

Senior Cong. Leaders Lobby For Nominated Posts From Adilabad



ADILABAD: Senior Congress leaders have stepped up lobbying for nominated posts, while those appointed in the first phase and who completed their two-year tenure on July 10 are seeking extensions.

Sources said the state government had sought intelligence reports on the performance of 14 leaders who served as corporation chairmen in the first phase. A decision on extension of tenure is likely to be taken by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud based on these reports.

Party leaders have been meeting the leadership and submitting bio-data, with a large number of aspirants for district- and state-level nominated posts.

Discontent has also emerged among some senior leaders over lack of protocol posts. Leaders from the erstwhile Adilabad district have expressed concern over inadequate representation in nominated positions.

Kotnak Tirupati, who served as chairman of the Telangana Girijan Cooperative Finance Development Corporation, was the only leader from the erstwhile Adilabad district to secure a corporation chairman post in the first phase. His tenure ended on July 10.

Several senior leaders, including women from the district, are now seeking nominated posts. Former and current DCC presidents are also among the aspirants.

Some leaders have been accommodated in posts such as Zilla

Grandhalaya Samstha chairman, market committee chairman and ATMA chairman. Senior leaders with long service in the party are seeking state-level positions, while some are aiming for the Adilabad District Cooperative Central Bank president post. Leaders who were denied Assembly tickets are also among those seeking nominations.

Aspirants have been meeting Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, minister Seethakka and Rajya Sabha member Vem Narender Reddy.

Some DCC presidents seeking posts said, "It would be good if nominated posts are given to DCC presidents for the effective implementation of the state government's welfare and development schemes."

A DCC president from the erstwhile Adilabad district said, "They can manage both the nominated post and the DCC president post since protocol is important to coordinate with the district officials and participate in the government programmes."

AP CM Naidu Reviews Vietnam Boat Tragedy, Orders Immediate Assistance

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday reviewed the relief, medical assistance and repatriation measures being undertaken for the victims of the tourist boat tragedy in Vietnam and asked officials to ensure the safe return of all survivors.

He also asked officials to work for the early transportation of the mortal remains of those killed to their homes.

During the review, officials briefed the CM on the repatriation process and the condition of the lone critically injured survivor, Gelli Kishore. Naidu asked AP Bhavan officials to extend all possible assistance to the victims and their families until every survivor reached home safely and the bodies of the deceased were brought back to their native places.

Officials informed the CM that civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu had intervened to facilitate the early repatriation of the mortal remains. District collectors have furnished details of the designated recipients.

A request has been submitted through the e-Care portal for transporting the



bodies of Nallapeta Adisheshaiah Ravi Teja to Bengaluru, Gelli Jaya Lakshmi to Vijayawada and Mudium Sreedhar to Chennai. The embassy of India in Vietnam has finalised the travel plan, while flight schedules are expected to be communicated by Sunday night.

The chief minister was also informed that the Indian embassy has appointed a special agency to coordinate the completion of formalities as also for handover of the bodies and their transportation to India. He asked officials to remain in constant touch with the embassy to ensure that all procedures are completed without delay. On the medical condition of Gelli Kishore, officials said his health had deteriorated during his transfer from the Phu Quoc government Hospital, forc-

ing doctors to postpone his movement. He remains unconscious in the intensive care unit on advanced life support.

MRI scans revealed a small blood clot in the brain, following which he also suffered a mild cardiac episode. Doctors performed an emergency cardiac procedure, and he will be airlifted to Ho Chi Minh City for advanced treatment once his condition stabilises.

Minister Kollu Ravindra has spoken to Kishore's cousin Santosh, at the hospital, while the Indian ambassador and Vietnamese authorities are closely coordinating with doctors and the family to ensure uninterrupted medical support.

The chief minister stressed the need for continuous monitoring of the situation and swift humanitarian assistance.

BJP: Modi Returned With Gains From Abroad

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Sunday criticised Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi while presenting what it described as a "report card" on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent foreign visits.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters in New Delhi, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said the Prime Minister's visits had strengthened India's position globally, while targeting Gandhi over his absence from the country.

Citing remarks by Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto and New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, Patra said international leaders had acknowledged policies and developments under Modi's leadership. "Just think



what New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon said. And the Congress in India refuses to accept it. I think our Opposition should also learn something," he said.

Referring to the Prime Minister's visits to Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand, Patra said, "The Prime Minister went on a (foreign) tour and Rahul Gandhi too. The Prime

Minister returned having brought victory to the nation, while Rahul Gandhi is surely conspiring behind closed doors."

He further alleged, "Gandhi is likely 'plotting' how to disrupt the good work being done under Prime Minister Modi's leadership."

"You must be wondering where 'Rahul Baba' is.

Go ahead, try to find out. A programme scheduled for him in Prayagraj on July 10 was postponed. There was an event in Patna as well; that too was postponed. There seem to be stamps on his passport from places like London, Iceland, and Germany, who knows? He is off on a tour," Patra added.

Rs 76-Crore ROB to Ease Narketpally Traffic, Says Minister

Nalgonda: Roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday said the Telangana government was developing road infrastructure to improve connectivity and ensure safer transport.

Laying the foundation stone for a railway overbridge at Narketpally in Nalgonda district, to be built at a cost of ₹76 crore, he said the focus on road development would strengthen connectivity between villages and towns and improve access to services, including healthcare. He said the roads and buildings department aimed to rank among the top performers in the country.

He said the government was maintaining a balance between welfare and development, adding that Hybrid Annuity Model roads would be taken up in Narketpally mandal at a cost of ₹600 crore.

Stating that special fo-



cus had been given to Nalgonda district, the minister said funds were being allocated for road and irrigation works with a view to comprehensive development. He said agricultural infrastructure, including godowns, would be developed based on storage needs and noted that the district was reporting high paddy production.

He said development works would be executed without affecting public interests and assured com-

pensation to farmers likely to lose land for the Narketpally-Munugode road project.

Venkat Reddy said pending works in the district would be completed in phases and that water for irrigation and drinking purposes would be provided to Narketpally mandal with the completion of the SLBC tunnel by 2028.

Government Whip and Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham said the gov-

ernment was working to utilise irrigation sources, including reservoirs and lift irrigation schemes, to support farmers. Referring to the Aitipamula Lift Irrigation Scheme, he said it was aimed at stabilising farming, increasing productivity and addressing water scarcity.

District collector B. Chandrasekhar, Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy and others were present.

Minister Surekha Assures Recognition For Loyal Congress Workers

WARANGAL: Endowments minister Konda Surekha on Sunday said Congress workers who had worked sincerely for the party would receive recognition, while asserting that development of the Warangal East Assembly constituency remained a priority for the government.

Speaking after attending the swearing-in of Meesala Prakash as chairman of the Warangal district library institution, she said the appointment had been delayed due to unavoidable reasons and thanked Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for recognising Prakash's service to the party.

Surekha said there were many eligible workers but limited posts, and assured cadres that deserving members would be accommodated in a phased manner.

She said party leader Naveen Raj had



been raising issues of Congress workers in Warangal East with Konda Muralidhar Rao and working towards their resolution. In recognition of his role, she said the party would soon assign him organisational responsibilities.

Calling on party workers to prepare for the Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation elections, she said cadres should work to ensure a decisive victory and asked leaders and workers to visit households to explain government welfare

and development programmes.

On development works, the minister said community halls, compound walls for cremation grounds and underground drainage projects were being taken up across Warangal East. She said she was monitoring public grievances received through messages and forwarding them to officials for resolution, expressing confidence that a permanent solution to the drainage issue would be achieved soon.

She said the government was taking steps to develop temples under the endowments department and noted that three editions of the S a m m a k k a - Saralamma Jatara had been conducted during her tenure.

Surekha said her priority was to resolve public issues and maintained that she would not make false promises for political gain, adding that no corruption allegations had been made against her department during her tenure.

Godavari Water Pumping Begins to Irrigate 3 Lakh Acres Under Devadula: Kadiam



WARANGAL: The Telangana government has begun continuous pumping of Godavari water under the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme to address drought conditions and support irrigation, Station Ghanpur MLA and former deputy chief minister Kadiam Srihari said on Sunday. After inspecting pumping operations to the Dharmasagar Reservoir, Srihari said the process would continue uninterrupted for one month to provide irrigation to nearly three lakh acres in the erstwhile Warangal district.

He said an action plan had been prepared to fill Dharmasagar, Station Ghanpur, Nawabpet, Ashwaraopally, Chitakoduru and Bommakur reservoirs within this period. Water would be released into canals within 15 days, enabling farmers to begin agricultural operations. Describing the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme as a lifeline for the region, Srihari said the project, launched in 2003 when he was irrigation minister in undivided Andhra Pradesh, now provides irrigation to nearly

six lakh acres and supplies drinking water across the area. Srihari said he considered it a privilege to be associated with the project from its inception, calling it one of the most satisfying achievements of his political career. In view of drought conditions, he appealed to farmers to use water judiciously and adopt an "on-and-off" irrigation pattern to maximise availability. He said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy were monitoring the operations and according priority to the project, and urged farmers to cooperate with the government and the irrigation department for efficient use of water.

