

Distribute School Uniforms by Aug.15

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directed officials to distribute uniforms to students in all government schools, welfare and residential schools by August 15 and seek feedback from every student regarding the quality, size, and other aspects through WhatsApp after the distribution. The Chief Minister said that the quality, colour and other factors for the 2027-28 academic would be finalised based on the students' feedback.

The Chief Minister also directed officials to formulate an action plan to ensure that students received their uniforms by June 2 from next year. At a meeting to review the



supply of uniforms to students, the Chief Minister warned of strict action against the officials if they failed to fulfill the targets in the distribution of the uniforms.

Revanth Reddy instructed Divya Devarajan, chief executive officer of SERP (Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty) to coordinate with district collectors to accelerate the stitching work undertaken by women self help groups (SHGs).

Revanth Reddy noted that there were huge irregularities in the distribution of uniforms to students during the previous

BRS government's tenure and said the Congress administration was overhauling the system and ensuring the supply of high-quality uniforms. Officials should keep in mind that the government's efforts were aimed at the welfare of children from poor families.

Government adviser P. Sudarshan Reddy, special chief secretary Sabyasachi Ghosh, CM's principal secretary N. Sridhar, CM's OSD Vemula Srinivasulu, and senior officials including Bala Maya Devi, Shafi Ulla, Vijayendra Boyi from various departments participated in the meeting.

Telangana Dy CM Asks SCCL, TG GENCO to Prepare Action Plan on Coal Requirement

Nalgonda: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday advised the managements of the Singareni Collieries and the state power generation corporation to jointly prepare a long-term action plan by assessing the coal requirements for the next decade.

He inspected the Jalagam Vengala Rao opencast coal mine of SCCL at Sathupalli in Khammam district and reviewed the coal reserves, production processes and coal quality with the officials.

The state government's foremost objective, he stressed, is to ensure that SCCL remains a strong, efficiently managed, and future-ready public sector enterprise by expanding its business and securing its long-term sustainability for future generations.

Stating that this would take at least seven to eight years from acquiring a coal block through auction to completing land acquisition, obtaining forest clearances and commencing the mining operations, he asked the SCCL to prepare and execute plans with a minimum 10-year strategic vision.

The Deputy CM also underlined the need to reduce production costs and improve the coal quality to compete with the private companies in the market.

Transporting inferior-quality coal, he said, not only increases transportation costs, but also reduces efficiency at thermal power plants resulting in plant tripping. Officials



must supply high-quality and uncontaminated coal to TG Genco and other customers.

Speaking to the media, Vikramarka termed Singareni as the soul of Telangana and moted that the people and its workforce shared an emotional bond with the 130-year-old entity. It, he said, is everyone's collective responsibility not only to protect this iconic public sector enterprise, but also strengthen it and hand this over as a profitable organisation to future generations.

His field visit was aimed at directly assessing mining operations, understanding the challenges faced by the company, and reviewing its future plans.

"Singareni had missed several opportunities over the past decade by not participating in auctions for new coal blocks," he said and added that, after the Congress government assumed office, the pending issues relating to land acquisition and forest clearances for Tadicherla II and Naini coal blocks were resolved expeditiously.

The government, he said, would extend full support to enable Singareni to participate in future coal block auctions across the country. Singareni's vast expertise in mining and its highly skilled technical workforce should also be leveraged to explore and mine critical minerals and rare earth minerals, which are essential for semiconductor and chip manufacturing.

Highlighting the global

shift towards clean energy, he suggested Singareni not to remain confined to coal production alone, but must rapidly expand its wings into the solar energy sector. He opined that solar power, pumped storage, hydrogen and nuclear energy would replace thermal power in the future.

Accordingly, Singareni should significantly enhance its focus on solar power generation, he maintained.

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Revanth Reddy Inspects Restoration Works at Telangana Assembly



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy here on Thursday inspected the ongoing repair and restoration works at the Telangana Legislative Assembly building, which holds historical significance. He visited the entire premises, gathered details from officials on the progress of the works, and issued several instructions. Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Minister Adluri Lakshman, Government Whips Adi Srinivas, Addanki Dayakar, Balmoor Venkata, MLAs Kavvampalli Satyanarayana, Jaiveer Reddy, and senior officials were present.

Stay Away From Drugs and Build a Bright Future, Says Konda Surekha



Telangana forests, environment and endowments minister Konda Surekha on Thursday urged youth to stay away from narcotic substances, adopt a healthy lifestyle and work towards building a bright future. She was speaking after flagging off a 2K awareness run organised by the Telangana State Journalists Union (TSJU), Hanamkonda unit, from the Hanamkonda collectorate to Kaloji Junction under the themes

'Break Free from Drugs – Build a Bright Future' and 'Say No to Drugs.'

TGNPDCL chairman and managing director Karnati Varun Reddy, Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation commissioner T. Venkanna, additional collector Ravi and Warangal DCP Dhara Kavitha also participated in the inauguration.

Officials, students, journalists and representatives of voluntary organisations took a pledge to support efforts

to combat drug abuse.

Addressing the participants, Surekha said every section of society has a responsibility to help eradicate the menace of narcotics. She appealed to young people to stay away from addiction, make positive life choices and contribute to the development of society.

The organisers said the awareness run was intended to educate young people about the dangers of drug abuse and encourage healthy and responsible lifestyles.



HYDERABAD: As women led protest movements across the country, Hyderabad saw a women-led solidarity protest of its own as the Telangana Women and Transgender Organisations JAC organised the six-hour protest at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park, in support of the Jantar Mantar agitation on Thursday.

Women and transgender activists in Hyderabad took forward the same demands at Dharna Chowk, where they sought Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation and accountability over alleged examination irregularities and police action against protesters.

"Gen Z is challenging patriarchy," activist K. Sajaya said. "The sight of young women taking charge of protests, confronting the police and

Tummala Seeks More Farm Loans From Banks

claiming political space, she said, challenged longstanding assumptions about who leads public movements."

That change could also be seen among those who had never entered a protest site before. Two doctors arrived in caps and hoodies, careful not to reveal their identities. Both said this was their first demonstration.

"I have come without informing my parents. It will be chaotic if they get to know," one of them said, adding, "I want to know more about where other protests will be organised and want to participate."

Alongside newcomers were people who had moved from one demonstration to another through the week. Amit, who had joined the students' solidarity gathering at Osmania University a day earlier, said hope kept taking him back to the streets.

only for one big protest."

Several participants called for a wider overhaul of the education system and linked alleged paper leaks to the growth of corporate educational institutions.

Rakesh, Telangana state joint secretary of Arunodaya Cultural Federation, said he regularly joined protests and cultural programmes. "The protest may have begun as a CJP movement, but its demands are not limited to CJP. They concern young people across the country."

Paper leaks were one part of a larger problem, he argued. "We keep protesting paper leaks, including the NEET paper leak, but we must also oppose the saffronisation and privatisation of education."

Amit praised young cultural activists such as Rakesh, who he said worked to keep Telangana's tradition of protest alive. Rakesh placed the current demonstrations within a much longer history that included resistance to feudal rule, the Telangana armed struggle and the statehood movement.



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INDIA'S FIRST HYDROGEN-POWERED TRAIN SIGNALS JOURNEY TOWARDS CLEAN ENERGY

India's first indigenously built hydrogen-powered train, developed under the 'Make in India' initiative, is an important milestone in the country's ambition to decarbonise transport under the National Green Hydrogen Mission. While it is a laudable innovation that puts India among a select group of nations that have developed the hydrogen fuel-cell technology, a wider rollout will hinge on solving the cost, supply, and infrastructure challenges. The 89-kilometre-long Jind-Sonipat route in Haryana was recently flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The 10-coach train comprises two hydrogen-powered driving cars and eight passenger coaches with a total capacity of around 2,600 passengers, and has a design speed of 110 kmph. The Railways has developed the hydrogen fuel-cell train with the aim of deploying it initially on heritage and non-electrified routes before scaling up. Although hydrogen trains are unlikely to replace electric trains on India's heavily electrified mainlines, they offer a promising solution for routes where electrification is difficult or uneconomical. The launch has set in motion a transition towards cleaner, low-emission transport. It also signals India's intent to be among the global leaders in sustainable mobility. Powered by hydrogen fuel cells that emit only water vapour, the train offers an environmentally friendly alternative to diesel locomotives. With indigenous technology and a locally developed hydrogen ecosystem at Jind, the project demonstrates growing domestic capabilities in advanced engineering. It also complements the National Green Hydrogen Mission, which seeks to reduce India's dependence on imported fossil fuels while supporting the country's long-term net-zero ambitions.

