

CM Revanth Hopeful of Krishna Water Approvals for PRRLIS, Dindi

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said the Telangana government is on the verge of securing approvals for Krishna river water allocations to the Palamuru-Rangareddy and Dindi Lift Irrigation Schemes. Once implemented, these long-awaited projects will transform the drought-prone lands of the combined Mahabubnagar district into fertile agricultural fields, bringing water, prosperity, industries, jobs and a brighter future to the Palamuru region, he said.

Addressing a meeting after inaugurating Amara Raja Group's advanced EV cell manufacturing facility at Divitipally in Mahabubnagar district on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said the government was holding talks with Andhra Pradesh to secure no-objection cer-

tificates for Krishna water allocations to the Palamuru-Rangareddy and Dindi schemes.

"We will soon share good news on Krishna water allocations with the people of Mahbubnagar district. Talks are already in progress towards securing 90 TMC of water for the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and 30 TMC for the Dindi project," Revanth Reddy said.

He further said the state government will create a favourable environment for industries and generate employment opportunities in the district.

Highlighting that "Telangana Rising is unstoppable", the Chief Minister said the government was improving infrastructure to woo more investments.

Revanth Reddy said



the government was carrying forward policies introduced by previous regimes — Chandrababu Naidu (1994–2004), Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy (2004–2014) and the BRS government (2014–2023). "We are adopting the best practices and policies from previous governments as the government does not want to suffer from policy paralysis. Our government has introduced various policies mainly to promote industry, tourism and health as part of the Telangana Rising 2047 initiative," he said.

Since infrastructure is

share to 10 per cent and transform the state into a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion economy by 2047," he said.

He stressed that farmers who gave land to Amara Raja should be provided jobs in the new EV cell manufacturing unit. Praising the company for drawing inspiration from China, Japan, Germany and Korea, he said it is a proud moment that Amara Raja is competing with China in the EV sector. The Divitipally unit employs 700 people, including 400 women, which, he said is a testament to women's empowerment.

Expressing concern over pollution and climate change, Revanth Reddy said rainfall has been scarce this year due to the El Nino effect, causing dif-

ficulties for farmers. "Significant climatic changes have occurred since the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a need to reduce pollution and electric vehicles are essential for pollution control," he said.

As a son of Palamuru, the Chief Minister declared he would transform Mahabubnagar into a model district.

"Mahbubnagar, once drought-prone, has now risen to the level where it can guide other districts. IIITs, engineering colleges, ATC centres and Young India Integrated Schools have already been established. The main objective of ATCs and polytechnic colleges is to create blue-collar jobs. The pending Kalwakurthy, Bhima, RDS and Nettempadu projects are also being completed," Revanth Reddy said.

BRICS Labour Ministers Meet in Hyderabad to Shape Future of Work

Hyderabad: The BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' meeting was successfully held in Hyderabad under India's BRICS Chairship 2026, bringing together Ministers, Heads of Delegation, representatives of BRICS member countries, workers' and employers' organizations, and knowledge partners to deliberate on key issues shaping the future of work.

The meeting was convened under India's Chairship theme, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability," and focused on advancing collective action in the areas of social protection, labour market formalization, women's workforce participation, skills development, and the use of digital technologies for inclusive and resilient labour mar-



kets

Welcoming delegations to Hyderabad, Union Minister of Labour and Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said India's Chairship has been guided by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approached with a 'people-centric' approach and in the spirit of 'Humanity First'.

Highlighting India's own

reform journey, the Minister said India consolidated 29 outdated labour laws into four modern Labour Codes in November 2025, marking a landmark reform that creates a worker-centric ecosystem for India's 1.4 billion citizens.

The Minister noted that the e-Shram portal has enabled unique identification, de-duplication and seamless

workers. India has also shared this technology with partner countries, including Mauritius, he added.

Dr. Mandaviya underlined India's consistent initiatives to strengthen international labour mobility by connecting its skilled, future-ready workforce with emerging global opportunities. He noted that India today hosts more than 2,100 Global Capability Centres employing 2.35 million professionals and generating nearly USD 98 billion in annual revenue.

The Minister emphasised that BRICS shares a responsibility to shape a future of work that is productive and equitable. "This forum provides a unique opportunity for the Global South to shape solutions that are practical, inclusive and people-centric," he emphasised.

ECI extends Telangana SIR deadline, BLO house-to-house visits till August 3



Hyderabad: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday revised the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll. As per the revised schedule, the house-to-house visits by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will conclude on August 3. Geographic Reference

The draft electoral roll will be published on August 10, and claims and objections can be filed between August 10 and September 9. The notice phase and disposal of claims and objections will be carried out between August 10 and October 8. The final electoral roll will be published on October 12.

Meanwhile, with less than three weeks left for the house-to-house enumeration drive to conclude in Telangana, 45.16 per cent enumeration forms are yet to be submitted by the voters back to the Booth Level Officers (BLOs). This is raising concerns over whether the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls will be completed on time. India news updates

While the distribution of enumeration forms stood at 99.99 per cent in the State, 54.84 per cent electors submitted their forms, which were digitised, as of Wednesday.

According to statistics released by the Chief Electoral Officer Telangana, only 24.09 per cent of Medchal-Malkajgiri voters returned their forms to BLOs and the same were digitised. This was the lowest among all districts in the State.

While all 47,36,669 Hyderabad voters have been handed over their enumeration forms, only 27.29 per cent filled up their forms and returned them to their respective BLOs. Similar trend was observed in Rangareddy district, where 38.10 per cent out of 29,76,920 voters submitted their forms that were digitised.

At 83.34 per cent, Yadadri Bhongir registered the highest percentage of voters submitting forms that were digitised, followed by Siddipet and Nalgonda districts where form submissions and digitisation stood at 77.35 and 77.30 per cent respectively. Telangana local news

Telangana Schools Rise 17 Ranks in National Index

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday said Telangana has risen from 35th position in 2023 to 18th rank in 2024 in the Union government's School Education Index for 2024-25, attributing the improvement to the Congress government's sustained efforts to strengthen public education.

Addressing a public meeting after inaugurating the Government Girls' High School building at Kothakota in Wanaparthy district, the Chief Minister said the education sector had been grossly neglected during the previous BRS government's decade-long rule, resulting in a decline in standards and infrastructure across institutions from Anganwadi centres to universities.

Revanth Reddy said his government had accorded top priority to education and spent an average of more than

₹1.08 lakh annually on every government school student to provide quality education. He said the Congress government had also completed long-pending teacher promotions and transfers soon after assuming office, resolving several issues faced by teachers.

Stating that education was key to Telangana's future, the Chief Minister said the state, now ranked 18th nationally, should strive to become one of the top two states in the country. He said the government was determined to transform government schools into institutions that could compete with corporate schools by improving infrastructure, teaching standards and student outcomes.

He said the previous BRS government's neglect had driven students towards private schools despite government teachers being fully qualified and experienced. In



contrast, he remarked, many private school teachers did not possess even half the qualifications of government teachers. He said his government was working to restore confidence in government schools and that enrolment, which had declined during the BRS regime, was now improving.

The Chief Minister said he had retained the Education portfolio under his direct supervision because of the crucial role education plays in shaping Telangana's future.

Recalling that the Telangana statehood move-

ment was driven by students and their sacrifices rather than politicians, Revanth Reddy said the state had earned its identity through their struggles. Strengthening the education system, he said, would be the government's tribute to those sacrifices.

Highlighting initiatives to improve employability, the Chief Minister said Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) were being upgraded into Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) to equip students with modern technical skills and create opportunities for overseas blue-collar employment.

He also announced that the government would distribute Young India Kits to 27.5 lakh students across the state by Independence Day as part of efforts to improve learning outcomes and encourage students.

Expressing confidence that reforms would yield long-term results, Revanth Reddy said change could not happen overnight but maintained that the government had taken decisive steps to rebuild the public education system and restore its credibility. He said education alone had the power to transform lives and bring prosperity to families.

Naidu Unveils Rs.35k-Cr Irrigation Roadmap for 36 Priority Projects

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday announced that the state government would complete 36 priority irrigation projects over the next three years at an estimated cost of Rs 35,000 crore, describing irrigation as the cornerstone of Andhra Pradesh's agricultural prosperity.

Addressing a public meeting after offering Jala Harathi to the Godavari waters at the sacred Krishna-Godavari confluence near Ibrahimpatnam in NTR district, marking eminent engineer Dr KL Rao's 124th birth anniversary, Naidu said the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Scheme had transformed the Krishna delta and safeguarded the livelihoods of lakhs of farmers.

Regarding priority irrigation projects, Naidu explained that key milestones included the inauguration of the Polavaram Left Main Canal on August 14, 2026, dedication of Veligonda Project Phase-I on September 1, 2026, and phased completion of reservoirs, lift irrigation schemes, canal modernisation works and river-linking projects through 2028.

The Chief Minister said 450 tmc-ft of Godavari floodwaters had been diverted to the Krishna basin through Pattiseema since 2015. Built at a cost of Rs 1,300 crore, the project stabilised irrigation in 13 lakh acres of the Krishna delta with just 80 tmc-ft of water and enabled the state to conserve Krishna waters in the Srisailem reservoir for drought-prone Rayalaseema.

Recalling criticism faced during Pattiseema's construction, Naidu said the project proved that surplus floodwaters should be harnessed instead of flowing



waste into the sea. "Farmers in the Krishna delta are producing gold with Pattiseema waters," he remarked.

Launching a sharp attack on the previous YSRC government, the chief minister accused it of neglecting critical irrigation infrastructure, alleging that it failed to maintain dams and barrages, ignored repairs after the Annamayya dam breach and damage to Pulichintala and Gundlakamma projects, and allowed the Polavaram diaphragm wall to deteriorate. Such negligence towards nationally important irriga-

tion projects amounted to "betrayal of both the nation and the state," he said.