New Voters Should Submit Parents' SIR Details To Get Added In Voters List

New Delhi: The Election Commission has made it mandatory for new applicants seeking inclusion in electoral rolls to furnish their parents' special intensive revision (SIR) details, in addition to requirements for existing voters not covered in earlier revisions, officials said.

According to EC functionaries, applicants filing Form 6 must submit a declaration containing SIR details of their parents. The requirement was introduced during the Bihar SIR rolled out in June last year through instructions, without



amending Form 6. An EC official said, "Daily SIR bulletins of Bihar showed the form filled along with declarations," adding that the provision helps map electors and reduces the number of documents required from new applicants. The official also said online

applications cannot be completed without filling in the declaration.

Separately, the EC defended the SIR process, rejecting concerns raised by UN Special Rapporteurs and stating that the exercise was transparent, constitutional and endorsed by

the Supreme Court.

Officials said the revision aimed to include all eligible Indian citizens while removing duplicate, deceased, shifted, absent and foreign voters from the rolls. Responding to allegations of large-scale deletion of minority voters, including in Nandigram in West Bengal, they said adequate opportunities were provided to challenge exclusions and denied any bias.

UN Special Rapporteurs, in a recent communication to the government, raised concerns over the process and alleged lack of transparency.

Harish Slams CM's Remarks, Alleges Neglect of Irrigation

BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Sunday described Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's latest statements against Opposition leaders as "disturbing" and "unbecoming" of a constitutional office, alleging they reflected "lies, abusive language and a disturbing mindset."

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, the former minister said that instead of responding to farmers' demand for irrigation water, the Chief Minister spoke about "spilling the blood of political opponents" and "beating them with belts." Rao said such remarks were shocking coming from a Chief Minister.

He accused the Congress government of deliberately refusing to utilise available Godavari waters despite adequate inflows, solely to continue its campaign against the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. Referring to the CM's comments on Kaanapali Pump House operations, Rao said the Chief Minister had displayed a lack of understanding of the project's engineering design, adding that even Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy had to intervene to correct technical inaccuracies.

Rao further alleged that the government had changed its stand on retired irrigation engineers, earlier describing them as experts but now threatening action against them after they recommended lifting Godavari water to protect farmers during drought conditions.

Congress hits back at Harish Rao



PCC working president T. Jagga Reddy on Sunday hit back at former minister T. Harish Rao, saying he lacked the courage to shed blood and that the family of former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao was synonymous with violence.

Responding to Harish Rao's criticism of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Jagga Reddy recalled that the BRS leader had once poured petrol on himself during the Telangana movement, alleging he provoked people into extreme acts.

Jagga Reddy announced his willingness to contest against Harish Rao in Siddipet if directed by the Congress high command. He demanded that Rao accept accountability for the structural failures at the Medigadda barrage of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme and apologise along with Chandrashekar Rao for wasting nearly ?1 lakh crore of public money.

MLC Addanki Dayakar questioned why the previous BRS government ignored reports from retired engineers and labelled the Kalvakuntla family "water thieves." He challenged Harish Rao to bring Chandrashekar Rao to the Assembly for a transparent discussion on irrigation and project management.

Kharif Slows, State Activates Crop Plan

With over 40 days of the southwest monsoon season already over and barely 20 days left for completion of Kharif sowing, Telangana is facing mounting concerns over delayed agricultural operations. According to a report submitted by the Agriculture department to the state government after collecting field-level information from all districts, only 41.79 per cent of the normal Kharif area has been brought under cultivation as of July 8, with sowing remaining below 20 per cent in nine districts and below 50 per cent in another 16 districts, under the impact of El Nino.

With the effective sowing window shrinking rapidly, the state government has directed the Agriculture department to implement a contingency crop plan from July 15 in districts lagging behind in cultivation. The department is preparing to promote short-duration crop varieties, distribute suitable seed varieties and ensure timely availability of agricultural inputs to enable farmers to complete sowing within the remaining season and minimise crop losses.

Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageshwar Rao will hold a meeting at ICRISAT on Monday with officials of Agriculture and Horticulture Universities, scientists of ICRISAT, IIOR, IIMR, CRIDA, and officials of IMD, Agriculture, Horticulture and Ground Water departments. The meeting will review the three contingency plans prepared by scientists and officials and finalise an action plan.

The report noted that the southwest monsoon, which entered



Telangana on June 8 and subsequently covered the entire state, arrived later than usual. Although moderate to normal rainfall was received across the state during the past week, with 31.5 mm against the normal 43.2 mm, a deficit of 26 per cent, cumulative rainfall from June 1 to July 8 stood at 154.9 mm against the normal 177.9 mm, registering a deficit of 13 per cent, which still falls under the "normal" category. During June, the state received 115 mm rainfall against the normal 130.3 mm, a deficit of 12 per cent, while July rainfall till July 8 stood at 39.9 mm against the normal 47.6 mm, a deficit of 16 per cent.

District-wise rainfall analysis showed that none of the districts recorded excess, large deficit or no-rainfall conditions. Thirteen districts recorded normal rainfall, while the remaining 20 districts recorded deficit rainfall.

Despite the delayed onset of the monsoon, farmers who had already prepared their fields commenced sowing cotton, pulses, cereals, millets and other crops. The Agriculture Department said normal rainfall during June and early July enabled cultivation to cover 55.31 lakh acres against the normal Kharif target of 132.38 lakh acres.

Crop-wise data revealed that cotton led the sowing activity with 39.44 lakh acres, accounting for 83.19 per cent of its seasonal normal, followed by soybean with 3.35 lakh acres or 80.29 per cent coverage. Sugarcane achieved 64.44 per cent coverage, red gram 58.63 per cent and green gram 55.36 per cent. Maize reached 46.09 per cent, jowar 41.67 per cent, castor 26.65 per cent and sunflower 25.55 per cent. In contrast, paddy cultivation remained sluggish at only 4.22 lakh acres, covering just 6.40 per cent of the normal target of 65.96 lakh acres. Groundnut recorded only 9.79 per cent coverage, bajra 11.42 per cent, horse gram 11 per cent, ragi 14.85 per cent, black gram 29.05 per cent and sesamum recorded no sowing at all.

The department categorised paddy, bajra, ragi, horse gram, groundnut, sesame and sunflower under the below-25 per cent coverage category. Jowar, maize, black gram and castor registered coverage between 26 and 50 per cent, while red gram, green gram and sugarcane achieved between 51 and 75 per cent. Soybean and cotton alone crossed the 76 per cent mark.

District-wise sowing progress also reflected wide disparities. Adilabad emerged as the best-performing district with 94.16 per cent coverage, where farmers cultivated 5.46 lakh acres out of the normal target of 5.80 lakh acres. Komaram Bheem Asifabad followed with 79.82 per cent and Sangareddy with 79.49 per cent. Nirmal registered 59.67 per cent, Nizamabad 54.16 per cent, Narayanpet 53.60 per cent and Bhadradi Kothagudem 52.12 per cent. On the other hand, sowing remained below 20 per cent in Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jagtial, Medak, Siddipet, Mulugu, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Wanaparthy and Suryapet, while major paddy-growing districts such as Nalgonda, Suryapet and Siddipet, along with Kamareddy, Nagarkurnool, Khammam, Vikarabad and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, continued to report disappointing progress.

Overall, 11 districts recorded less than 25 per cent sowing coverage, 14 districts achieved between 26 and 50 per cent, four districts registered between 51 and 75 per cent, while only three districts — Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad and Sangareddy — crossed the 75 per cent mark.

REVANTH REDDY RULES OUT OPERATING KANNEPALLI PUMP HOUSE, CITES NDSA

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy rejected opposition demands to lift water from the Kanepalli pump house, citing NDSA recommendations that barrages cannot be operated without adequate storage. He accused BRS of misleading people, criticised BJP MP Etala Rajender for supporting the demand, and dismissed allegations of releasing water to Andhra Pradesh as "Guru Dakshina." Executive Branch

Hyderabad: Rejecting suggestions from retired engineers and demands from the opposition to lift water from Kannepalli pump house, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy maintained that the exercise was not feasible, citing the recommendations of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA). Geographic Reference

Addressing a press conference on Saturday, he said the NDSA had advised against closing the gates of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages. Unless about five tmcft of water was stored, the pumps could not be operated. Though water was currently flowing, it could not be lifted, he said.

Revanth Reddy ex-

plained that water lifted at the Kannepalli pump house had to be supplied to the Annaram barrage. If water was lifted without closing the Medigadda gates, it would flow back into the Kannepalli pump house, he contended. Likewise, water could not be pumped into the Saraswathi pump house without closing the Annaram gates.

"The BRS is indulging in mudslinging politics and misleading the people to defame the State government. Lifting water is not possible," the Chief Minister said.

