

Revanth for Bureau To Manage Traffic in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday directed officials to establish a dedicated bureau to monitor traffic management and road safety in Telangana and asked them to study the feasibility of introducing a smart signalling system to reduce traffic congestion in the city.

During a review meeting on traffic management, road safety, drug prevention and security, the Chief Minister called for an institutional framework for the proposed bureau after conducting a comprehensive study of traffic and road safety requirements across the state.

Revanth Reddy said the bureau should be mandated to review measures for improving traffic regulation once every two or three months. He stressed that merely imposing traffic rules would not solve the problem, and called for greater emphasis on effective traffic regulation.

He directed officials to prepare traffic management plans taking into account weather changes, working hours and peak traffic periods, and said traffic impact studies should be conducted before taking up new infrastructure projects.

Referring to recent accidents, the Chief Minister said vehicles being parked indiscriminately on the Outer Ring Road were causing serious accidents and directed officials to take preventive measures and ensure continuous monitoring to prevent vehicles from being parked at unauthorised locations on the ORR.

He observed that traffic congestion was worsening in the Hyderabad Core Urban Region because motorists were frequently forced to stop at closely spaced traffic signals.

To move towards a signal-free city, he suggested constructing underpasses and elevated corridors in



Hyderabad and asked officials to ensure uninterrupted vehicle movement and minimise stoppages at signals as far as possible. He also directed them to study the introduction of a smart signalling system to improve traffic flow in the city.

On drug prevention, the Chief Minister said the government was serious about curbing drug abuse and instructed officials to

adopt a stringent approach and consider introducing tougher regulations to crack down on the menace.

He called for measures to prevent drug abuse in educational institutions, including obtaining declarations from students and making the managements of educational institutions accountable.

In government educational institutions, he said

lated activities outside campuses and provide information to the authorities. Educational institutions should be given not only authority but also responsibility, he said, calling for special units within institutions to identify changes in students' behaviour at regular intervals and take timely action.

He suggested examining the feasibility of setting up a toll-free number and a dedicated QR code on educational campuses to enable students and others to provide information on drug-related activities. The Chief Minister called for a three-pronged strategy to prevent drug abuse in educational institutions. First, identifying students who consume drugs; second, helping those identified to overcome their addiction; and third, taking stringent action against those involved in supplying drugs.

He directed officials to consider sending first-time offenders caught consuming drugs to de-addiction centres, while examining strict punishment for those repeatedly caught in drug-related cases. He also suggested studying the possibility of bringing in a new law, if necessary, to deal firmly with drug-related offences.

Government advisers P Sudarshan Reddy and K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, DGP C.V. Anand, Chief Minister's principal secretaries N. Sridhar and V. Seshadri, R&B special chief secretary Vikas Raj, finance principal secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania, transport commissioner Ilambarthi, education secretary Yogita Rana, school education director Naveen Nicholas, and senior officials from various departments and the police department attended the review meeting.

Congress seeks Centre's technical guidance on Kaleshwaram barrages despite NDSA stand

Hyderabad: Despite the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) making it clear that the decision on pumping water from the , Annaram and Sundilla barrages rested with the State government, the Congress government has decided to seek technical guidance on the future operation of the three barrages. Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday directed officials to immediately write to the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti and the NDSA seeking technical advice.

At a review meeting with senior irrigation officials, the Minister reiterated that the Telangana government had been maintaining the barrages in free-flow condition in accordance with the NDSA's recommendations to address safety concerns.

"Written advice from a competent technical authority would be mandatory before deciding whether storage and pumping operations could be resumed safely," he stressed.

Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to enclose relevant portions of the NDSA report, earlier technical observations and supporting documents with the communication to ensure the technical basis for the government's decision was placed on official record.

The State government has maintained this position even as Telangana faces deficit rainfall and farmers continue to grapple with acute water shortage for irrigation.

Technical concerns over pumping operations

The review meeting also examined the possibility of pumping operations during the current monsoon. Officials explained that downstream water flow alone did not make pumping technically feasible, as adequate upstream water levels could not be maintained under the present conditions.

They cautioned that temporary interventions and pumping without meeting the required hydraulic conditions could be ineffective and might worsen the existing structural concerns beneath the barrages.



"No operational decision will be taken based on political pressure or visual assessment. Every decision would be guided by sound engineering evidence and the recommendations of competent technical authorities," Uttam Kumar said.

Interestingly, officials also informed the Minister that recent statements by the Union Minister for Jal Shakti and the Ministry's correspondence had reiterated the general policy that operational decisions on barrages rested with State governments. However, they said the communications did not specifically address the NDSA's recommendation to maintain the structures in free-flow condition. The Minister instructed officials to accurately cite the relevant portions of the NDSA report and include supporting material such as findings of the Central Water Commission, Ground Penetrating Radar investigations, photographs, cavity assessments beneath the raft foundation and other engineering evidence.

Officials informed the Minister that the Central Water and Power Research Station was in the final stage of analysing the latest Ground Penetrating Radar data and other technical inputs. They said water could not be impounded at the Annaram barrage at present as investigations had indicated cavities beneath the raft foundation.

Based on the investigations completed so far, officials said a rehabilitation concept design for the Medigadda barrage would be ready by the end of August, while a preliminary rehabilitation cost estimate would be prepared by mid-September. They also said additional technical inputs relating to the Annaram and Sundilla barrages, including analysis of the investigation data, would be available within the next two weeks. Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to present preliminary rehabilitation proposals before the Technical Oversight Committee at its next meeting.

Bhatti Assures Strong Support to Singareni..

