

AUSTRALIA TO RETURN THREE INDIAN ANTIQUITIES AS INDIA REPATRIATES FIRST NATIONS ANCESTOR

Melbourne: Thursday’s decision to repatriate Indian artifacts from Australia will see three Indian antiquities returning home soon. Standing alongside Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Australian PM Anthony Albanese announced that items of cultural significance to India, currently displayed in museums across the Oceania nation, will be returned, while hailing the progress made in repatriating an Australian First Nations ancestor from the Government Museum of Chennai.

The decision, he said, deepens Australia’s cultural cooperation with India, building on the strong bilateral relationship and expanding people-to-people ties between the two nations.

“I welcome progress to repatriate the remains of an Australian First Nations ancestor held in the Government Museum of Chennai. The ancestor will be voluntarily and unconditionally repatriated by India to their traditional custodians,” said Albanese while addressing the media.

“In the spirit of friendship, Australia will voluntarily return several items of cultural significance to India, previously held in the collections of the National Gallery of Australia and the Art Gallery of New South Wales,” he added.

The three Indian antiquities being repatriated include The sacred bull Nandi, vehicle of Shiva [Description: Tamil Nadu, India, 11th to 12th century Granite]; Trident with Auspicious Kali [Bhadrakali] [Description: Tamil Nadu, India, 11th century bronze]; and, the six-headed Skanda (Karttikeya) [Description: Tamil Nadu, India, 12th century basalt].History

The metal trident with image of Goddess Bhadrakali is [Bhadrakali] ceremonial trishula (trident) surmounted by an image of Goddess Bhadrakali, [Bhadrakali] fierce form of Shakti. It represents protec-



tion, the destruction of evil, and divine power in Shaiva-Shakti traditions. Crafted in the South Indian temple ritual metal-work tradition for religious worship. It originates from Sri Kasiviswanathaswamy Temple, Kollumangudi, Tamil Nadu which was built between the 13th-16th centuries CE during the late Chola to Vijayanagara/Nayak period.

The stone idol of Nandi (Sri Kasiviswanathaswamy Temple,

Kollumangudi, Tamil Nadu) depicts Nandi, the sacred bull and vahana (mount) of Lord Shiva. Sculpted in the Tamil Shaiva temple tradition, it features compact proportions and ornamental detailing. Traditionally placed facing the sanctum (garbhagriha) as [Bhadrakali] symbol of devotion, strength, and dharma, it usually depicts in recumbent posture with ornamental bells and garlands. The idol originates from Sri Kasiviswanathaswamy Temple, Kollumangudi Village, Thiruvavur District, Tamil Nadu dating to the 13th-16th centuries CE. The stone idol of six-headed Karttikeya (Shanmukha) represents Karttikeya (Murugan/Shanmukha) with six heads, symbolising wisdom, valour, and divine protection. Typically depicted with 12 arms, carrying weapons such as the vel (spear) and often accompanied by [Bhadrakali] peacock. Carved in the Chola-period sculptural tradition, known for refined proportions and intricate ornamentation, it originates from the Naganathsamy Temple, Manambadi Village, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu. The temple was built during the early 11th century CE under Rajendra Chola I.

Expressing gratitude to PM Modi and the Indian delegation for their warm engagement, Albanese stressed, “While we are separated by an ocean, we are indeed the closest of friends. Today marks the next year in our partnership, as we are reminded that we need to continue our ongoing work.”

Welcoming the decision, Australian Minister for the Arts Tony Burke said, “The repatriation of ancestors and the voluntary return of items of cultural significance are both examples of the values shared between Australia and India.”

Centre Strengthening Healthcare Network Across India: Nadda

Nalgonda: Union health minister J.P. Nadda on Thursday said the Centre has developed a uniform and integrated healthcare framework by strengthening tertiary institutions while expanding secondary and primary healthcare across the country.

Speaking after reviewing facilities at AIIMS Bibinagar in Yadadri-Bhongir district, he said the health sector had witnessed significant expansion in infrastructure and capacity under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He noted that while the country had only one AIIMS till the end of the 20th century, six more were established during the tenure of former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, and 16 additional AIIMS have since been added, taking the total to 23. Of these, 18 are operational and the rest are under construction.

He said the government has strengthened tertiary healthcare while expanding primary and secondary services, adding that 1.85 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are serving nearly 1.5 billion people. He also said the number of medical colleges has increased from 387 in 2014 to 820 at present.

Nadda appreciated AIIMS Bibinagar for adopting six villages and organising 547 mobile medical camps. The institute, he said, has served 66,148 patients through its Rural Health Training Centre and Urban Health Training Centre. A community radio station with a reach of about 10 km has also been launched, with 43 educational programmes broadcast so far.

He said the Centre had sanctioned ₹1,000 crore for the development of AIIMS Bibinagar, of which about 87.4 per cent,



amounting to around ₹902 crore, has been completed. Construction of key facilities, including hospital blocks, the AYUSH building, Amrut Nivas, the academic block and hostels, has been completed, while retrofitting of older structures is in progress. The radiotherapy and operation theatre complex is expected to be completed soon.

Emphasising infrastructure development as a gradual process, he highlighted the need to strengthen human resources by recruiting more senior residents and addressing faculty shortages. He suggested that Standing Selection Committee meetings be held at least four times a year and proposed exchange programmes and engagement of visiting faculty.

Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy, MPs Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy and D.K. Aruna, and AIIMS Bibinagar executive director Dr Amit Agarwal were present.

Seethakka Calls for Planned Use of Gram Panchayat Funds

Panchayat raj and rural development minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Thursday stressed the need to strengthen gram panchayats financially, stating that planned governance and prudent utilisation of funds are essential for sustainable rural development.

Addressing a training programme for newly elected sarpanches, deputy sarpanches and gram panchayat secretaries at Leela Garden in Mulugu, she said village representatives play a key role in grassroots development and must function with a clear understanding of governance, financial regulations and development planning.

The programme aimed to equip local body representatives with knowledge of gram panchayat laws, administrative procedures, village development planning, financial management, implementation of action plans and transparent governance.

Seethakka said development works should be taken up based on annual action plans prepared through gram sabhas, and called for greater public participation in implementation.

Referring to the forthcoming 16th finance commission grants, she advised sarpanches to familiarise themselves with guidelines on fund utilisation, eligible works and expenditure norms, noting that lack of awareness had led to violations and administrative issues in some cases.



She said separate guidelines apply to tied funds, untied funds, state finance commission grants and gram panchayats’ own revenues, and emphasised that each category must be used only for its intended purpose. She also called for improved tax and fee collections to strengthen panchayat finances.

The minister asked panchayats to prioritise drinking water supply, sanitation, solid waste management, street lighting, plantation, environmental protection, village roads, drainage and public health under the gram panchayat development plan.

Hyderabad Hosting Olympics Is My Lifelong Dream: CM

Hyderabad:Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed a strong desire for Telangana to host the Olympic Games in 2036 for which India has placed an official bid. Asserting that it was his lifelong dream to witness Hyderabad hosting the Olympic Games, he stated that Telangana and its capital were fully gearing up in every aspect to host this event.

He was speaking at the inaugural of the Gachibowli sports district and the Young India Physical Education and Sports University (YIPESU), along with Indian Olympic Association president P.T. Usha. He also pitched for Telangana hosting the Khelo India games this November.

A sports university and a sports academy, featuring state-of-the-art facilities, will be constructed across 82 acres. The sports university would be launched in December 2028.

"The country has lagged behind in sports due to the absence of a clear policy. That is why we introduced a sports policy in Telangana." Revanth Reddy said and called for a policy to set up sports training centres



and universities across the country. “We established the Young India Sports University by drawing inspiration from the 'Young India' weekly newspaper of Mahatma Gandhi during the freedom struggle,” he explained.

Revanth Reddy said that Hyderabad, which once hosted events like the Afro-Asian Games, the World Military Games, and the Commonwealth Games, had not hosted any significant sporting event in the last 20 years. Stadiums built 23 years ago were being used for weddings and political events and the state government was intending to revitalise all of them.

"Hyderabad hosting the Olympics is my lifelong dream. To provide comprehensive support to genuine athletes, we established the sports university through a public-private partnership alongside our sports policy. There will be no government interference in its operations.” Revanth Reddy said and noted that the university had been set up in collaboration with individuals who championed sports and who would have full autonomy regarding its management.

Revanth Reddy recalled how within months of losing the Assembly polls in 2018, he was able to win the Malkajgiri parliamentary seat a year later. "To excel in any field, one must possess focus. That is the only way to succeed. One must practice with total dedication. There is no need to be disheartened by a single defeat. A loss should not discourage us; instead, we should view it as a challenge," the Chief Minister advised.

Cash incentives totalling Rs 7.15 crore were awarded to six athletes from Telangana who demonstrated exceptional talent in various sports.