Revanth Reddy said the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti had constituted a Technical Oversight Committee for the rehabilitation of the Kaleshwaram barrages,



with an NDSA Technical Member serving as its chairman. The committee would examine various technical aspects and submit its report, he said. The Chief Minister reiterated that repair works would be taken up only after approval from the Central Water Com-

mission (CWC) or the NDSA and would not yield to any external pressure, he asserted. Executive Branch

Targets Etala Rajender

Revanth Reddy criticised BJP MP Etala Rajender for supporting the BRS demand to op-

erate the Kannepalli pump house to meet farmers' needs.

Alleging that the Malkajgiri MP was acting at the behest of former Irrigation Minister T Harish Rao, the Chief Minister said Etala Rajender had damaged his credibility by aligning

with his former gang. He challenged the BJP MP and BRS leaders to present their case before the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti and the NDSA Chairman. The State government was prepared to hand over the barrages to the NDSA for rehabilitation, and they could convince the experts to permit temporary water lifting, he said.

Responds to 'Guru Dakshina' Charge Geographic Reference

Rejecting the opposition's allegation that water was being released downstream to Andhra Pradesh as "Guru Dakshina," Revanth Reddy said the Polavaram project was still under construction. He said the Andhra Pradesh government

was diverting Godavari water to the Krishna delta through the Pattiseema project, a practice that had continued during the previous BRS government as well.

On Drought Contingency

Asked about contingency measures to tackle drought, the Chief Minister said "The BRS leaders should be cut and their blood should be supplied in the fields. Their fat will also be useful". He said the government had been advising farmers for the past six months to adopt crop diversification. Paddy cultivation required large quantities of water, and in view of the rainfall deficit, farmers could face losses if they continued with the crop, he said.

PM Modi, Luxon strengthen India-New Zealand relations



Auckland: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his New Zealand counterpart Christopher Luxon on Saturday held wide-ranging bilateral talks in Auckland, agreeing to elevate India-New Zealand relations to a Strategic Partnership while reviewing cooperation across key sectors, including trade, defence, education, sports and culture.

The two leaders also witnessed the exchange of several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) aimed at deepening bilateral engagement.

Sharing details of the meeting, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal

posted on X: "Prime Minister Narendra Modi held wide-ranging and productive talks with PM @chrisluxonmp, covering trade and commerce, defence and security, education, sports, culture and other key areas of cooperation. In a significant step, both leaders decided to elevate the bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership."

The two leaders also discussed the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and exchanged views on major regional and global developments.

"The meeting culminated in the exchange of several MoUs and coop-

eration arrangements spanning defence, disaster management, tourism, sports and animal husbandry, further strengthening the dynamic India-New Zealand partnership," Jaiswal stated. South Asians & Diaspora

During the talks, PM Modi thanked Luxon for personally receiving him at the airport on Friday evening, describing it as a special gesture that reflected the warmth of the relationship between the two countries.

"Last night, your coming to the airport to receive me was a very special gesture, and I extend my heartfelt thanks for that. Your ministers were with me throughout, and I truly appreciate it," PM Modi said.

"For me, it is a matter of great happiness that after 40 years, an Indian Prime Minister has come to New Zealand. By organising these events in your economic capital, you have created a new momentum and given fresh strength to India-New Zealand ties. I am thankful to you," he added. India economic analysis

The Prime Minister also said the enthusiastic welcome and affection

shown by the people of New Zealand, particularly the Indian diaspora, had made the visit especially memorable.

"Coming here and witnessing the love that the people of New Zealand have for India can make anyone emotional. It is truly heart-touching. This is one of the historic moments in our relationship, which will give new momentum and new energy to our friendship and bilateral ties," he said.

Following the talks, Luxon highlighted the growing economic partnership between the two countries, particularly the ongoing negotiations on the proposed India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

In a post on X, Luxon said, "New Zealand and India bookend the Indo-Pacific, but distance is no barrier to us working together to grow our economies. That's what we're doing through our free trade agreement, which will eliminate tariffs on 57 per cent of everything we sell to India on day one."

PM Modi is on the final leg of his three-nation tour, with his visit marking the first official visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in 40 years.

Trump issues fresh threat to Iran after funeral controversy

Dubai: US President Donald Trump on Saturday threatened Iran after the funeral of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei reportedly saw open calls for his killing, further highlighting tensions gripping the Middle East as an interim deal to end the conflict comes under strain amid repeated hostilities in the region. History

Trump made the remarks on his Truth Social platform after senior US officials demanded that Iran make a public statement assuring that the Strait of Hormuz remains open and that ships passing through the vital waterway would no longer be attacked.

So far, Tehran has not done so. Instead, it has insisted that the route remain under its control and that it be allowed to levy charges on ships passing through it, challenging decades of precedent that treated the strait as an international waterway.

The developments came after several days of US airstrikes targeting Iran and Ira-



nian retaliatory strikes targeting countries across the Middle East. The exchange of attacks followed Iran's alleged attack on three ships in the Strait of Hormuz earlier this week.

"1000 Missiles are Locked and Loaded and aimed at the Islamic Republic of Iran, with thousands more to immediately follow, should the Iranian Government act on its threat," Trump wrote on Truth Social.

Shabad Killings: KTR targets Revanth Government over law and order

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday blamed the State government, particularly the Home Department, for the gruesome killing of six people by a POC SO accused at Shabad in Rangareddy district. Geographic Reference

Condemning the incident, Rama Rao said the crime took place barely 30 km from Hyderabad. He alleged that the accused was granted bail despite the victim's family warning the authorities about threats from him. The accused later went on to kill six members of the family, he said.

Speaking to mediapersons, Rama Rao said the State government must take responsibility if accused persons released on bail committed such crimes. City & Local Guides

He alleged that the Public Prosecutor failed to argue the case effectively and accused the State government, particularly



the Home Minister, of failing to protect the victim's family.

Responding to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's remarks describing him as a "financial terrorist," Rama Rao said a financial terrorist was someone caught with Rs 50 lakh in unaccounted cash and accused of conspiring to topple an elected government.

"Today, Revanth Reddy is the Chief Minister, but he should refrain from making cheap comments," Rama Rao said.

Tirumala VIP Break Darshans Cancelled from July to September: Check Dates

Tirupati: With two Brahmotsavams under way this year owing to Adhika Masam as per the Telugu Calendar, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Board (TTD) Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary directed all heads of the respective departments to finalise plans and ensure completion of all arrangements including the for the Salakatta (annual) Brahmotsavams to be held in September, within the prescribed time frame.

A review meeting was held with all HoDs along with the Tirupati Joint Executive Officer Dr. A. Sharath

and CVSO Sri Murali Krishna over departmental preparedness at the Sudharma Conference Hall in Tirumala on Thursday

Keeping in view various festivals and religious events scheduled at the Sri Venkateswara Temple, VIP Break Darshans will remain cancelled on the following dates from July up to September 30, 2026:

- July 14: Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam.
- July 17: Anivara Asthanam.
- July 19: Pedda Maryada to the Swamiji of Sri Andavan Ashramam.

– July 29: Chaturmasya Sankalpam of the Tirumala Jeeyar Swamijis.

– August 22: Ankurarpanam for Pavitrotsavams.

– August 24: Pavitra Samarpana on the second day of Pavitrotsavams.

– September 8: Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam in connection with Srivari Brahmotsavams.

– September 14: Ankurarpanam for Srivari Brahmotsavams.

– September 15 to 23: (Dwajarojanam, Garuda Vahanam, Rathotsavam, Chakrasnanam dates dur-

ing the Srivari Brahmotsavams

On the day preceding the above-mentioned dates, VIP recommendation letters will not be accepted, except for the Protocol Dignitaries. Also, special darshans for the elderly, the disabled, parents with infants, NRIs, and donors remain suspended, he stated. Two-wheelers will also remain prohibited on Tirumala Ghat Roads from 9 PM on 18 September to 6 AM on 20 September 2026, owing to expected heavy traffic during Garuda Seva. Devotees are requested to take note of these restrictions while planning their pilgrimage to Tirumala.



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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).

Revanth alleges retired engineers backed BRS in Kaleshwaram controversy

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy lashed out at retired engineers, accusing them of colluding with the previous BRS government in irregularities and criticising their suggestions on water projects. He singled out Shyamprasad Reddy for allegedly shifting positions on the Medigadda barrage and warned that such engineers deserved punishment. State & Local Government

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday launched a scathing criticism against retired engineers, who suggested that the State government operate the Kannepalli pump house to lift water. He also claimed that the pump house was not fully operational.South Asians & Diaspora

Addressing a press conference, Revanth Reddy alleged that the government had erred by not initiating action against some retired engineers, accusing them of colluding with the previous BRS government in alleged irregularities and benefiting financially through contractors.