Naidu said his government spent Rs 68,000 crore on irrigation between 2014 and 2019 and another Rs 24,000 crore during the last two years after returning to power. Polavaram, he said, has reached 89 per cent completion, compared to minimal progress during 2019-24.

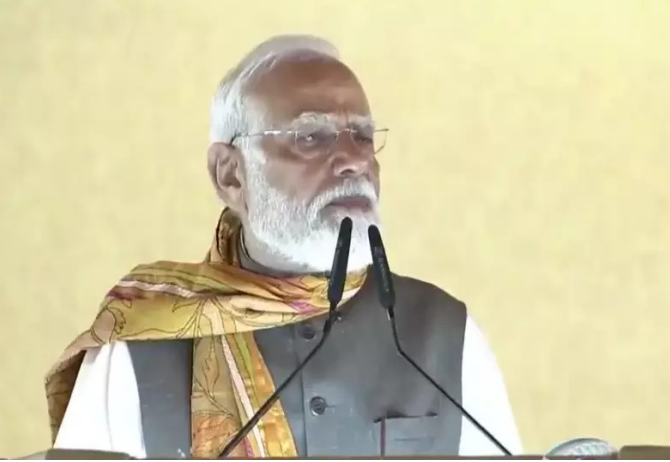
The Chief Minister reiterated his vision of linking rivers from Vamsadhara to Penna, comparing it to India's Golden Quadrilateral highway network. Effective river interlinking, he said, would ensure optimal use of floodwaters for irrigation, drinking water and industry while creating long-term wealth.

Naidu highlighted several milestones in the irrigation calendar, including the commissioning of new gates at Tungabhadra, ongoing gate replacement at the Dowleswaram (Cotton) Barrage, foundation for Guntur Channel modernisation this month, and completion of Polavaram, HNSS Phase-II, Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Godavari Delta modernisation and several reservoirs and lift schemes by 2028.

Paying tribute to Dr KL Rao, Naidu recalled the legendary engineer's contribution to major projects including Srisailem, Nagarjuna Sagar, Hirakud and Kosi dams, besides his service as a Union minister and international water expert. He said Rao's vision continued to inspire Andhra Pradesh's irrigation strategy.

Ministers Nimmala Ramanaidu, Anagani Satya Prasad, Satyakumar Yadav and local MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad were among those present.

Modi: UK FTA Big Boost To Exports AP Attracts 25% of Industrial Investments: Lokesh



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday described the coming into force of the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) as a significant milestone in bilateral ties, with the pact providing duty-free access to a majority of Indian exports to the UK and phased tariff reductions on British goods entering India. The agreement, signed in July last year, is expected to double bilateral trade from the current level of about £48 billion by 2030.

"With the coming into force of the comprehensive economic and trade agreement (CETA) and the agreement on social security, our economic linkages are going to get even deeper. Together, these agreements translate our shared ambition into tangible opportunities for our people," Modi said in a post on X. Under the pact, 99 per cent of Indian goods entering the UK and 90 per cent of UK goods entering India will either be duty-free or subject to reduced tariffs. Labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, leather, footwear, marine products, gems and jewellery and processed foods are expected to benefit.

Modi said the agreement would provide momentum to farmers, entrepreneurs and MSMEs, enhance access to the UK market and strengthen cooperation in technology, professional services and innovation. He added that the social security agreement would support Indian professionals working temporarily in the UK. Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal termed the agreement a "historic milestone" that would open new avenues for trade, investment and innovation. The commerce department said the pact would expand market access for agricultural and pro-

cessed food exports and strengthen agri-export clusters in states such as Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Punjab. Commerce secretary Rajesh Agrawal said the agreement followed over 800 technical sessions and 14 rounds of negotiations, adding that goods worth \$140 million were shipped on the first day under the pact.

The UK described the agreement as a "watershed moment", stating that bilateral trade is expected to see an immediate boost, with improved access to goods and services in both countries. British High Commissioner to India Lindy Cameron called the deal a "new gold standard" in trade agreements and said it would benefit multiple sectors. "From today, import duty on Scotch whisky has been cut from 150 per cent to 75 per cent, which should make a really significant difference to the price the consumer pays," she said. To mark the implementation, a consignment of British goods, including cosmetics, food items and alcoholic beverages benefiting from reduced tariffs, arrived in Mumbai aboard a British Airways flight, according to an official statement.

KADAPA: IT and education Minister Nara Lokesh on Wednesday said Andhra Pradesh is attracting nearly 25 per cent of the industrial investments flowing into states, underlining the growing confidence of investors in the state's governance and policy framework.

He was speaking after laying the foundation for the ₹3,100-crore expansion of Dalmia Bharat Cement's Kadapa plant (Line-2) at Chinnakommerla village in Mylavaram mandal of Jammalamadugu constituency. He performed the bhoomi puja along with Dalmia Bharat managing director and CEO Puneet Dalmia.

Describing the occasion as more than just an industrial expansion, Lokesh said it marked the deepening of trust between the state and investors. "The first investment comes with belief in opportunities. The second investment comes with confidence built on experience. When an existing company chooses to expand, it sends a strong message about trust in the state, governance and future prospects," he said.

He noted that Dalmia Bharat has been a valued partner in Andhra Pradesh's industrial journey for several years and the present expansion reflects its long-term commitment to the state. The minister said the project would generate employment opportunities for around 700 people, directly and indirectly, strengthening the local economy.

Praising Puneet Dalmia's leadership, Lokesh said his journey from IIT Delhi and IIM



Bangalore to becoming one of the country's most respected industrialists was inspiring. Dalmia's involvement in India's early digital ventures reflected an entrepreneurial spirit beyond legacy business, he said.

The minister appreciated the group's commitment to education, particularly its association with institutions such as Ashoka University and said it aligns with the state's belief that human resources are the most valuable asset.

Lokesh said the state government is building a robust and investor-friendly ecosystem based on three key pillars -- speed in decision-making, stability in policies and service-oriented governance. These factors, he said, are driving companies to prefer Andhra Pradesh over other states despite offers elsewhere.

Highlighting sustainability, the minister said the cement industry faced one of the toughest challenges in reducing carbon emissions, and Dalmia Bharat stood out globally as one of the lowest carbon-emitting cement manufacturers. He noted that the company aims to become carbon neutral by 2040 and

has already demonstrated leadership in renewable energy usage, energy efficiency and sustainable manufacturing practices.

The Kadapa plant expansion, he said, is designed as a future-ready facility incorporating up to 80 per cent renewable energy, waste heat recovery systems, co-processing of municipal waste, zero liquid discharge mechanisms, large-scale rainwater harvesting, electric vehicle-based logistics and AI-driven operational efficiency.

"Such projects set benchmarks for sustainable industrial growth and Andhra Pradesh is proud to partner with companies that share this vision," he felt.

Referring to the local context, Lokesh said the people of Kadapa district are known for their hard work and self-reliance. He credited farmers, workers, engineers and employees for enabling industrial growth in the region. "Farmers here have made sacrifices for the future of their children. Workers and engineers have built the reputation of these industries. We can grant approvals, but trust in a company comes from the people. You have created that trust," he said.

The minister said, "The government is committed to ensuring that investors face no hurdles in the state. While attracting industries is the responsibility of the government, it is equally important for the youth to be prepared to seize emerging opportunities."

He urged young people to build discipline, skills and a strong work ethic to enhance the state's reputation and attract more industries.

Lokesh also invited Dalmia Bharat to partner with the state in building a world-class skill development ecosystem. He requested Puneet Dalmia to support efforts in equipping youth with industry-relevant skills and to consider establishing a global-standard higher education institution in Andhra Pradesh on the lines of Ashoka University.

"Consider Andhra Pradesh as your second home. Before starting any new venture, give us a call," Lokesh told the Dalmia leadership, reiterating the state's openness to investments and partnerships.

The minister expressed confidence that Dalmia Bharat will continue to play a key role in the state's growth journey, aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision and Andhra Pradesh's Swarna Andhra 2047 roadmap.

Among those present were Dalmia Bharat MD and CEO Puneet Dalmia, district collector Sridhar Cherukuri and industries minister Bharath Gupta, among others.

AP Govt Appoints Members For Fee Regulatory and Monitoring Commission

Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government on Wednesday issued orders appointing members to the A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (APHERMC). The appointments were made under the AP Higher Education Fees Regulation and Monitoring Act, 2019. According to

the order, the tenure of committee members will be three years or until they attain 70 years of age, whichever comes first.

Tirumalasetti Venkata Ranga Satya Bhanumurthy has been appointed as a member and expert in Chartered Accountancy and Public Finance. Dr. Manyala

Ramalinga Raju and Pujari Hari Prakash have been named as members representing the Higher Education Administration division. The government also appointed Dr. Vasireddy Vidyasagar, Chancellor of VVIT University, as the representative for private higher education institu-

tions.

The APHERMC is mandated to determine and regulate fee structures, monitor academic standards, and investigate malpractices such as excess fee collection and retention of certificates in private unaided higher education institutions across the state.

The appointments come amid a debate over the state government's plan to replace APHERMC with the A.P. Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee (AFRC). APHERMC was set up by the previous YSR Congress Party government to regulate private institutions. Several educa-

tional institutions and managements approached the High Court, arguing that the Commission did not have the authority to finalise fees. The proposal was opposed by several groups like the Parents Association of Andhra Pradesh (PAAP) and other organisations, who alleged it

would allow private institutions to exploit parents.

They argued that dismantling the existing regulatory body would enable corporate institutions to charge exorbitant fees and demanded that the government continue to regulate fees in private colleges instead of lifting current controls.