Aggressive Push for New Coal Blocks; Government Gives Top Priority to Singareni

Manuguru July 24 : Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu undertook an extensive tour of Manuguru in Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Friday, reaffirming the State Government's commitment to the growth of Singareni Collieries and the Bhadradi Thermal Power Plant (BTPS). He stated that "the interests of Singareni are of the highest priority to the government" and directed officials to prepare a comprehensive strategy to secure new coal blocks for the company.

During his visit to the Bhadradi Thermal Power Plant, the Deputy Chief Minister reviewed power generation operations, coal utilization, plant maintenance, and safety standards. At the Central Control Unit, he assessed the power generation system and advised officials to make greater use of advanced technologies to improve efficiency.

Bhatti Vikramarka also inaugurated the newly constructed



DAV School in the BTPS township and appreciated the initiative aimed at providing quality education to the children of employees.

Later, he visited the Prakash Khani Opencast (PKOC) Mine in Manuguru, where he inspected coal mining operations, production levels, coal quality, and safety measures. He personally examined a sample of coal and remarked that "Singareni is the backbone of Telangana's power sector."

The Deputy Chief Minister instructed officials to actively participate in the upcoming national coal block auctions and prepare plans



to secure additional coal blocks for Singareni. He expressed confidence that the company would emerge as one of India's leading coal producers by strengthening its competitive position.

Officials informed him that the allocation of the Tadicherla Coal Block to Singareni had boosted the morale of employees and workers. They also requested the State Government to take the necessary initiative to ensure that the PKOC Dip Side Block is allotted to Singareni.

Responding positively, Bhatti Vikramarka assured that the State Government

would extend full support for Singareni's expansion, acquisition of new coal blocks, employee welfare, and enhancement of production capacity. He reiterated that the government would take every necessary step to safeguard the long-term interests and future growth of Singareni.

The tour was attended by Special Chief Secretary (Energy) Navin Mittal, District Collector Ankit, MLAs Payam Venkateswarlu, Tellam Venkata Rao, Maloth Ramdas Naik, senior officials of Singareni and power utilities, and public representatives.

Komuravelli Station to Open on July 26

Hyderabad: Union minister for coal and mines G Kishan Reddy will inaugurate the Komuravelli railway station on July 26, giving a major boost to rail connectivity for devotees visiting the Sri Komuravelli Mallana Swamy Temple and for residents in the region.

Developed to improve passenger convenience and regional connectivity, the station is expected to ease travel for pilgrims who earlier depended largely on road transport. It will also support tourism around the temple town and improve access for nearby villages and towns in Siddipet district.

Built at an estimated cost of



Rs 5.33 crore, the station is almost ready for public use, with modern facilities and halts for select passenger services expected from the day of inauguration. The opening is being seen as another example of the Centre's push to expand and modernise railway infrastructure in Telangana.

The BJP has been highlighting the rapid

growth of Indian Railways, including new lines, station redevelopment, electrification and upgraded passenger amenities, projecting these works as part of a broader development drive in Telangana. Officials say the Komuravelli station will strengthen last-mile connectivity and contribute to the socio-economic development of the area.

With the temple attracting large numbers of devotees, the new station is expected to reduce travel time, improve safety and make pilgrimage more convenient, especially during festive and peak seasons.



Bill Introduced in Rajya Sabha to Criminalise Insult of Vande Mataram



New Delhi: The government on Friday introduced a bill in the Rajya Sabha seeking to make any obstruction or insult to the national song 'Vande Mataram' a criminal offence.

Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai introduced 'The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026', as several Opposition members, including those belonging to Left parties, opposed the introduction.

The bill will amend the Prevention of Insults to Na-

tional Honour Act, 1971, which makes desecration of or disrespect toward the country's national symbols – including the national flag, the Constitution, and the national anthem – a criminal offence, carrying a punishment of up to three years' imprisonment.

It seeks to give Vande Mataram the same statutory protection as the national anthem, 'Jana Gana Mana'. This step by the government comes amid the year-long celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram.

At the January 24, 1950 meeting of the Constituent Assembly, its President Rajendra Prasad stated that Vande Mataram, composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, which played a historic role in India's freedom struggle, shall have same status as that of the national anthem.

At present, there is no specific legal provision to prevent insults to the singing of Vande Mataram, said the Statement of Objects and Reasons of the proposed legislation.

Therefore, in order to prohibit any person from intentionally preventing the singing of Vande Mataram or causing disturbance to any assembly engaged in such singing, it is proposed to amend Section 3 of the Act to bring the national song also in its ambit, so as to make such acts punishable, the Statement of Objects and Reasons said.

CM Naidu Urges Mothers To Utilise Thalliki Vandanam Funds for Children's Education



Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday urged mothers to properly utilise the financial assistance the government provided under the Thalliki Vandanam scheme for their children's education.

Interacting with beneficiaries during the Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting held at Rampachodavaram in Polavaram district, Naidu asked mothers whether the scheme amount had

been credited to their bank accounts. The beneficiaries showed the text messages and confirmed they received the money.

The mothers told the CM that the financial assistance had helped them support their children's education. They expressed their satisfaction that assistance was being extended for every eligible child in the family for the second consecutive year. Education minister Nara Lokesh was also present.

Naidu later patted the students for planting saplings in the premises of the government high school and junior college and for their maintenance.

Officials informed the CM that each sapling had been tagged with a QR code enabling visitors to access details such as the species and other information.

The chief minister interacted with students, parents and teachers in

classrooms, reviewed students' progress reports and discussed their academic performance, attendance and health with parents. He directed the district collector to ensure that progress report cards of students studying in Ashram Schools were delivered to their parents.

Naidu also observed classroom teaching through smart boards and spent some time interacting with students during classroom sessions.

Later, he and Lokesh partook the mid-day meal with students and enquired with them about the quality of food being served. Stressing the importance of a nutritious diet, Naidu emphasised the need to prevent vitamin deficiencies among students.