“We made a mistake by not



putting a few retired engineers in jail. They partnered with the previous government in the loot and minted money through contractors,” he said.Executive Branch

The Chief Minister alleged that the opposition was using retired engineers to mount pressure on the government and tarnish its image. He described their suggestions as “bewakoof”(foolish) and said they deserved “belt treat

Lacking subject knowledge, CM Revanth resorts to body-shaming opposition leaders: Puvvada

Former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar accused CM A Revanth Reddy of resorting to personal insults and body-shaming, citing derogatory remarks about his lost eye. He defended his record as minister, criticised the Congress government’s handling of Godavari waters, and highlighted the BRS regime’s investment in the Sitarama project. State & Local Government

Khammam: It has become a habit for Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to resort to personal insults and body-shaming against former ministers and MLAs, regardless of which district he visits, stated former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar.History

Referring to Revanth Reddy’s remarks made against him at Friday’s public meeting in Khammam, the former minister noted that what the people care about is a leader’s character, not physical appearance.

Ajay Kumar said he had publicly shared that he lost an eye in a car accident years ago. Lacking subject knowledge and forgetting the dignity of the Chief Minister’s office, Revanth Reddy stooped low to make comments about his missing eye.Executive Branch

Speaking to the media here on Saturday Ajay Kumar pointed out that personal insults and character assassination constitute CM Revanth’s agenda and he was making derogatory remarks unbefitting of a Chief Minister.

The BRS leader told Revanth Reddy to compare the work he ac-



complished as a minister with a single eye to what the current three ministers with proper eye-sight have achieved. He said the public knows how effectively he worked and the development he achieved with just one eye.

As the Congress government allowed Godavari waters to flow downstream, the Andhra Pradesh government was lifting and diverting the waters through the Pattiseema project. Revanth Reddy lacks even the slightest sincerity regarding Telangana’s interests, Ajay Kumar alleged.State & Local Government

Although former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao initiated the Sitarama project, Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao claims credit for bringing it about. The previous BRS regime spent Rs 9,000 crore on the project, whereas the expenditure made by the current government was negligible, he added.

Senior BRS leaders Gundala Krishna, Bachu Vijay Kumar, K Nagabhushanam, Pagadala Nagaraju and others were present.

Nightingale Of South India S. Janaki No More



BENGALURU: Renowned playback singer S. Janaki died at a private hospital in Mysuru on Saturday evening. She was 88. Janaki was admitted to the hospital in critical condition around 12.49 pm with age-related ailments. During treatment, she suffered a cardiac arrest. Doctors immediately initiated advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with medical protocols. Despite sustained efforts, she suffered multiple cardiac arrests and could not be revived. She was declared dead around 7.30 pm. Sharing the news on behalf of the family, her granddaughter Apsara Vydyula, in an Instagram post, said, “It is with profound sadness that I share the passing of my beloved grandmother and legendary singer, Smt S Janaki.”

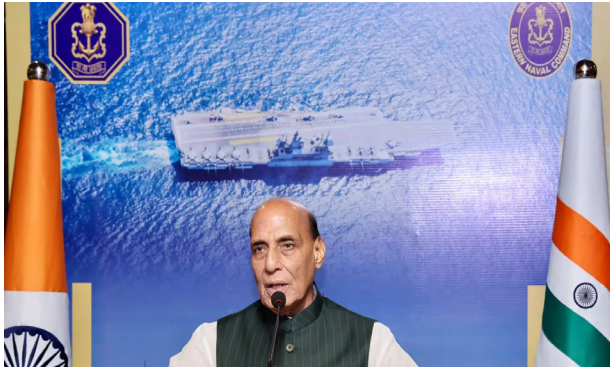
Known as the “Nightingale of South India”, Janaki recorded more than 48,000 songs for films,

albums, television and radio in about 20 Indian languages, including Hindi, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali during a career spanning over six decades. She won the National Film Award for Best Female Playback Singer four times. She announced her retirement from singing in 2016 but returned to record a song for the Tamil film Pannaadi in 2018.

Though Telugu was her mother tongue, Janaki sang solos, duets, chorus numbers and title tracks in around 20 Indian languages, including Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, Konkani, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali. She also recorded songs in English, Japanese, German and Sinhala. Janaki learnt the basics of music from nadaswaram exponent Paidiswamy and gave her first stage performance at the age of nine. She began her playback singing career at 19 with the Tamil film Vidhiyin Vilayattu, released in 1957.

Among the thousands of songs she recorded, the largest number were in Kannada, followed by Malayalam. Her honours included an honorary doctorate from the University of Mysore and the Tamil Nadu government’s Kalaimamani award. Janaki was selected for the Padma Bhushan, India’s third-highest civilian honour, in 2013 but declined to accept it. Born on April 23, 1938, at Pallapatla in Repalle taluk of present-day Andhra Pradesh, Janaki was the daughter of Sistla Sreeramamurthy, an Ayurvedic doctor and teacher. She was fondly known as “Janaki amma” among her disciples and followers.

Rajnath Singh Commissions Indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Mahendragiri



Visakhapatnam: The Indian Navy inducted another state-of-the-art warship into its fleet on Saturday as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned INS Mahendragiri, an indigenously designed stealth frigate and the sixth Project 17A Nilgiri-class warship, at the Visakhapatnam dockyard.

The Defence Minister also received the Guard of Honour during the commissioning ceremony.

Named after the Mahendragiri mountain range in the Eastern Ghats, the frigate symbolises resilience, strength and unwavering resolve.

As the first Indian Naval warship to bear this name, Mahendragiri is truly sui generis.

The warship is expected to build a distinguished legacy and add another chapter to India’s maritime history.

Designed in-house by the Indian Navy’s Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, Mahendragiri is the sixth ship of the Project 17A class of stealth frigates.

The vessel reflects India’s growing expertise in indigenous warship design and construction.

With over 75 per cent indigenous content, the ship reflects the success of the Government of India’s Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and highlights the growing capability of the Indian ship-building ecosystem.

The construction of the ship has involved a large number of Indian industries, including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), thereby strengthening the nation’s defence industrial base and generating significant employment, as stated in the official release.

Mahendragiri is equipped with an advanced suite of indigenous and state-of-the-art weapons, sensors, and electronic warfare systems, enabling her to effectively undertake anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine operations.

The ship is also capable of maritime security operations, Search and Rescue missions, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), and sustained deployments across the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and beyond.

The commissioning of INS Mahendragiri marks another significant milestone in the successful execution of the Project 17A programme.

As successive frigates of the class join the fleet, they will continue to enhance the Indian Navy’s combat capability while reinforcing India’s position as a leading indigenous warship-building nation.

The Defence Minister arrived in Visakhapatnam on Friday evening, where he was received by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan.

Earlier, Singh described the commissioning of Mahendragiri as a proud moment for the nation and the Indian Navy.

“Heading to Visakhapatnam to witness a proud moment for our nation and the Indian Navy, for the Commissioning Ceremony of the 6th Project 17A stealth frigate, Mahendragiri, on 11 July 2026,” the Defence Minister said in a post on X.

Calling the warship a symbol of India’s growing self-reliance in defence manufacturing, Singh said, “This indigenously designed and constructed state-of-the-art warship is a testament to our Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision and the incredible capabilities of our domestic defence industries and MSMEs.”

He further said that “Mahendragiri is combat-ready to safeguard India’s maritime interests and strengthen our resolve for a secure Indo-Pacific.”

RS Praveen Kumar Questions Government Over Handling of POCSO Cases



- Expresses concern over the Shabad tragedy
- Raises questions on the investigation of POCSO cases
- Demands justice for victims' families
- Calls for stronger measures to ensure women's safety
- Urges Chief Minister to accept responsibility

Hyderabad: BRS State General Secretary Dr. RS Praveen Kumar strongly criticised the Telangana Government over the handling of POCSO cases, women's safety, and law-and-order issues during a press conference held at Telangana Bhavan on Saturday. Referring to the recent Shabad tragedy in which six people lost their lives, he described the incident as deeply distressing and urged the government to take immediate and effective measures to prevent such incidents from recurring.

Dr. Praveen Kumar alleged that delays in the investigation of POCSO cases and in the arrest of accused persons had weakened public confidence in the criminal justice system. He claimed that prompt police action in the case registered before the Shabad incident could have prevented the tragedy. According to him, despite repeated complaints and warnings from the victim's family, timely action was not taken by the authorities. He demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the incident and called for all facts to be placed before the public.

Emphasising that the safety of women and children should be the government's highest priority, Dr. Praveen Kumar said POCSO cases should be treated as highly sensitive matters requiring continuous monitoring by senior officials. He urged the

government to establish stronger support systems for victims, including legal assistance, counselling, and immediate protection whenever complaints are received.

Referring to another POCSO case registered in Pet Basheerabad, he said the victim's family had approached him expressing fear for their daughter's safety. He stated that the family was anxious because the accused was allegedly still at large. According to Dr. Praveen Kumar, ensuring the safety of victims and their families should remain the primary responsibility of the police throughout the investigation.

He also referred to a POCSO case registered on May 16 and questioned the pace of the investigation. He sought greater transparency regarding the recording of the victim's statement, the progress of the investigation, and the legal action initiated against the accused. A faster and more transparent legal process, he said, would strengthen public confidence in the justice system.