A rare honor for a hard-working Congress leader

Kodam Shivakrishna as Warangal District General Secretary

Warangal Bureau ; As a Congress party worker in Warangal East constituency and a staunch supporter of the Konda couple, Kodam Shivakrishna, who worked tirelessly for the party's victory in the constituency, has received rare recognition.

On Wednesday, as per the instructions of the Konda couple, the Congress party announced a Warangal district level committee headed by state charioteer Bommagani Mahesh Kumar Goud to strengthen the Congress party at the field level in Warangal East constituency. As part of this, the party has entrusted key responsibilities to Kodam Shivakrishna, who has worked tirelessly for the party in the East constituency. The party has issued orders appointing him as the Warangal District Congress Party General Secretary.

Party sources said that the party has given this post in recognition of the hard work of Kodam Shivakrishna, who worked for the victory of the Congress party in the last assembly and parliament elections.

Shiva krishna said...

"I will uphold the trust the party has placed in me. I will strengthen the party further by connecting with the people at the field level and working with the workers. My goal is to strengthen the party in Warangal district under the guidance of the high command and senior leaders, and we will take the welfare schemes implemented by the Congress government to every household," he said.

Activists' joy

Congress workers across the district expressed joy over the appointment of Kodam Shiva krishna. The party will become stronger under the leadership of Shiva krishna, the activists said.

Congratulations from senior leaders:

Along with the Konda couple, many senior leaders and key leaders congratulated Kodam Shiva krishna on this occasion. They said that everyone who works hard for the party will be recognized and opportunities will be provided to young leaders.

Who is Kodam Shivakrishna?

He has worked in various capacities in the Congress party for the last 15 years. During the elections, he worked selflessly for the party from the booth level to the district level. He has a good reputation in the party for always supporting the people of the division and addressing the problems of the activists.

After being appointed as the General Secretary of the Warangal District Congress Party, Congress leaders and activists gathered together to congratulate Kodam Shivakrishna and felicitated him with shawls.



Better Facilities Must Be Provided to Students at Basara IIIT

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : State SC/ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkatayya Issues Directions
State SC/ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkatayya directed the authorities of Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Basara (IIIT Basara) to ensure better facilities for students so they can pursue their education in a comfortable and conducive environment.

On Wednesday, the Chairman visited the university and held a review meeting with officials. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized that there should be no compromise in providing uninterrupted electricity, safe drinking water, a clean campus, and quality food for students. He reviewed the facilities being provided to SC and ST students and stressed that it is the responsibility of the authorities to ensure that no student discontinues their education. He also advised the university to prepare plans that would help students secure employment opportunities immediately after completing their studies. The Chairman further reviewed the admission process and the quality of education being imparted at the university.

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra, speaking at the meeting, said that all necessary facilities are being provided to students and that continuous monitoring is being carried out to improve academic standards. He added that efforts are being made to enhance employment and career opportunities for graduating students. University officials gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the institution's development and the facilities available on campus.



Later, the Chairman and the members of the Commission were felicitated by the university authorities.

The meeting was attended by Commission Members Rambabu Naik and Kustram Neeladevi, Vice-Chancellor Govardhan, Bhainsa ASP Sai Kiran, DSP Venkata Ramaiah, SC/ST Cell Convener Ajay Kumar, along with officials and staff from various departments.

District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS Participates in Vanamahotsavam Programme

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : District Superintendent of Police Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, participated in the Vanamahotsavam programme held today at the premises of Bhainsa Rural Police Station. Along with police officers, staff, and students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), she planted saplings as part of the environmental initiative.

During the programme, the students warmly welcomed the District SP. Interacting with them, she encouraged the girls to study with discipline, work hard, and achieve their goals. She also distributed chocolates and bananas to the students and appreciated their enthusiasm.

Addressing the gathering, the District SP said:

She emphasized that trees play a vital role in protecting the environment and are essential not only for meeting today's needs but also for ensuring a healthy future for coming generations. She urged everyone to plant at least one sapling and take responsibility for nurturing it until it grows into a healthy tree.

The programme was attended by Bhainsa ASP Sai Kiran, IPS, Inspectors Praveen Kumar, Ravindra Naik, Sai Kumar, and Deepak, SIs Ashok, Supriya, Zubair, and Navaneeth, police personnel, KGBV teachers, and 120 students, all of



whom planted saplings and reaffirmed their commitment to environmental conservation.

No Voter Registration of CM Revanth Reddy in Achampet: District Election Officer Hemanta Keshav Patil

Nagarkurnool : District Election Officer and Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil has clarified that the reports circulating on social media regarding the voter registration of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in the Achampet Assembly constituency are completely false and baseless.

In an official statement, the Collector said that no voter registration has been carried out in the name of the Chief Minister either in the Achampet Assembly constituency or in any other constituency in Nagarkurnool district.

He also dismissed claims of dual enrolment, stating that there is no truth in the allegations that the Chief Minister has been registered as a voter in two different places. Since no voter registration has taken place in his name in the



district, there is no question of printing or distributing any enumeration forms under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, he added.

The District Election Officer appealed to the public not to believe false and misleading information circulating on social media and advised them not to forward or spread unverified content.

He urged citizens to rely only on official information released by the District Election Office or the Election Commission regarding all matters related to the electoral process.

Tahsildar gives mark-out for construction of VO building

Zaheerabad July : In order to avoid any problems for women's groups, a mark-out has been given for the construction of a VO building. This building which will be constructed under the National Employment Guarantee Scheme, has been laid. On Wednesday, Zaheerabad Tahsildar Dasharath showed the site for the construction of the building in Malchalma village of Zahirabad mandal and gave mark-out. The ceremony was held in the presence of officials. MPDO Mahender Reddy, village sarpanch M. Panduranga Reddy and others participated.



CM Urged to Intervene to Protect Methodist Church Lands in Zaheerabad

Sangareddy, Correspondent: July 15 2026: Representatives of the Methodist Church in India – Hyderabad Regional Conference on Wednesday submitted a memorandum to the District Collector through the Administrative Officer at the Sangareddy Collectorate, urging the State Government and Chief Minister to intervene and safeguard the lands belonging to the Methodist Church and the Methodist Rural High School in Zaheerabad while ensuring law and order.

Earlier, Methodist pastors from Sangareddy district, representatives of the Hyderabad Regional Conference, deacons, educational institution representatives, and church members took out a peaceful rally from the CSI Church in Sangareddy to the Collectorate before submitting the signed memorandum.

Addressing the gathering, Methodist representatives Bishop Dr. Simeon and Rev. Dr. Steven stated that the Zaheerabad Methodist Church has a history of nearly 170 years, while the Methodist Rural High School has been



serving the community for around 100 years. They said that several churches and hundreds of pastors under the Hyderabad Regional Conference have been carrying out their religious and community services without any issues.

They alleged that certain anti-social and anti-church elements have recently been interfering in matters related to the church and school properties. The representatives appealed to the State Government to take immediate legal measures to protect the church assets and maintain peace and order.

They further requested the government to ensure adequate security and protection so that the administration of the church and its educational institutions can continue without disruption.



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LIVES OF LIFE-SAVERS IN DANGER

Violence against doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers has become a recurring concern in India. Such incidents often occur after the death of a patient, alleged medical negligence, delays in treatment, or disputes over hospital bills. While these attacks undermine the safety of healthcare professionals, they also disrupt emergency medical services and discourage doctors from serving in high-risk settings. Recently, a Shiv Sena corporator assaulted a resident medical officer and a woman gynaecologist at a hospital in Maharashtra's Thane district. This triggered statewide protests by resident doctors' and nurses' associations. A few months ago, doctors were attacked by patients or their relatives at hospitals in Bidar, Karnataka, and Bikaner in Rajasthan in what has become a depressingly familiar pattern. The lifesavers have no protection for their own lives. A nation cannot expect its healers to serve fearlessly while leaving them defenceless. The absence of a strong central law to ensure the safety and security of healthcare professionals is a glaring gap. There is an urgent need for a stronger legal framework to curb such violence. Though as many as 19 States have laws aimed at protecting medical professionals and healthcare facilities, none has proven an effective deterrent, with very few complaints reaching courts and poor conviction rates. There is, however, no dedicated central law. Parliament did amend the Epidemic Diseases Act during the Covid-19 pandemic to make violence against healthcare personnel treating epidemic patients a cognisable, non-bailable offence — but that protection applies only during notified epidemics, not to routine incidents of hospital violence.

The Thane episode reveals the vulnerability of medical staff to political intimidation. The attack was carried out in a fit of rage over the non-availability of a neonatal ICU bed. An FIR was registered only after widespread public outrage, video evidence that went viral and sustained pressure from the medical fraternity. The Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has condemned the corporator's misconduct and promised disciplinary action. However, justice will largely depend on whether the police are allowed to complete their probe without political interference. Inadequate hospital security, especially in government hospitals, overcrowding, staff shortages, long waiting times, and poor communication with patients' families often trigger conflicts. Experts and doctors' associations have advocated a comprehensive central protection law that can be made applicable across India. The Indian Medical Association (IMA) drafted a model law in 2017, and two years later, a government-prepared Healthcare Service Personnel and Clinical Establishments (Prohibition of Violence and Damage to Property) Bill was floated after the Kolkata hospital attacks, but it never reached Parliament. After the August 2024 rape and murder of a trainee doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College, this demand resurfaced strongly but the Centre's stated position is that the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) already covers grievous hurt/assault adequately and that law and order is a State subject under the Constitution.

Congress, BJP Spar Over Mamnoon Airport Credit

Warangal: A political dispute over credit for the Mamnoon Airport project intensified in the erstwhile Warangal district after Union civil aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu announced that the airport would be made operational by June 2, 2028.