Nara Lokesh Pitches For AP As India's Reliable Korean Investment Destination



VIJAYAWADA: Andhra Pradesh has intensified its global investment outreach on Thursday with Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh holding a series of high-level meetings in Seoul to attract Korean investments in electric vehicles, semiconductors, display manufacturing, data centres, green energy and advanced technology sectors.

During discussions with Kia Motors executive vice-president (global operations) Tae Hun Lee and the company's senior leadership, Lokesh urged the automobile major to expand its presence in Andhra Pradesh by establishing an integrated electric vehicle (EV) and hybrid vehicle manufacturing hub.

He proposed setting up a completely knocked down (CKD) assembly and export centre near Visakhapatnam Port to serve global markets, besides an EV components manufacturing facility for battery systems, charging electronics and E-GMP platform components. He also sought an EV powertrain testing and vehicle homologation centre in the state.

Kia said it would examine the proposals with its senior management before taking a decision.

Lokesh later met South Korea's vice minister for political and foreign affairs, Eui-hae Cecilia Chung, and projected Andhra Pradesh as India's most reliable destination for Korean investors. He said the state's 3S policy — Speed, Stability and Service — offers a secure investment ecosystem backed by tax incentives, affordable industrial land and investor-friendly subsidies.

Seeking stronger institutional ties, Lokesh proposed the creation of an Andhra Pradesh-Korea investment desk and a Korean cultural centre in the state, as also Korean language centres in universities, direct air connectivity, and annual economic partnership dialogues.

He also invited South Korea to collaborate in establishing joint skill development academies to train AP youth in Korean industrial standards, language and work culture before industries commence operations.

The minister also invited Sunic Systems Co Ltd, a global manufacturer of semiconductor, OLED and perovskite deposition equipment, to establish a display equipment manufacturing unit at Sri City. He promise support through a joint venture, incentives under the India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 and the state's semiconductor and display fabrication policy, besides partnerships with universities for semiconductor skill development programmes.

Sunic Systems CEO, SW Chung, said the company would study the proposal.

In another key meeting with South Korea's vice minister for international trade and investments, Kamchan Kang, Lokesh sought strategic cooperation to transform AP into a knowledge economy under the Swarna Andhra-2047 vision. He requested collaboration in deep-tech education, student and faculty exchange programmes, joint research in artificial intelligence, quantum computing, cyber security, electronics, semiconductors, shipbuilding, clean technology and health technology.

The minister also proposed the establishment of a dedicated Korean industrial park in Andhra Pradesh with plug-and-play infrastructure, single-window clearances and a specialised Korea desk. He invited Korean participation in developing the state's proposed 10 GW data centre infrastructure, renewable energy projects, logistics, shipbuilding and infrastructure sectors.

Highlighting Andhra Pradesh's six operational ports, seven airports and four upcoming Greenfield ports, Lokesh said the state offers unmatched export connectivity and has attracted over \$240 billion in investment commitments during the past two years.

The AP minister invited leading Korean companies to invest in solar, wind, green hydrogen, pumped storage, battery manufacturing and other clean energy sectors, saying such partnerships would accelerate employment generation, technological innovation and sustainable growth while strengthening India-South Korea economic ties.

AP Aims To Be Land Dispute-Free State: Naidu

KURNOOL: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday asserted that Andhra Pradesh is being steadily transformed into a state free from land disputes, backed by transparent, tamper-proof and legally secure land record systems.

Addressing a public meeting after distributing Pattadar Passbooks to farmers under the "Mee Bhoomi-Mee Hakku programme" in Banaganapalle, Nandyal district, the Chief Minister said the government is committed to protecting land ownership rights and eliminating the scope for disputes through systemic reforms.

He alleged that the previous government's Land Titling Act had turned into a "curse" for the people by creating fear, legal complications and uncertainty over property ownership. "As promised to the people, we repealed the Act immediately after coming to power, as it only complicated land issues instead of resolving them," he claimed.

Naidu said that over the past two years, the government has prioritised welfare, development and good governance while correcting irregularities committed during the previous regime. "The YSRC misused its au-



thority by targeting dissenters, placing their lands under the 22-A category, creating disputes and attempting to take control of private properties," he alleged.

Criticising the YSRC government's tenure, he said even land documents and survey stones were misused for political promotion. "We have put an end to such practices and are now issuing Pattadar Passbooks bearing the state emblem and incorporating advanced security features to ensure authenticity and eliminate errors," he said.

Describing the initiative as a "sacred, mission-mode programme", the Chief Minister said the government plans to distribute 72,70,605 Pattadar Passbooks across 9,833 villages by March 2027, covering all eligible landowners in a phased manner. He said the government is taking concrete steps to resolve long-pending land disputes across the state.

The Chief Minister reiterated that the coalition government's ultimate objective is to make Andhra Pradesh completely free of land disputes while ensuring balanced and inclusive development across all regions.

Highlighting development in Rayalaseema, he said the region is witnessing a major transformation with large-scale industrial investments, including the Kadapa Steel Plant, a Hero MotoCorp manufacturing unit and the proposed AMCA defence fighter jet project. "Royal Enfield motorcycles manufactured in Rayalaseema will reach markets across the country, showcasing the region's growing industrial strength," he said.

He said that with ₹40,000 crore in government investment and ₹60,000 crore in private investment, Rayalaseema is poised to emerge as a

major horticulture hub. He also noted that the per capita income in certain rural pockets, such as Lingala in Kadapa district, was higher than that of several urban centres, reflecting changing economic patterns.

Referring to climatic challenges, Naidu said the State had recorded a 22 per cent rainfall deficit this season due to El Niño conditions, affecting agriculture and water availability. "To address water scarcity and ensure sustainable water management, we have launched the Jaladhara programme. In Nandyal district alone, 18 km of feeder channels and several check dams have been constructed," he said, appreciating the efforts of district officials.

He emphasised that effective rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge would be crucial to achieving long-term water security and ensuring sustainable agriculture in the State.

Finance minister Payyavula Keshav, Roads and Buildings Minister B.C. Janardhan Reddy, Revenue Minister Anagani Satya Prasad, Nandyal Collector Rajakumari, along with several MLAs and MPs, attended the programme.

Implement Projects Fast as Per Schedule, Says AP Health Minister

Vijayawada: Health minister and NTR district in-charge Satya Kumar Yadav on Thursday directed officials to accelerate the implementation of chief minister Chandrababu Naidu's assurances and complete the projects within the stipulated time-frame.

Chairing a constituency-wise review meeting here, the minister said there should be no delay in executing the CM's promises and stressed the need for close coordination among departments to expedite all pending works.

The review covered the implementation of assurances made by the CM across the district's seven assembly constituencies and the Vijayawada Lok Sabha constituency. Yadav said the government had undertaken a comprehensive

assessment by focusing on three financial and three non-financial commitments in each constituency, with special emphasis on their progress and timely execution.

Officials, he said, must prepare and submit proposals to the government without delay for development projects that would directly benefit the public, while ensuring that all technical and administrative approvals are obtained expeditiously.

Among the key projects reviewed were the Kattaleru flyover bridge, the Tribal Skill Development Centre and the Tribal Community Hall in Tiruvuru constituency; the DPR for the development of the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Temple, construction of a 150-bed government general hospital in



Vijayawada West, upgradation of GJC College into a degree college, establishment of a wholesale fish market as also a drug rehabilitation centre in Vijayawada Central.

The minister also reviewed the construction of a retaining wall in Ramakrishna Nagar, new Anganwadi centres and community halls in Vijayawada East; the plan for the Mutyalampadu bridge and Jakkampudi land pooling project in Mylavaram; plan for the three bridges near

Gottumukkala and the proposed Lakshmayya Vagu bridge in Nandigama; and repairs to the Polampalli project besides upgrading the Jaggayyapeta community health centre into a 100-bed hospital.

Infrastructure works, including retaining walls, parks, bridges, underpasses and flyovers in the Vijayawada parliamentary constituency also came up for review. Satya Kumar Yadav reiterated that implementation of the CM's assurances remained the

government's top priority and urged officials to complete every project within the prescribed deadline in line with public expectations.

NTR district collector Lakshmisha, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath, MLAs Gadde Rammohan, Bonda Umamaheswara Rao, Sriram Rajagopal (Tatayya), Tangirala Soumya, Vasantha Krishna Prasad, Yarlagadda Venkata Rao and senior officials attended the meeting.

Nandyal Fruits Leave CM Naidu Surprised, Enthused

Kurnool: Spotlight was on the rich horticulture diversity of Nandyal district on Thursday as chief minister Chandrababu Naidu expressed surprise and appreciation after seeing a wide range of locally grown fruits at his public meeting in Banaganapalle.

Farmers from the district brought an array of horticulture produce, including dates, pomegranates and drumsticks, and displayed them before the CM. Naidu evinced a keen interest and spent nearly half an hour interacting with the farmers and officials to understand the varieties, cultivation practices and investment involved.

"I am pleasantly surprised to see such a wide variety of horticulture crops from Nandyal. This shows the immense potential of the district,"



the CM said, appreciating the efforts of farmers.