Dr. Praveen Kumar called for all pending POCSO cases to be reviewed by senior police officers and suggested the constitution of special investigation teams wherever necessary. He also urged the government to strengthen Fast Track Courts so that cases involving crimes against children are disposed of within a fixed timeframe. According to him, coordinated efforts between the police, prosecution, and judicial authorities are essential to ensure timely justice.

He further appealed to the State Women's Commission and the Child Rights Commission to actively monitor crimes against



women and children and to recommend preventive measures. He also stressed the need for greater public awareness programmes to encourage victims to report offences without fear.

Addressing students and parents, Dr. Praveen Kumar advised that any incident of harassment should be reported immediately to parents, teachers, or the police. He also urged parents to remain alert to behavioural changes in children and seek timely assistance whenever necessary.

Recalling his detention while attempting to visit the families affected by the Shabad incident, Dr. Praveen Kumar said opposition leaders should be allowed to express solidarity with victims in a democratic society. He urged the government to focus on preventing crime and ensuring swift investigations rather than restricting political visits.

Concluding his address, Dr. Praveen Kumar demanded a special review of all pending POCSO cases in Telangana, enhanced protection for victims, and speedy legal action against the accused in accordance with the law. He paid tributes to those who lost their lives in the Shabad tragedy and urged the government to extend all possible assistance to the bereaved families. He reiterated that every victim deserves timely justice and called upon the government to strengthen measures for the protection of women and children across the state.

Shabad Tragedy Sparks Political Row Police Detain RS Praveen Kumar

- RS Praveen Kumar criticises government over Shabad incident
- Raises questions over delay in arresting the accused
- Demands justice for victims' families
- Tension prevails at Shankarpally Police Station
- BRS leaders stage protest against detentions
- Calls for release of detained leaders
- Expresses concern over women's safety
- Seeks impartial investigation into the incident
- Demands Chief Minister's accountability

Shankarpally: A political confrontation unfolded in Shankarpally after BRS State General Secretary Dr. RS Praveen Kumar, former Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy, MLC Satyavathi Rathod, Narendra Reddy and other party leaders were detained by the police while proceeding to Shabad to console the families of the six victims who lost their lives in the recent tragedy. The leaders were taken to the Shankarpally Police Station, triggering protests by BRS leaders and party workers, who gathered in large numbers and demanded their immediate release.

Addressing the media, Dr. RS Praveen Kumar launched a strong attack on the Congress government, alleging serious lapses in law and order and expressing concern over the safety of women and children in the state. He claimed that delays in taking action in POCSO-related cases had weakened public confidence in the justice system. According to him, prompt police intervention in an earlier POCSO case could have prevented the tragic incident in Shabad. He alleged that despite repeated complaints and warnings from the victim's family regarding threats to their lives, timely action was not taken by the authorities.

Dr. Praveen Kumar questioned why the accused was not arrested immediately after the case was registered and asked what preventive measures were taken while the accused was reportedly pursuing anticipatory bail. He alleged that the delay in the investigation ultimately resulted in the loss of innocent lives.

Stressing the importance of swift law enforcement, he said the police should have acted promptly to prevent the escalation of the situation.

Expressing concern over the incident occurring within the jurisdiction of the Future City Commissionerate, he alleged that the safety and security of women had become a matter of serious concern. Referring to other recent cases, he claimed that delays in arresting accused persons reflected selective enforcement of the law. He urged the police to function impartially and without political influence, asserting that the law must be applied equally to every citizen.

Dr. Praveen Kumar also criticised the police for preventing opposition leaders from visiting the bereaved families, stating that offering condolences to victims should not be treated as a law-and-order issue. He maintained that opposition leaders have every democratic right to stand with victims' families during times of tragedy and questioned the rationale behind detaining them instead of prioritising action against the accused.

Calling for justice, he demanded immediate relief and support for the victims' families and urged the government to ensure a



fair, transparent and time-bound investigation. He also appealed for all those responsible to be brought to justice through due legal process. Further, he called upon the government to place all facts related to the incident before the public in the interest of transparency.

The BRS leadership strongly condemned the detention of its leaders and termed the police action undemocratic. They demanded the immediate release of Sabitha Indra Reddy, Satyavathi Rathod and the other detained leaders. Dr. Praveen Kumar further alleged that the State Home Department had failed to effectively maintain law and order and called upon Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to accept moral responsibility for the incident.

Following the detention, hundreds of BRS leaders and supporters assembled outside the Shankarpally Police Station, raising slogans and staging a peaceful protest. Local BRS leaders alleged that government negligence had contributed to the prevailing situation and asserted that the party would continue its struggle until justice was delivered to the victims' families. They reiterated that the BRS would continue to fight for the protection of people's rights and the rule of law.

Among those who participated in the protest were former Municipal Chairman and PACS Chairman Shashidhar Reddy, former MPP Govardhan Reddy, former Mandal Party President Govardhan Reddy, former Sarpanch Bisolla Sridhar, senior leader Vasudev Kanna, Vasantha Mahender Reddy, Julakanti Mahender Reddy, Ashok Goud, Vikranth Sen, Nandigama Rajesh, Bisolla Raghu, Jonnada Shekhar, Pasha, Chandu, Chandram, Mokuram Raju and several other BRS leaders and party workers

Birthday Wishes Pour In for Jagga Reddy and Jaya Reddy

- Father and daughter celebrate their birthdays on the same day
- Jagga Reddy recognized for his dedicated public service
- Jaya Reddy appreciated for her active role in social service
- Leaders, supporters, and well-wishers extend their greetings
- Birthday wishes conveyed by Kandukuri Krishna and Kandukuri Anusha Krishna

State Desk: : Warm birthday wishes poured in from political leaders, party workers, supporters, and well-wishers across Sangareddy district on the occasion of the birthday of T. Jagga Reddy, former Sangareddy MLA, TPCC Working President, and senior Congress leader. Widely recognized for his fearless stand on public issues, Jagga Reddy has earned immense respect for consistently raising the voice of the people and working tirelessly for their welfare. His dedication to public service, unwavering political commitment, and close bond with party workers have established him as a respected mass leader. Admirers praised his significant contribution to the development of Sangareddy district, stating that his efforts will remain etched in the hearts of the people. They also noted that he has always been at the forefront in highlighting public grievances and fighting for the rights of ordinary citizens. His accessibility to the people and his willingness to share their joys and hardships are regarded as hallmarks of his leadership.

The occasion became even more special as his daughter, Jaya Reddy, also celebrated her birthday on the same day. She has earned appreciation for her active involvement in social service activities and her growing popularity among the youth. Many praised her commitment to social responsibility and her efforts to carry forward her father's vision of public service. Supporters expressed confidence that she would continue to serve society with dedication and achieve greater success in the future. The father-daughter birthday celebration has become a special annual occasion in Sangareddy district. On this memorable day, Kandukuri Krishna and Kandukuri Anusha Krishna, representing Gnana Telangana, extended their heartfelt birthday wishes to T. Jagga Reddy and Jaya Reddy, wishing them good health, happiness, prosperity, and many more years of dedicated public service.



Emirates Eyes A380 Services From Hyderabad

HYDERABAD: Emirates Airline on Saturday expressed willingness to introduce A380 services from Hyderabad during a meeting with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Mohammed Sarhan, vice president (India) of Emirates, called on the Chief Minister as the airline completes 25 years of operations in Hyderabad.

During the meeting, Sarhan conveyed the airline's interest in operating A380 services from the city. The Chief Minister welcomed the proposal and urged the airline to increase flight



services from Hyderabad.

Referring to the proposed airports at Warangal and Adilabad, he requested Emirates to explore extending maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operations to these locations. He said the state government would provide necessary support for aviation operations.

The Chief Minister also asked the airline to support training programmes for athletes at the recently launched Gachibowli Sports University. Sarhan responded positively to the proposals.

Foundation Stone Laid for Kodad Bus Station



Hyderabad:Transport minister Ponnamp Prabhakar and irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday laid the foundation stone for a new Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus station at Kodad. The bus station will be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹17 crore.

Several local leaders and TGSRTC officials attended the bhoomi puja for the construction of the modern bus station at Kodad town.

Addressing the gathering, the ministers said

that since the Praja Palana (People's Governance) government assumed office, the state government had drawn up a special plan to construct RTC bus stations at key locations across Telangana. They said the government had launched the Mahalakshmi scheme, which provides free bus travel for women, within 48 hours of taking charge.

The ministers said that women have so far availed themselves of 32.7 crore zero-fare journeys under the scheme.

Telangana Unveils Project SHUDH to Eliminate Manual Sewer Entry

Hyderabad: IT and industries minister D. Sridhar Babu on Saturday launched 'Project SHUDH', an AI-based sewer governance platform aimed at improving urban drainage management and eliminating unsafe manual entry into manholes.

Developed by The Bot Factory under the guidance of the All India Robotics Association (AIRA), the platform integrates robotics, artificial intelligence, GIS and predictive analytics to monitor and manage underground sewer systems.