India's broader green hydrogen production target is 5 million tonnes a year by 2030, backed by over \$2 billion in incentives. Therefore, scaling up reliable green hydrogen supply nationwide is still a work in progress. High costs, limited infrastructure, storage challenges, and widespread electrification of the railway network mean that hydrogen trains are likely to complement—rather than replace—electric trains. Their long-term success will depend on affordable green hydrogen, technological maturity, and targeted deployment on routes where they offer clear economic and environmental advantages. India's heavy reliance on imported crude oil, natural gas, and industrial feedstocks makes energy security a national priority, particularly during periods of geopolitical instability. Producing hydrogen domestically using renewable energy can help reduce exposure to volatile global energy markets and strengthen economic resilience. However, the euphoria surrounding the hydrogen train must be tempered with realism. Green hydrogen costs almost twice as much as the conventional grey variety. With over 95% of India's broad-gauge railway network already electrified, hydrogen-powered trains are unlikely to replace electric trains across the country. Instead, they may find their greatest value on non-electrified routes where conventional electrification is economically or technically difficult. The hydrogen train should therefore be viewed as a strategic demonstration. Its success will depend on India's ability to lower production costs, expand renewable energy capacity, and create a commercially viable hydrogen ecosystem

KTR Defamation Notice on Revanth on Globarena Allegations



HYDERABAD: BRS working president K.T Rama Rao on Thursday issued a legal notice to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for levelling “false, malicious and defamatory” allegations linking him to Globarena Technologies and irregularities in examinations. In his notice, Rama Rao demanded an unconditional public apology from Revanth Reddy, along with withdrawal of the statements, and a commitment to refrain from repeating such allegations. The notice also demanded that the Chief Minister must tender the apology within 48 hours, failing which Rama Rao would initiate appropriate civil and criminal proceedings, including seeking damages and other remedies available under law. The notice refuted allegations that Globarena was a benami company of Rama Rao, adding that there were no judicial findings, investigation reports, official records or le-

gally admissible materials establishing that Globarena was owned, controlled or beneficially held by Rama Rao, or that he had any financial or proprietary interest in the company. Revanth Reddy's allegations, it said, were made recklessly, without factual verification, and were intended solely to tarnish Rama Rao's public image. The notice also rejected the allegations Rama Rao was also responsible for alleged government inaction that led to student suicides. The notice contended that the Chief Minister made several baseless allegations during a media interaction on examination irregularities and subsequently amplified them through social media and other public platforms without producing any evidence to substantiate his claims. According to the notice, the statements were extensively circulated by television channels, newspapers, digital media platforms and social media, causing serious damage to Rama Rao's reputation and public standing.

Major Push for Safer Highways in Telangana : Centre Completes Most Black Spot Rectification Works; Rs.1,023 Crore Earmarked for Nizamabad & Jagtial

Nizamabad July 23, 2026 : The Central Government has intensified its efforts to reduce road accidents and improve highway safety in Telangana, with special focus on Nizamabad and Jagtial districts, Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Arvind said on Thursday. Referring to a written reply by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari in the Lok Sabha, the MP said extensive measures are being undertaken to eliminate accident-prone “black spots” on National Highways. The Ministry informed Parliament that 1,513 accident black spots have been identified across Telangana. Permanent rectification has already been completed at 1,308 locations, while improvement works at the remaining 205 sites are progressing. Providing district-wise details, Arvind said Nizamabad district has 78 identified black spots, with 75 already rectified and work underway at the remaining three locations. In Jagtial district, 107 black spots were identified, of which 99 have been rectified, while the remaining eight are under various stages of execution. The MP said several key infrastructure projects, including bridges, bypasses and road safety improvements, are being planned and executed on NH-44, NH-61 and NH-63 under different National Highway development programmes. Highlighting the scale of investment, Arvind said the Central Government has allocated



around ₹1,023 crore for National Highway development and road safety infrastructure in Nizamabad and Jagtial districts. The investment is expected to improve traffic movement, strengthen road infrastructure and significantly reduce accidents. Reaffirming his commitment to public safety, Arvind said he would continue to work with the Union Government to ensure the speedy completion of all pending highway projects and provide safer, more efficient road connectivity to the people of the Nizamabad Parliamentary Constituency.

Collector Ankith Conducts Surprise Inspection at Ramavaram Mother and Child Health Centre Directs Officials to Ensure Quality Healthcare for Pregnant Women and New Mothers; Warns Against Negligence

Bhadradri Kothagudem Correspondent | July 23: District Collector Ankith conducted a surprise inspection of the Ramavaram Mother and Child Health Centre on Thursday to review the quality of healthcare services being provided to pregnant women, new mothers, and newborns. The Collector instructed medical officers to ensure that no negligence is tolerated and that every patient receives timely and quality medical care. During the inspection, the Collector visited the Out-patient (OP) Department, maternity wards, labour room, neonatal ward, medicine store, and other hospital sections. He reviewed the facilities available at the hospital, examined the treatment being provided to patients, and interacted with doctors to assess the overall functioning of the health centre. The Collector also met pregnant women and new mothers undergoing treatment, inquiring about their health conditions and the medical services they were receiving. He directed officials to ensure timely medical examinations, medicine distribution, nutritional support, and safe delivery services in accordance with government guidelines. Later, the Collector verified hospital registers, patient records, delivery records, medicine stocks, and staff attendance registers. He instructed all employees to maintain punctuality, discharge their duties responsibly, and provide efficient healthcare services. The medical and nursing staff were directed to treat every patient with compassion and ensure that medical services are provided without delay. The Collector



emphasized that emergency healthcare services should always remain readily available and that special attention must be given to the health and safety of pregnant women, lactating mothers, and newborn babies. He also instructed hospital authorities to maintain cleanliness across the hospital premises, wards, toilets, and drinking water facilities, stating that a hygienic environment is essential for patient well-being. The Collector stressed that government hospitals should continue to strengthen public confidence by delivering high-quality healthcare services through coordinated efforts of doctors, nurses, and supporting staff. Doctors, hospital staff, and officials from the concerned departments participated in the inspection.

Rahul-Led INDIA Bloc MPs Visit Gandhi Smriti in Student Solidarity



New Delhi: Upping the ante against the government over paper leaks and alleged police brutality against students, INDIA bloc MPs, led by Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, paid homage at Gandhi Smriti here on Thursday as an expression of solidarity with protesting students and their demands. Gandhi said since students are on the streets, the opposition MPs felt that they should also be on the streets to send a message to them that -- "we are with you and against the violence being inflicted upon you". At around 6 pm, INDIA bloc MPs, including those from the Congress, as well as senior party leaders began streaming into Gandhi's 5, Sunehri Bagh Road residence. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi were also present at the leader of opposition's residence. After an hour, the MPs and several senior leaders boarded buses and cars to head to Gandhi Smriti. A senior leader said about 130 MPs visited Gandhi Smriti and all INDIA bloc constituents were represented.

En route to Gandhi Smriti, the place where Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, the MPs were stopped twice by police with barricades, which were eventually removed as the convoy made its way slowly to Tees January Road. "Our students are on the streets, so all opposition MPs felt that we should also be on the streets with them. We wanted all opposition MPs to go to India Gate, but they (the government) refused.... We then said we wanted to go to Tees January Marg, but they parked this bus here and the driver got off and left it there, preventing us from moving ahead," Rahul Gandhi said. The obstacles were removed after a brief halt. "The main message to the students is that we stand with you. The entire opposition stands with you. We are against the violence being inflicted on you," Rahul Gandhi told reporters from the bus full of MPs, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. He claimed that the government is "scared" and therefore, putting obstacles in their way. "No one can stop us from standing with the students of India," the former Congress chief later said in a social-media post. On reaching Gandhi Smriti, the leader of opposition and the other MPs paid homage and later, sang the national anthem. Rahul Gandhi carried a copy of the Constitution with him, while MPs Mahua Majhi and Mahua Moitra were seen holding the national flag. Carrying placards demanding Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation and slamming the Modi government for "152 paper leaks" in the last 10 years, several MPs also switched on the flashlight of their mobile phones at Gandhi Smriti. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Gandhi Smriti Vice-Chairman Vijay Goel said Gandhi Smriti is the place where the Father of the Nation was assassinated and anyone who follows the Mahatma's principles, or those visiting for the first time, are welcome.

Complaint regarding loss of Passport.

To
The Commissioner of Police,
Nizamabad Commissionerate..
I, **Kurapati Jeevaratna Devi**, W/o Kurapati Pattabhirama Raju, Age 77 yrs R/o H.No.10-14-1914, Sita Ramnagar Colony, Nizamabad-503001, respectfully submit that my original Passport bearing No. S1963472, issued by the Regional Passport Office, Hyderabad on 24-06-2018 and valid up to 25-06-2028, has been lost/misplaced. On 25-10-2025, while travelling on my bike from Sita Ramnagar Colony to Nagaram (Xerox Centre) in Nizamabad, I accidentally lost the passport. Despite my best efforts to trace and recover it, I could not find it. My only son is employed in London, United Kingdom, and I am required to travel to London to take care of his children. Therefore, I urgently require a Lost Passport Certificate for obtaining a duplicate/re-issued passport. I request you to kindly register my complaint, issue the necessary Lost Passport Certificate, and do the needful. If the original passport is found in future, I shall produce it before the Passport Authority for cancellation.
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AP Launches Blockchain-Based Mee Bhoomi For Safety of Land Records

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday launched the Mee Bhoomi-Blockchain pilot project, describing it as a major initiative to ensure permanent security, transparency and authenticity of land records in Andhra Pradesh.

The platform developed by the revenue department would create a tamper-proof digital ecosystem for land transactions by assigning every land parcel a unique digital identity. The system aims to prevent double registrations, establish a single source of truth for land records and integrate the revenue, survey and registration departments on a unified digital

platform.

This was fashioned jointly by the NIC Andhra Pradesh and the NIC Bengaluru Centre of Excellence in Blockchain Technology.