Horticulture farmers and department officials briefed him on the crops, their yield patterns and market prospects. The display attracted significant attention from those present at the venue, with many expressing astonishment over the diversity of crops grown in the region.

"I did not expect that so many varieties of fruits could be grown here. This is truly impressive," said a visitor at the meeting.

Several farmers shared their experiences with the chief minister. "We raise these crops with great effort. With proper support, horticulture can become highly profitable for us," a farmer said.

Be Alert to the Impact of El Niño

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Continuous Monitoring of Agricultural Conditions is Essential

Advance Action Should Be Taken with a Comprehensive Plan of Action

– District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has instructed officials to closely monitor the possible impact of El Niño in the state and work in coordination to ensure that the agriculture sector is not adversely affected.

On Thursday, the Collector participated in a video conference chaired from Hyderabad by State Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju. The meeting reviewed the likely impact of El Niño, rainfall deficiency, water availability, crop conditions, and preparedness measures across the state.

Following the meeting, the Collector directed officials to continuously monitor weather conditions related to El Niño until July 30. He instructed



them to assess the possible impact on agriculture if rainfall remains below normal and to prepare alternative action plans in advance.

He also ordered regular reviews of the water levels and conditions of tanks, reservoirs, dams, canals, and other irrigation sources in the district, emphasizing the efficient utilization of available water resources.

The Collector instructed Agriculture Department officials to closely monitor rain-fed crop cultivation and, if monsoon rains are delayed, create awareness among farmers about alternative crops, short-duration crop varieties, and

water-saving cultivation practices.

Keeping in view the possibility of drought-like conditions, he directed all departments to prepare a comprehensive Plan of Action and work in coordination to ensure that farmers do not face any hardships. He also instructed officials to continuously review the situation and implement timely measures as required.

Additional Collector Kishore Kumar, District Agriculture Officer Anji Prasad, Horticulture Officer Ramana, CPO Gangareddy, Irrigation Department official Anil, and senior officials from various departments participated in the video conference.

Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, Ensure Safe Childhood: SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil

Nagarkurnool : District Superintendent of Police Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil, IPS, chaired a Bharosa Convergence Meeting with officials from various line departments at the Mini Conference Hall of the District Police Office on Thursday, with a focus on preventing child sexual abuse and ensuring a safe childhood.

Addressing the gathering, the SP stressed the need for coordinated efforts among all stakeholder departments to curb sexual offences against children and create a secure environment for their growth and development. Officials from the Education Department, SHE Teams, Bharosa Centre, Child Welfare Department,



Labour Department, and other line departments participated in the meeting.

The SP reviewed the measures being taken for child protection and issued necessary guidelines to strengthen inter-departmental coordination, enhance awareness, and ensure timely intervention in cases involving children.

On the occasion, Mission Vatsalya – District Child Protection Unit information pamphlets were released by the SP. The pamphlets provide guidance on the steps children and families should take during emergencies or distress and contain important child protection helpline information.

Nagarkurnool DSP Srinivas, CCS C I Shankar, DCRB SI Ramesh, Bharosa SI Rajitha, and officers from various departments attended the programme.

MLA Dr. Tellam Venkata Rao Gives Special Focus to Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple Development Directs Officials to Ensure Quality Works Without Causing Inconvenience to Devotees

Bhadrachalam: MLA Dr. Tellam Venkata Rao on Thursday inspected the ongoing development works at the renowned Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple in Bhadrachalam, popularly known as the "Dakshina Ayodhya." He reviewed the progress of various construction and beautification projects within the temple premises and held discussions with officials and contractors, issuing key directions for the timely completion of the works.



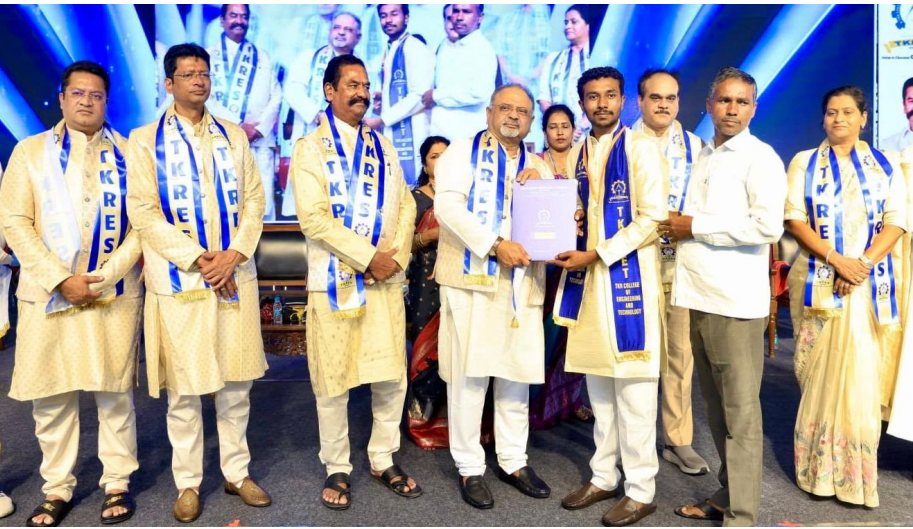
The MLA emphasized that all development works must be completed with the highest quality standards and within the stipulated time frame. He instructed officials to ensure that there is no negligence in execution and stressed that providing better facilities to devotees remains the government's top priority.

He further directed the authorities to carry out the works in a planned manner so that devotees visiting the temple do not face any inconvenience. He also instructed officials to strictly maintain cleanliness, safety standards, and proper management throughout the execution of the development projects.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Tellam Venkata Rao said the State Government is giving special priority to the development of the Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple. He stated that all necessary measures are being taken to transform Bhadrachalam into one of the country's premier spiritual and religious tourism destinations.

The MLA expressed confidence that once the development works are completed, devotees will enjoy improved facilities and Bhadrachalam will gain greater recognition as a major spiritual and pilgrimage destination.

TKR Educational Society Graduation Day



Hyderabad: TKR College of Engineering celebrated its 21st Graduation Day & Teegala Krishna Reddy Engineering College 18 th Graduation Day together held in a grand manner, marking 25 years since the institution's establishment. The event was graced by the Vice Chancellor of JNTU, Prof. Kishan Kumar Reddy, as the Chief Guest.

The programme was held under the leadership of TKR Education Society Chairman Sri Teegala Krishna Reddy, in the presence of Secretary Sri Harinath Reddy, Treasurer Sri Amarnath Reddy, the Principals, Heads of Departments, faculty members, and a large gathering of students. Addressing the

graduates, Prof. Kishan Kumar Reddy appreciated the vision of Chairman Teegala Krishna Reddy for establishing such a large educational institution on a 25-acre campus and providing quality education to thousands of students.

He stated that, in today's world, there are immense opportunities not only in engineering but also in polytechnic and diploma education. He highlighted the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI), noting that while AI offers tremendous benefits, it also has the potential for misuse. He urged students to embrace technology responsibly and avoid using it for harmful purposes.

The Vice Chancellor observed that many engineering graduates aspire to work abroad but often face challenges due to a lack of adequate skills. He advised students to acquire the necessary technical expertise and learn the language of the country they wish to work in, as this would significantly improve their employment prospects. He added that JNTU is introducing courses aligned with international job mar-

ket, including opportunities in countries such as Germany. He also encouraged students to explore both technical and non-technical career paths after graduation.

Speaking on the occasion, TKR Education Society Chairman Sri Teegala Krishna Reddy expressed happiness over celebrating the institution's 21st Graduation Day after completing 25 successful years since its establishment in 2000 at Meerpet, then considered a rural area. He said that over the past 25 years, the institution has produced thousands of graduates in Engineering, Pharmacy, MBA, and Diploma programmes, many of whom have gone on to achieve distinguished careers.

He recalled meet-

ing several TKR alumni during his visits abroad and expressed pride in seeing former students successfully settled in different countries across the world.

Congratulating the graduating students, he urged them to uphold the reputation of the college and make their parents and alma mater proud through their achievements and professional excellence.

He further stated that the TKR management continues to modernize the institution by introducing industry-relevant courses and upgrading its library and computer laboratories with state-of-the-art facilities to meet the changing needs of higher education and the global job market.



MLA Payam Venkateswarlu Extends Support to Singareni Officers Expresses Solidarity with Relay Hunger Strike – Felicitated on Appointment as ST Welfare Committee Chairman



Manuguru: Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu extended his support to the ongoing relay hunger strike being staged by Singareni officers, demanding the resolution of their long-pending issues. He visited the protest camp on the 11th day at the GM Office, organized by the Coal Mines Officers Association, Manuguru Area, and expressed solidarity with the agitating officers. During the interaction,

association leaders submitted a memorandum highlighting their key demands, including the immediate implementation of salary upgradation, payment of PRP arrears, a transparent promotion policy, and the release of pending dues payable to Singareni.