When informed that students were being provided ragi malt in the morning and chikki during lunch, the CM suggested that chikki could instead be distributed at the end of the school day.

Andhra Pradesh: Govt Strengthening Schools With Teachers, Better Infrastructure: Anitha

VISAKHAPATNAM: Home minister Vangalapudi Anitha on Friday said the state government was strengthening government schools by recruiting 16,000 teachers and improving infrastructure and facilities to provide quality education to every child.



Participating in the Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting at the government high school in Payakaraopeta, the minister interacted with parents, teachers and students. She also had lunch with the students.

Addressing the gathering, Anitha said education minister Nara Lokesh had introduced several reforms to strengthen the education system. The government's priority was to ensure that government schools were equipped with all essential facilities so that poverty did not become a barrier to education.

should be treated with the same respect as places of worship.

Urging parents to closely monitor their children's behaviour, Anitha expressed concern over youngsters falling prey to additions at an early age. She advised students to stay away from drugs and other harmful habits, stating that the government had adopted a stringent approach to curb ganja and other narcotics.

The minister also cautioned the public against cybercrime and urged students to take responsibility for their studies and future. Parents should encourage children to become self-reliant and capable of facing challenges independently.

During her visit to the Payakaraopeta Assembly constituency, Anitha inaugurated the new Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya building and the new Treasury Office building at Kotauratla.

Highlighting development in the constituency, she said several industries were coming up in the region and this would generate thousands of employment opportunities. She also advised auto-rickshaw drivers to strictly follow traffic regulations in the interest of public safety.

Cong Hits Modi Govt Over DU, JNU Advisory Against Jantar Mantar Protest

New Delhi: With the Delhi University and the Jawaharlal University warning students to "stay away" from Jantar Mantar protests, the Congress on Friday slammed the Modi government and said that it is now using these much-respected universities as propaganda outlets to bully the students.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that instead of making Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resign and then start a meaningful discussion on the education system, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have resorted to denigrating the centres of learning.

He said students are on ground zero because the Modi government is now using these much-respected universities as propaganda outlets to bully them. "Instead of



making Dharmendra Pradhan resign and then start a meaningful discussion on the education system, Modi-Shah have resorted to denigrating our centres of learning. Now you know why our youth are on the streets. Now you know how BJP damaged the education system in the past 12 years," Kharge said.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday slammed the Delhi University and asked how dare it "threaten" students for exercising their democratic rights. "Please note,

you are the ones that will be held accountable when the time comes," Gandhi said, tagging the Delhi University social media post advising students to "stay away from Jantar Mantar". "How dare you threaten students for exercising their democratic rights? Please note, you are the ones that will be held accountable when the time comes," Gandhi said in his post. Their remarks came after the University of Delhi posted on Thursday night, "Dear students and faculty, your safety matters to us. Please note that any unlawful assemblies or demonstrations at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, which are strictly regulated as per the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, may invite legal action." Such activities can also pose serious risks to students' personal safety and significantly impact their academic progress and professional opportunities, the university said.

"Accordingly, all students are urged to stay away from Jantar Mantar and prioritise their safety and compliance with the law. Furthermore, you are advised to exercise caution as a significant amount of fake and misleading content is being created and circulated to fuel the situation," it said.

The Jawaharlal Nehru University on Friday said all stakeholders of JNU's epistemic community are advised to act responsibly and prioritise their personal safety. "In accordance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's directions on public demonstrations, you are requested to refrain from participating in or visiting gatherings at or around Jantar Mantar, New Delhi. Please exercise responsibility on social media. Violations may invite legal consequences under applicable laws as well as disciplinary action under the University's code of conduct," the varsity said in a post on X. "You are also encouraged to uphold the values of academic responsibility and responsible citizenship," it added.

Students led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) have been protesting in the heart of Delhi since June 20, demanding the resignation of Pradhan over the NEET paper leak.

Delhi police lathi charge on students sparks solidarity protests across Hyderabad

Hyderabad: A series of protests by left-affiliated student unions over police lathi-charge on students during the 'Chalo Sansad' march in Delhi over the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak issue rocked the city on Friday. A large number of student activists, along with students, carried out the 'Student Rally' in solidarity with protesting students in Delhi.

The SFI, AISF, PDSU, AIFDS, AIPSU, and AISB rally, which began at Narayanguda X Roads and concluded at the Y-junction. Traffic came to a standstill on the busy Narayanguda road due to the protest.

Meanwhile, responding to the call given by the student organisations, educational institutions across the State closed down. While several schools and colleges had sent messages to parents regarding closure of the institutions on Thursday night itself, some educational institutions informed parents on Friday morning.

The student organisations demanded that Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resign immediately, taking political and moral responsibility for repeated failures in the conduct of the NEET UG question paper leak.

Amaravati Emerging as India's Gateway to Quantum Future: Naidu

Hyderabad: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu here on Friday said Amaravati is fast emerging as India's gateway to the quantum future.

"I was pleased to meet Dr. Rajeeb Hazra, CEO of Quantinuum, and his team to discuss a partnership that can strengthen India's quantum ambitions through Andhra Pradesh," he said.

"Our goal is to build a globally competitive quantum ecosystem encompassing research, advanced computing infrastructure, quantum hardware, supply chains, talent development, startups, enterprise adoption, and commercialization," he said.

"As leading global innovators partner with Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati is emerging as a hub where the next generation of quantum technologies will be researched, developed, and transformed into solutions for the world," he added.



Nirmal Police Arrest Interstate Contract Killing Gang Sensational Murder Case Solved by Special Police Teams

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Acting on the directions of Nirmal District Superintendent of Police Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, two special police teams successfully arrested the accused involved in a contract killing, reaffirming the district police's commitment to maintaining law and order.