Leaders of the Congress and the BJP held separate programmes in Warangal within hours of the announcement, each claiming a decisive role in the project. Party workers performed milk ablutions to portraits of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, respectively, while trading accusations over responsibility for the airport.

BJP leaders, including former MLAs Dr Rajeswara Rao and Marthineni Dharma Rao, along with party functionaries, organised an event at the proposed Mamnoon Airport site. They performed milk ablutions to Prime Minister Modi's portrait and said the BJP-led Central government had played the key role in securing the project, from sanction to fund allocation.



They alleged that the Telangana government was attempting to claim credit for work undertaken by the Centre.

Congress leaders held celebrations following a meeting between Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Union minister Ram Mohan Naidu in New Delhi, where it was announced that tenders for the airport terminal would be invited within two to three weeks and that the airport would be completed by June 2, 2028.

At the District Congress Committee office, district president Engala Venkatram Reddy, Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy, and MP Kadiyam Kavya led the programme, performing milk ablutions to the Chief Minister's portrait. Congress leaders said the state government had expedited land acquisition, secured administrative clearances, and maintained coordination with the Centre, crediting Revanth Reddy's intervention with advancing the project.

Residents welcomed the project and expressed hope that authorities would adhere to the announced timeline rather than continue the dispute over credit.

Dasoju Sravan accuses Congress of hurting Telangana's IT sector

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan accused the Congress government of weakening Telangana's IT sector, alleging large-scale job losses and declining investments. He sought a white paper on investments secured through Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's overseas visits and questioned delays in job creation.



Hyderabad: BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan accused the Congress government of neglecting Telangana's IT sector, alleging that the State was losing jobs and investments under Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's leadership. He held the Chief Minister responsible for the loss of around 20,000 IT jobs after Cognizant shifted its proposed expansion from Hyderabad to Visakhapatnam.

Demanding accountability, he asked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to release a white paper detailing the investments actually secured following his overseas tours, particularly the Davos visit.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana

Bhavan here, Sravan said Hyderabad's reputation as a leading IT hub was eroding under Congress rule, despite the sector's rapid expansion during the previous BRS government. He said IT exports rose from Rs. 50,000 crore in 2014 to over Rs. 2 lakh crore by 2023, while employment increased from three lakh to nine lakh under BRS rule.

However, he alleged that the Congress government had reversed the growth and cited the government's own admission in the Assembly that the State had lost 7,000 IT jobs. He further claimed that nearly 1.2 lakh IT jobs had been lost under the present regime.

Sravan sought an explanation for the delay in implementing the promised job calendar and accused the government of failing to create an investor-friendly environment. Stating that over 18 lakh private-sector jobs were created through TS-iPASS during the BRS regime, he alleged that the Congress government was damaging Telangana's investment climate and jeopardising the State's future employment prospects.

B Vinod Kumar urges Telangana to use Kaleshwaram project for water security

Former MP B Vinod Kumar urged the Telangana government to use the Kaleshwaram project to lift Godavari water through the Kannepalli pump house, warning that deficient rainfall due to El Niño could trigger a drinking water crisis if timely action is not taken.

Hyderabad: Former MP B Vinod Kumar urged the Congress government to set aside politics and prioritise Telangana's water interests by lifting Godavari river water through the Kannepalli pump house. He suggested that the government stop using the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) report as an excuse and utilise the Kaleshwaram project whenever water was available at Medigadda.

With El Niño threatening deficient rainfall, he warned that Telangana, including Hyderabad, could face a severe drinking water crisis if timely measures were not taken.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Vinod Kumar maintained that the NDSA was only an advisory body and that implementation of its recommendations was not mandatory. He alleged that the Congress and BJP had colluded during the 2023 Assembly elections and used the NDSA report as a pretext to target the Kaleshwaram project.

Asserting that the State remained the owner of the project and that water was a State subject, the former MP questioned why the Centre had supported repairs to the Polavaram project and had not ordered an NDSA inquiry despite major damage. However, he said the NDSA's findings were being repeatedly invoked in Telangana to target the previous BRS government



for political reasons.

He expressed disappointment that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy did not take up the NDSA issue with the Centre during their recent visit to Delhi. He urged the government to prioritise Telangana's long-term water security over political goals.

BRS will return to power as Congress wave fades in Telangana, says KT Rama Rao



New Delhi: BRS working president KT Rama Rao asserted that the BRS would return to power in Telangana and that party president K Chandrashekhhar Rao would once again become Chief Minister.

He accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of deliberately diverting public attention from the failures of the Congress government by politicising the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, refusing to utilise the available irrigation infrastructure, and pursuing politics driven by personal animosity rather than Telangana's interests.

In an informal interaction with mediapersons in New Delhi on Wednesday, Rama Rao dismissed the alleged Congress wave had faded and the Congress leaders including Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy were aware that the party would not retain power. Citing three recent private field surveys, he claimed they indicated the BRS was poised to return to office.

Drawing a comparison between the previous and present governments, the BRS working president remarked that people understood the importance of the K Chandrashekhhar Rao government after experiencing the Congress administration. He also ruled out any possibility of the BJP coming to power in Telangana.

He reiterated that his political fight was against Revanth Reddy's decisions, and not against him personally. He accused the Chief Minister of spending more time attacking the BRS than governing despite being in office for over 31 months.

Taking a swipe at Revanth Reddy, Rama Rao remarked that the Chief Minister seemed to have earned "four or five PhDs in diverting public attention." Even after completing 31 months in office, he alleged, Revanth Reddy spends more time attacking BRS than addressing public issues.

"If BRS is a finished party, as the Chief Minister repeatedly claims, why does he attack us every single day?" he asked.

Questioning Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's silence over Revanth Reddy's irresponsible remarks about spilling blood for a good crop yield, he said no Chief Minister would ask for blood from farmers or glorify Hitler.

On the Kaleshwaram project, Rama Rao said the ruling Congress government was intentionally refusing to lift water from the Kannepalli pump house despite the availability of water at Medigadda, worsening farmers' distress during El Nino conditions. He maintained that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) was only an advisory body and that Telangana, as the project owner, was empowered to operate the Kaleshwaram project.

The former Minister accused the Chief Minister of using the NDSA as an excuse to avoid filling the reservoirs and alleged that water was being released downstream for political reasons rather than public interest. Calling the refusal to fill Kaleshwaram a deliberate criminal act, he demanded that the government immediately construct a cofferdam as suggested by irrigation engineers, operate the Kannepalli pumps and provide irrigation water to farmers.

Rama Rao questioned why Revanth Reddy, despite spending two days in New Delhi, had not met NDSA officials. He held the Chief Minister responsible for allowing Godavari River waters to flow downstream to deny political credit to the former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhhar Rao.

Stating that there were significant differences between the NDSA's preliminary and final reports, he alleged that the authority had shown selective interest in Medigadda while ignoring similar issues at the Polavaram project.

Appreciating the Andhra Pradesh government, the BRS working president said it had protected farmers during El Nino conditions by lifting water through the Pattiseema project and completing irrigation works, while the Congress government in Telangana failed to utilise available water flowing into the sea.

Rama Rao announced that he would undertake a Statewide padayatra in 2027 to directly interact with people, understand their concerns and also expose the Congress government's failures. When asked about Chandrashekhhar Rao, he said the former Chief Minister would return to the people at the appropriate time.

Referring to allegations of phone tapping, he challenged the government to produce evidence instead of making baseless accusations. He also confirmed that he would appear before the court on July 31 in connection with the Formula-E race case.

Defending the BRS opposing use of "TRS" name by others, the former Minister reminded that the party carried a 22-year association with the name during the Telangana movement and thereafter. He questioned how anyone could expect Telangana society to accept another party claiming that identity.

Alleging corruption in land administration, he accused Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy of turning the prohibited land list into a "lock-unlock game" to collect 30 per cent commissions to resolve land disputes.

KTR urges Centre, State to join hands to revive Adilabad CCI plant

A BRS delegation led by working president KT Rama Rao met Union Heavy Industries Minister HD Kumaraswamy in New Delhi, pressing for the revival of the Cement Corporation of India (CCI) plant at Adilabad. Kumaraswamy assured support but stressed that the Telangana government must extend incentives and mining lease concessions.

New Delhi: Stepping up the demand for the revival of the Cement Corporation of India (CCI) plant at Adilabad, a BRS delegation led by the party working president KT Rama Rao met Union Heavy Industries Minister HD Kumaraswamy in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The party said the Union Minister responded positively to the demand and assured all support to reopen the plant.

He was accompanied by BRS Parliamentary Party leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra, former Minister Jogu Ramanna, and members of the CCI Sadhana Samithi.

Speaking to mediapersons after the meeting, Rama Rao said Kumaraswamy responded positively to the demand and indicated that the Centre was favourable towards reviving the plant. However, the Union Minister stressed that the revival required active support from the Telangana government, including proposals on incentives, power subsidy, capital subsidy, GST concessions and extension of the assured mining lease.

“The site has about 2,300 acres of land, including 770 acres of freehold land and over 1,500 acres under lease. The Union Minister observed that



establishing a new cement plant with an investment of about Rs 2,000 crore was a viable option,” he said, adding that over 6,000 families were dependent on the plant for their livelihood.

Drawing parallels with the revival of the Sirpur Paper Mill during the BRS regime, the former Minister proposed that the Centre and the State contribute Rs 250 crore each towards an initial Rs 500 crore investment, with the remaining funds raised through institutional finance. He also referred to the Centre’s financial support for the revival of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, urging both governments to adopt a similar approach for Adilabad.

He castigated the Congress government over its failure to respond to the Centre’s re-

quests over the past year despite repeated reminders. He urged the Congress government to immediately announce its investment plan and extend the mining lease.