Responding to the concerns, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu assured the officers that he would take their legitimate demands to the notice of the State Government. He

said he would hold discussions with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to seek an early resolution. The MLA emphasized that both officers and workers play a crucial role in the growth of Singareni and that their welfare should remain a priority for the government.

Later, at the Manuguru Area GM Office, the General Manager and the Deputy General Manager (Personnel) felicitated MLA Payam Venkateswarlu on his appointment as the Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Assembly ST Welfare Committee. They presented him with a bouquet and a ceremonial shawl, conveying their best wishes. They expressed confidence that his new responsibility



would significantly contribute to the welfare and development of tribal communities.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA thanked everyone for their wishes and stated that he would work with dedication to safeguard the rights of tribal people and promote their welfare and development. He reaffirmed his commitment to raising public issues with the government and striving for their effective resolution.

The programme was attended by INTUC leaders, Congress public representatives, mandal and town presidents, district leaders, sarpanches, deputy sarpanches, ward members, Mahila Congress leaders, GM Office officials, Personnel Department officials, Singareni officers, representatives of the Coal Mines Officers Association, and a large number of party workers.

Minister Vivek lays foundation stone for ATC center

Zaheerabad July :State Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy laid the foundation stone for the Advance Technology Center to be built at a cost of Rs. 45.15 crore in Burdipad village of Zaheerabad in Sangareddy district on Thursday evening. MP Suresh Shetkar, TSIIIC Chairman Nirmala Jaggareddy, Setwin Chairman N.Giridhar Reddy, Food Corporation Chairman Fayum Qureshi were present. Minister Vivek said that

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will provide 2 lakh jobs in the state and has provided one lakh jobs so far. He criticized that despite the ten years of TRS rule, not a single rupee has been allocated in the budget for ITI centers. He said that these ATC centers are being set up with the aim of providing job opportunities to the children who have completed their intermediate studies, and that a stipend of Rs. 2000 per month will be

given to the children studying in these centers. He said that new and new courses have been set up in ATC centers, and Telangana is the leader in ATC centers in the country. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy 90 crores will be allocated to Tomcom for children who want to go and work abroad through ATC centers, and that this amount will be used to teach German language and send them for jobs in that

country. He urged children who do not have job opportunities to join these ATC centers and get jobs. State Congress leaders Dr.Ujjwal Reddy, former minister

Chandrashekhar, former Industries Chairman Tanveer, Principal Tirupati Reddy, Industrial Zonal Manager Vittal and others participated in the program.





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ELEVEN YEARS ON, DIGITAL MIS-SION 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).

BRS says KCR’s efforts secured Tadicherla coal block for Singareni

The BRS credited former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao for securing the Tadicherla coal block for Singareni and accused the Congress and BJP of facilitating coal block auctions. Party leaders also alleged scams in Singareni and demanded all coal blocks be allotted through nomination.

Hyderabad: Former Minister Koppula Eshwar asserted that the allotment of the Tadicherla coal block to Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) was the result of sustained efforts by BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao and the Telangana Boggu Ghani Karmika Sangham (TBGKS). However, he said both the Congress and the BJP were attempting to claim undue credit despite being responsible for the auctioning of coal blocks. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, Eshwar said safeguarding Singareni was the people’s right and asserted that the coal major had been strengthened under Chandrashekhar Rao’s leadership. He said Singareni had discovered the Tadicherla block decades ago and secured it only after a 13-year struggle. He added that the Tadicherla block was not on the Centre’s auction list.

The senior BRS leader recalled that former Chief Minister Chandrashekhar Rao had made sustained efforts and even wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi opposing amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act), as well as the auction of coal blocks. “But the Centre ignored the request. Instead, both the Congress and the BJP supported amendments to the MMDR Act and paved the way for the auction of coal mines,” he added.

He said the Congress and the BJP should stop competing for credit over Tadicherla and instead focus on restoring privatised mines to Singareni, resolving workers’ pending demands and identifying those responsible for the alleged missing coal scam.

Former MLA Balka Suman alleged that while Singareni had become a profitable enterprise under the BRS rule, it had turned into a centre of scams after the Congress assumed office. He pointed to alleged irregularities in overburden (OB) tenders, a Rs. 1,600-crore coal scam involving 42 lakh metric tonnes of coal, and claimed that scams worth Rs. 16,000 crore had taken place in Singareni during the Congress government’s tenure.

He also criticised the government for preventing senior



BRS leader T Harish Rao from inspecting coal reserves and questioned why Central agencies had not investigated the allegations. He demanded that all coal blocks be allotted to Singareni through nomination instead of auctions.

Telangana Coal Mine Workers’ Union president Miryala Raji Reddy said all parties except the BRS had supported coal mine auctions. He credited Chandrashekhar Rao’s intervention with helping Singareni secure the Tadicherla block, which was identified as early as 1995. He also urged Union Minister G Kishan Reddy to expedite forest clearances for pending blocks and sought clarity on the handling of the Sathupalli and Manuguru coal block issues.

Vaddiraju Ravichandra appointed as BRS Parliamentary Party leader

BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao appointed Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra as the party’s Parliamentary Party leader and floor leader in the Upper House, replacing KR Suresh Reddy. Ravichandra pledged to highlight Telangana issues in Parliament and strengthen the partyTelangana government updates



Hyderabad: BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao appointed Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra as the party’s Parliamentary Party leader and floor leader in the Rajya Sabha, replacing KR Suresh Reddy, whose term has ended.

Ravichandra, who had been serving as the deputy floor leader, has now been entrusted with leading the BRS in the Upper House. The appoint-

ment was announced by the party on Thursday.

A second-term Rajya Sabha member, Ravichandra was re-nominated by the BRS leadership in recognition of his contributions to the party and his representation of BC and Bahujan communities. His current term in the Rajya Sabha will expire in April 2030. He is also serving on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Coal and Mines.

Thanking Chandrashekhar Rao and BRS working president KT Rama Rao for the responsibility entrusted to him, Ravichandra said he would strongly raise Telangana’s issues in Parliament and work to strengthen the party further. He also expressed confidence that the BRS would return to power in the State under Chandrashekhar Rao’s leadership.

BRS warns of Gen-Z movement over fee reimbursement issue in Telangana

BRS leader A. Rakesh Reddy accused the Telangana government of weakening the fee reimbursement scheme and neglecting education. He warned of a Gen-Z-led student movement, alleging delayed reimbursements, closure of institutions and inadequate support for students across the State.

Hyderabad: BRS leader A Rakesh Reddy warned of a Gen-Z movement against the Congress government’s alleged attempts to weaken and scrap the fee reimbursement scheme. He said the BRSV (student wing of BRS) was already holding meetings with various student organisations on the issues affecting students including fee reimbursement and gearing up for a mass students movement.

Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, Rakesh Reddy alleged that the Congress government was neglecting the education sector. He said the government had shutdown nearly 2,000 government schools, selling off university lands, and now forcing private colleges to closure without releasing pending fee reimbursement funds.

“Several junior, degree, postgraduate and engineering colleges had ceased operations. By promising to



transfer fee reimbursement funds into the accounts of students, the government is inadvertently forcing them to pay their fee first without any guarantee of reimbursement,” he remarked. He suggested that the government spending funds on official extravagance, could instead clear fee reimbursement dues.

Congress downfall inevitable in Telangana, BRS poised for return: KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao claimed the Congress government was facing strong anti-incumbency in Telangana and predicted the BRS would win around 78 Assembly seats if elections were held now. He also directed party leaders to closely monitor the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls



Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao said the ruling Congress was rapidly losing ground in Telangana, and asserted that public dissatisfaction with the State government had reached a point where the party’s decline was inevitable. He declared that even if the Assembly elections were held immediately, the BRS will return to power with around 78 seats.

In a special review meeting with BRS legislators and Greater Hyderabad leaders at former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav’s residence in Jubilee Hills on Thursday, Rama Rao cited an internal survey commissioned by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy which concluded that the Congress was facing strong anti-incumbency mid-way through its term. He stated that similar findings had emerged from multiple surveys conducted by two media organisations as well as feedback gathered by Central and State intelligence agencies.

“The surveys reflected a growing public preference for BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao to return as the Chief Minister,” he said, adding that Revanth Reddy’s recent remarks stemmed from his inability to accept the findings of these surveys and the increasing public discontent with the Congress government.

The BRS working president accused the Congress of attempting to divert public attention from its failures by targeting the previous BRS government over issues ranging from the Kaleshwaram project to the Rythu Bandhu scheme. He said yhe Congress failed to fulfil its Six Guarantees, declarations and around 420 promises made to the people, resulting in the loss of public confidence across sections of society.

“People are increasingly viewing the BRS as the only credible alternative. They are not inclined to support the BJP. The Congress had reached a stage from which it would find it difficult to regain public support, irrespective of its political strategy,” he affirmed.

During the meeting, Rama Rao instructed the party leaders to closely monitor the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls across the State, particularly in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation limits. He said the exercise was progressing slowly due to inadequate training and preparation of Booth Level Officers (BLOs), leading to inconvenience for voters.