Based on credible intelligence, technical evidence, CCTV footage, call data analysis, and other investigative leads, the special teams conducted an extensive investigation and apprehended the contract killers. Police seized a Scorpio SUV, one motorcycle, two knives, and five mobile phones used in the crime.

Case Details
According to the investigation, the prime conspirator behind the murder was identified as Anwari Begum, the stepmother of the deceased Aslam Khan. Police revealed that she had been in an illicit relationship with her stepson. During questioning, it emerged that Aslam Khan had recently informed her of his decision to get married, start a family, and have children. Anwari Begum strongly opposed his decision, insisting that he should not marry and that their relationship should continue. She allegedly promised financial support and threatened to have him killed if he married.

Aslam Khan shared these threats with his uncle Amjad Khan, after which the relationship became known to family members and relatives, leading to disputes. Fearing for his life, Aslam moved to his uncle's residence in YSR Colony, where he earned his livelihood by driving an auto-rickshaw.

Police stated that, angered by the exposure of their illicit relationship and fearing that Aslam would leave her to marry another woman, Anwari Begum decided to eliminate him.

She allegedly contacted her acquaintance Mukheed, a resident of Maharashtra, and offered him ₹6 lakh to murder Aslam Khan. She paid an advance of ₹50,000, promising to pay the remaining amount after the murder. She also provided Aslam's photographs and personal details to Mukheed. In addition, she allegedly involved her own brother, Sheikh Mohammed, in the conspiracy by promising him financial assistance.

First Murder Attempt Failed
The contract killers—Mukheed, Afroz, and Sainath Pawar—arrived in Nirmal on July 1, 2026, intending to kill Aslam



Khan near the Government Hospital. However, due to the presence of a large crowd, they abandoned the plan and returned to Maharashtra.

Execution of the Murder
After the first attempt failed, the accused devised a fresh plan. On July 14, 2026, Mukheed, Afroz, Sheikh Shahid alias Salman, and Sainath Pawar travelled from Maharashtra in a rented Scorpio vehicle. Passing through Bhoker and Bhainsa, they reached the Dilawarpur Toll Plaza at around 5:00 a.m. on July 15, 2026. After paying the toll fee, they removed the last digit "6" from the vehicle's registration plate to avoid identification.

They then reached the Ambedkar Statue in Nirmal, where they met Anwari Begum and her brother Sheikh Mohammed. Following their instructions, they conducted reconnaissance in Road No. 8 of YSR Colony. Anwari Begum was dropped there, while Sheikh Mohammed was dropped near the Ambedkar Statue. After refuelling the vehicle at an Indian Oil petrol station, the accused returned to YSR Colony.

Anwari Begum continuously monitored Aslam Khan's movements and informed the accused that he was wearing a black shirt and driving an auto-rickshaw with black flags attached. The accused then waited near Eden Garden for about an hour.

When Aslam Khan was driving passengers toward the Nirmal Bus Stand, Mukheed and Afroz got down from the Scorpio, intercepted the auto-rickshaw, dragged him out, and repeatedly attacked him with knives. At the same time, Sheikh Shahid alias Salman and Sainath Pawar stood guard to intimidate anyone who tried to intervene.

Believing Aslam Khan had died after leaving him in a pool of blood, the accused fled via Sarangapur toward Nanded, Maharashtra. Aslam Khan later succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment.

Swift Police Action
Immediately after the incident, Nirmal Police formed four special investigation teams. Through analysis of technical evidence, CCTV footage, call records, and reliable intelligence, the teams traced the accused.

Police arrested A2 Mukheed, A3 Afroz, A4 Sheikh Shahid alias Salman, A5 Sainath Pawar, and A6 Sheikh Mohammed. They recovered the Scorpio SUV (MH 22 R 9696), one motorcycle, two knives, and five mobile phones used in the crime.

The prime accused, Anwari Begum (A1), was arrested on July 17, 2026. During interrogation, she allegedly confessed to key aspects of the conspiracy. She was later produced before the court, which remanded her to judicial custody.

Appreciation for the Investigation Team
Superintendent of Police Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, congratulated Nirmal SDPO P. Srinivas for supervising the investigation, along with the special investigation team comprising M. Krishna (CI, Nirmal Rural), G. Limbadri (SI, Nirmal Rural), S. Sreekanth (SI, Sarangapur), Gopi (SI, Soan), Ganesh (SI, Narsapur), and G. Sai Krishna (RSI, DAR, Nirmal), as well as all police personnel who participated in solving the case.

The SP also specially appreciated Bhainsa ASP Sai Kiran, IPS, Mudhole CI Ravindra Naik, Lokeshwaram SI Ashok, and Kubir SI Krishna Reddy for providing crucial information and extending valuable support during the investigation. She urged all officers to continue working with the same level of coordination and dedication in future investigations

Food Donation Program on the Occasion of the 12th Anniversary of the Telangana Journalists Association (TJA)

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : On the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the Telangana Journalists Association (TJA), a food donation (Annadanam) program was organized at Shanthi Niketan Mentally Disabled Special School and Balasadanam in Kondapur village, Nirmal district.

The program was attended by Shanthi Niketan Mentally Disabled Special School Director Shanigarapu Chinnaiah, Psychologist Pradeep, teachers Vakula, Vasu, and Uma, Balasadanam Superintendent Vaishnavi, Kavitha, and U. Madhusudan. They served meals to the students and spent quality time interacting with them.

Speaking on the occasion, the participants said that it is everyone's responsibility to extend love, care, and support to children with special needs. They appreciated journalists for not only providing information to society but also actively participating in social service activities.

TJA district leaders stated that celebrating the association's anniversary through community service has become a tradition and assured that similar welfare initiatives would be carried out on a larger scale in the future.