Naidu launched the pilot project from the state secretariat. It has been rolled out in one mandal each in Kurnool, Chittoor, Bapatla, Krishna, East Godavari, Parvathipuram Manyam and Vizianagaram districts, covering Aspari, Penumuru, Repalle, Gannavaram, Kadiyam, Gummalakshmipuram and Kothavalasa mandals.

Officials demonstrated the functioning of the Mee Bhoomi-Blockchain system. Revenue minister



Anagani Satya Prasad, Chief Secretary Sai Prasad, senior officials of the revenue, survey and registration departments and district collectors participated in the

programme.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said fraudulent land transactions occurred largely due to inaccurate and vulnerable land records. Land-

related disputes had increased during the previ-

ous government's tenure because of the misuse of Section 22A provisions for political vendetta, he alleged.

Naidu said the government was focusing on cleansing, restoring and securing land records through statewide surveys, record verification and the issuance of authenticated pattadar passbooks bearing the state emblem. Long-pending disputes in villages such as Shettipalli, Vatticherukuru, Kangundi and Gutupalli have been resolved.

The blockchain plat-

form, he asserted, would provide permanent security for land records and facilitate seamless property transactions by bringing all land-related departments under a single digital platform. The chief minister directed officials to monitor the pilot project for two months, establish a grievance cell to record deficiencies and fine-tune the system based on public feedback. He also wanted that all villages where surveys have been completed be brought under the blockchain platform. Officials must make the system available across the state from November.

Modi Announces Fast-Track Courts for Paper Leak Cases

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the welfare of the country's youth is the top priority of his government and asserted that anyone trying to harm their future will not be spared. Modi's outreach to the youth came three days after thousands of students led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) took part in the 'Sansad Chalo' march against irregularities in the NEET exam and to demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

During the march, police resorted to lathi-charge and lobbed tear gas shells, injuring scores of students. Over 100 policemen were also injured while trying to stop the protest march. In his message on X, Modi also said that the government has decided to set up fast-track courts to ensure swift and stringent punishment for those involved in paper leaks. "Nothing is more important than the welfare and future of our youth! This is our top priority. Those who try to harm the future of our youth will not be spared," he said in a post on X.

The prime minister also said that he has directed the concerned authorities and officials to take all necessary steps on the issue of



paper leaks. "This is an important step in the series of decisions being taken by the government to safeguard the interests of students," he said. Modi's first public message on the NEET paper leaks came on Tuesday, when he spoke about the issue at a meeting of the NDA Parliamentary Party.

There was no live telecast of this speech, nor was there any statement. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju and some MPs shared what Modi said at that meeting. According to them, the PM said that strong action was taken against those involved in the "grave sin" of the paper leaks so that no one plays with the future of the youth. Modi said all state governments and the Centre must join hands on the issue as it is "not a matter of party politics but a matter of national interest".

He also told NDA MPs that they should remain

closely connected with the people with "warmth and affection" and that the "trust of the youth" needed to be won. Rijiju said Modi told the MPs that the government acted immediately after reports of the paper leak surfaced, and 13 people were arrested. "At the same time, the prime minister noted that to ensure that students' future was not affected, the NEET re-examination was given priority, conducted successfully, and the results were declared without delay," Rijiju said. The prime minister termed the NEET paper leak "ghor paap (grave sin)", the MPs who attended the meeting said. The exam is conducted for admission to undergraduate courses in medical colleges. The prime minister pointed out that while the NEET re-examination created inconvenience for children, not only did the re-test take place without delay, but the government

also engaged renowned lawyers to ensure strict punishment for those involved. Modi, the MPs said, conveyed clearly that there should be no injustice to students and suggested that it was easy to misguide them but difficult to show them the right path. Modi had also stressed the need to punish the guilty and collaboratively establish a foolproof system. The CJP, which has been spearheading protests over alleged examination irregularities since June, has demanded that Pradhan be immediately sacked and Rs 1 crore compensation be given to the families of those who committed suicide after the NEET paper leak. Activist Sonam Wangchuk has been on an indefinite hunger strike since June 28 after he joined the CJP's agitation. He was earlier forcibly shifted to Safdarjung Hospital by police, and was later moved to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram following a Delhi High Court order. Two Union ministers -- J P Nadda and Jitendra Singh -- met Wangchuk at the hospital on Wednesday. Nadda also met some of the injured protesters at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital here, besides holding a meeting with two representatives of the CJP, in a bid to resolve the issue.

AP Attracted Rs 29.30 Lakh Crore Investments in Two Years, Says Lokesh

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh has attracted investment proposals worth Rs 29.30 lakh crore through 1,037 industrial projects over the past two years, with the potential to generate employment for 24.66 lakh people, Minister Nara Lokesh said on Thursday.

Chairing a meeting of the ministers' committee on the government's target of creating 20 lakh jobs at Undavalli, Lokesh directed officials to closely monitor all approved industrial projects and ensure they are grounded without delay.

He said departments should coordinate on land allotment, statutory approvals and incentives to facilitate speedy implementation of projects. Monthly review meetings, he added, should focus on measurable progress in grounding industries.

Lokesh said AP's Speed of Doing Business policy had strengthened investor confidence and encouraged national and international companies to choose the state for investments. Officials must



implement the policy with transparency and commitment.

Expressing confidence that the Partnership Summit scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam in November would attract further investments, the minister directed officials to expedite renewable energy projects to meet the power requirements of upcoming industries.

He called for stronger support to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and suggested an automatic mechanism for releasing incentives to eligible units immediately after they commence operations within the stipulated timeframe.

Officials informed the meeting that incentives had been extended to 1,20,897 MSMEs during the past two years. Lokesh directed departments to accord priority to MSMEs capable of generating large-scale employment.

Ministers Ponguru Narayana, Kandula Durgesh, Gottipati Ravi Kumar and Kondapalli Srinivas attended the meeting.

Later, Lokesh reviewed arrangements for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to inaugurate the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district on August 1. Officials made presentations on the preparations. The committee also reviewed plans to organise a Thinsa tribal dance performance by girl students to welcome the PM and to set up an Araku Coffee stall at the venue.

Ministers Veeranjaneey Swamy, Satya Yadav, Kandula Durgesh and Kondapalli Srinivas, along with senior officials, participated in the review meeting.

Centre Approves Rs.679.71 Cr for NH-42 Upgrade in AP: Gadkari



VISAKHAPATNAM: The Centre has identified vulnerable coastal stretches across the 1,027-km coastline of Andhra Pradesh, where shorelines have changed. It has prepared a Shoreline Management Plan to protect and mitigate the changes, Union Earth Sciences minister Dr Jitendra Singh informed the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

Responding to a question by Vizianagaram MP Kaliseti Appalanaidu, Jitendra Singh said the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) has mapped the erosion, accretion, and stable shoreline stretches of Andhra Pradesh using satellite data from 1990 to 2022. This has led to identification of erosion-prone areas and evaluation of the vulnerability of settlements, infrastructure, and coastal communities.

The Union minister said the NCCR's assessment found Kakinada to be the worst-affected district, with 52.99 per cent of its 119.26-km coastline being under erosion. Only 14.76 per cent of the coastline remains stable, while 32.25 per cent has witnessed accretion. Vulnerable locations include the Godavari River mouth spit near Yanam, the Coringa mangroves, and the Hope Island.

West Godavari has recorded 52.54 per cent erosion, followed by Krishna district with 42.71 per cent and Srikakulam with 32.14 per cent. In contrast, Vizianagaram recorded only 3.26 per cent erosion, though more than 57 per cent of its coastline has experienced accretion.

Jitendra Singh said the government has identified vulnerable stretches across AP, including Pulicat Lake and Sriharikota in Tirupati district, Machilipatnam Beach in Krishna district, and Kalingapatnam in Srikakulam district. In Visakhapatnam district, where 26.85 per cent of the coastline is affected by erosion, the Yarada and Bheemunipatnam stretches have been identified as vulnerable.

To deal with the erosion and accretion, Ministry of Earth Sciences has prepared a Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) for Andhra Pradesh based on site-specific studies. The plan has recommended measures such as beach nourishment, dune restoration, ecosystem-based protection, and engineering interventions where required.

The Union minister said key ameliorative proposals include resilience measures for the Coringa-Uppada coast in Kakinada, coastal protection works at Sriharikota, integrated management of the Krishna delta, inlet management at the Vamsadhara and Nagavali river mouths in Srikakulam, and resilience planning for the Bheemunipatnam coast in Visakhapatnam.

Govt invites CJP for fresh talks on NEET issue: Jitendra Singh

New Delhi: Union minister Jitendra Singh on Thursday appealed to the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) to come forward for another round of talks with the government, saying issues can be resolved and a way forward can be found only through dialogue.

Speaking to PTI Videos, Singh said that in the last 24 hours, the government has invited the CJP for talks "at least four times". "I would like to appeal to the students and young friends participating in this protest to come forward for a dia-



logue. Our doors are open," he said, adding this is a "humble appeal" on behalf of the government.

Singh said the discussion with the protesting students' representatives will be held under the leadership of Union Health Minister and senior BJP leader J P Nadda. "The meeting can take place either at

Nadda ji's official residence or at his office. The choice is yours (students' representatives). I will also be present," he said.

Singh said the discussion can be held on the "NEET issue" and all "related matters". "We are prepared to devote as much time as necessary, be it one, two, three or four hours, according to your convenience. However, please do come forward for a dialogue, because there is no solution without discussion, and without a solution, we cannot chart the way forward," he said.

