been here for almost 20 years now, but has never done a remake. Similarly, in the young lot, Vijay Deverakonda was around for a decade, but never tried his hand at a remake.

Well, there's nothing wrong with doing remakes, but some heroes don't want to take the story that was already visualised with other stars, though it's from another tinsel town. However, quite unknowingly, these stars appeared in many scenes that were directly taken from many Hollywood movies and web series. That's a different story altogether.



## CINEMA

### Lenin's Success: Very Important For Two People

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This coming Friday, another most delayed films is hitting cinemas, and it is none other than Akhil Akkineni's long-awaited film "Lenin". While the trailer gave Rangasthala-like vibes set in the Rayalaseema region, surely the 32-year-old hero is looking forward to scoring the first blockbuster of his career, which has already spanned over a decade. Here are the two most important people in the team, who need a blockbuster success from Lenin badly.

The first and foremost is Akhil only, which anyone would notice, because his career is currently going very flat with no proper market, returns and films that speak volumes in terms of his presence. So, at all costs, Lenin should become that Rangasthala, Vedam and others in his career; either they should be talking about the movie's collections or the hero's performance. Otherwise, Akhil will be slowed down pretty well in terms of his next projects.

Coming to the next, many wonder whether Bhagyashree Bhorse needs a hit, and Sithara Vamsi needs a blockbuster for his company. However, these two will have projects no matter what. Bhorse is already signing movies left,



right and centre for the kind of glamorous charm she creates. So a hit or miss doesn't matter to her. At the same time, Sithara has more than a half dozen films lined up, and there are 3-4 projects amongst that bunch, which will end up as above-average performers. So no worries for Sithara Vamsi also.

The main contender will be newcomer director Murali Kishore Abburu because only a successful film will beget another chance for newcomers these days. That too, directors who scored blockbusters on their debut are waiting for 3-4 years to bring their next. So he has to score at any cost. Let's see on July 10th, what happens.

## RTR Trailer: Highly Fresh and Entertaining

Directed by Anil Boyiidapu and produced by Niharika Dasari, the movie trailer offers a taste of more unique, fresh experience.

Raja The Raja promotional campaign promised a very youthful and dynamic entertainer. Starring debutant Ruthvik, the movie showcased a vibe that is relatable to all sections of audiences. Directed by Anil Boyiidapu and produced by Niharika Dasari, the movie trailer offers a taste of more unique, fresh experience.

Visuals of past timeline with Ruthvik as a prince and Sai Kumar as King are arresting. We see an emotional and intriguing



set up of people being affected by actions of leads. As the narrative opens the present timeline, we see a charming, en-

thusiastic and energetic Ruthvik who dreams to become a fashion designer.

In both characters the youngster portrays

different shades like a professional. He is attractive and exudes exuberance while the story connects the timelines we see a gold coin in his hand.

Anil Boyiidapu creates high intrigue and engages into the two stories with his visually appealing grandiose and emotions.

Leading lady Visakha Diman is stunning as a princess and fashion model. Her beauty stands out in both shades. With great ensemble cast and both young leads offering great promise, grand production values Raja The Raja looks like film that offers very fresh and entertaining cinematic experience to audiences.

## Nagabandham is being appreciated by audiences everywhere - Virat Karanna

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Abhishek Nama envisioned an epic visual spectacle based on Indian history and mythology, Nagabandham. The movie stars Virat Karanna, Nabha Natesh in leading roles and it is produced on a gigantic budget. Post release, the movie received mixed response from critics but audiences have been going to theatres to watch it.

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people asking not to watch. My request to everyone to kindly, not make such statements. Let people decide what they want to watch and it is heartening to see people ignoring such reviews."

Abhishek Nama explained that he is shocked by the paid negativity as people started posting about their film on 2nd July itself when the movie released on 3rd July. He

commented that in our Indian history there are many instances of invaders looting temples and he showed on the screen.

He said, "I did not create anything that is untrue. I did take liberties in writing a story around many facts. Many invaded India and hurt Indian culture. I am disappointed when people say, I tried to create that. Anyways, I am a one film old director and I might have made mistakes, we rectified some issues by trimming the film. Please watch the movie in theatres and encourage us." The movie is holding well in theatres with good occupancies.