TJA members, school staff, students, and local residents participated in the event, making the program a grand success



Black Badge Protest Against Power Sector Privatization NPDCL Employees Extend Solidarity to YTPS Staff Agitation

Bhadrachalam Correspondent | July 24 : Employees of the Northern Power Distribution Company Limited (NPDCL) in Bhadrachalam observed a black badge protest on Friday, expressing solidarity with employees of the Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS) who are opposing the proposed privatization of power sector utilities. The protest was held in response to the statewide call given by the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Public Sector Electricity Employees.

The protesting employees attended their duties wearing black badges, registering their opposition to the



privatization of government-owned electricity organizations. Addressing the gathering, Bhadrachalam NPDCL Divisional Engineer and District JAC Convener Jeevan Kumar said that employees, workers, and trade unions must remain united to prevent the privatization of the power sector. He warned that privatization would not only affect the future of electricity employees but could also have a serious impact on the quality and affordability of power services provided to the public.

He urged all employees to stand together to safeguard their legitimate rights and intensify the movement to protect public sector electricity institutions.

The protest was attended by Bhadrachalam District JAC-NPDCL executive members, Additional Divisional Engineer Narasimha Rao, trade union leaders Venkata Raju, Ramakrishna, Uday, and KTN Murthy, Assistant Engineers Rohini, Jyothi, and Rajarao, Deputy Engineers, representatives of various employee unions, and a large number of electricity department staff.

KCR's Finest Creation – Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao TBGKS Leaders Distribute Fruits and Bread to Patients at Singareni Hospital on KTR's Birthday

Manuguru Correspondent | July 24: Marking the 50th birthday of Bharat Rashtara Samithi (BRS) Working President Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (KTR), TBGKS leaders organized a service activity in Manuguru. Under the leadership of TBGKS Manuguru Area Vice President Nagelli Venkateshwarlu, fruits and bread were distributed to patients undergoing treatment at the Singareni Hospital.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said that KTR played a pivotal role in the Telangana statehood movement under the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). They praised his administrative capabilities, stating that during his nearly nine-and-a-half-year tenure as a Cabinet Minister in the first Telangana government, he earned widespread recognition for his



efficient governance and developmental vision. The leaders also highlighted KTR's continued commitment to protecting Singareni, safeguarding the interests of workers, and championing labour welfare. They described him as a strong voice for workers' rights and expressed hope that his vision and leadership would continue to inspire future generations. They conveyed their heartfelt birthday wishes, wishing him many more years of success and public service.

Among those who participated in the programme were Bangari Pawan Kumar, Munigela Nageswara Rao, Suddala Sampath Kumar, Jangam Raj Kumar, Mastan, Kamatam Paramesh Kumar, Sambar Rajasekhar, P.K. Nagaraju, Ajmeera Ashok Kumar, Kalyan Kumar, Raghu, Imran, Srihari, Praveen Kumar, Jyothi, and several other TBGKS leaders and supporters.

Pre-Primary Classes in Government Schools Must Be Conducted Effectively

Nagarkurnool : District Collector Hemant Keshav Patil has directed teachers to ensure the effective implementation of the newly introduced pre-primary classes in government schools and provide quality English-medium education to young children. He stressed that every child who has completed five years of age should be enrolled in a government school, as pre-primary education lays the foundation for a child's academic future.

On Friday, the Collector, accompanied by MLC Kuchukulla Damodar Reddy, visited the Government Upper Primary School at Thudukurthi village in Nagarkurnool mandal. They inspected the newly established pre-primary classrooms, reviewed the learning environment, teaching materials, educational toys, student attendance and classroom activities, and interacted with teachers regarding enrolment,



classroom management and coordination with parents.

Addressing the teachers, the Collector said that all five-year-old children in the village should be admitted to government schools without exception. He noted that pre-primary education plays a vital role in developing children's language skills, creativity and cognitive abilities. He instructed teachers to adopt activity-based learning methods using games, songs, stories and visual aids while delivering English-medium instruction from the pre-

primary level.

Hemant Keshav Patil also emphasised the need to create awareness among parents about the facilities and quality education available in government schools. He urged teachers to strengthen public confidence in the government education system and inspire children to develop an interest in learning from an early age.

Speaking on the occasion, MLC Kuchukulla Damodar Reddy said many parents were burdened financially due to the preference for private

schools. Recognising this, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy introduced English-medium pre-primary classes in government schools to provide quality education on par with private institutions. He appealed to parents to enrol their children in government schools and called upon officials, teachers and public representatives to ensure that no child from Thudukurthi village opts for a private school.

Later, the Collector and the MLC inspected the government land proposed for establishing the newly sanctioned ATC (Advanced Training Centre) for the Nagarkurnool constituency. They reviewed the suitability of the site, availability of government land, transport connectivity and infrastructure, and instructed officials to expedite the land-related formalities and take necessary steps for the early establishment of the centre.

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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

CJP tells Centre Pradhan's resignation is non-negotiable, warns protest will intensify

The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) told the Centre that Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation remains a non-negotiable demand despite ongoing talks. It warned the protest would expand nationwide if demands are ignored, while both sides agreed to meet again on Saturday



New Delhi: The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Friday told the government that its demand for Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation is non-negotiable and warned that if it is not accepted at the earliest, the protests would grow only bigger.

CJP spokespersons Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka held a two-hour meeting — the third this week — with Union ministers J P Nadda and Jitendra Singh at the Vithalbhai Patel House here to hammer out an amicable solution to the ongoing protests over the NEET paper leak and other irregularities in the exam system.

During the day, the government approved a draft bill to ensure stricter punishments for paper leaks, hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in an unprecedented midnight video message, announced that a bill containing provisions for strong action against paper leaks will be introduced in Parliament.