The delegation recalled that the CCI plant, established in the 1980s, once provided direct and indirect employment to nearly 6,000 people and has limestone reserves sufficient for another century. They also pointed out that the plant has a production capacity of four lakh metric tonnes.

Rama Rao expressed disappointment that assurances given by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Minister of State (MoS) Hansraj Gangaram during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections regarding the plant’s revival had not materialised. Instead, he said the facility was being dismantled and sold as scrap.

Harish Rao accuses Telangana government of delaying Employees Health Scheme

Hyderabad: BRS deputy leader and former Minister T Harish Rao accused the Congress government of failing to implement the Employees Health Scheme (EHS) promised to government employees, teachers and pensioners despite collecting premiums for two months. He demanded the immediate issuance of health cards and refund of the deductions collected for a scheme that was yet to become operational.

In a statement, Harish Rao said the Congress government had repeatedly postponed the scheme. He reminded that the government first promised to launch it on June 2 and later shifting the date to July 15, without issuing operational guidelines or finalising agreements with network hospitals. Deducting 1.5 per cent from employees’ salaries and pensions without implementing the scheme amounted to



deceiving them, he said.

The former Minister criticised the Congress government for failing to honour its election promise made under the Abhaya Hashtam manifesto even after 30 months. He also accused the government of neglecting employees by delaying the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), six pending Dearness Allowances (DAs), abolition of the

Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), and pension arrears.

Contrasting it with the previous BRS regime, he said the K Chandrashekhara Rao government implemented two PRCs, granted 73 per cent fitment, enhanced pensions and provided cashless medical treatment through wellness centres and empanelled hospitals. The earlier government had also planned a stronger health scheme based on a one per cent employee contribution, he added.

Harish Rao alleged that the government had failed to release funds under the police security scheme, neglected journalists’ health cards, commissioned reports claiming government employees were overpaid and recently threatened retired engineers. He warned that the BRS would launch an agitation if employee-related promises remained unfulfilled.

Health Minister Pushes Food, Drug Safety

Health minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha ordered officials to prepare a plan for closer coordination between the Food Safety Department and the Drugs Control Administration (DCA).

Speaking at a review meeting at the Secretariat on Wednesday, he said the government would not compromise on quality food, safe medicines or public health.

During the meeting, the officials proposed a merger of the departments to speed up inspections, sample collection, laboratory tests, intelligence work, enforcement and legal proceedings. They cited staff shortages, inspection difficulties, limited laboratory capacity and delays in case investigation. Officials who studied systems in other states briefed the minister.

The health minister praised both departments’ work and asked Principal Secretary (Health) Christina Z. Chongthu to examine the administrative, legal and technical aspects and prepare proposals suited to Telangana.

“There will be no compromise on matters concerning public health,” he said. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had focused particularly



on food safety, he added.

The minister asked officials to recruit specialists, increase staff strength, modernise food-testing laboratories and examine the need for regional laboratories. Modern equipment should improve testing capacity, while stronger legal teams should pursue cases until offenders are punished, he said.

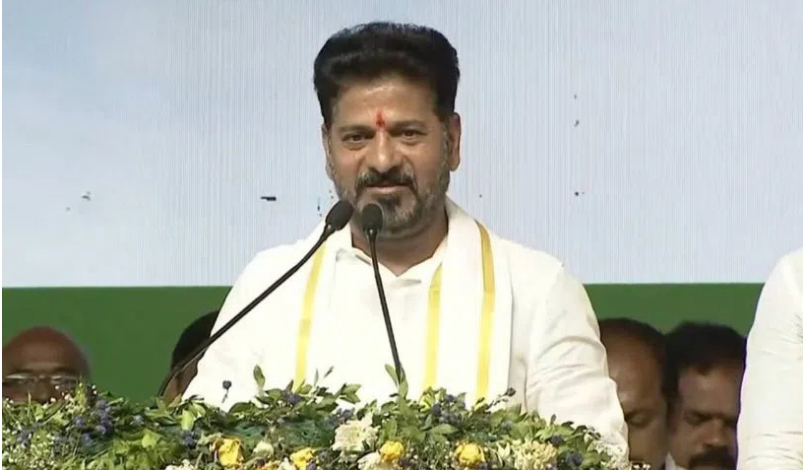
Enforcement against adulterated food and substandard or counterfeit medicines must become stricter, Rajanarsimha said. However, “hotels and restaurants that provide quality food should not be harassed under any circumstances”.

Revanth targets BRS over education at school inauguration event

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, over 30 months into office, launched a fresh attack on the previous BRS government, accusing it of neglecting the education sector. At a school inauguration in Wanaparthy, he highlighted Congress initiatives to improve infrastructure, boost enrolment, and equip students with technical skills.

Hyderabad: Even after over 30 months in office, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has continued attacking the previous BRS government, during a school building inauguration function in Wanaparthy district on Wednesday. He accused it of neglecting the education sector, while claiming to have chalked out grand plans to strengthen public education.

Addressing school children, teachers and locals after inaugurating the new building of the Government Girls’ High School at Kothakota on Wednesday, Revanth Reddy claimed government schools, from Anganwadi centres to universities, had suffered from poor infrastructure under the BRS regime. He said the student enrolment which declined during the BRS regime, has im-



proved under the present Congress government.

Stressing that education was key to Telangana’s future, the Chief Minister said his government had prioritised public education by completing long-pending teacher promotions and transfers. He said Telangana, currently ranked 18th in education nationally, should aim to become one of

the country’s top two States.

Revanth Reddy said the government was equipping students with technical skills by upgrading ITIs into Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) and creating opportunities for overseas blue-collar employment. He announced that Young India Kits would be distributed to 27.5 lakh students by Independence Day.

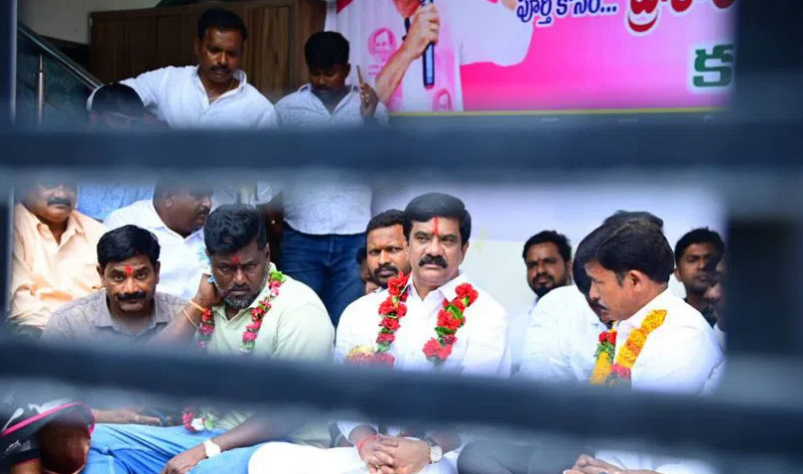
Prashanth Reddy stages hunger strike after house arrest, sets Aug 15 deadline for Bheemgal works

Former Minister and Balkonda MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy staged a day-long hunger strike at his Velpur residence after being placed under house arrest by police ahead of his planned protest in Bheemgal. He accused the Congress government of stalling major public works and vowed to intensify his agitation if the projects were not completed by August 15.

Nizamabad: Former Minister and Balkonda MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy on Wednesday staged a day-long hunger strike at his residence in Velpur after being placed under house arrest by the police ahead of his proposed protest over pending development works in Bheemgal. He had set August 15 as the deadline for the State government for completing four major public works, failing which he vowed to intensify the stir.

Police surrounded his residence in the morning, preventing him from proceeding to the planned protest venue. Several BRS leaders and activists were also detained across the Balkonda constituency, while the party alleged that the protest camp at Bheemgal had been dismantled overnight.

Undeterred by the restrictions, Prashanth Reddy continued his fast from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. without taking water, joined by party leaders and workers at his residence.



The MLA accused the Congress government of deliberately neglecting key public infrastructure projects, including the 100-bed government hospital, Integrated Market Yard, Bheemgal RTC bus depot, and CC and BT roads. He alleged that these works had been stalled despite being substantially completed during the previous BRS government.

Addressing the media, he said police action would not deter his fight for public issues and demanded that the government announce a clear

timeline for completing the pending projects instead of suppressing peaceful protests.

Earlier, BRS deputy leader T Harish Rao condemned the police action, alleging that the Congress government was stifling democratic dissent by preventing a peaceful hunger strike. He accused the government of resorting to repression instead of addressing public grievances and urged it to withdraw anti-democratic measures against the Opposition.

Govt Aims to Make Schools Akin to Corporate Institutions: Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad: The Telangana government is committed to developing government schools on a par with corporate educational institutions, IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu said on Wednesday.

Speaking after inaugurating the Foundation for Democratic Reforms (FDR) Science Centre at the ZP Girls’ High School in Alwal, Medchal-Malkajgiri district, Sridhar Babu said the government was according priority to the education and healthcare sectors while promoting scientific temper and creativity among students.

He said the State was creating an ecosystem to encourage innovation and support young people in converting ideas into products with societal applications. Institutions



such as T-Hub, T-Works and WE-Hub were providing support to innovators, he added.

Emphasising the growing importance of innovation and skills, the Minister urged students to develop a scientific outlook by questioning, exploring and seeking solutions to real-life problems.

Sridhar Babu appealed to the Foundation for Democratic Reforms to establish similar science centres in government schools across the State and assured it of the government’s support for the initiative.

"Prove Your Allegations With Evidence": Karakagudem Congress Chief Syed Iqbal Hussain Challenges Venkatanarayana

Karakagudem | July 15, 2026: Political tensions escalated in Karakagudem Mandal after Congress Mandal President Syed Iqbal Hussain strongly challenged tribal leader Poleboyina Venkatanarayana to substantiate his allegations with credible evidence, accusing him of indulging in "cheap politics" to mislead the public.