Addressing the event, the minister said the initiative demonstrates the application of advanced technologies to address critical urban infrastructure challenges. He said the platform has the potential to improve drainage



management and reduce overflow incidents during the monsoon and other seasons.

He said Telangana has emerged as a hub for innovation, start-ups and emerging technologies, and added that the government would continue to support entrepreneurs developing solutions with social impact.

The minister said the platform could be useful for civic bodies such as the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB). He said trials conducted with Metro Water Works have shown encouraging results, including the ability to detect blockages, generate alerts and support predictive maintenance.

He added that the government is working to modernise public systems to enable adoption of technology-driven solutions.

HMWS&SB managing director Ashok Reddy said the project marks a shift from limited use of robotic tools to a more integrated system for monitoring sewer pipelines. He said trials have been conducted and the product has undergone improvements, with initial results indicating potential for wider implementation.

He said the board plans to undertake a pilot deployment in a selected area and scale up based on performance.

GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan, AIRA chairman Kishshhan and representatives of The Bot Factory were present at the event.

Telangana: VHR Holds Mouna Deeksha Over Theft Of Ayodhya Offerings

KARIMNAGAR: Senior Congress leader and state government adviser V. Hanumantha Rao on Saturday observed a 'mouna deeksha' at Ramojipet in Ellanthakunta mandal, alleging irregularities in devotees' offerings at the Ayodhya Ram temple and demanding action.

Addressing the gathering, he said the Centre should take moral responsibility over the issue. Extending support, Vemulawada MLA and government whip Adi Srinivas said people would not tolerate irregularities in the name of Lord Rama. "People are deeply dis-



turbed by the alleged theft of funds from the Ayodhya Ram temple, which is revered by crores of devotees," he said.

Referring to the temple inauguration in January 2024, he said, "After a long wait, the temple was inaugurated in January 2024. It is unfortunate that such an incident has occurred within just two-and-a-half years," and demanded that those responsible be punished.

Manakondur MLA Kavvampally Satyanarayana said the sentiments of devotees had been hurt. He criticised BJP leaders, stating that they remained silent over the issue despite invoking Lord Rama. He also alleged attempts to suppress the matter and demanded that the Centre make public details of temple offerings and take action against those responsible.

Telangana Plans Three-Phase Land Re-Survey by March 2027 to Resolve Land Disputes



Nalgonda: Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Saturday announced that the state government would conduct a re-survey of lands in three phases, with a target to complete the exercise by March 2027. Holding a video conference with district collectors from the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC) in Khammam, he said the re-survey aimed to ensure land security for farmers through the issuance of Bhudhar cards.

The minister said the Congress government had enacted the Bhu Bharati Act soon after assuming office, replacing Dharani, which had not met public expectations even 15 months after implementation. Based on expert suggestions, the government decided to undertake a comprehensive re-survey. A pilot project in five villages resolved up to 95 per cent of land-related issues.

He said around 70 villages in each district had been selected for the first phase and that trained licensed surveyors would be engaged.

He clarified that there would be no guarantee of employment or regularisation for hired surveyors. Licensed surveyors would be paid ₹60 per acre, including ₹50 for survey work and ₹10 towards transport and other expenses. He warned that licences would be cancelled if surveyors failed to report for duty within the stipulated time.

The minister directed officials to identify reasons for rejection of applications related to sada bainama and issue notices as per rules.

He said priority would be given to families living in huts in the second phase of Indiramma housing. He instructed officials to expedite completion of houses under the first phase as the second phase had already been launched.

He also directed officials to hand over 2BHK houses taken up during the previous government to beneficiaries in their current condition and release funds for pending works. He emphasised the need to ensure uninterrupted supply of sand, bricks and other construction materials for Indiramma houses.

Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train to Be Launched Next Year, Says Ashwini Vaishnaw

Union Minister for Railways and Electronics & IT Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday announced that the Mumbai–Ahmedabad bullet train project is set to be launched next year.

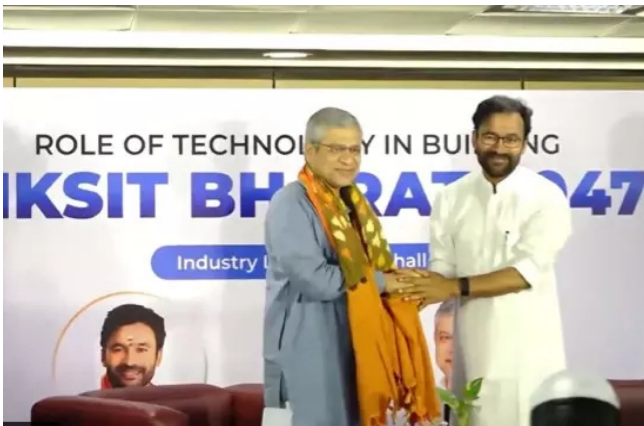
He was speaking at a seminar on "Technology's Role in Viksit Bharat-2047" held at HICC in Hyderabad, which was attended by Union Minister G Kishan Reddy among others.

Highlighting the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence, Vaishnaw said AI is helping solve several technological challenges and opening up vast opportunities in the electronics sector. He noted that the Centre has approved four electronic manufacturing units in Telangana, adding that production has already begun in one of the three sanctioned semiconductor facilities.

The minister further revealed that the Union government has approved seven new bullet train corridors across the country. Of these, three corridors have been sanctioned for Telangana, connecting Hyderabad with Chennai, Bengaluru, and Mumbai.

Vaishnaw also said the Centre has significantly increased railway budget allocations for Telangana. He criticised the previous UPA government, stating that the undivided Andhra Pradesh received only ₹880 crore, while the current government is spending around ₹5,000 crore for Telangana alone.

He added that the Secunderabad Railway Station is being modernised and funds have been allocated for the redevelopment of 40 railway stations in the state. The minister also claimed that the Vande Bharat trains are among the best in the world and said five such services are currently operating in Telangana.



Wimbledon 2026: Linda Noskova Beats Karolina Muchova in All-Czech Final

LONDON: Linda Noskova is the latest in a long line of Czech women to win Wimbledon . The 21-year-old Noskova recovered from a second-set melt-down in which she wasted five match points to overcome Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 in an all-Czech final on Saturday for her first Grand Slam trophy. Noskova became the third Czech woman in four years to win the grass-court major, after Marketa Vondrousova in 2023 and Barbora Krejcikova in 2024.

Petra Kvitova, who won Wimbledon in 2011 and 2014, was in attendance, as was the greatest Czech-born player of them all, Martina Navratilova — who won a record nine singles titles at the All England Club. Navratilova looked on from the Royal Box, where she was seated next to Kate, the Princess of Wales , who was due to present the Venus Rosewater Dish trophy to Noskova. Muchova and Noskova played



doubles together at the 2024 Paris Olympics and finished fourth. In the men's final on Sunday, top-ranked Jannik Sinner will attempt to defend his title against French Open champion Alexander Zverev .

England Battle Norway As Argentina Face Swiss in World Cup Last Eight

Los Angeles: England lock horns with Norway in a World Cup quarter-final in Miami on Saturday that pits Harry Kane against Erling Haaland in a mouthwatering battle of elite strikers.

The teams are competing to face either reigning champions Argentina or surprise package Switzerland in the semi-finals.

England vs Norway (02:30 AM Sunday)

Kane has once again been England's hero, dragging his teammates through an attritional last-16 meeting with Mexico at the Estadio Azteca that they won 3-2 despite having a man sent off.

The Bayern Munich forward has scored six goals to fire the Three Lions to the quarter-finals. Haaland appears to have been enjoying himself ever since he touched down in the United States and began smashing in the seven goals that have carried Norway further than ever before.

Their run, which included eliminating Brazil, has been accompanied by their fans' joyous rowing celebration that has turned venues across the US into giant human Viking ships.

"Every game has been the most important (in history) for Norwegian football, especially in the knockout rounds, so this is the third time it is the most important game," Norway coach Stale Solbakken said on Friday.

Kane described 25-year-old Haaland as "a beast" but insisted he and the Manchester City striker had contrasting styles.

"I see myself as a different player, although I score the same goals," the England captain, 32, said on Friday. "I like to maybe touch the ball a little bit more, be involved with the play a little bit more, but also can play as maybe the out-and-out number nine.

"I don't think it's one to compare ourselves. I respect him a lot as a player and as a professional."

England were boosted by the return to training on Friday of the influential trio of Declan Rice, Marc Guehi and Reece James, who have been dealing with illness and injury.

Coach Thomas Tuchel described their presence as "the best news" and said: "We took a big step in our last match, but it was only a step.

"The next step is to win a quarter-final. The important thing is to look up at what is ahead of us."

The contest in Miami's Hard Rock Stadium is likely to be a sweaty affair played in temperatures forecast to rise above 40C (104 degrees Fahrenheit).