"We told the Union ministers that our demand for the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan is non-negotiable," Das told reporters after the meeting. After Modi's midnight message, the CJP maintained the "strictest action" by the government would be the removal of Pradhan and that its protest at Jantar Mantar will continue until he resigns.

In a letter to the government representatives Friday, the CJP spelt out its stand. It acknowledged the government's "eagerness to find a mutually beneficial solution" and said, "Over the last few days, we have held extensive consultations with supporters and members across the

country and protesters at Jantar Mantar. We have arrived at a clear consensus that our demands, namely the resignation of Mr Dharmendra Pradhan, Rs 1 crore compensation for NEET victims, and no legal action against protestors, are non-negotiable."

"Furthermore, the government of India, the head of the Rapid Action Force, and the Delhi Police Commissioner ought to publicly apologise to the students who were brutally thrashed by their forces," it said. South Asians & Diaspora

Nadda said the ministers heard their demands and conveyed that they will get back to the CJP. "We will again meet on Saturday," he said. The CJP also requested that the demands be accepted at the earliest. If not, the movement would only grow bigger and spread across the country, it warned.

"Further, we would appreciate the government's response to our five-point demand charter on examination reforms. The charter will prove critical in bringing about the larger structural reforms needed in the education system," the letter stated.

With the protests refusing to die down and the crowd continuing to swell at Jantar Mantar, the government has directed the airlifting of 10 more CRPF companies from Chhattisgarh to deploy in Delhi to bolster security measures.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has also restricted the leaves of its Delhi Metro security unit due to the protests. Internet and metro services also remained disrupted for most of the day.

This was the third official meeting between the CJP and the government. Nadda held two back-to-back meetings with Das and Ranka on July 20 at his residence. That was the day thousands of protesters responded to the call 'Sansad Chalo' and began marching towards Parliament only to be pushed back by police batons and teargas. Scores of people were injured.



Friday's meeting took place hours after activist Sonam Wangchuk ended his 26-day hunger strike late on Thursday night following government assurances on his key demands.

The CJP had earlier declined the government's invitation to hold talks at a minister's residence or office, insisting that discussions should take place at a neutral venue.

The Congress took potshots at the government over Modi's video message, saying when Parliament is in session, the prime minister should make a statement on the floor of the House and not deliver a "one-sided Mann Ki Baat". It also said the "desperate and hassled-looking" prime minister finally broke his silence on the paper leaks and claimed that his "lack of commitment to accountability is evident from his failure to even mention the student protests or the brutality unleashed on them".

The CJP later announced that it would launch a dedicated website to gather photographs and videos from protesters to identify police personnel allegedly involved in the July 20 crackdown, saying it would seek FIRs against the officers and move court.

Spokesperson Das alleged that police personnel assaulted students and molested women protesters during the police action. The Rapid Action Force (RAF) said it has initiated an inquiry into allegations of its personnel using disproportionate force and firing pellet guns during the student protests.

Telangana govt school students begin new academic year in old uniforms



Hyderabad: More than a month into the commencement of the academic year 2026-27, the government and local body students continue to attend classes in their old uniforms as cloth has not yet reached several districts, let alone the stitched uniform.

A document accessed by 'Telangana Today' reveals that 19 out of 33 districts are yet to receive the cloth material for taking up stitching, which otherwise was to be completed in the month of May.

The State government, as per the document, requires 1.13 crore metres of cloth to supply two pairs of uniforms to students. However, only 21.01 lakh metres, which is just 18.5 percent, have been supplied to 14 districts as of July 23. Districts — Jagtial, Kamareddy, Nizamabad, Mahabubnagar, Adilabad, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Karimnagar, Nirmal, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Peddapalli, Mahabubabad, Rajanna Sircilla, Mancheri, Medak, Sangareddy, Siddipet, Mulugu and Warangal — have not received either suiting, Punjabi and pad cloth. Some districts received about 40 to 50 percent of the total required cloth.

"There is a supply delay from manufacturers. But, as and when we receive it, we are immediately sending it to the mandal level and then to the school point," official sources said.

For the academic year 2026-27, the uniform colour has been changed from maroon, and red and ash to light blue

and navy-blue for the government and local body school students. Further, students of Classes VI and VII have been prescribed pants instead of half-pants, while the shirt remains the same.

However, the KGBVs, Urban Residential Schools and TREIS school students have been provided uniforms for the academic year 2026-27. According to sources, as the maroon, and red and ash uniform cloth was readily available, the stitching was taken up and uniforms have also been distributed to students.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju who on Friday held a video conference with district collectors instructed them to ensure that every student in the government and residential schools across the State receive two sets of uniforms within a month. He directed them to focus on timely uniforms stitching completion and to constitute district and mandal level monitoring committees to oversee the process.

The Chief Secretary recalled Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's instructions that there should be no compromise on quality of school uniforms and that feedback regarding the quality of uniforms, shoes, and other school kits should be obtained directly from students.

Rajgopal Reddy, Mandula Samuel trade barbs in fresh Congress row

A fresh rift has erupted in the Nalgonda Congress unit as Tungaturthy MLA Mandula Samuel and Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy traded allegations over development issues and political interference. Rajgopal accused Samuel of turning against him despite his support during elections, while Samuel dismissed the claims and warned against derogatory remarks.

Nalgonda: Just as the differences between supporters of Tungaturthy MLA Mandula Samuel and Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy appeared to have subsided, a fresh controversy has erupted in the Nalgonda Congress unit.

This time, the dispute is between Tungaturthy MLA Mandula Samuel and Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy. The two leaders traded charges over the lack of development in Tungaturthy and Nakrekal constituencies and allegations of interference in other Assembly segments.

The controversy began after Rajgopal Reddy attended a meeting with people affected by land acquisition for the Regional Ring Road at the Yadadri Bhongir District Collector's office.