Addressing a press conference at the Congress Party office in Karakagudem on Tuesday, Syed Iqbal Hussain categorically rejected all allegations levelled against him, describing them as false, baseless and politically motivated. Issuing a direct challenge, Hussain said, "Making allegations is easy, but proving them with evidence is what matters. If Venkatanarayana has proof, let him place it before the people. I am ready to face any pub-



lic inquiry." The Congress leader questioned every allegation made against him, including accusations of land grabbing, illegal cattle transportation, misuse of official influence, illegal sand business, receiving commissions, supporting illicit liquor activities and amassing wealth illegally. He maintained that he comes from a respected agricultural family and earns his livelihood through farming, cultivating more than 100 acres on lease every year. He asserted that the people of the mandal are well aware of his background and public service. Syed Iqbal Hussain also objected to dragging the name of the Thudum Debba organisation into political disputes, stating that personal political differences should not be linked with social movements. Claiming that he has always worked for the welfare of SCs, STs, BCs, minorities and all sections of society, Hussain said the Congress leadership, under MLA Payam Venkateswarlu, is committed to the development of Karakagudem and its villages. He further declared that if the allegations are proved with evidence, he is prepared to face the consequences. However, if they fail to substantiate the charges, he demanded that those making the allegations should publicly apologise before the people. Several Congress leaders, including District Congress Committee Executive Member Nagabandi Venkateswarlu, Karakagudem Sarpanch Poleboyina Sujatha, Anantharam Deputy Sarpanch Poojari Venkanna, and other local party leaders attended the meeting in support of Syed Iqbal Hussain.

Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant Files Released on Dark Web

BENGALURU: Ransomware group World Leaks has posted on the dark web a huge cache of files related to India's largest nuclear plant, including purported blueprints of parts of its facilities and supplier details — information it ?labelled as coming from Reliance Group. The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, located in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, is the largest of India's seven nuclear plants and central to Prime Minister ?Narendra Modi's ambitious plans to expand the country's atomic energy capacity. Indian businessman Anil Ambani's Reliance Group, one of the plant's contractors, told Reuters in a statement that there had been a "partial breach" of its data on a server hosted by third-party Indian data centre service provider Yotta, and that the government has been informed about the incident. Reliance did not disclose what data had been breached. The data breach could pose a "serious" risk to the safety of the plant, says Nickolas Roth, a senior director at the Nuclear Threat Initiative, which ?advises governments and benchmarks countries' preparedness on nuclear security. The breach also underscores how hacks have become more common in India, where many companies are ill-equipped to deal with such threats. Reuters reviewed the documents, which ?were dated from 2016 to mid-2025, but could not verify their authenticity. In addition to some blueprints and supplier details, they purportedly show meeting and inspection records, equipment ?reviews and insurance policies. The 19,000 files appeared to be the most sensitive of a total 858,000 Reliance files on the World Leaks website. One of the conglomerate's subsidiaries, Reliance Infrastructure, won a contract in 2018 to design and ?build infrastructure for the plant's Unit 3 and Unit 4. Both units, still under construction, are due to be operational by 2027 and are slated to provide a combined 2,000 megawatts of capacity. World Leaks, a well-known ransomware group that ?has previously targeted Nike and India's Tata Group, did not respond to Reuters queries on the Reliance data breach. The group typically posts stolen corporate data on its website after companies decline to pay the ransom demanded. Its website can only be accessed with a specialised browser. In June, World Leaks told Reuters it had sought \$1.5 million in ransom for Tata Group files that contained confidential component designs of clients Apple and Tesla , adding that it posted the data after Tata "ignored" its demand.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ON SERVER IN MAY The Nuclear Power Corporation of ?India, which commissions and operates the country's nuclear power plants, has been communicating with Reliance about the breach and India's main cybersecurity agency — the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) — is looking into the incident, according to a source ?familiar with the matter. The source declined to be identified due to the sensitivity of the issue. Nuclear Power Corporation Chairman Rajesh Veeraraghavan, CERT-In and the government's main press office did not respond to repeated requests for comment.



Yotta said in a statement it ?had noted suspicious ?activity on May 29 on a server it hosts that belongs to Reliance Infrastructure. It said the activity was immediately terminated and that the suspected ransomware execution was prevented, but Reliance Infrastructure informed it at the end of June that there had been claims of a data breach made by "external threat actors." Yotta said it has not been able to verify the claims of the "threat actor", but added that it has shared its detailed technical investigation with Reliance Infrastructure and supports an ongoing investigation. India's Department of Atomic Energy declined to comment, while Modi's office did not respond to Reuters queries. **BLUEPRINTS AND INSURANCE POLICIES** The documents posted on World Leaks do not appear to relate to the nuclear reactors' core ?systems, which are supplied by Russia's state-owned Rosatom. They did ?contain purported blueprints for the ventilation and cooling systems ?used in Unit 3 and Unit 4, as well as what appeared to be the complete floor layout of a "common control room". The files also included what appeared to be vendor proposals, a list of approved suppliers, and a record of a 2024 meeting about a joint inspection by the Nuclear Power Corporation and Reliance, with photos of equipment. Another ?document purports to show that Reliance Infrastructure and the Nuclear Power Corporation had taken out an insurance policy that would entitle them to \$112 million if either Unit ?3 or Unit 4 were ?to suffer an act of terrorism. The files, in the hands of bad actors, could in theory be exploited to map the plant's support systems, identify its suppliers and pinpoint weaknesses in its security chain, according to researchers. They could "show an adversary not just who has access to the project but which systems that access reaches," said Nuclear Threat Initiative's Roth. India ranks third among a list of countries suffering the most data breaches, with 28.9 million accounts compromised last year, lagging only the United ?States and France, ?according to cybersecurity company Surfshark. A report last year by the Data Security Council of India and cybersecurity firm Seqrite said that of 204 ?organisations surveyed across India, some 73% were "unaware if they have ever been attacked" while 57% lack cyber hygiene practices. It is also the second time that the Kudankulam plant has been linked to a cyber incident, with malware tied to a North Korean hacker group found on the ?plant's administrative network in 2019.

Operation Muskaan-12 Reviewed by Additional Collector

Strict Action Ordered Against Child Labour and Child Marriages Officials Directed to Make Bhadradri Kothagudem a Model District in Child Protection

Kothagudem, July 15: The progress of Operation Muskaan-12, a month-long special rescue drive jointly conducted by the Women and Child Welfare Department and the Police Department from July 1 to July 31, was reviewed by Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Vidya Chandana at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Wednesday. During the review meeting, the Additional Collector assessed the achievements made in the first fifteen days of the operation, including the number of child labourers rescued, child protection cases handled, FIRs registered, and rehabilitation measures initiated. She sought de-



tailed reports from officials on the rescue of vulnerable children and the action taken against offenders. She directed all departments to register FIRs immediately in cases of child labour and child marriages, ensure proper counselling for victims, and provide timely rehabilitation through coordinated departmental efforts. District Women and Child Welfare Officer Swarnalatha Lenina presented the progress report of Operation Muskaan-12 and stated that all line departments would intensify the drive during the remaining fifteen days. She expressed confidence that Bhadradri Kothagudem district would achieve outstanding results at the state level through effective planning and coordinated action. The meeting was attended by Child Welfare Committee members Sabbathi Sumitra Devi and Mohammed Sadiq Pasha, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Tukaram Rathod, District Education Officer Vasanthi, Minority Welfare Officer Aruna, Labour Officer Nagaraju, DPO Naveen, DCPU Officer Hari Kumari, She Team SI Rama Devi, and officials from various government departments. "Every Child Matters – Operation Muskaan-12 Aims to Rescue, Protect and Rehabilitate Vulnerable Children Across the District."

POLITICAL PARTIES ASKED TO BOOST SIR-2026 DRIVE; 54.61% VOTER ENUMERATION COMPLETED IN BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM

Kothagudem | July 15, 2026: The Special Intensive Revision (SIR-2026) of electoral rolls has gained momentum in Bhadradri Kothagudem district, with more than 54 percent of voter enumeration forms already digitized. District Election Officer and Collector Ankit, IAS, has called upon all political parties to extend full cooperation to ensure every eligible citizen is included in the voters' list. Reviewing the progress of the voter revision programme, the Collector said the Election Commission of India launched SIR-2026 to prepare a clean, transparent, accurate and error-free electoral roll by removing duplicate, shifted and ineligible entries while enrolling all eligible voters. According to official figures, the district has 9,96,198 registered voters, of whom 5,44,047 voters (54.61%) have already submitted their enumeration forms for digitization as of July 15, 2026. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are continuing door-to-door visits to collect the remaining forms. The District Election Officer urged political parties to direct their Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to work closely with BLOs, monitor the progress of form collection, motivate pending voters to submit their forms without delay, assist citizens in filling up the forms correctly, and verify the Absent, Shifted and Duplicate (ASD) lists by reporting discrepancies to the concerned election



authorities. He said the draft electoral roll will be published on July 31, followed by the period for claims and objections until August 30. After verification and disposal of objections, the final electoral roll will be published on October 1, 2026. Collector Ankit appealed to all recognized political parties to actively participate in the revision exercise and support the Election Commission's mission of ensuring that every eligible voter gets a rightful place in the electoral roll while eliminating ineligible and duplicate entries. The review meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Revenue) D. Venugopal, election officials, and representatives of Congress, BJP, BRS, CPI, CPI(M), BSP, Aam Aadmi Party and other recognized political parties.