Referring to feedback received from the grassroots, he said awareness regarding the distribution of forms and voter enrolment procedures remained inadequate, especially in Hyderabad. He stressed that the electoral revision was a crucial constitutional exercise aimed at ensuring “One Person, One Vote” and preventing bogus or duplicate voters.

Recalling the alleged detection of duplicate and fake votes during the recent Jubilee Hills by-election, Rama Rao asked the party functionaries and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to ensure that no genuine voters lose their franchise during the revision process. He also alleged that there was a possibility of attempts to register duplicate voters or shift voters into constituencies where the Congress and BJP were politically influential, and urged party workers to remain vigilant.

He reiterated that the BRS will continue to bring issues and public feedback related to the SIR exercise to the notice of the Election Commission. He also asked party MLAs, local leaders and BLAs in Hyderabad to intensify coordination to ensure that every eligible voter remains on the electoral rolls.

Telangana Scripts History with India's First Young India Sports University

**Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Inaugurates Landmark Institution
Collector Ankit Joins Virtual Launch from IDOC
World-Class Sports Ecosystem to Shape Future Champions**



Bhadradri Kothagudem, July 9: Telangana marked a historic milestone in Indian sports education as Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari, officially inaugurated the country's first-ever Young India Physical Education and Sports University at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad on Thursday.

The inauguration ceremony was virtually attended by Bhadradri Kothagudem District Collector Ankit from the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC), where senior district officials, sports administrators, coaches, and education department representatives witnessed the prestigious event.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Ankit described the university as a transformational initiative that would strengthen sports culture among youth while promoting physical fitness, healthy living, and excellence in athletics. He said the institution would serve as a world-class platform for producing international-level athletes and

would position Telangana as a national leader in sports education and research.

The university is expected to offer advanced education, training, and research in Physical Education, Sports Sciences, Sports Management, Sports Technology, Sports Medicine, Innovation, and High-Performance Coaching. Officials stated that the institution would equip aspiring sportspersons with global-standard training, modern infrastructure, and better career opportunities in the sports sector.

The virtual event at the district headquarters was attended by District Youth and Sports Officer Parandham Reddy, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Tukaram Rathod, District Intermediate Education Officer Venkateswara Rao, Tribal Welfare officials, Education Department officials, Physical Education Directors, representatives of various sports associations, and coaches from Taekwondo, Karate, Athletics, Archery, Boxing, Hockey, Rifle Shooting, and several other disciplines.

With the launch of the Young India Physical Education and Sports University, Telangana has taken a bold step toward creating a globally competitive sporting ecosystem, nurturing future champions, and establishing itself as India's emerging sports powerhouse.

Journalism is the Fourth Pillar of Democracy, Says Damodar Rajanarsimha

Health Minister Assures Early Resolution of Journalists' Health Card Issue at TUWJ-IJU Sangareddy District Conference

SANGAREDDY, July 9, 2026: Telangana Minister for Medical and Health, Damodar Rajanarsimha, on Thursday described journalism as the fourth pillar of democracy and stressed that credibility, ethical values, and social responsibility must remain the foundation of news reporting.

Speaking as the chief guest at the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ-IJU) Sangareddy District Conference held at the TNGO Bhavan in Sangareddy, the Minister said that while technological advancements have made news dissemination faster than ever, maintaining accuracy and public trust is far more important.

He lauded journalists for serving as the voice of the people and acting as a bridge between the government and citizens. The media has a vital responsibility to highlight public issues, promote transparency, and create awareness on matters of social importance, he said.

Reaffirming the State Government's commitment to the welfare of journalists, Rajanarsimha said the long-pending issue of journalists' health cards is under active consideration. He assured the gathering that the government is reviewing the matter and that a positive decision would be taken soon to ensure the issue is resolved at the earliest.

The Minister also called upon journalists to continue upholding the principles of truth, fairness, and impartiality while performing their professional duties,



stating that responsible journalism is essential for strengthening democratic institutions.

The district conference brought together journalists from across Sangareddy and neighbouring districts to deliberate on issues concerning the media fraternity, professional challenges, and journalists' welfare.

Among those present were TUWJ-IJU State President Virahat Ali, District President Bandari Yadagiri, District General Secretary Vishnu Prasad, former District President Mallikarjun Reddy, MAK Faisal State Vice President, leaders Panuganti Krishna, Anil Kumar, Asif, Siddanna Patil, and Munipalli Yadagiri, Municipal Chairpersons Vanitha and Anjamma, senior journalists and representatives of various journalists' associations.

New Coal Mines Are the Lifeline for Manuguru..!

People Raise Their Voice, Urging Immediate Allocation of New Coal Blocks to Singareni

Manuguru: The future of Manuguru, a town that was built and flourished because of Singareni Collieries, is now increasingly dependent on the allocation of new coal mines. With coal production declining in several existing mines, local residents, trade unions, and business communities have expressed serious concern over the town's economic future.

Once a small village, Manuguru transformed into a major industrial township due to the growth of Singareni coal mines. However, the depletion of coal reserves in existing mines has gradually reduced employment opportunities, affecting not only workers but also transport operators, contractors, small businesses, hotels, and the local commercial sector.

Against this backdrop, public demand is growing stronger for the government to allocate new coal mines to Singareni without delay. Residents believe that opening new mines will generate thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities, strengthen the regional economy, and ensure the sustainable development of Manuguru.

Local residents say, "Our grandparents and parents built this town by working in Singareni. The future of our chil-



dren also depends on these mines. Without new coal blocks, the very existence of Manuguru is at risk. The government must act immediately and allocate new coal mines to Singareni to secure the town's future."

For more than five decades, Manuguru has played a significant role in contributing to the state's economy. Residents have urged the government not to neglect the town and to prioritize the allocation of new coal blocks required for Singareni's expansion. The issue has now become a major topic of discussion across Manuguru, receiving widespread support from all sections of society.

"New Coal Mines Mean a Secure Future for Manuguru – New Coal Mines Mean Hope for Thousands of Families."

Super El Niño Alert: Key Advisory Issued to Farmers..!

Avoid Paddy Cultivation in Water-Scarce Areas – Alternative Crops Are the Way Forward: Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy

Bhadradri Kothagudem: Telangana Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy has urged farmers to remain alert as the state is likely to experience the impact of a Super El Niño. He directed officials to advise farmers not to cultivate paddy in areas without assured irrigation and instead promote crops that require less water.

The Minister made these remarks during a statewide video conference held on Thursday with District Collectors to review the impact of Super El Niño, rainfall deficit, reservoir water levels, and Kharif crop planning. Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, IT & Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, and Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju also participated. From the Integrated District Offices Complex, District Collector Ankith and Additional Collector Venugopal attended the meeting.

Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy said the state has recorded a 15% rainfall deficit as of July 9. Water storage in the Krishna and Godavari river basin reservoirs has fallen significantly, with available



water sufficient mainly for drinking purposes. As there has been no major inflow from upstream states, irrigation water release for the current Kharif season is expected to remain highly limited.

He advised farmers to choose crops based on water availability and encouraged the cultivation of cotton, red gram, green gram, and other low-water crops instead of paddy. Officials were instructed to create widespread awareness through Rythu Vedikas, Gram Sabhas, and cooperative societies so that every farmer understands the prevailing water situation before deciding on cultivation.

Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said the government will review reservoir storage after July 15 and issue crop-specific guidelines to farmers. He also directed officials to ensure the timely supply of seeds based on water availability.

IT & Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu instructed officials to continuously monitor flood conditions in Maharashtra and Karnataka and keep pumping systems ready to lift water into the Yellampalli Project whenever floodwaters arrive.

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju said the Super El Niño situation should be viewed as an opportunity for crop diversification rather than a crisis. He encouraged the promotion of horticulture crops, oil palm, sericulture-related crops, and other water-efficient crops across the state.

During the meeting, District Collector Ankith

briefed the ministers on the district's preparedness. He said awareness campaigns on El Niño, drought conditions, crop diversification, and alternative cropping are being conducted through Gram Sabhas and Rythu Vedikas. Due to delayed rains, paddy and maize cultivation has declined, while farmers are increasingly opting for cotton, red gram, and green gram. He added that the district administration is fully prepared with an action plan that includes alternative crop promotion, moisture conservation measures, timely seed distribution, and technical support if drought conditions persist.

Following the video conference, Collector Ankith reviewed the district's water availability, reservoir status, Kharif crop progress, and farmer awareness initiatives with departmental officials. He directed all departments to implement the government's instructions effectively at the field level. District Agriculture Officer Baburao and officials from various departments also attended the review meeting.

ABVP Celebrates 78th Foundation Day and National Students' Day with Grandeur in Bhadrachalam

Students Must Take the Lead in Building a Drug-Free Bhadrachalam: Town SI Satish The Future of the Nation Depends on Youth Who Think Beyond Themselves: Velpula Raj Kumar

Bhadrachalam: The 78th Foundation Day of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and National Students' Day were celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Government Junior College in Bhadrachalam. On the occasion, ABVP Telangana Region Hostels Convener Velpula Raj Kumar hoisted the ABVP flag and inaugurated the celebrations.