Why Is BRS Not Demanding Dharmendra Pradhan's Resignation?

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy asked why the BRS was not demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan over his failures including the NEET paper leak and the CBSE evaluation imbroglio, and claimed that it was because the party was in cahoots with the BJP. He was speaking after BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao announced the holding of a protest at Indira Park on Friday against the police action against students and youth in Delhi.

In an informal interaction with media at the Legislative Assembly premises on Thursday, Revanth Reddy reiterated his allegation that Globarena was a benami company of Rama Rao. The BRS leader had earlier in the day served a legal notice on the matter. Globarena was involved in irregularities in the Telangana Intermediate Examinations in 2019, following which 27 students had died by suicide due to the improper evaluation



of answer sheets, Revanth Reddy said.

The Chief Minister alleged that Rama Rao had had influenced BJP leaders in Delhi to help the company secure the CBSE examination contract this year. He demanded Rama Rao's apology for the alleged irregularities. He also challenged Rama Rao to demand a probe into the Globarena issue and also over ownership of land at the Janwada farmhouse.

Taking a dig at Rama Rao for serving him a defamation notice over his remarks on Globarena, Revanth Reddy said a defamation case was generally filed by a person who had reputation and integrity and sarcastically questioned whether Rama Rao was in a position to issue such notices. He demanded that Rama Rao lodge a complaint with the Central Crime Station (CCS) against Globarena if he believed the allegations were false.

HPCL Among Energy PSUs Backing Rs.12.5-Crore Grand Butanol Challenge for National Biofuel Innovation

- *MC² Foundation launches the Grand Butanol Challenge, a national innovation programme to accelerate indigenous bio-butanol production in India.*
- *The Challenge offers up to ₹12.5 crore in prizes (₹5 crore) and grant funding (₹7.5 crore) for innovators and startups.*
- *C-CAMP joins as the implementation and mentorship partner, strengthening collaboration with India's biotechnology innovation ecosystem.*
- *Open to technologies at Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 4–7, covering fermentation, catalytic, and other innovative butanol production pathways.*
- *The initiative is supported by MoPNG and backed by seven leading energy PSUs: HPCL, ONGC, IOCL, BPCL, GAIL, Oil India, and Petronet LNG.*
- *Centre for High Technology (CHT) serves as the technology partner, while DST and DBT are the knowledge partners.*
- *The programme aims to foster deep-tech innovation, strengthen India's energy security, support the Net Zero agenda, and provide innovators with funding, pilot deployment opportunities, and a pathway to commercialization.*
- *Applications are open until 15 August 2026.*

Hyderabad, 23rd July - MC² Foundation, India's energy innovation platform, launched the Grand Butanol Challenge in Bengaluru on 17 July a national innovation programme offering up to ₹12.5 crore in prize and grant funding to accelerate indigenous production of bio-butanol.

MC² Foundation operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) and is supported by seven of India's largest energy majors Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), GAIL (India) Limited, Oil India Limited, and Petronet LNG Limited. The Foundation was established to catalyse deep-tech innovation in India's energy and industrial sectors, giving indigenous ventures access to grant funding, pilot deployment and a route to market through the PSUs.

For the Challenge, MC²+ has partnered with the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) as implementation and mentorship partner, tapping into India's wider biotech innovation ecosystem.

Shri Sandeep Maheshwari and Dr. Taslimarif Saiyed sign the MoU launching the Grand Butanol Challenge, C-CAMP, Bengaluru.

The Grand Butanol Challenge combines a prize pool of up to ₹25 crore and a grant pool of up to ₹7.5 crore, inviting applications across three problem statements: fermentation-based production of n-Butanol and Iso-Butanol, catalytic production of the same, and other innovative production pathways. It targets technologies at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4–7, including microbial production from non-food feedstocks, low-energy separation, bio-derived cetane improvers and field-deployable quality-control hardware. The programme is led by MoPNG, with CHT as technology partner and the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) as knowledge partners. Applications close 15 August 2026.

"India possesses world-class research infrastruc-



ture, exceptional scientific talent and one of the largest energy industries globally. What has been missing is an integrated platform that connects these strengths with startups and entrepreneurs. MC Square Plus has been established to fill that gap by bringing together industry, academia, R&D laboratories and innovators. Our vision is to create a nationwide collaborative ecosystem that accelerates indigenous technologies, enhances energy security and supports India's journey towards a cleaner, more resilient energy future," said Shri Sandeep Maheshwari, Director & CEO, MC² Foundation and Executive Director- Corporate Strategy and Business Development at HPCL.

Shri Sandeep Maheshwari, Director & CEO, MC² Foundation, addresses the launch of the Grand Butanol Challenge.

Also speaking at the launch, Dr. Taslimarif Saiyed, Director-CEO, C-CAMP, called biofuels "a powerful opportunity at the intersection of biotechnology, sustainability, and energy security," pointing to the promise of next-generation fermentation technologies for the sector.

Delivering the keynote address at the launch, Dr. Madhukar Onkarnath Garg spoke on the evolution of biofuels, the technology and commercialisation challenges facing the sector, and the way forward, drawing on his own work in biofuel production technologies and underlining the strategic importance of biofuels to India's energy security and Net Zero commitments.

Field Assistants passing a petition to the M.P.D.O. for the arrears of wages which had been in arrears for three months to be discharged forthwith

Peddapalli Correspondant July 23: The Field Assistants presented a memorandum to the local MPDO, demanding the immediate release of their backwages which had been in arrears for three months in Ramagiri Mandal of the District Peddapalli. In their memorandum, they stated that they were experiencing severe financial difficulties due to non-payment of salaries and that it was becoming difficult to support their families. They appealed to the concerned officials to respond and to release



the three months' backwages immediately. In the event, the Field Assistants in the Ramagiri Mandal who were in arrears of wages were paid.

BSP Leaders Visit Kautla (B) Village in Sarangapur Mandal

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : BSP leaders visited Kautla (B) village in Sarangapur Mandal, where they met senior BSP leader Malyala Bhoomanna and held a meeting with local villagers.

During the meeting, the speakers said that the rights and opportunities available today in education, healthcare, and justice are the result of the sacrifices and struggles of great leaders such as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, and Manyawar Kanshi Ram. Quoting Dr. Ambedkar's famous statement, "Political power is the master key," they said that only when political power is achieved can complete social justice, quality education, and healthcare reach every Bahujan family.

The leaders explained that inspired by Dr. Ambedkar's vision, Manyawar Kanshi Ram adopted the slogan "Political power is the master key" as his mission. With the objective of achieving political empowerment, he founded the BAMCEF organization in 1971 to unite government employees who could support the movement while remaining outside active politics.

They further stated that on 14 April 1984, the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Kanshi Ram founded the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). Through extensive bicycle tours, he worked to unite Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Backward Classes (BCs), and minorities under one political platform.

The speakers also highlighted the contribution of Kanshi Ram in identifying Ms. Mayawati, then a school teacher, encouraging her to enter politics, and guiding her to become the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh four times.

They said that Kanshi Ram believed political success could be achieved only when the marginalized sections united under a common platform. Calling upon the people to strengthen the BSP, they appealed to everyone to support the Elephant election symbol and work towards making Ms. Mayawati the Prime Minister of India.

During the programme, under the leadership of Cheruku Rajyam, several people were welcomed into the BSP by draping them with party scarves.

Among those present were Katam Prabhakhar, District EC Member, senior BSP leader Malyala Bhoomanna, and other party leaders and supporters.



Workers Are the Pillars of Nation Building, Says MLA Dhanpal at BMS Foundation Day :

Nizamabad July 23, 2026 : Calling workers the true architects of the nation's progress, Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana said the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) has been dedicated to protecting the rights and welfare of labourers while promoting the spirit of patriotism and national service.

The MLA was speaking after hoisting the BMS flag during the organisation's Foundation Day celebrations held at the Nizamabad-II RTC Depot on Thursday.

He recalled that Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh was established by Dattopant Thengadi on the birth anniversary of Lokmanya Bal



Gangadhar Tilak with the vision of creating a strong and self-reliant workforce committed to the nation's development.

Dhanpal stated that the Union Government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has implemented several programmes aimed at improving the living standards of workers through enhanced social security, employment opportunities, infrastructure develop-

ment, and labour welfare initiatives.

He said BMS has grown into one of the country's largest labour organisations by consistently placing national interest and workers' welfare above political considerations. Stressing that the dream of Viksit Bharat cannot be realised without the contribution of workers, he said respect for labour has always been an integral part of

India's cultural values. He added that while farmers ensure food security, workers play a vital role in building the nation's economy and infrastructure.

The MLA appreciated the organisation's efforts in bringing together workers from both organised and unorganised sectors and strengthening their voice through collective action.

The programme was attended by corporators Shravan, Matham Pawan, and Jyothi Murali, BMS District President Sai Reddy, Srinivas Chary, State Vice-President Swamy Kumar, RTC workers' union representatives K.B. Singh, Saroj, Ramulu, and several BMS activists and workers.

New Gram Panchayat Building Inaugurated at Paidigudem by MLA Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao

Rs.20 Lakh Building Dedicated to the Village; MLA Says Panchayat Offices Are the Backbone of Rural Development

A newly constructed Gram Panchayat building at Paidigudem mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district was inaugurated on Thursday by Bhadrachalam MLA Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao. Built at a cost of ₹20 lakh, the new office was formally opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedicated to the people of the village.