11-Year-Old Saanvi Lattala Creates History with Triple Gold at Srikakulam District Badminton Championship

Eleven-year-old Saanvi Lattala of Match Point Badminton Academy scripted history by winning three Gold Medals in three different age categories at the Srikakulam District Badminton Championship 2026, held on July 11 and 12 at Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh. With this remarkable achievement, Saanvi became the first girl in the history of the Srikakulam District Badminton Championship to win the Under-13, Under-15, and Under-17 Girls' Singles titles in a single district championship. Even more impressively, she completed the entire tournament without dropping a single set, demonstrating exceptional dominance, consistency, and maturity beyond her age. **Tournament Results** Under-13 Girls' Singles Final Saanvi Lattala defeated Rama Kethana by 15-8, 15-7. Under-15 Girls' Singles Final Saanvi Lattala defeated Chitri Jyothsna by 15-6, 15-9. Under-17 Girls' Singles Final Saanvi Lattala defeated Mokshitha Nandhini by 15-7, 15-8. By winning all three titles, Saanvi has qualified to represent Srikakulam District in the forthcoming Andhra Pradesh State Badminton Championship. The championship concluded with a grand prize distribution ceremony attended by Sri Gondu Shankar Garu, Hon'ble MLA of Srikakulam, Sri Farman Ahmed Khan, IAS, Joint Collector, Srikakulam, Sri Sagar Garu, President, Srikakulam District Badminton As-



sociation, Sri Rajendran Garu, Chairman, and Sri Suribabu Garu, CEO of the Srikakulam District Badminton Association. The dignitaries presented trophies and medals to the winners and congratulated Saanvi on her extraordinary achievement. The officials appreciated her dedication, discipline, and outstanding performance, expressing confidence that she would bring more laurels to Srikakulam District and Andhra Pradesh at the State Championship. The historic achievement has brought immense pride to Match Point Badminton Academy, where coaches, parents, and fellow players celebrated Saanvi's record-breaking performance. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Venu Muppala, Founder & Chairman, Match Point Badminton Academy Group, said: "Saanvi's achievement is a proud moment for our academy and for the entire district. Winning three district titles in three different age categories at just 11 years of age without losing a single set is truly extraordinary. This reflects her hard work, discipline, dedication, and commitment to excellence. At Match Point Badminton Academy, our vision is to develop national and international champions, and Saanvi's success is a significant step towards that goal. We are confident she will continue to excel and make Andhra Pradesh and India proud."

Indian women’s hockey team begins World Cup preparations, says coach Sjoerd Marijne

Indian women’s hockey chief coach Sjoerd Marijne says the squad is highly motivated ahead of the FIH World Cup 2026. Training at SAI Bengaluru following a Nations Cup win, India opens its campaign against China on August 16World news digest

New Delhi: Indian women’s hockey chief coach Sjoerd Marijne believes the squad is entering the most crucial phase of its preparation with renewed confidence and enthusiasm as it gears up for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 to be played in Belgium and the Netherlands, saying the players are fully committed to improving ahead of two major tournaments later this year.

With just a month remaining before the World Cup begins on August 15, the Indian women’s team is training at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centre in Bengaluru after an unbeaten title-winning campaign at the FIH Nations Cup, a performance that secured valuable momentum heading into the global showpiece.

India has been drawn in Pool D and will open its World Cup campaign against one of the pre-tournament favourites, China, on August 16. The team will then face South Africa on August 18 before concluding the group stage against England on August 20.

Marijne said the prospect of competing at both the World Cup and the Asian Games has created a positive atmosphere within the camp, with every player eager to make the most of the preparation period.

“The team is very motivated for the upcoming period with the two major tournaments (World Cup and Asian Games) ahead. The players are excited, and you can clearly see that energy during our training sessions. Everyone is working hard every day, and there is a real hunger within the group to keep improving,” Marijne said.

Having lifted the FIH Nations Cup without losing a match, India enters the World Cup on the back of one of its strongest recent performances. The coaching staff is now focused on



ensuring the team continues its upward trajectory while managing workloads during the final month before the tournament.World news digest

Marijne explained that the emphasis remains on sustained improvement rather than dramatic changes, with fitness and consistent progression forming the cornerstone of the team’s preparation.

“Our focus remains on ourselves. We want to take another step forward, especially in terms of fitness, while continuing to improve the areas we have been working on over the past few months. We have a good balance of high, medium, and low-intensity sessions because you cannot train at maximum intensity every day. Our strength and conditioning coaches closely monitor every player to make sure the team is ready. I can see the progress we are making, both individually and as a team, and that gives me a lot of confidence going into the World Cup,” he added.

The simultaneous staging of the men’s and women’s World Cups in Belgium and the Netherlands from August 15 to 30 adds further significance to this year’s tournament, with India hoping its recent progress can translate into a strong campaign on the biggest stage.

IND vs ENG, 1st ODI: India Beat England By 6 Wickets To Take 1-0 Lead

Birmingham: Skipper Shubman Gill led from the front with an 80, while Axar Patel and Washington Sundar made valuable unbeaten fifties to guide India to a six-wicket win over England in the first ODI of the three-match series here on Tuesday. Opting to bat, former skipper Joe Root and Liam Dawson struck fifties as England overcame early jitters to post 258 all out. Dawson (68) and Root (76 not out) added 121 runs for the seventh wicket as England recovered well from a disastrous 107 for six.

For India, spinner Axar took four wickets, while pacers Prasidh Krishna and Gurnoor Brar took couple of wickets each. In the chase, Gill decorated his innings with 11 fours and one six, while Axar remained unbeaten on 57. Washington made 52 not out as India scaled down the target in 45.2 overs. Shreyas Iyer (35) also made useful contribution. Brief scores: England: 258 all out in 47.5 overs (Liam Dawson 68, Joe Root 76 not out; Axar Patel 4/62, Prasidh Krishna 2/50). India: 262/4 in 45.2 overs (Shubman Gill 80 retired hurt, Axar Patel 57 not out, Washington Sundar 52 not out; Josh Tongue 1/50).



India wins five gold medals at Asian Under-19 and Under-23 Boxing Championships

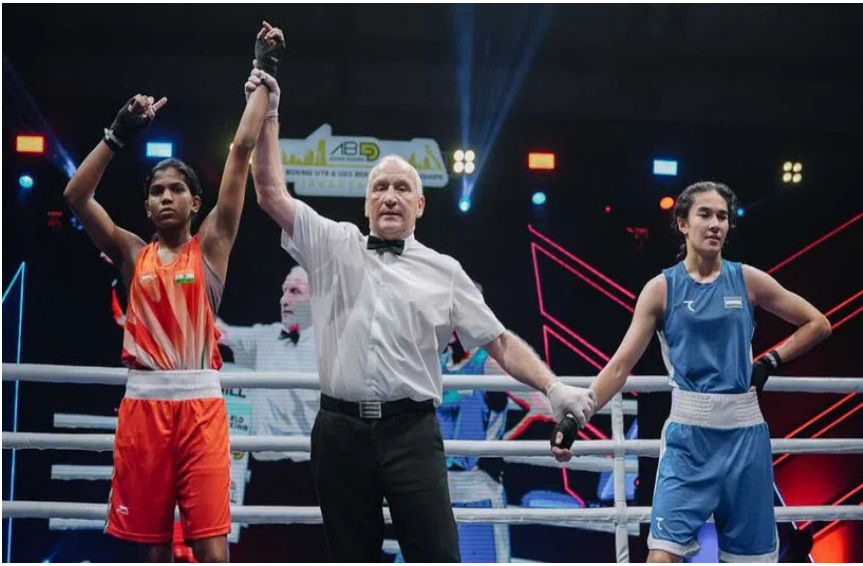
India concluded its campaign at the Asian Under-19 and Under-23 Boxing Championships with five gold, 10 silver and four bronze medals in the women’s section. Chandrika Bhoresh Pujari, Prachi and Nisha were among the gold medallists as India impressed across multiple weight categoriesSouth Asians & Diaspora

Hyderabad: India capped off a stellar campaign in the women’s section at the Asian Under-19 and Under-23 Boxing Championships, securing a total of five gold, 10 silver, and four bronze medals across categories in the finals held in Jakarta.World news digest

In the Under-19 women’s category, India secured two gold and six silver medals, underlining the depth of its youth programme.

Chandrika Bhoresh Pujari (51kg) delivered a dominant performance to clinch gold with a 5-0 win over Uzbekistan’s Nazokat Mardonova, while Prachi also secured gold with a convincing victory over Indonesia’s Dira Artika.

India’s other finalists in the Under-19 category



put up strong fights but settled for silver, contributing to the team’s overall tally.

In the Under-23 women’s category, India registered an equally impressive showing with three gold, four silver, and four bronze medals.

Nisha (54kg) led the charge with a commanding 5-0 victory over Japan’s Koiin Kokufu to clinch gold. India’s other gold medallists in the category continued their strong form to finish on top of the podium.

Meanwhile, Nikita Chand (60kg), Kajal (65kg), and Muskan (75kg) fought hard in their respective finals but settled for silver after facing strong opponents from Uzbekistan. The bronze medals came from semifinal finishes, further highlighting India’s consistency across weight categories



Argentina Stun England 2-1, Into Final vs Spain

England are bidding to end Lionel Messi's dream of winning back-to-back World Cups and reach their first final in six decades as they renew their old rivalry with holders Argentina on Thursday in a seismic semi-final showdown.

An England team which has been dragged to this stage by the brilliance of Jude Bellingham take on Messi's Argentina under the roof of the



spectacular arena in Atlanta, already the scene of a memorable victory by the defending champions at this tournament.

It is the first competitive meeting of the sides since the 2002 World Cup and the fix-

ture conjures so many memories, from Diego Maradona and the 'Hand of God' in 1986, to David Beckham's red card after tangling with Diego Simeone in 1998, while also thrusting the lingering sovereignty dispute

over the Falkland Islands back into the spotlight. There is more than enough to focus on in purely footballing terms, with England one win from a first appearance in the World Cup final since they lifted the trophy in 1966. Argentina, meanwhile, are looking to reach a third final in four World Cups, and in doing so remain on course to become the first nation to retain the trophy since Brazil in 1962.