Later, under the chairmanship of Town Secretary Mandala Gurusai, a Drug Awareness Seminar was organized for college students. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Bhadrachalam Town SI Satish urged students to stay away from drugs and focus on education with discipline and dedication. He warned that substances such as ganja and other narcotics are destroying the future of young people and called upon every student to join hands in eliminating the drug menace. He appealed to the youth to work together towards making Bhadrachalam a Drug-Free Town.

Speaking on the occasion, Velpula Raj Kumar said that the future of the nation is shaped inside classrooms. He encouraged students to move forward with discipline, patriotism, and social responsibility while contributing to nation-building. He stated that ABVP has played a leading role in addressing students' issues and organizing several social service initiatives across the country. He added that ABVP, as the world's largest student organization, has been instrumental in nurturing responsible, patriotic, and socially committed citizens.



Former ABVP activist Avula Subbarao, lecturers Nagamani and Srinivas, ABVP activists, and a large number of college students participated in the programme. The awareness seminar on drug prevention received an encouraging response from the students and highlighted the importance of youth participation in building a healthy and drug-free society.

Inter-State Burglary Gang Busted; Three Arrested, Gold and Silver Ornaments Recovered

Nagarkurnool: Police have cracked a house burglary case reported at Gorita village under Timmajipet Police Station limits in Nagarkurnool district, arresting three members of an inter-state burglary gang and recovering 19 tolas of gold ornaments and 20 tolas of silver articles from their possession.

Addressing a press conference on Thursday, DSP Burri Srinivas, along with CI Ashok Reddy and SIs Ramesh, Govardhan, and Srinivasa Rao, said the accused had been involved in a series of burglaries across Telangana since 2016. They are reportedly involved in 20 to 25 burglary cases registered in different parts of the state.



Police said the gang specifically targeted locked houses during daytime. While one accused entered the house to commit the burglary, the other two kept watch outside to facilitate the crime.

Apart from solving the Gorita house burglary case, police also cracked another theft reported in Vanapatla village. Two of the accused were apprehended on May 30, 2026, while attempting to sell the stolen gold ornaments, and the prime accused was arrested at the RTC Bus Stand on July 8.

Police have initiated the process of returning the recovered gold and silver ornaments to the rightful owners. The accused were produced before a court and remanded to judicial custody.

DSP Burri Srinivas advised the public to install CCTV cameras at their residences and immediately inform the nearest police station if any suspicious persons or activities are noticed.

The DSP appreciated the efforts of CI Y. Ashok Reddy, SIs Govardhan, M. Ramesh, P. Srinivasa Rao, and other police personnel for successfully detecting the case.

Modi Aims to Seal Historic Australian Uranium Deal



Melbourne: Australia has a "historic" chance to supply the uranium that could power India's nuclear energy transformation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Thursday ahead of high-level talks. Faced with an almost-insatiable appetite for electricity in the world's most populous nation, Modi has outlined plans to substantially scale-up nuclear power generation in coming years. Australia lays claim to around 28 percent of the world's uranium resource, but legal hurdles and political sensitivities have hindered exports to India.

"Australia's huge uranium reserves are directly connected to India's nuclear journey," Modi told a business forum in Melbourne ahead of a summit with his counterpart Anthony Albanese. "This is a historic opportunity for us to increase our cooperation in this area." Albanese sported a wide grin as the two leaders briefly paused at the event to take a selfie photo. The Australian prime minister has previously referred to Modi as "The Boss", joking that he could pull bigger crowds than US rock

icon Bruce Springsteen. Albanese praised Modi's leadership on Thursday for helping foster stronger ties between the two nations. "Prime Minister Modi, your leadership and your personal engagement with Australia has been absolutely central to this change," Albanese said. Australia's Indian diaspora has grown substantially in recent years, giving Modi a sizeable fanbase in the country. For the first time on record, the biggest group of Australian residents born overseas came from India, statistics for last year showed in June. "In 2014, the Indian diaspora community in Australia was relatively small," said Teesta Prakash from the Australia India Institute. "But in 2026, it is now the largest diaspora community within Australia. It has outstripped the British, which is a huge demographic change," she told AFP. Modi is set to receive a rock-star welcome when he fronts a community rally at a stadium in Melbourne later on Thursday, with organisers anticipating more than 20,000 people could flock to the event. But Modi's visit is also expected to stir up opposition, including criticism that he has fostered a dangerous brand of Hindu nationalism at home. Australia's Alliance Against Islamophobia said it would protest outside the stadium event, drawing attention to what it said was the persecution of minority groups in India. Aseparate protest against Indian migration to Australia is also planned. Modi is scheduled to fly to New Zealand after Australia.

Sitharaman welcomes AustralianSuper's AU dollar 500 million investment in NIIF

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman welcomed AustralianSuper's additional AU\$500 million investment in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, calling it a vote of confidence in India's growth. The announcement coincided with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Australia visit and broader energy and investment cooperationIndia travel packages



New Delhi: Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday welcomed AustralianSuper's additional \$500 million (Australian dollar) investment in India's National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), saying the move reflected global investors' continued confidence in India's growth story under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Reacting to announcement in a post on X, Sitharaman thanked PM Modi for championing greater investments in India and strengthening the NIIF. "Thank you @PMOIndia for championing greater investments in India and strengthening the NIIF. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India continues to be the fastest-growing economy. Thanks AustralianSuper for continuing your trust in NIIF," she wrote.

AustralianSuper — Australia's largest pension fund — earlier in the day announced an additional \$500 million (Australian dollar) investment in the NIIF, taking its total holdings in India across all asset classes to \$3.3 billion.

The announcement was made on the sidelines of the Australia-India Annual Leaders' Summit in Melbourne, where PM Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese jointly addressed the Australia-India CEOs Forum and the Economic Roadmap Business event. Moreover, PM Modi also welcomed the investment, describing it as another reflection of global confidence in India's growth and reform trajectory.India travel packages "India welcomes the AU\$500 million investment from AustralianSuper... This is yet another glimpse of the global confidence in India's growth and reform trajectory. It also reflects the immense opportunities that our dynamic economy offers global investors," PM Modi said in a post on X. Meanwhile, Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the India-Australia Joint Statement on Energy Security issued during PM Modi's visit would provide fresh momentum to India's quest for energy self-sufficiency. In a post on X, Puri said the two countries had reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening energy security, accelerating the energy transition and enhancing cooperation on low-carbon fuels. He also noted that India and Australia had also committed to supporting the continued flow of energy products, expanding bilateral energy trade and investment, and strengthening resilient energy supply chains through deeper regional cooperation.

Congress takes swipe at BJP over India-Australia civil nuclear energy pact

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh criticised the BJP over the India-Australia civil nuclear energy pact, claiming it became possible because of the 2008 US-India Nuclear Agreement that the BJP had opposed. His remarks followed the signing of multiple India-Australia strategic cooperation agreements

New Delhi: The Congress creates turning points while the BJP specialises in "U-turning points", AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on Thursday, taking a swipe at the ruling party after India and Australia sealed a pact on civil nuclear energy.India travel packages

Ramesh said the pact between India and Australia has been made possible only because of the US-India Nuclear Cooperation Agreement that finally became law on October 8, 2008, which the BJP "had all along opposed". In a post on X, Ramesh said, "Award-Jeevi has proudly announced that Australia is to supply uranium to India. This has been made possible ONLY because of the United States-India Nuclear



Cooperation Agreement that finally became law on October 8, 2008." "It was Dr. Manmohan Singh's meeting with President George Bush in July 2005 that had kickstarted the negotiations. The BJP had all along opposed this transformative accord both in Parliament and outside," the Congress leader said.History "The Congress creates turning points while the BJP specialises in U-turning points," Ramesh said. His remarks came after India and Australia sealed a raft of landmark pacts spanning civil nuclear energy, maritime security and critical minerals sectors, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese reinforced the vital role of the bilateral partnership in ensuring a peaceful Indo-Pacific. Following the Modi-Albanese meeting, the two sides also unveiled an India-Australia joint declaration on defence and security, a joint statement on energy ties and a roadmap for collaboration in cyber, critical technologies and supply chains. The pact on civil nuclear energy will facilitate the commercial supply of uranium from Australia to India to help New Delhi's nuclear power projects.

2002 SIR Data of Thousands of Voters Go Missing

Hyderabad: The special intensive revision (SIR) data of the year 2002 of about 15,000 voters of an entire neighbourhood at Fatehnagar, Balanagar, has gone missing. After making the rounds of election offices, the voters, some of whom have received enumeration forms, have decided to boycott the ongoing exercise altogether in protest.

In 2002, Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly had 353 polling booths. After the delimitation in 2009, polling booths 348 to 353 were shifted to the Kukatpally Assembly constituency. The Fathenagar division currently has polling booths 67, 68, 128, 129, 130, 131 and 133.