Addressing the gathering, the MLA said that Gram Panchayat offices play a crucial role in rural development and serve as the primary centres for delivering government welfare schemes efficiently and transparently. He urged officials to work in close coordination with elected representatives to ensure quality public services reach every citizen.

The inauguration was welcomed with enthusiasm by the residents of Paidigudem, who expressed confidence that the new Panchayat building would improve access to government services and strengthen local administration.

The event was attended by



Bhadrachalam Market Committee Chairperson Tellam Seethamma, Dummugudem Mandal Congress President Tellam Haribabu, mandal-level officials, the village Sarpanch and Deputy Sarpanch, ward members, Congress leaders, Youth Congress workers, village elders, and a large number of local residents.



When Will BC Boys Gurukul School Get Its Own Building? PDSU Raises Concern Over Poor Infrastructure and Students' Hardships

The PDSU Bhadradi Kothagudem District Secretary, Munigela Shiva Prashanth, has demanded that the Telangana Government immediately construct a permanent building for the BC Boys Gurukul School at Rajiv Gandhi Nagar in Manuguru.

During his visit to the school on Thursday, Shiva Prashanth inspected the campus and interacted with students to understand the difficulties they are facing. He said the institution has been operating from a rented building without adequate basic amenities, causing serious inconvenience to students.

He pointed out that the absence of a compound wall has exposed students to safety risks, as snakes and scorpions frequently enter the campus. He urged the District Collector and concerned officials to either construct a protective compound wall immediately or allocate land



and build a permanent campus for the Gurukul School.

Criticising the State Government, he alleged that despite promises to improve the education sector, adequate funds have not been allocated, leaving government educational institutions struggling with infrastructure problems. He demanded a separate budget for Gurukul schools and the construction of permanent buildings to ensure a safe and quality learning environment for students.

Shiva Prashanth also called for strengthening public education, introducing a common education system, and taking strict action against irregularities in private educational institutions.

PDSU district committee members Dandagula Ram Charan, Sathvik, Sagar, Saketh, Praveen, Jaswanth, and others participated in the inspection.

Every Drop of Water Must Be Saved:
CEO Krishna Reddy Warns Officials



Shankarpally, July 23: Ranga Reddy Zilla Parishad CEO C.H. Krishna Reddy urged officials to take immediate and coordinated measures to prevent a future water crisis in view of the possible drought conditions caused by the El Niño effect. Speaking at the BV-GRAM (G) review meeting held at the Shankarpally Mandal Parishad Office under the chairmanship of MPDO V. Praveen Kumar, he directed officials to implement the

Telangana Jalasiri programme without delay or negligence. He stressed the construction of Magic Soak Pits for every household, community soak pits, rooftop rainwater harvesting systems in government buildings, farm ponds, and village water conservation structures. He also reviewed the implementation of flagship government programmes and instructed officials to ensure effective, result-oriented execution

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Inaugurates
State-of-the-Art Geo Science Laboratory at Singareni

A Major Boost to Geological Research and Coal Quality Analysis



Kothagudem, July 23, 2026:Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday inaugurated the State-of-the-Art Geo Science Laboratory established at the Singareni Corporate Area in Kothagudem to strengthen geological research, mineral analysis, and coal quality assessment using advanced technology. During his district visit, the Deputy Chief Minister was welcomed by District Collector Ankith, who presented him with a sapling. He later participated in the inauguration ceremony and inspected the laboratory's modern equipment and advanced testing facilities. Officials briefed the Deputy Chief Minister on the laboratory's capabilities in mineral sample analysis, coal quality testing, and geological research. They also explained the advanced technologies being used to improve the accuracy, ef-

iciency, and speed of scientific analysis. According to Singareni officials, the new Geo Science Laboratory will significantly enhance mineral analysis, coal quality evaluation, and geological research with greater precision and faster results. The facility is expected to strengthen scientific research within Singareni and provide improved technical support for modern mining operations. The programme was attended by Wyra MLA Ramdas Naik, District Collector Ankith, Superintendent of Police Rohith Raju, Singareni Chairman and Managing Director Buddha Prakash Jyothi, IAS, Director (Personnel, Administration & Welfare) Gautham Potru, Kothagudem Municipal Corporation Mayor Mood Ganesh, ITDA Project Officer Rahul, senior Singareni officials, and public representatives.



HMS Union Urges Deputy CM Bhatti
Ahead of Manuguru Visit

"Do Not Auction PKOC Dip Side Block – Allocate It to Singareni," Demands HMS
Union Seeks Announcement on Workers' Profit Share

July 23, 2026: Ahead of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka's scheduled visit to the PKOC and Underground Mines in the Manuguru Area on July 24, the Singareni Miners and Engineering Workers Union (HMS), Manuguru Branch, has appealed to the government to protect the interests of Singareni workers.

The union urged the Deputy Chief Minister to ensure that the PKOC Dip Side Block is not auctioned and is officially allotted to Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). HMS leaders stated that the future of the block is crucial for the job security of thousands of Singareni employees and the livelihood of their families in the



Manuguru region. The union also requested the government to announce the pending profit-sharing benefits due to Singareni employees without further delay. They emphasized that a positive decision would strengthen workers' welfare, employment security, and the future of the coal industry. Among those who participated were HMS Manuguru Area Vice President Kodipalli Srilatha, Branch Secretary Darisa Ramesh, Central Leaders M.D. Rakeeb and Sanjeev Kumar, Joint Secretary Ramadasu, Organising Secretary R. Ellayya, Fit Secretary (PKOC) Syed Shabbir Pasha, In-charge & Fit Secretary P. Ramesh, M.D. Kareem Baba, along with several HMS leaders and workers, who jointly presented their appeal ahead of the Deputy Chief Minister's visit.

Black-Shirt March in Sangareddy: Jaggareddy Targets
BJP Over NEET Issue, Backs Rahul Gandhi

SANGAREDDY, Correspondent: July 23, 2026 : TPCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy on Wednesday led a black-shirt protest march in Sangareddy in support of Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi over the alleged NEET paper leak issue. Hundreds of Congress workers participated in the rally, demanding accountability for the controversy. Addressing the gathering, Jagga Reddy alleged that the NEET paper leak had adversely affected lakhs of students across the country and urged the Central Government to take responsibility. Referring to a student from Sangareddy, he claimed that the student had scored 444 marks in one attempt but only 386 in the subsequent attempt, resulting in failure to qualify. He demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi explain who should be held accountable and called for an apology to students. He also sought the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Jagga Reddy said Rahul Gandhi's campaign on behalf of students was justified and asserted that the Congress would continue its protests in different forms until justice was delivered. Launching a political attack on the BJP, Jagga Reddy said former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi had sacrificed their lives while



serving the nation and questioned whether any BJP leader had made a similar sacrifice. He also stated that former Congress president Sonia Gandhi had declined the Prime Minister's post and supported Dr. Manmohan Singh for the office, describing it as an example of the Congress leadership's approach. He further alleged that BJP leaders were insensitive to the concerns of NEET aspirants and accused the Centre of failing to respond adequately to students' grievances. The Congress leader reiterated that the party would intensify its agitation over the NEET issue and continue to press for justice for affected students.

MLA Rajesh Reddy, SP Sangram
Singh Inaugurate CCTV Surveillance
at Nagarkurnool Police Station

Nagar kurnool: Newly installed CCTV cameras at the Nagarkurnool Town Police Station were inaugurated by Nagarkurnool MLA Dr. Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy and District Superintendent of Police Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Dr. Rajesh Reddy said the objective of installing advanced surveillance systems is to make the town safer through the effective use of modern technology. He stated that CCTV cameras play a vital role in crime prevention, traffic management, and ensuring the safety of people's



lives and property. He added that the use of technology would strengthen policing and improve public security. District SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil said CCTV surveillance would help in the quick detection and investigation of crimes. He also appealed to citizens to support the installation of CCTV cameras in their neighborhoods to enhance community safety. The programme was attended by Municipal Chairman Teegala Sunender Kumar, Vice Chairman Badam Ramesh, Town President Jakka Raju, local councillors, DSP Srinivasulu, Circle Inspector, Sub-Inspectors, public representatives, and police officials.

Shankarpally Congress Stages Massive Protest
- Slams Centre's Stand

Shankarpally: The Indra Reddy Chowrasta in Shankarpally echoed with Congress slogans on Thursday as party leaders and workers staged a large-scale protest condemning the Centre's alleged treatment of Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi. The demonstration was led by Shankarpally Mandal Congress Committee President Bollaram Venkata Reddy and organized under the leadership of Municipal Congress Committee President Madapati Chandramouli. Addressing the



gathering, Congress leaders alleged that targeting the Leader of Opposition for political reasons undermines democratic values and weakens the spirit of the Constitution. They stated that attempts to suppress dissent and silence

democratic traditions. The protest witnessed the participation of TPCC Secretary Uday Mohan Reddy, former Mandal Congress President Janardhan Reddy, Rangareddy District Congress Vice-President Gopal Reddy, former ZPTC Kale Srikanth, Shankarpally Municipal Chairman Satha Praveen Kumar, Vice-Chairperson Swetha Panduranga Reddy, AMC Chairperson Govindamma Gopal Reddy, AMC Vice-Chairman Kasetti Chandramohan, Seva Dal leaders, Youth Congress President Mahipal Yadav, Mandal Youth Congress President Bollaram Prashanth Reddy, c o u n c i l l o r s , sarpanches, Market Committee directors, co-option members, former public representatives, MSUI leaders, and a large number of Congress workers.