Expected Lineup:

Norway: Nyland (Goalkeeper); Ryerson, Ajer, Heggem, Moller Wolfe (Defense); Berg, Berge, Odegaard (Midfield); Sorloth, Haaland, Nusa (Attack)

England: Pickford (Goalkeeper); Konsa, Stones, Guehi, O'Reilly (Defense); Rice, Anderson(Midfield); Saka, Bellingham, Gordon; Kane (Attack)

Argentina vs Switzerland (06:30 AM Sunday)

Argentina made a smooth start to their bid to become the first country since Brazil in 1962 to win back-to-back World Cups.

But since they entered the knockout rounds, frailties have crept in as they were pushed to breaking point by first World Cup debutants Cape Verde and then Egypt.

Lionel Messi, who turned 39 during the group phase, has again been the talisman for the South Americans, his genius repeatedly getting his team out of tight spots.

But there is just a suggestion the Swiss, a well-organised unit marshalled by midfield general Granit Xhaka, could exploit any weariness and cause them problems at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said he is very proud of the character his team has shown.

"I would like this national team to be remembered as a team that never gave up," he said.

The 48-year-old has been especially marked by the support for the team expressed by a young fan.

"We do not play football just for a win," he said.

"And then when you see those things that come out of our heart, this is just outstanding.

"When you see a 10-year-old saying those things and talking with that passion, and everyone shouting 'Argentina', that is just so emotional. And that is the legacy that I want."

The Time Has Come For Shreyas Iyer To Create His Identity As Captain : Saba Karim



England sealed the five-match T20I series with a commanding nine-wicket victory in the fourth T20I in Bristol, taking an unassailable 3-0 lead. Speaking on JioHotstar's 'Match Centre Live', JioStar experts Saba Karim and Parthiv Patel analysed Indian batters' shot selection, Shreyas Iyer's tactical decision-making, and the possible changes to the playing XI for the series finale.

Speaking on JioHotstar's 'Match Centre Live', JioStar expert Saba Karim attributed India's defeat to their inability to adjust to English conditions :

"You need to read the opposition's bowling plans. If you don't, the results won't go your way. That is exactly what happened with the Indian batters. Jofra Archer and Josh Tongue kept bowling short deliveries. We lost two wickets trying to play attacking shots off the back foot. Even Abhishek Sharma got out, though it was off Adil Rashid's bowling, but a wicket

is a wicket. India didn't assess the ground dimensions while facing the new ball. The need was to rotate the strike. If we had been cautious in the opening spells of Archer and Tongue and survived without losing early wickets, we could have accelerated later. I was particularly concerned about our scoring in the middle overs. Compared to that, England didn't allow our spinners to complete their full quota. This Indian team is not adapting to English conditions. We are still playing like we are on Indian pitches with small boundaries. That is not how a World Cup-winning team plays."

On Shreyas Iyer's captaincy: "I feel the time has come for Shreyas Iyer to assert himself as a captain. The tactical captaincy we have seen from him in the IPL has not yet been visible in international cricket. For example, when he was batting in the middle, Shivam Dube came in at number five, I didn't understand that decision. That is not the Shreyas Iyer we know from the IPL. Logically, if he were captaining in the IPL right now, Tilak Varma would have walked in at number five instead of Shivam Dube. Also, when you are batting in the middle as a captain, the messages you send to your partner are very important. Maybe it will take time for him to grow into the role. But the biggest positive is that he scored runs with the bat. That gives a captain a lot of confidence. When your own performance is good, the captaincy automatically improves. I hope we will see that in the coming matches. I want him to create his own identity. He is ready for it. Now is the time to do it."

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England Ride On Buttler's Ton To Demolish India By 56 Runs, Complete 4-0 "Clean Sweep"

Southampton: Jos Buttler rolled back the years with a sizzling hundred while skipper Harry Brook gave glimpse of a golden future as England annihilated an out-of-sorts India by 56 runs in the fifth T20 International to complete a historic 4-0 'clean sweep' here on Saturday.Buttler's sizzling 64-ball-131 and Brook's brutal 45-ball-95 not out took England to a virtually insurmountable 257 for 3 on a day when the Indian bowling unit was at its worst.

Buttler and Brook added a whopping 233 runs for the second wicket, a record partnership for any wicket in the history of T20Is. The chase was out of question as India, despite their most impressive batting show during all seven T20Is in the UK, managed 201 for 8 in the end. Ishan Kishan (56 off 35) and the universally panned Tilak Varma (53 off 25 balls) got some pressure free runs which counted for little, except beefing their personal statistics.

The win also effectively ended India's 1601 days of uninterrupted pole position in the ICC T20I team rankings. This was also the sixth game that India lost under new captain Shreyas Iyer which has resulted in BCCI calling for a review of this shambolic show. Whatever good things were achieved under previous head coach Rahul Dravid have been completely undone by Gautam Gambhir in trying to put his own stamp in the current set-up.

Currently, it is a dressing room which is divided with lack of trust among the players due to constant chopping and changing which brews insecurity. While the attack at all costs philosophy worked well on Indian featherbeds with short boundaries, India's IPL Czars learnt the hard way that one-size-fits-all strategy doesn't always work. If Brook raced off the blocks to complete his half-century off just 19 balls, Buttler, the veteran, upped the ante reaching the three figure mark which his younger teammate missed by five runs.

Buttler's first 50 came off 34 balls and the next fifty came off just 17 more deliveries as he switched gears with effortless ease. His innings had 12 boundaries and eight sixes. This was 35-year-old's second T20I hundred and his career-best knock. With series already in the bag, the duo put the Indian attack to the sword with some of the cleanest hitting that one would have



witnessed at the Rose Bowl where Shreyas won his fifth toss and opted to field. While Prasidh Krishna removed the dangerous Phil Salt early, caught at deep fine leg boundary, things went downhill for the visitors thereon. Between Buttler and Brook, they hit as many as 16 sixes -- eight each. India's full team hit eight and there lay the difference. The pull by the former skipper while taking the top hand off the bat handle off Prasidh over fine leg was certainly the stand out shot of the innings. He had earlier thumped the pacer over long-on for a six. He would stand and deliver, bringing the Indian attack on its haunches. On the other hand, Brook's footwork against Axar Patel (0/63 in 4 overs) was pure class as he danced down the track to loft the bowler for a couple of sixes in the 10th over which yielded 25 runs. The wheels of Indian attack came off after the end of that over. Prince Yadav also got a rare pasting going for 60 in his four overs. When it came to pacers, Brook held his shape for the fuller ones and for the slightly back of length stuff, he would make room shuffling towards the leg-stump to cart the deliveries over extra cover and long off. With Harshit Rana out of the rest of the tour (including ODIs) with a grade 1 hamstring tear, the team management was compelled to field Suryansh Shedge (0/39 in 3 overs), who is far from being a finished product who could be unleashed in international cricket. Shreyas gave him a third over, in which Shedge completely lost his length to give away 24 runs. In the next over, a nervous Prince was given a proper hiding with 21 runs coming off it. After a certain point, skipper Shreyas was seen standing near the boundary, resigned and looking every bit lost. The result was no different.

Hyderabad E-Champions to face Khammam Aces in TG20 final

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Hyderabad: Hyderabad E-Champions will take on Anvita Khammam Aces in the final of the inaugural Sreenidhi University TG20 League cricket championship at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Sunday night.

Anvita Khammam Aces handed Hyderabad E-Champions their first defeat of the tournament with a hard-fought 10-run win in Qualifier 1, ending the E-Champions' unbeaten run and sealing direct qualification for the final. Mickil Jaiswal's unbeaten 76 anchored the Aces' total of 200 for six, while the bowling unit, led by Sahendra Mallu, defended the total to seal the victory.

The Aces have drawn on strong all-round contributions throughout the season, with Himateja Kodimela among the tournament's top run-scorers, amassing 430 runs at an average of over 107, including an unbeaten century. Meanwhile, 16-year-old spinner Ved Reddy, who has been the find of the tournament, has led their bowling attack with 14 wickets.

CV Milind, captain of Anvita Khammam Aces, said, "We're expecting a great contest because both teams have played exceptional cricket throughout the tournament. Hyderabad E-Champions are a complete side, but our focus is on staying calm under pressure, executing our roles and playing the brand of cricket that has brought us this far. Having Himateja back is a big boost for us, but this has never been about one player. If every individual contributes,



we'll give ourselves the best chance of lifting the trophy."Geographic Reference

After suffering their first defeat, Hyderabad E-Champions responded in emphatic fashion in Qualifier 2, registering a commanding eight-wicket win over EIPL & eleve Karimnagar Diamonds to book their place in the final, with skipper Abhirath Reddy leading the way with a fluent 82. That performance has set up a rematch in the final, with the E-Champions eager to avenge their Qualifier 1 defeat.

The E-Champions' captain has powered his team's campaign, cementing his position as the tournament's leading run-scorer. He also became the first batter this season to cross the 500-run mark, while Ajay Dev Goud has spearheaded the bowling attack as the competition's leading wicket-taker with 19 wickets.

The champions will receive a cash prize of Rs 1 crore, while the runners-up will receive Rs 50 lakh. The third and fourth-placed teams will receive Rs 25 lakh each.

Will Lenin Climax Meet the Hype?