Later, speaking to the media, Rajgopal Reddy said he had personally persuaded the Congress high command to allot the party ticket to Mandula Samuel during the Assembly elections.

"He repeatedly approached me for support. I campaigned extensively in Tungaturthy and Nakrekal constituencies and worked for his victory.



After winning the election, Mandula Samuel has started speaking against me," Rajgopal Reddy alleged.

He said loyal Congress leaders had been facing difficulties because of turncoat leaders and MLAs and added that the issue had already been brought to the notice of the party's State leadership.

Rajgopal Reddy apologised to Congress workers who had campaigned for Mandula Samuel at his request. "I realized that the party had given the ticket to the wrong person. I urge party workers to remain patient and not react emotionally to Samuel's remarks" he said.

Responding strongly, Mandula Samuel said Nalgonda was not Rajgopal Reddy's fiefdom.

The Tungaturthy MLA said he had won the election with a majority of 50,000 votes and had never pleaded for Rajgopal Reddy's support. He advised the Munugode MLA to focus on the development of his own constituency.

Referring to Rajgopal Reddy's criticism that Tungaturthy and Nakrekal were lagging in development, Samuel said he too had received reports indicating that the situation in Munugode was no better.

He warned Rajgopal Reddy against making derogatory remarks about him, the people of Tungaturthy and the downtrodden, and said he would respond strongly if such comments continued.

Minister Jupally Reviews SIR Process, Calls for Timely Submission of Enumeration Forms

(Nagarkurnool) : State Minister for Tourism and Culture Jupally Krishna Rao on Friday reviewed the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Kollapur and urged all eligible voters to submit their enumeration forms before the deadline to protect their voting rights.

The Minister visited the SIR help desk set up at the ward office, where he interacted with voters, party leaders and officials. He reviewed the distribution, collection and registration of enumeration forms and instructed officials to ensure the process is completed efficiently and without errors.

Jupally directed Booth Level Agents and Booth Level Officers to work proactively and in coordination so that no eligible voter's name is omitted from the electoral rolls. He stressed the need for a transparent and er-



ror-free voter list revision process and said the role of BLAs is vital in ensuring the inclusion of all eligible local voters.

During the review meeting, the Minister assessed the progress of form distribution and collection and instructed officials to speed up the digitisation of submitted forms while maintaining accuracy. He also asked data entry operators to exercise utmost caution to avoid mistakes during the digitisation process.

The Minister instructed BLOs to assist voters in filling up enumeration forms

and to digitise the submitted forms without delay. He also directed them to contact voters who were unavailable at their residences over the phone, collect the necessary information and deliver the forms. If voters remain unreachable, BLOs were asked to immediately inform their supervisors so that appropriate follow-up action can be taken.

Jupally said the successful completion of the SIR exercise requires the active participation of officials, BLAs, BLOs and political parties, ensuring that every eligible voter is included in the electoral rolls.

Police Inspections and Public Awareness Drive in Pilligundla and Podduturu Villages

Shankarpalli Correspondent: As part of the drive against narcotic substances, SI Padma, along with the Eagle Team, conducted extensive inspections in Pilligundla and Podduturu villages of Shankarpalli Mandal on Friday. Grocery stores and pan shops were checked to prevent the sale of banned narcotic products, and shopkeepers were advised to remain vigilant.

Later, an awareness program was organized at the Pilligundla village junction for the public, youth, and students. SI Padma explained the harmful effects of drug abuse and urged citizens to report any suspicious drug-related activities to the police immediately.



The program also focused on chain snatching prevention, child safety, cybercrime awareness, and road safety. People were advised not to share OTPs, bank details, or personal information with strangers. Motorists were urged to wear helmets, avoid drunk driving, and strictly follow traffic rules. Citizens were encouraged to co-operate with the police in maintaining peace, safety, and a drug-free society

Every drop of water is precious: Municipal Chairman Yunus

Zaheerabad July: A special awareness program on water conservation organized on Friday in the 25th ward of Drivers Colony under the jurisdiction of Zaheerabad Municipality. Municipal Chairman Mohammad Yunus and Commissioner Prabhakar participated in this program and explained the importance of water to the people.



They said that water is the basis of life. Without water, human survival is impossible. It is the social responsibility of every citizen to protect the precious resources that nature has given us, such as water, from being wasted. every drop of water that we save will be the basis of life for future generations. People should be careful not to use water more than necessary and if there are leaks through water pipes and taps at home, they should get them repaired immediately. They asked everyone to implement rainwater harvesting methods in every home and cooperate in the conservation of groundwater. preventing water wastage, drinking water problems can be reduced to a great extent in the future. They advised every family to be careful in water consumption and to make children aware of the value of water. Municipal DE Mahesh, AE Khaja, Manager Kompally Srinivas, Ravi, Basanth Reddy, Councilor MD Zakir and others participated in the program.

DAV Public School Inaugurated at BTPS; Deputy CM Bhatti Visits Thermal Power Station



Manuguru July 24: A newly constructed DAV Public School was inaugurated at the Bhadradi Thermal Power Station (BTPS) premises in Manuguru, Bhadradi Kothagudem district, by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday. The event was attended by Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu, Bhadrachalam MLA Dr. Tellam Venkata Rao, and Wyra MLA Ramdas Naik.

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the school, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka said the State Government is committed to strengthening modern educational institutions alongside the public education system. He stated that providing quality education to future generations remains a top priority and emphasized that education is the foundation for the overall development of society.

The Deputy CM and other public representatives later inspected the school campus, including classrooms, laboratories, library, and sports facilities. They interacted with students, enquired about their academic progress and future aspirations, and encouraged them to pursue higher goals with dedication.