INDIA Bloc Leaders Meet Rahul Gandhi, Signal Unity Amid Police Deployment



New Delhi: Several INDIA Bloc MPs on Thursday arrived at Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi's residence, at Sunehri Bagh Road amid a deadlock over the NEET-UG paper leak in Parliament. Police presence was heightened outside Rahul Gandhi's residence. Rapid Action Force buses have also been deployed. Sunehri Bagh Road leads to the residences of Amit Shah at Krishna Bagh Road, and Kiran Rijju's residence is also close by.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Congress MPs P Chidambaram, KC Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, Renuka Chowdhury, Pramod Tiwari, along with NCP(SCP) MP Supriya Sule and RJD MP Misa Bharati arrived at Gandhi's residence. Suspended TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee and party leader Mahua Moitra, CPI MP P Sandosh Kumar and Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Arvind Sawant also arrived to attend the opposition leaders' meeting.

Downplaying the significance of the meeting, Kharge told reporters, "(Rahul Gandhi) invited us for tea. That's why I have come to have tea." KC Venugopal lashed out at the Centre amid heavy police presence in the national capital following the Cockroach Janata Party protest, demanding the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Venugopal said, "Emergency declared all over Delhi. They are making it like a war-like situation."

"Congress MP Jothimani Sennimalai said, "He is the Leader of the Opposition. We are all MPs from his party. We just came to meet him. But the government has fortified the entire area. I can understand their panic. We are meeting the Leader of the Opposition. But we can see the government's fear." Congress MP and party's Punjab chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring stated, "If we reveal our plan, the enemy is very alert. Delhi Police, Amit Shah ji's people, have come here already. We will fight, and we will win."

"Randeep Singh Surjewala called for Pradhan's resignation and said, "Resignation must happen." RJD MP Manoj Jha expressed concern over the situation amid widespread protests across the country over the NEET-UG paper leak. Jha said, "Look at what is happening at Jantar Mantar and in different states. There is so much unrest among the youth. In the coming moments, you will know what we are doing. I am worried after seeing the condition of the country." Renuka Chowdhury looked at the meeting as a sign of unity among INDIA bloc parties. She said, "The entire INDIA Bloc, we are fighting this issue together." The meeting comes amid a deadlock in Parliament over the NEET-UG paper leak row, where the Opposition has presented Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation and Rule 267 of the Rajya Sabha as conditions for a discussion. The Centre has maintained that it is ready to discuss the NEET row and the related matters, asking the Opposition not to put any condition. Rule 267 allows an MP to seek suspension of business in the Upper House of Parliament. A direct face-off broke out between NDA and INDIA bloc MPs inside the Parliament premises on Thursday, as both sides staged simultaneous demonstrations over separate issues at Makar Dwar. On July 21, Opposition leaders held a sit-in protest at Lok Kalyan Marg, near the residence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Nadda says government ready for fresh talks with CJP amid NEET protest



New Delhi: Amid the ongoing students' protests led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), Union minister J P Nadda on Thursday said the government is ready for further talks with the protesting youth which can be held either at his office or residence.

Nadda's remarks bear significance as the CJP, which has been spearheading the youth protest at Jantar Mantar over NEET paper leak, has announced that it will hold next round of talks with the government either at protest venue or a neutral place.

Two representatives of CJP on Monday held first round of talks with Nadda at his residence where they placed their demands, including resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Asked if the government is ready for another round of talks with the CJP, Nadda told reporters in the Parliament House complex,

"Yes, we are ready". "They can come either to my residence or my office," he said when asked about the venue of meeting.

Earlier in the day, Nadda invited the CJP for talks, but its leaders turned down the proposal, according to sources. On Wednesday too, the CJP had been invited for talks with Nadda, but it turned down the invitation, saying it will hold talks with the government only at a neutral venue.

"An invitation was sent to the CJP by J P Nadda for talks today, but those sitting on the stage at the protest site turned down the invitation," a source told PTI.

Addressing a press briefing at the Jantar Mantar on Wednesday, where the CJP has been camping since last month demanding accountability over the NEET paper 'leak' and resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, its chief spokesperson Saurav Das said police informed that Nadda invited them to his residence for a discussion.

"We refused to go to anyone's house or office. The people's court is here. Ministers should come among the people. If they want to talk, it should be held at the Jantar Mantar," Das said. He, however, said the CJP remains open to dialogue and is willing to consider a neutral venue near the protest site if there are security concerns.

New Generator Inaugurated at Integrated District Collectorate

Nirmal District : Staff Reporter : A new generator installed on the premises of the Integrated District Collectorate was inaugurated on Thursday by District Revenue Officer (DRO) Rathod Ramesh. He switched on the generator and formally commissioned it for use.

Speaking on the occasion, the DRO said that the new generator would ensure uninterrupted functioning of all offices in the Collectorate during power outages. He stated that the district administration is giving special priority to providing essential infrastructure so that government offices can continue delivering public services without disruption.

AO Praveen, staff member Paramesh, and others participated in the inauguration ceremony.



Drinking Water Supply Master Plan for Hyd Core Urban Region: CM Revanth

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has directed officials to prepare a comprehensive drinking water supply master plan for the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE), covering the GHMC, the three municipal corporations and merged municipalities, with uniformity in water supply across the entire region. The master plan should be designed to meet the drinking water requirements of Hyderabad and its expanding urban region for the next 50 years, he said.

In view of the prevailing rainfall deficit attributed to the El Nino effect, Revanth Reddy asked officials to pay special attention to drinking water supply and directed them to explore the interconnection of all drinking water sources around Hyderabad. Such connectivity would enable authorities to supply water from an alternative



source to affected areas if supply from any one source is disrupted for any reason, he said.

The Chief Minister was speaking at meeting to review works being undertaken by the HMWS&SB. He observed that several areas under the GHMC had been receiving drinking water once every three or four days for years and made it clear that such a situation should not continue. He directed officials to immediately take steps to ensure water supply on alternate days in these areas. Revanth Reddy also instructed officials to complete all ongoing drinking water supply projects within one-and-a-half years without fail.

He reviewed the progress of sewage treatment plants (STPs) and di-

rected officials to complete their construction within the stipulated timeframe. He asked officials to make efforts to resolve any legal issues affecting the projects at the earliest. The Chief Minister further directed officials to submit monthly reports on the progress of drinking water supply projects and STP construction and suggested setting up a dashboard to enable regular monitoring of the works.

He also called for framing and implementing regulations to ensure the use of grey water in industries and various construction activities in the coming days.

MA&UD special chief secretary Jayesh Ranjan, CM's secretary Manicka Raj, HMWS&SB MD Ashok Reddy, JMD Mayank Mittal and others attended the review meeting.

KTR to skip birthday celebration, join BRSV protest backing students, youth

Hyderabad: BRS Working President KT Rama Rao will skip his 50th birthday celebrations and participate in a protest organised by the BRSV at Indira Park on Friday to express his solidarity with the agitating student community. The protest is being organised in solidarity with students and youth protesting against the Centre's actions in New Delhi and to condemn the alleged police excesses against the protesters.

A large number of students, youth and BRSV activists are expected to take part in the programme. The BRS said the demonstration was intended to show support for students' movements and oppose actions taken against protesters in the national capital.

Announcing his participation, Rama Rao said the voice of India's youth cannot be suppressed through force. He urged students, youth and citizens who believe in democracy to join the protest and stand up for



the constitutional right to dissent.

Speaking to mediapersons separately, former MLA Balka Suman said despite his 50th birthday on Friday, BRS Working President KT Rama Rao chose to stay away from celebrations and instead participate in the BRSV demonstration in solidarity with students and youth protesting across the country. He said the protests over the NEET issue had spread across the country and urged the Centre to take action against those responsible for the alleged paper leak.

He demanded the withdrawal of cases against protesting students, sought the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra

Pradhan and called for stronger safeguards to prevent future examination leaks. He also targeted Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, alleging that he had remained silent on the NEET issue while criticising KT Rama Rao during a protest in Kodangal. He questioned why Revanth Reddy chose to visit Kodangal instead of joining Congress leaders protesting in New Delhi alongside Rahul Gandhi.

BRSV State president Gellu Srinivas Yadav said the BRS student wing (BRSV) had been consistently protesting against the alleged irregularities in NEET. He accused the BJP government at the Centre of using force against students in Delhi and alleged that the Congress gov-

ernment in Telangana had similarly cracked down on unemployed youth during protests in Hyderabad.

KT Rama Rao skips 50th birthday celebrations, urges service activities

BRS Working President KT Rama Rao decided against celebrating his 50th birthday in view of the crackdown on students and youth in New Delhi and the prevailing drought-like conditions in Telangana. He said the delayed rains and the hardships faced by farmers in Telangana, as well as the turbulent atmosphere prevailing across the country, were not appropriate conditions for celebrations.

He appealed to party leaders, workers, supporters and well-wishers not to spend money on cake-cutting, flex banners, hoardings, flower bouquets or advertisements to mark his birthday. Instead, he urged them to use the money for service activities and to help people in need, saying that would be the most meaningful way to mark the occasion.