None of these booths were found listed in the 2002 SIR electoral roll. During the SIR-2026 mapping phase conducted earlier, the residents faced a sudden lack of data. "When we don't have information from 2002, what is the purpose of filling up the forms? Most of us have decided to boycott this process. I even didn't accept the form from BLO," said Naseer Khan, a private company employee.

Advocates Md Hussain and Md Maqsood have taken been pursuing the matter with the poll authorities since the beginning of the year. "The residents are not seeking any special favour. They only want the State Election Commission to trace the SIR-2002 records relating to Gowthamnagar and Nagarjuna Colony so that genuine voters do not face unnecessary hardships. We hope the issue will be resolved at the earliest," they said.

Political leaders across the spectrum have stepped in to help. BRS booth level agent (BLA) K. Venu Kumar pointed out: "If they fill the enu-



meration forms, everyone from these missing booths will receive a notice. Those who receive notices will have to rush to prove they hail from these localities but their history in the 2002 SIR records is not available," Kumar said.

BJP Minority Morcha state vice-president Md Naseer said that he had taken the matter to the notice of party leadership and planned to take up the issue with election authorities. "We have decided to fight in unison irrespective of political background, as this is an existential matter for the voters who stayed in these localities for generations," Naseer said.

Local Congress leader Mohammed Asif Baba said, "Residents are extremely concerned because of the SIR-2002 missing data. The matter is causing anxiety amongst the voters."

After the issue was taken up with Chief Electoral Officer K. Sudarshan Reddy, he asked the district electoral officers of Hyderabad and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts to obtain a report from the ERO over the matter and submit a report.

Sanjay Jaju Inspects Musi Riverfront Development Project

Hyderabad: The Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju here on Thursday visited the phase-I stretch of the Musi Riverfront Development Project and reviewed progress across key intervention locations. The visit covered Osmansagar, Narsingi STP site, and the Gandhi Sarovar project lands, forming critical components of the State's integrated river rejuvenation and urban resilience programme.

During the field inspection, the Chief Secretary held detailed discussions with the Managing Director, MRDCL, Joint Managing Director, MRDCL, Managing Director, HMWSSB, and senior officials from line departments.

The review focused on flood mitigation measures, sewage treatment integration, land development readiness, and corridor-level infrastructure planning.



The Chief Secretary offered futuristic and strategic suggestions aimed at ensuring the long-term sustainability, ecological balance, and transformative urban impact of the Musi Riverfront Development Project.

He emphasised the need for coordinated execution, scientific planning, and adherence to environmental and technical standards to deliver enduring benefits for Hyderabad's citizens.

MRDCL and HMDA are suggested to make a separate master plan for the area falling between Musa and Esa rivers till the confluence at Gandhi Sarovar for better connectivity and sustainable urban growth with riverfront.

The MRDCL will incorporate the guidance provided and continue to accelerate implementation across the Phase-I stretch.

Governor Buys SHG Products, Backs Women Entrepreneurs at Hanamkonda Expo

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Thursday visited an exhibition of products made by Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at the Hanamkonda Collectorate, where he purchased locally made items and praised the efforts of women entrepreneurs.

The exhibition, organised by the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), the Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA), and the agriculture and horticulture departments, featured a range of products prepared by women SHG members.

Shukla interacted with the participants, enquiring about manufacturing processes, product quality and marketing opportunities, and appreciated initiatives aimed at promoting self-employment and sustain-



able livelihoods for women. He examined millet-based food products, handwoven textiles, pure ghee, edible oils and other value-added items, and purchased several products to encourage the entrepreneurs. The Governor also visited the Warangal dhurrie stall, where he learnt about the traditional weaving process and discussed market potential. Appreciating the craftsmanship, he bought a few items in support of the artisans. Shukla said the government was extending support to quality products made by SHGs and emphasised the need to expand market access to strengthen women's economic empowerment.

Bhatti: Centre Concealing Facts on Allotment of Tadicherla-2 Coal Block to Singareni



Minister on March 7, 2024, and again on May 20, 2026, seeking prior approval for the mining lease, which was finally granted only now.

While welcoming the approval, Bhatti Vikramarka said presenting it as a fresh allocation was unfortunate and misleading. He also demanded that all coal blocks located in the Godavari Valley coalfields and areas covered under the 1/70 Tribal Land Regulation, including Koyagudem-3 Open Cast Block, the Open Cast Dip Side Mine in Manuguru and Sathupalli Open Cast-3 Block, should be allotted exclusively to SCCL. He alleged that auctioning such blocks to private companies violated tribal land protections and urged the Centre to allocate them directly to Singareni through the Government-to-Government mechanism.

SCCL chairman and managing director Dr Buddha Prakash Jyothi, directors Venkateswarlu and Gautam Potru, and senior officials were present at the media conference.

Hyderabad:Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday accused the Centre of concealing facts and misleading the public over the Tadicherla-2 Coal Block, asserting that the Centre had not made a fresh allocation to the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), but had merely granted the long-pending prior approval for a mining lease.

Addressing a media conference at Praja Bhavan, Bhatti Vikramarka strongly objected to Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy's statement that the BJP-led government at the Centre had allotted the Tadicherla-2 block to SCCL. He clarified that the coal block had already been allotted to Singareni on September 16, 2013, by the then Congress-led UPA government following requests made by SCCL between 2010 and 2012. The allotment letter had specified that, since the block falls in a tribal area, mining could be undertaken only by a public sector undertaking and directed SCCL to expedite exploration and commence coal production.

Bhatti Vikramarka alleged that despite the allocation in 2013, the BJP government delayed granting the mandatory mining lease approval for more than a decade, preventing SCCL from beginning mining operations and causing substantial losses to the company. He said the Congress government had persistently pursued the issue after assuming office, with repeated representations to the Prime Minister and the Union Coal Ministry. He said he personally met the Union Coal

Godrej Agrovet To Launch Rs.300 Cr Oil Palm Unit In Khammam

HYDERABAD: Godrej Agrovet is set to operationalise Telangana's first integrated oil palm processing unit in Khammam district. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will inaugurate the facility shortly.

On Wednesday, Rakesh Swami, president (corporate affairs) of Godrej Industries Group, and Sougata Niyogi, CEO of Godrej Agrovet's Oil Palm Business, met the Chief Minister at MCRHRDI. They briefed him on the company's expansion plans and submitted a report on oil palm cultivation in Khammam district.

The project is coming up at Gubbagurthi village in Konijerla mandal with an investment of ₹300 crore. The unit will provide employment to over 700 locals.

The state government has allotted 113.5 acres for the factory, nursery, R&D centre and seed garden. The company has requested an additional 35-40 acres for the seed garden.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed officials to widen the roads leading to the unit under the supervision of



TGIIC. The factory will have the capacity to crush 15 tonnes of fresh fruit bunches per hour. It is expected to generate direct employment for 150 people and indirect jobs for around 700 others. The project will benefit oil palm farmers in Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem districts by improving processing infrastructure and reducing transport costs. Telangana already has three oil palm factories, but the Khammam unit will be the first integrated complex with a processing plant, seed garden and refinery.

Make Me Irrigation Min. For 3 Months, Will Prove KLIS Works: Harish

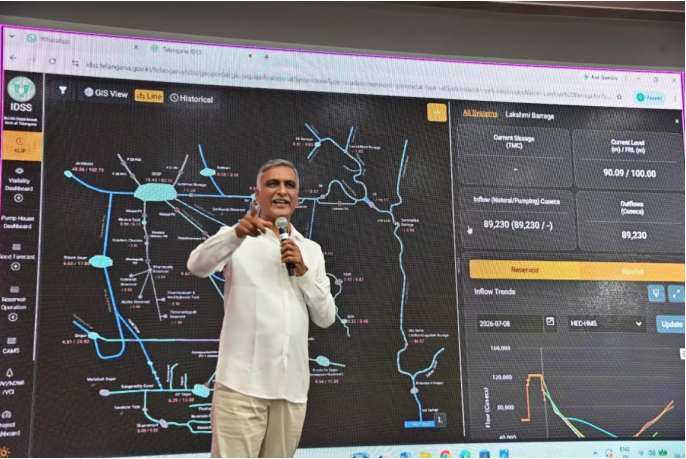
HYDERABAD: Former irrigation minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Wednesday challenged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to hand over the irrigation department to him for three months, declaring that that is all the time it would take to demonstrate that water from Godavari can be pumped to upstream Yellampalli reservoir from the Medigadda barrage.

Rebutting Revanth Reddy's comments at a press conference on Tuesday on Medigadda and the Kaleshwaram project, he said claims by Revanth Reddy and irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, that the gates Medigadda, Sundilla and Annaram barrages must be kept open because of safety issues are nothing but excuses and lies.

Harish Rao said, "A former engineer-in-chief submitted a report to the government that all it takes is to build rubber coffer dams to hold water for pumping from the barrages. Just for saying so, that official was kept aside till his retirement. If the government has the courage, let it make that report public."