Sindhu Targets Medal at World Championships To Be Held in India

Select Deccan Chronicle Now Tokyo: Indian badminton star Pusarla Venkata Sindhu said Wednesday that "everybody is beatable" as she targets a medal at the world championships on home soil in New Delhi next month. Sindhu won the world title in 2019 and also captured Olympic silver in Rio in 2016 and bronze in Tokyo five years later. The 31-year-old is a massive star in her home country and will be the focus of attention at the world championships from August 17 to 23.

She told AFP in Tokyo, where she is playing at the Japan Open, that she expects to be in the mix for a medal. "Right now, with the game I'm playing, I think I just need to do a little bit of small tweaks and stick to my game plan, irrespective of who the other player is," said the world number 10. "Just keep fighting for every point. I feel that everybody is beatable." Sindhu arrives in Tokyo after reaching the semi-finals of the Australian Open last month.

Her last title came in December 2024 at the Syed Modi India International in Lucknow. She believes playing at home will help her again at the world championships. "There will be pressure, I will not deny that, but at the same time it's a kind of confidence when you play in your home court," she said. "I



think it's really good and I feel confident having it in our country." Sindhu is not the only Indian player in contention for a medal next month.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are number four in the men's doubles world rankings, while Lakshya Sen is number 14 in men's singles. "In India, I think after cricket, badminton is the next big sport," said Sindhu. "In the last few years it's become a lot more, and we have a lot of athletes who are doing really well. "It is quite popular and I feel that there will be a lot of crowds supporting India this time."

The last time the world championships were held in India was in 2009 in Hyderabad, Sindhu's home city. She is hoping her country makes the most of the opportunity. "For the youngsters, it will be a good thing to see top athletes who are coming to Delhi and playing at the top level," she said. "It's a very good experience for the youngsters to see and learn a lot more."

India U20 men’s team begins preparations for AFC U20 Asian Cup qualifiers

The Indian U20 men's football team is training in Bengaluru under head coach Mahesh Gawali ahead of the AFC U20 Asian Cup China 2027 Qualifiers. A 26-member group is currently in camp, with 15 players temporarily released for the RFDL Japan

Hyderabad: The Indian U20 men’s team’s preparations for the AFC U20 Asian Cup China 2027 Qualifiers are underway in Bengaluru, with the camp commencing with trials on June 11 at The Sports School and the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence.Geographic Reference

A total of 102 players from across the country have participated in the trials since the camp began. Following the evaluation process, 26 players are currently training with the U20 men’s national team under head coach Mahesh Gawali. Fifteen players have been temporarily released from the camp

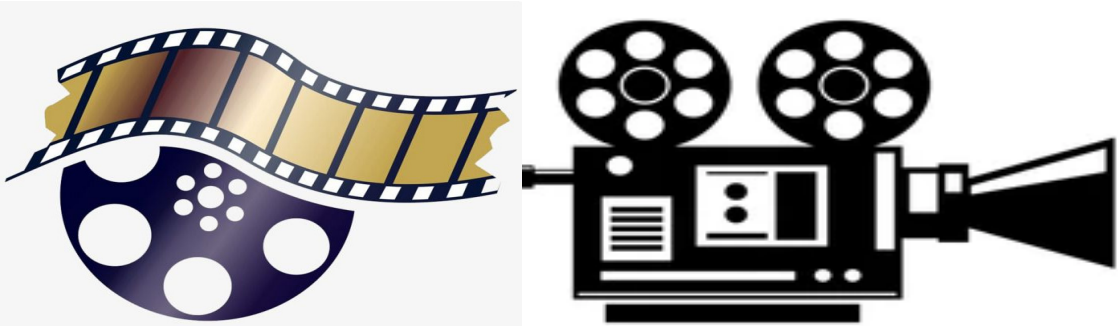


at the request of their clubs to participate in the Reliance Foundation Development League (RFDL) Japan Tour. The group comprises eight players from Punjab FC, six from Bengaluru FC, and one from FC Goa. They will rejoin the national team camp upon their return from Japan next week.

Further evaluations will take place before the Blue Colts' preliminary squad for the AFC U20 Asian Cup Qualifiers is finalised and announced.

India have been drawn in Group B of the AFC U20 Asian Cup China 2027 Qualifiers alongside Uzbekistan, Syria and Bangladesh. The qualifiers will be played in a centralised single round-robin format in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from August 31 to September 6, 2026.

The eight group winners and the seven best second-placed teams across all groups will qualify for the AFC Under-20 Asian Cup China 2027.



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Naga Vamsi Launches Yelage Pilla from Anakapalli

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The makers of Anakapalli have released a brand-new romantic song titled Yelage Pilla, adding more excitement before the film's theatrical release on August 7. The song was officially launched by leading producer Naga Vamsi, who praised the team and wished the movie great success.

Anakapalli is produced by Kandregula Naidu and Thrinadha Rao Nakkina under the Bhavya Sri Movie Makers and Nakkina Narratives banners. The film is directed by Khagesh Tammineni and promises to present a raw and rustic story with emotional and entertaining moments. Kandregula Kumar Raja is the co-producer of the film.

The movie stars Vikram Sahidev and Sandhya Vasishtha in the lead roles. Apart from writing the story and screenplay, Thrinadha Rao Nakkina also plays an important role in the film. The teaser and previously released songs have already created good interest among movie lovers.

The latest song, Yelage Pilla, is a soft and romantic melody that highlights the sweet chemistry between the lead pair. The lyrics are written by Anantha Sriram, while Kapil Kapilan and Davzand have sung the song beautifully. The music has a pleasant feel, making it easy for listeners to enjoy from the very first hear-



ing.

Producer Naga Vamsi appreciated the song after its launch. He said the tune is catchy, the lyrical video looks attractive, and Vikram Sahidev's dance moves are stylish and graceful. He also wished the entire team the very best and hoped the film would become a big success after its release.

The choreography of Yelage Pilla is simple yet appealing. The hook step performed by Vikram Sahidev has already started getting attention and is expected to become popular on social media platforms and short-video reels.

Earlier songs from the film, Ammoru Diginadi and Labbaru Bomma, received a positive response from audiences and trended on YouTube. With its fresh tune and romantic mood, Yelage Pilla is also expected to win the hearts of music lovers.

The film features cinematography by Maya V, editing by Srikrishna Attaluri, music by Davzand, and dialogues by Uday Bhagavatula. With a talented cast, strong technical team, and growing buzz around its songs, Anakapalli is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release on August 7. Fans are now eagerly waiting to see the complete film on the big screen.

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.

Sandeep Kishan's Super Subbu Achieves Historical Record

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Sundeep Kishan is leading an historic success for Telugu Digital space with Super Subbu. The first ever Netflix Telugu Original series has become global blockbuster marking a historic entry for OTT giant into Telugu space. The highly reputed show is receiving outstanding reviews and exceptional word of mouth, instantly grabbing the number one trending spot in India. Sundeep is receiving widespread acclaim for his exceptional performance in the series. The actor is being heavily applauded by both critics and fans for his gutsy and unique choice of script, proving his eye for impactful cinema.

The show has achieved global success by trending in the Top 10 lists across 12 different countries. This massive achievement marks a proud moment for regional Telugu content on the international stage and stands as a major victory for Netflix and Super Subbu team.

Director Mallik Ram is also being widely celebrated for his masterclass



in handling a sensitive topic like sex education. He has successfully delivered the core message in a beautiful, clean, and universally appealing manner that has won over family audiences.



Prabhakar Daughter Divija Shares Beautiful Moments Ahead of Venkatramayya Gari Taluka Release

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Actress Divija Prabhakar is enjoying a special phase in her career as she prepares for the release of her debut film Venkatramayya Gari Taluka. A few days before the movie reaches theatres, she shared a beautiful post on her Instagram page that quickly caught the attention of her followers.

Divija posted a lovely picture from the film's pre-release event. In the photo, she is seen wearing a light blue saree with a rich green blouse and traditional gold jewellery. She is smiling brightly while looking away from the camera, giving the picture a natural and elegant feel.

Along with the picture, Divija wrote that she is still enjoying all the love she received at the Venkatramayya Gari Taluka pre-release event. She also reminded fans that only two days were left before the film's release on July 17 and said she was excited to meet everyone in theatres. In the same post, she thanked designer Shilpa Couture for her outfit and gave photo credit to Teja Naidollu.

Divija comes from a well-known film and television family. She is the daughter of actor Prabhakar, who became popular through many successful television serials and films such as Operation Duryodhana and Maisamma IPS. He earned a strong fan following with his performances on the small screen before taking a break from acting.

Prabhakar's son Chandrahas has already entered the Telugu film industry as a hero. Now, Divija is continuing the family's cinema journey by making her debut as a leading actress.

Interestingly, Divija is not completely new to films. She earlier worked as one of the producers of her brother Chandrahas' film Ram Nagar Bunny. She also appeared in a small role in Brahma Anandam, starring veteran comedian Brahmanandam.

However, Venkatramayya Gari Taluka marks her first full-length role as a heroine.

The movie is directed by Satish Aavala and features Dinesh Kumar as the lead actor. It is produced by Komali Mahender Thotte and Somesh Saripalli under the Komali Creations banner. The youthful family entertainer also features Murali Dhar Goud, Sudha, Kasi Viswanath, Mirchi Madhavi, Satyasri, Iqbal, Jeevan Priya, Gouri Naidu, Harish Tekkali, YouTuber Santhu Munjeti, Hasini and Yamini in important roles.