Talasani Slams Govt Over Rs 6 Lakh Beneficiary Share for Indiramma Houses in City

The BRS on Thursday slammed the Congress government for saying that beneficiaries of the Indiramma houses programme in Hyderabad must pay '6 lakh per unit as their share for the houses, and demanded that the Congress must keep its election promise of providing free houses to the poor.

Addressing a press conference, former minister and BRS Legislature Party deputy leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav also demanded that the government immediately allot the 39,000 double-bedroom houses completed in the city during the BRS rule which are currently lying vacant in the city.

Recalling that the BRS government built one lakh double-bedroom houses in Greater Hyderabad, he questioned why the Congress government failed to



build even a single house in the city during its 30 months in office. The BRS government, he said, provided free double-bedroom houses, including in prime locations in the city around the Secretariat by selecting beneficiaries through draw of lots.

"The Congress government now says it will build only 7,000 to 8,000 Indiramma houses and is asking the beneficiaries to contribute '6 lakh for each house," he said. "We will welcome it if the government builds houses and gives them free to the poor. But collecting money from the beneficiaries is simply not acceptable."

PM Modi Calls for Jan Andolan for Viksit Bharat



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday called for a whole-of-government approach to achieve the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat', stressing that the vision should become a 'Jan Andolan' with youth at its core.

Modi chaired a high-level meeting with secretaries at his official residence to review progress in rural development, agriculture, social welfare and allied sectors. He said citizen welfare must remain central to all reforms and emphasised that policy changes should be aligned with people's needs to deliver effective outcomes.

The Prime Minister said reforms should not be limited to improving government functioning but should accelerate India's transition into a developed nation.

Highlighting changes in governance systems, he called for strengthening processes and undertaking mapping of emerging requirements across ministries and departments.

Modi also stressed the need to address drug abuse among youth and called for institutional mechanisms to improve coordination across departments for youth-focused initiatives.

He underlined the importance of an integrated approach to sports development, noting the potential of sports tourism and suggesting that India should aim to host major international events. He also called for promoting technology

and innovation through startups in the sports sector.

Referring to agriculture, the Prime Minister said wider adoption of schemes such as PM KUSUM could drive sectoral transformation and highlighted the need to map global skill requirements to align with future opportunities.

"The secretaries shared their experiences and perspectives on various initiatives and challenges in their respective domains. The Prime Minister shared his suggestions and his vision for the future course of action. The meeting was marked by comprehensive and productive discussions across the sectors, focusing on effective implementation, greater convergence and accelerated progress towards the goals of Viksit Bharat," the Prime Minister's Office said.

Pawar-Modi Meet Revives NDA Buzz



Mumbai: Nationalist Congress Party (SP) chief Sharad Pawar and party working president Supriya Sule met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Parliament on Wednesday, rekindling speculation about a possible political realignment of the party with the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance.

Although Pawar said the meeting was confined to problems faced by farmers in Maharashtra, its timing raised eyebrows among his alliance partners in the State amid reports of possible reconciliation between the two NCP factions.

Photographs of the meeting showed Modi receiving the veteran leader at the door of his room. The Prime Minister and Pawar were also seen sharing a laugh and ex-

changing notes.

Pawar submitted a memorandum detailing farmers' problems, including inadequate irrigation, erratic rainfall, drought, poor water management and shortcomings in the implementation of welfare schemes.

"The farmer does not merely want relief, grants or loan waivers, but a fair price for their hard work and a transparent, accountable administration," Pawar said in the memorandum.

He urged the Centre to correct policy failures, improve water management and ensure that agricultural welfare programmes were implemented effectively. He said administrative apathy and policy shortcomings had aggravated farmers' distress.

The meeting, however, acquired political significance as it came amid reports that the NCP (SP) was exploring

the possibility of reuniting with the Ajit Pawar-led NCP and moving closer to the ruling NDA.

Pawar and Sule had only a day earlier joined protesters at Jantar Mantar, where demonstrations were being held over the alleged NEET-UG paper leak. The NCP (SP) has supported the demand for the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

The contrast between the party's participation in the Opposition protest and the cordial meeting with the Prime Minister added to the speculation over its future political course.

Pawar, however, maintained that the interaction with the Prime Minister was related solely to agricultural and irrigation issues.

Expedite Development Works in Three Municipal Corporations in the City



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday directed municipal officials to speed up development works being undertaken under the three municipal corporations in and around Hyderabad and ensure better coordination among various government departments for timely execution of projects.

The Chief Minister conducted a meeting on municipal administration at the MCRHRD institute, where he reviewed the progress of development works being taken up within the jurisdiction of the three commissionerates. Municipal administration department secretary Sridevi, Chief Minister's secretary Manicka Raj, GHMC commissioner R. K. Karnan, CMC commissioner G. Srijana, MMC commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy, HYDRABAD commissioner A. V. Ranganath, MRDCL managing director E. V. Narasimha Reddy and HMWS&SB managing director Ashok Reddy attended the meeting.

Revanth Reddy instructed officials to ensure that projects are completed without unnecessary delays. He made it clear that tenders should not be invited for any project unless the required land acquisition process had been completed. He said a special officer had already been appointed to oversee and expedite land acquisition.

The Chief Minister further directed officials to organise a coordination meeting involving representatives of all concerned government departments to resolve issues related to permissions and approvals for development works being taken up under the GHMC, Malkajgiri and Cyberabad commissionerates. He stressed the need for close coordination among departments so that procedural hurdles do not delay projects.

Revanth Reddy also directed the Hyderabad metropolitan development authority to expedite works relating to the proposed statue of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and the associated junction development in Cyberabad.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister examined the proposed building design of the national institute of urban management and the building design of the Malkajgiri municipal corporation. He reviewed the models and offered several suggestions to the officials regarding the proposed structures and their development.

Bhatti Hits Back KTR Over Drought Remarks; Asks About Medigadda Fiasco



HANAMKONDA : Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) over the latter's remarks blaming the Congress government for the prevailing drought conditions.

Addressing a press conference in Hanamkonda, Bhatti said it is surprising that KTR, who has studied in the United States and served as a minister for a decade, is exhibiting lack of basic knowledge about the El Nino's weather patterns.

The Deputy CM ex-

plained that the drought-like conditions are the result of global climatic changes triggered by El Nino in the Pacific Ocean. This has led to below-normal rainfall across several parts of India. It is not because of any decision taken by the present state government.

Bhatti said the opposition should function responsibly by offering constructive suggestions on the government's measures to tackle the situation, instead of making politically motivated allegations that could mislead the public.

He accused BRS leaders of spreading misinfor-

mation against the government through media outlets sympathetic to the party. Targeting the former Irrigation minister T. Harish Rao, the deputy Chief minister questioned why the Medigadda barrage, built under the

Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project at an estimated cost of nearly ₹1 lakh crore, developed structural problems and subsided within just three years of its completion.

He contrasted the Medigadda barrage with

projects constructed during previous Congress governments, stating that the Sripada Yellampalli Project on the Godavari River and the Sriram Sagar Project, built more than six decades ago are continuing to function effectively and provide irrigation to lakhs of acres without major structural issues.

Bhatti said people should compare the quality and durability of irrigation projects built during the Congress regime with the condition of the Medigadda barrage constructed during the rule of the previous BRS government.

CONGRESS READY FOR DEBATE ON BRS MISRULE

NIZAMABAD: TPCC chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Congress was ready for a debate on the BRS government's ten-year rule versus the two-and-a-half years of people's governance under the Revanth Reddy administration. Former minister K.T. Rama Rao was shedding crocodile tears over jobs after doing

nothing about unemployment, and former minister T. Harish Rao, who handled the irrigation portfolio, was now lamenting about the drought-like situation, he said.

During the BRS regime, only the family members of then Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao got jobs, while the Congress government had provided 70,000 jobs under its people-centric governance, Goud told mediapersons at Congress Bhavan here. He was speaking along with Congress MLAs P. Sudarshan Reddy and R. Bhupathi Reddy after taking part in various programmes



election promises.

He said the BRS regime had wasted over ₹1 lakh crore on the Kaleshwaram project. Chandrashekar Rao, who had taken all the decisions himself, was now claiming he had nothing to do with them, Goud noted. Many unemployed youth lost their lives during the BRS regime and people were no longer believing false propaganda, he said. "The people have not forgotten the misrule of the BRS government," he said.

Countering criticism by the BJP, Goud alleged that its leaders "were behaving like thieves". He claimed that a BJP MLA was openly talking about grabbing private properties and added that under the pretext of the SIR, attempts were being made to remove the votes of poor people. The Congress was preventing attempts to delete voters' names and protecting the vote of every person, he said.

Yukti Thareja’s Timeless Traditional Look

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Yukti Thareja is rapidly cementing her position as one of Indian cinema’s most enchanting and talented newcomers. Making her grand entry into the limelight on MTV Supermodel of the Year, her captivating screen presence and natural grace quickly paved her path to acting. She made a highly noticed acting debut in the 2023 Telugu action-comedy Rangabali opposite Naga Shaurya, earning widespread praise for her expressive performance. Expanding her horizons across regional cinema, Yukti recently made a strong Malayalam debut alongside Unni Mukundan in the action thriller Marco (2024), which became her highest-grossing film to date. Proving her versatility, she re-



cently starred as Mercy Joy in the 2025 romantic comedy K-Ramp opposite Kiran Abbavaram, showcasing her ability to handle emotional depth and lighthearted romance alike. This stunning gallery portrait highlights her effortless elegance. Draped in a classically patterned grey and navy blue sari complemented by traditional gold jewelry, Yukti strikes a pose of quiet sophistication. With upcoming projects on the horizon, she is undoubtedly a stellar talent to watch out for.