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Actor Akhil Akkineni is actively promoting his upcoming film Lenin, which is set to release on July 9. During almost every interview, he has spoken about one particular part of the movie the final 20 minutes. According to Akhil, the climax is the heart of the film and includes a major twist that will surprise the audience. He also says the ending carries strong emotions and gives the story a satisfying finish.

These statements have created a lot of excitement among movie lovers. Many fans are now eager to watch the film and see whether the climax lives up to the expectations. A strong ending can leave a lasting impression and make a film more memorable.

However, promoting a climax too much can also be risky. In recent years, several Telugu films were promoted by saying that their final 20 or 30 minutes would shock or amaze audiences. While some movies managed to impress viewers, others failed to match the high expectations created before release. Because of this, many moviegoers have become more careful about believing such claims.

For Lenin, everything now depends on how audiences react after watching the film. If the climax delivers the emotional impact and unexpected twist promised by Akhil, the positive response could help the movie perform well at the box office. Good word of mouth from viewers is often more valuable than heavy promotions.

There are also reports that people who watched early internal screenings have shared encouraging feedback. Even so, such opinions cannot fully predict how the general public will respond. The real verdict will come only after paid audiences watch the film in theatres.

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The film's overseas premieres are expected to begin before its official release, and audience reactions will quickly reveal whether the much-talked-about climax truly stands out. Until then, fans can only wait and see if Lenin delivers the emotional ending and surprise that Akhil has been confidently promising throughout the promotional campaign.

Rashmika Mandanna Has Something New

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R a s h m i k a Mandanna is getting ready to surprise her fans with a completely different role in her upcoming film Mysaa. The actress has already played many memorable characters in her career, but this film is expected to show a side of her that audiences have never seen before.



The first glimpse of the movie introduced Rashmika as a strong and fearless Gond tribal woman. Her look is simple, rugged, and powerful. The makers have created a dark and realistic world that matches the intense nature of her character. The short glimpse has already created excitement among movie lovers.

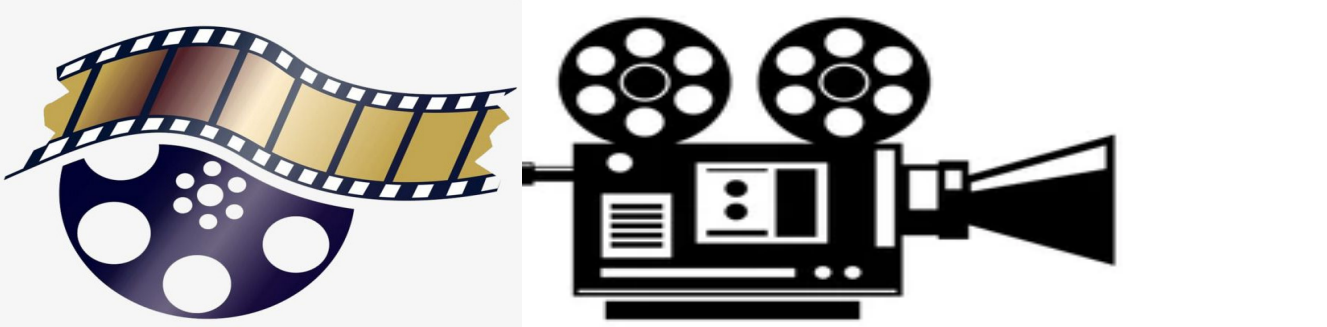
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She has also performed several difficult action scenes on her own. These action sequences were filmed in dense forest locations and are expected to become one of the biggest attractions of the movie.

The team has now completed the teaser, and it will be released soon. People who have already watched it say that the teaser presents a completely transformed Rashmika. Many are calling it "Rashmika 2.0" because of her powerful screen presence and bold performance. Fans are now eagerly waiting to see the teaser and experience her new avatar.

Mysaa is directed by debut filmmaker Rawindra Pulle. Even though this is his first feature film, the project is said to be made on a grand scale with high technical quality. The story is centered around a female lead and promises strong emotions, thrilling action, and an engaging narrative.

The film is produced by Unformula Films, which is leaving no stone unturned to give audiences a high-quality cinematic experience. The makers believe the movie will stand out because of its unique story, realistic visuals, and intense action scenes.



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2026 Second Half: These Are The Biggies

Let's have a look at the Telugu biggies that might crack the code in the rest of the year.

Already half of 2026 is over, and Tollywood hasn't really capitalised on the space, except Peddi making ₹400 crores and Mana Shankara Varaprasad clocking another ₹300 crores. Some other big movies like Vishwambhara, Fauzi, The Paradise and other expected movies have got pushed to the second half, and without much clarity about the release dates, while some are yet to wrap the shooting. Let's have a look at the Telugu biggies that might crack the code in the rest of the year.

To start with, we have Raviteja's Irumudi, an offbeat film under Siva Nirvana's direction, which is hitting cinemas on August 21st. Then comes Vijay Devarakonda's Ranabali movie, which is being mounted on a grand scale by Mythri Movie Makers and is set for September 11th release at the moment. In the second half of September, there are rumours that Nani's The Paradise might hit cinemas, but it has not been confirmed yet.

That will be followed by Trivikram's Adarsha Kutumbam, which is hitting cinemas on October 2nd and features Venkatesh in the lead. If all goes well, a week later we have Chiranjeevi's



Vishwambhara, which might release on October 16th. The likes of Prabhas' Fauzi and Devarakonda's Rowdy Janardhana are targeting December, though clarity is yet to come.

If we take top dubbing films, there are the likes of Yash's Toxic on August 26th, Rajnikanth's Jailer 2 on October 15th and Ranbir Kapoor's Ramayana that is set for a Diwali release.

Currently these are the big films that Tollywood is banking on, and if all goes well, then these movies might hit together more than ₹2000 crores at the box office.

Courtroom Drama Due Date Begins with Pooja

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The upcoming Telugu film Due Date was launched with a grand pooja ceremony on Wednesday in Hyderabad. The movie is a commercial courtroom drama and is based on a burning social issue. The launch event was attended by many well-known personalities from the Telugu film industry.

The film is being produced by Eluru Srinu, who is widely known in the industry as a PRO and journalist. He has joined hands with producer Pawan Tarigopula to produce the movie under the Varshish Studios banner. The film is directed by Anand K. The lead roles are played by Lomesh Pudipeddi and Jayashree. Important roles in the film are played by Praneetha Patnaik, Vikshani, Chandu, and several other actors.

The muhurtham shot was filmed during the launch ceremony. Popular director Maruthi gave the ceremonial clap, while successful producer Bunny Vas switched on the camera. Producers SKN, Dheeraj Mogilineni, and Vamsi Nandipati handed over the script to director Anand K as part of the traditional launch event.

Several film personalities attended the ceremony, including directors Vijay Kanakamedala and VI Anand, along with many producers, directors, and guests from the Telugu film industry. Their presence made the event more special and memorable for the entire team.

Speaking on the occasion, the producers said that Due Date is not just a courtroom drama but a complete commercial entertainer with a fresh storyline. They shared that the movie is inspired by a current social



issue and will keep audiences engaged with interesting twists, emotional moments, and suspense from beginning to end.

The makers also said that every aspect of the film, including its title, story, screenplay, and presentation, has been designed to offer something different to viewers. They are confident that the audience will enjoy the fresh concept and strong emotional content.

The regular shooting of the film will begin soon. With an interesting subject, a talented cast, and an experienced technical team, Due Date has created positive buzz right from its launch. Fans are now eagerly waiting to see more updates about the movie in the coming months.

The cinematography for the film is handled by Chenchu Jinka, while Anand K directs the project. The film is jointly produced by Pawan Tarigopula and Eluru Srinu.

Tabaahi Brings Romance, Fire, And Intensity To Toxic

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The musical journey of Yash's much-awaited pan-India action spectacle Toxic has begun with a bang. After grabbing nationwide attention through its intriguing glimpses, the makers have dropped the film's first single, Tabaahi, unveiling an intense romantic layer beneath the gritty world of this Geetu Mohandas directorial.

Instead of a conventional love story, Tabaahi explores an all-consuming relationship that catches Yash's character completely off guard. What begins as an emotional connection gradually transforms into an irresistible obsession, with Kiara Advani becoming the force that changes his world forever. Their romance is portrayed with raw intensity, making every frame pulse with desire, vulnerability, and undeniable chemistry.

Musically, Vishal Mishra delivers a winner by wearing the hats of both composer and singer. Ramajogayya Sastry pens impactful lyrics that amplify the song's passionate mood. Together, they create a number that is as emotionally stirring as it is instantly addictive.

Yash commands attention with a refreshed, ultra-stylish makeover, perfectly complementing his charismatic screen presence. Kiara Advani matches his energy with elegance and confidence, making the pair effortlessly captivating. Their crackling chemistry is another major highlight.

It's a sensational beginning to the film's musical promotions, and the anticipation for the upcoming promotional content has only intensified. The film, produced on a massive scale by KVN Productions, is set for a worldwide theatrical release on August 26.