The Chief Minister claims there is no water in Godavari for the Kannepalli pump house to be switched on as demanded by the BRS, but up to 1 lakh cusecs of water was flowing through Medigadda as on Wednesday, he said.

Water can be pumped from Kannepalli to Sundilla and then to Annaram barrage and from there to the



Yellampalli reservoir. From here, water can flow using the rest of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) system to other parts of the state, Harish Rao said.

The government must also explain why despite 1 lakh cusecs of Godavari flood water available at Sammakka Barrage, the government is lifting only 900 cusecs through Devadula project instead of the allowed 2,542 cusecs leaving farmers in erstwhile Warangal district without irrigation, he said.

He also demanded that the Chief Minister produce at least a single official letter proving Maharashtra approved Tummidihatti barrage at 152 metres under Congress rule.

Trump Warns Iran US Preparing for More Strikes

Dubai: US President Donald Trump on Wednesday warned of fresh strikes on Iran, saying American forces could launch another round of attacks following renewed hostilities.

"We hit them very hard last night," Trump said, adding, "We'll probably hit them hard again tonight."

Speaking on the sidelines of a Nato summit in Ankara, he said the strikes were in response to Iranian attacks on commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

"They are behaving very badly," he said, accusing Iran of targeting vessels with drones and missiles. The remarks came after a fresh exchange of fire between US and Iranian forces, including attacks on commercial tankers and retaliatory strikes on military targets. The escalation has raised concerns over disruption to global energy supplies through the Strait of Hormuz. Trump said the



ceasefire was effectively over, though he indicated that negotiations could continue. "For me, I think it's over," he said, while adding, "They can talk, but I think they're wasting their time."

The US has previously warned of targeting key Iranian infrastructure, including oil facilities such as Kharg Island, through which a major share of Iran's oil exports passes.

The latest developments have heightened fears of a wider conflict in the region, with oil prices rising sharply following the remarks.

Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf said, "The era of bullying and extortion is over. It leads no-

where. We don't fold."

The US Central Command said its forces struck Iranian air defence systems, radar installations and more than 60 small boats linked to the Revolutionary Guard, citing the need to deter attacks on commercial shipping.

Iranian state media reported explosions in several locations, including Bandar Mahshahr and Bushehr, while Gulf countries including Bahrain and Kuwait issued missile alerts following reported Iranian strikes on US military installations.

The situation remains under close watch amid concerns over further escalation and its impact on global markets.

Govt School Students Outshine Private Schools in Results: Ponnam

Hyderabad: Backward Classes Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Wednesday conducted a surprise inspection of Uyyalawada Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Gurukul School in Bijinipalli Mandal in Nagarkurnool district.

He enquired about the curriculum of the students and asked students if they are facing any problem. A solar plant was sanctioned for students to have hot water for bathing. He advised the students to study well and reach higher heights.

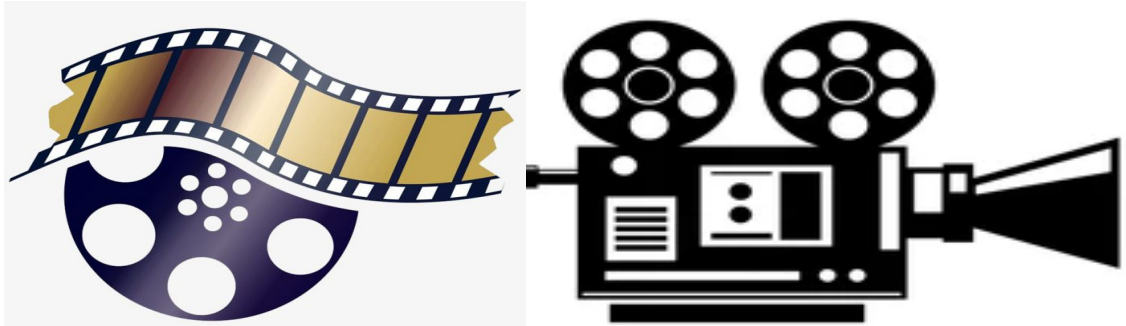
He asked about the details of the menu being served to the students and inspected the quality of essential commodities and vegetables in the storeroom. He examined the food items cooked in the kitchen and advised that fresh vegetables should be used while cooking. Stating that the State government is top priority for welfare and education, he said the public representatives of all political parties in Telangana should visit gurukul schools. The bureaucrats and other influential people must also visit Gurukuls and inspire the students.

Congratulating the students of the government



schools for achieving excellent results compared to private schools, he said training should be given to them to enable them to prepare for Group I and II exams apart from UPPSE. Students should be involved in sports, cultural and innovation programs along with studies, the Minister said.

"As students are a future asset of the State, the Telangana government is giving top priority to education. Students should use Gurukuls and make good use of them effectively," he added.



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What Is Lenin’s Box Office Target?

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Directed by newcomer Murali Kishor Abburu and produced by both Naga Vamsi and Nagarjuna Akkineni, Lenin has Akhil and Bhagyasree Bhorse playing lead roles. The movie is all about a Rangasthalam like setup in Rayalaseema as per the trailer, and we have to see how it impresses. In India, there are benefit shows from 5 AM, and in the USA, that will be on Thursday night as usual. The film has already amassed ₹1.43 crore from the advance bookings.

Guess what, the movie is riding with almost ₹40 crores of advances from the distributors and



exhibitors. It should collect around ₹70 crores from the box office to become a superhit and at least a super saviour for all the parties involved. This is the first time in his career that Akhil is facing such a huge challenge on his shoulders in terms of budget recovery. However, with no competition right now at the box office, a little positive talk is enough for Lenin to hit it out of the park.

M.S. Raju’s ‘Agadha’ Eyes August 14 Release, Promises A Mystical Big-Screen Experience

Mega filmmaker M.S. Raju is gearing up to present audiences with an intriguing cinematic experience through his upcoming mystic divine thriller Agadha. After creating curiosity with its visually striking teaser, the film has now officially locked August 14, 2026 as its worldwide theatrical release date.

Produced by Kasi Visalakshi Balusu under the Sri Adi Varaha Productions banner and presented by Ajay KR, Agadha is mounted on a grand scale. The makers are said to be extremely confident about the film, a confidence that is reflected in its rich visuals and the way the promotions are being planned.

The teaser has turned out to be a major talking point, crossing 14 million views and receiving an encouraging response from movie lovers. The mysterious backdrop, stunning visu-



als, haunting score and impressive production values have helped the film generate considerable buzz ahead of its release.

Speaking about the project, M.S. Raju called Agadha his dream venture and revealed that the teaser offers only a glimpse into the film’s mystical world. According to him, the story blends mythology, suspense, emotions and fantasy, promising audiences a visually immersive theatrical experience.

Lead actress Kamakshi Bhaskarla believes her character Mahadevi will be remembered as one of the finest roles of her career. Shravan Reddy, who reunites with

M.S. Raju after Dirty Hari, said the film has several unexpected moments that will keep audiences engaged till the end.

The film also features Ulka Gupta, Jovika Vijay Kumar and Siju in important roles.

On the technical front, Rakesh Venkatapuram has composed the music, while Nani Chamidishetty handles cinematography. Junaid Siddiqui is the editor, Rajeev Nair is the production designer, and Chaitanya Vegi has provided the additional screenplay. N.V.N. Subbaraju serves as the Executive Producer.

With positive early buzz and a unique mystical backdrop, Agadha is looking to make an impact when it arrives in theatres worldwide on August 14, 2026.

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



ing 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.



Bhagyashree Borse Lights Up the Frame in Ethereal Elegance

Bhagyashree Borse radiates timeless charm and modern grace. Draped in a shimmering purple-green lehenga with a flowing sheer dupatta adorned with intricate gold embroidery and delicate star motifs, she holds the fabric with poise, her traditional jewellery and soft makeup completing the enchanting look. Her latest film, Lenin, sees her in the much-awaited role of Bharathi opposite Akhil Akkineni. This village romance-action drama directed by Murali Kishor Abburu highlights her emotional depth and charm as the strong, independent female lead. Bhagyashree has described Bharathi as one of the most special characters of her career so far.

With her natural talent, hard work, and growing popularity, Bhagyashree Borse is undoubtedly one of Indian cinema’s brightest young stars. Bharathi, in your hearts!

Born in Maharashtra and educated partly in Nigeria, Bhagyashree began her journey as a successful model before stepping into films. She made her acting debut with a cameo in the Hindi film Yaariyan 2 (2023), followed by Chandu Champion (2024). Her breakthrough came with her Telugu lead debut opposite Ravi Teja in Mr. Bachchan (2024), where she impressed audiences and critics alike with her dedication, even dubbing her own lines.

2025 marked her rise with strong performances in Kingdom, Kaantha (her Tamil debut), and Andhra King Taluka. She continues to showcase her range across languages and genres.

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. Rudhramadevi 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.