Sravanthi Chokarapu Shares a Beautiful Life Message

Popular anchor and actress Sravanthi Chokarapu has mesmerized her followers with her latest Instagram post. She shared beautiful pictures wearing a graceful white saree decorated with golden floral designs.

Along with the photos, Sravanthi shared an emotional message in Telugu. She wrote that a smile should not stop because of two people, and love should not disappear because of four people.

In the caption, Sravanthi also thanked the people and brands that helped create her look. She mentioned that the saree was from Akirra Label, the choker from Anantaya By Mani, the earrings from Bawri Banjari Jewels, the bangles from Westside Stores, and the hairstyle was done by Hairstylist Indhumulaparathi. She also shared that she styled herself, while the photographs were captured by They Call Me Keshu.

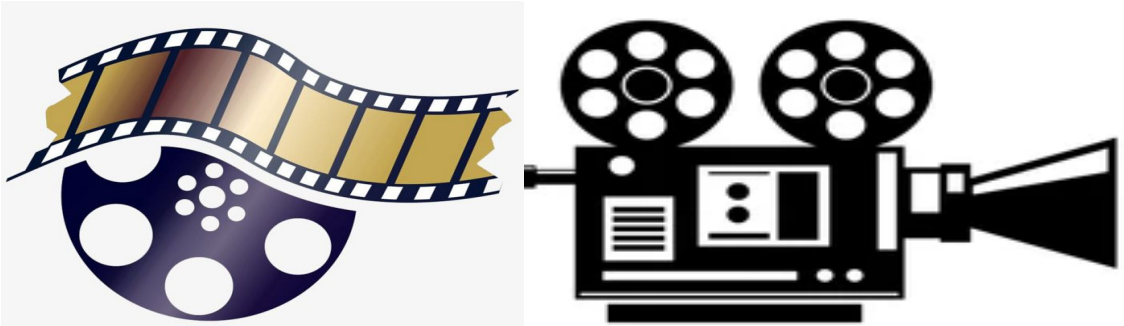
Sravanthi Chokarapu is one of the well-known faces on Telugu television today. Although she entered the entertainment industry with the dream of becoming an actress, her journey was not easy. She first acted in small roles in films before taking a break from acting after her marriage. Later, due to financial challenges, she returned to the entertainment field. This time, she chose anchoring instead of acting, and that decision changed her career. Today, she regularly hosts television shows, movie events, and promotional programs.

Her popularity increased further after participating in Bigg Boss OTT Telugu. Even though she did not stay in the house for a long time, the show introduced her personal life to a wider audience. During the reality show, she spoke about her love story and some of the struggles she faced before marriage.

Sravanthi’s husband is Prashanth. The couple fell in love before she entered the industry. According to information shared by Sravanthi and her family earlier, they got married against the wishes of their elders. At one stage, Prashanth faced financial losses in business after being cheated by people he trusted. He later worked in a private job. During the difficult period, Sravanthi also worked at a jewellery store before leaving the job because of health reasons.

There was also confusion in the past about reports claiming that Sravanthi had married twice. However, Prashanth later clarified that the couple first had a marriage on their own because their families did not agree. After their elders accepted their relationship, they held another wedding ceremony with family blessings. He explained that this does not mean Sravanthi married two different people.

The couple are also known to be devoted fans of Pawan Kalyan. They named their son Akira Nandan, inspired by the actor's son. Sravanthi also runs a boutique that carries the same name. While she continues to stay busy as an anchor, she also manages her business successfully.



CINEMA

Toxic Manasaagadhe Single: Yash and Tara exude magnetic chemistry

Yash is back with his most crazy, highly anticipated actioner, Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups. The movie has created such frenzy across the nation and world with its teasers that people are eager to witness the film on big screens. The makers have amplified the promotional campaign of the film and first single, Tabaahi became a monstrous hit.

Now, they have unveiled the second single, Manasaagadhe with Tara Sutaria taking the center stage alongside Yash. The new track explores the delicate, softer, and more playful dynamics of their characters, Raya and Rebecca. Yash and Tara Sutaria’s chemistry is sizzling and brings out the free spirited romance out perfectly.

The song delves deep into quieter emotions, tender moments, and the unspoken longing that rests beneath a carefree romance. Composed by the talented trio of Tanishk Bagchi, Arslan Nizami, and Faheem Abdullah, the song is a soulful romantic anthem sung by Siddharth



Basrur across all five language versions. The visuals and production values stand out. Directed by Geetu Mohandas and produced by KVN Productions, Monster Mind Creations on a massive scale, the movie is gearing up for 26th August release. With a stellar ensemble cast featuring Nayanthara, Rukmini Vasanth, Kiara Advani and Huma Qureshi, the movie promises to be a cinematic spectacle that should be witnessed on big screens.

RAVI TEJA BEGINS DUBBING FOR ‘IRUMUDI’, SET FOR AUG 21 RELEASE

Hyderabad: The makers of director Shiva Nirvana’s upcoming film, ‘Irumudi’, featuring actor Ravi Teja in the lead, have now announced that actor Ravi Teja has commenced dubbing for the film.

Having wrapped up his portion of the shoot, Ravi Teja has begun dubbing for the film. The makers have unveiled a dubbing studio video featuring the actor delivering the powerful dialogue, “I’ve only one daughter, and her name is Manamma,” in a deeply emotional voice, hinting at the film’s strong father-daughter bond. The video also features Baby Nakshathra and director Shiva Nirvana.

Sources claim the shoot is in its final leg, with only three days of filming left. Meanwhile, post-production, they claim, is progressing simultaneously, ensuring the film remains on schedule for its grand theatrical release on August 21.

Music director GV Prakash Kumar, who has composed a soulful and diverse soundtrack, has also commenced the re-recording work.

The film has triggered huge interest in fans and film buffs ever since the makers released a glimpse video last month. The glimpse video that was released showed Ravi Teja lovingly taking care of his daughter in the film. The child, it is evident, is in a very happy space with her father. However, the glimpse video hints at something tragic happening. Ravi Teja is then seen turning violent. He turns an alcoholic. When his daughter urges him to quit alcohol, he becomes an Ayyappa devotee and wears the sacred mala to take back control of his life and kick the dreaded habit.

The film, which happens to be Ravi Teja’s 77th film and was therefore being tentatively referred to as #RT77 until it was titled ‘Irumudi’, is being produced by leading production house Mythri Movie Makers.

The title ‘Irumudi’ carries deep spiritual significance, as it symbolizes a devotee’s sacred offering and surrender to Lord Ayyappa.

Ravi Teja, at the time of the film’s first look being launched, had said, “Some stories choose you at the right moment in life. Feeling blessed to be part of one such story again, letting belief lead the way. Excited to begin this new journey called #Irumudi with @ShivaNirvana & @MythriOfficial Swamiye Saranam Ayyappa.”

Sources say director Shiva Nirvana has crafted a powerful script that fuses devotional depth, emotional weight, and mass appeal in equal measure. They further disclose that at the film’s core will lie a strong father–daughter bond, that will offer Ravi Teja a character arc unlike anything that he’s portrayed before. Besides playing a first-of-its-kind role, Ravi Teja, they say, has also undergone a



transformation.

Sources also claim that the film promises well-defined roles for every character, adding richness to the narrative. Priya Bhavani Shankar plays the female lead, with Baby Nakshathra portraying Ravi Teja’s daughter in the film. The cast also includes Sai Kumar, Ajay Ghosh, Ramesh Indira, and Swasika in key roles.

Backed by producers Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar, ‘Irumudi’ boasts a solid technical crew, with GV Prakash Kumar scoring the music, Vishnu Sarma handling cinematography, Sahi Suresh leading production design, and Prawin Pudi on the editing table. Shiva Nirvana has penned the story, screenplay, and dialogues, with Naresh Babu P serving as script co-ordinator.

Highly impressive crime drama KJQ confirms release date



Dheekshith Shetty, Shashi Odela and Yukti Thareja, are set to captivate audiences in the upcoming thriller KJQ - King Jackie Queen. The movie has already generated a strong positive impression across the board thanks to its striking teaser and well-received promotional material.

The project carries a deep emotional weight as the film’s director, Kiran Kumar - KK, tragically passed away. Honoring his original vision, the makers, led by popular producer Sudhakar Cherukuri, have meticulously completed the movie as a heartfelt tribute to the late filmmaker. It is shaping up to be a new-age tale of friendship, packed with high-octane action and thrilling sequences. The makers have officially locked August 7th for the film’s grand theatrical release. This strategically chosen date offers a clear advantage, as there are no major box office clashes to divide attention. The solo release window provides a perfect opportunity for the film to build strong word-of-mouth and steadily draw in family audiences ready to embrace this compelling story.

The script takes viewers on an intense journey alongside well-developed characters, weaving a dark theme and intertwined violence into the core narrative. The release date poster showcases the same with gun in Deekshith’s hand and cigarette in Yukthi’s hand. With gritty undertones, the captivating story and screenplay are designed to deliver an unconventional yet thoroughly satisfying cinematic experience.