Following the school inauguration, Deputy CM

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, along with MLAs Payam Venkateswarlu, Dr. Tellam Venkata Rao, and Ramdas Naik, visited the Bhadradi Thermal Power Station. They toured various sections of the plant and reviewed power generation operations, plant management, and safety standards with officials.

The Deputy CM noted that BTPS plays a crucial role in meeting Telangana's growing power require-



ments and directed officials to enhance the plant's efficiency and ensure uninterrupted, high-quality power generation.

The programme was attended by public representatives,

senior BTPS officials, DAV Public School management, teachers, students, parents, local leaders, government officials, and a large number of people.



BRS MLAs meet Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in Delhi -Requests on key road projects for the development of Zaheerabad area

Zaheerabad July: Under the leadership of BRS parliamentary leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra, MLAs Manikrao, Chinta Prabhakar and former DCMS Chairman Shivakumar submitted petitions to the Union Minister on Friday. They requested that the Zaheerabad-Bidar highway be declared a national highway and widened into four lines. In view of the increasing industrial and vehicular traffic, they requested that the Zaheerabad-Sanga Reddy (NH-65) be converted into six lanes. The proposed flyover/underpass at Digwal in Kohir mandal should



be extended to 30 meters and service roads should be constructed. BRS leaders have urged Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari to grant

permissions for key road projects that will boost the comprehensive development of Zaheerabad constituency. They explained to the minister that more than 2,000 vehicles are plying on

this road every day in the backdrop of the development of NIMS, Zaheerabad Industrial Smart City and other logistics in Nyalkal mandal. They said that people of Zaheerabad, Kohir,

Nyalkal, Jharasangam and Mogudampalli areas have to go to super specialty hospitals in Bidar for better treatment through this road. They explained that people are facing difficulties due to the existing two-lane road traffic and if the road is widened to four lanes, emergency medical services will be expedited, transportation costs will be reduced and the social and economic development of the border areas of the two states will be accelerated. MLA Manikrao and former DCMS chairman Shivakumar said that the minister responded positively.

Complete School Uniform Production Without Delay:

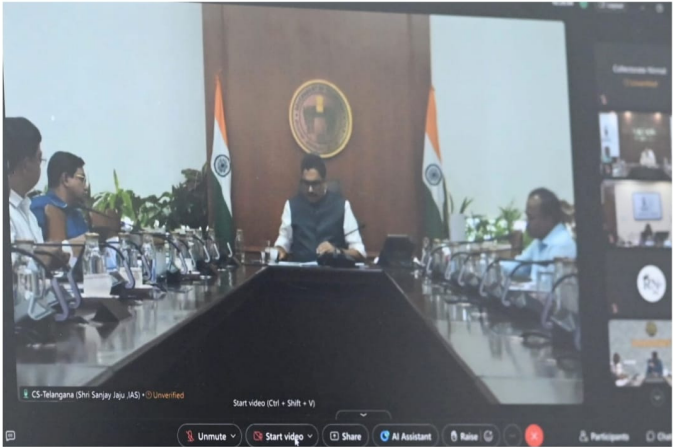
Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Accelerate Measures for Groundwater Conservation: State Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju

State Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed officials to complete the stitching and production of school uniforms for government school students without delay.

On Friday evening, the Chief Secretary held a video conference from Hyderabad with all District Collectors to review the progress of school uniform production, weather conditions, crop cultivation, and other related issues.

During the meeting, he reviewed district-wise progress on the preparation of school uniforms and instructed officials to distribute the uniforms to students immediately after production is completed.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the recent rainfall and prevailing weather conditions. He directed officials to expedite works under the Jalasiri programme for groundwater conservation and sought details of the progress made so far. He emphasized



creating greater awareness among farmers and ensuring that they do not face any difficulties. He also instructed officials to organize Seed Melas in every mandal on July 27, 28, and 29.

From the District Collectorate conference hall, Additional Collector (Local Bodies) B. Venkateshwarlu participated in the video conference.

After the VC, the Additional Collector instructed officials to intensify public awareness on groundwater conservation and take steps for the large-scale construction of farm ponds. He also directed officials to expedite the completion of school uniform production.

The video conference was attended by DRDO Vijayalakshmi, DEO Bhojanna, DMHO Rajender, Agriculture Officer Anji Prasad, Horticulture Officer Ramana, CPO Gangareddy, RWS and Irrigation Executive Engineers Sandeep and Anil, along with other officials and staff.

Ramchander Rao accuses Oppn. of misleading students



Hyderabad: Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday accused the Congress, BRS, AAP and the Left parties of misleading students over the NEET paper leak issue and indulging in “politics of protest” for selfish gains.

Addressing party workers in Rangareddy district, Rao alleged that the Opposition was backing “anti-national forces” and attempting to provoke students. He termed the protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi a “drama” and said the Congress and BRS had no moral right to speak on student issues. He said the BRS had once abolished Dharna Chowk and was now using the same venue to hold its protest.

Rao alleged that the BRS government had “played with the lives of students” during its tenure and cited the Group-I paper

leak row and the chaos surrounding intermediate results. He also alleged that the Congress and the BRS held similar positions on key political issues.

Targeting the Congress government, Rao said the change from Dharani to Bhu Bharathi was only in name and that corruption and irregularities continued. He accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of jeopardising the future of more than 20 lakh students from the SC, ST, BC and EBC communities by failing to clear fee reimbursement arrears.

In a social media post, Rao urged the state government to strictly implement the Anti-Cow Slaughter Act. After visiting Sri Hanuman Goshala in Bairamalguda, he said the cow occupies a sacred place in Sanatana Dharma and called for wider public participation in preventing cow slaughter.

Bandi Sanjay Hits Out at Opposition Over NEET Row



Hyderabad: Union minister of state for home Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the Congress, BRS and I.N.D.I.A. bloc parties, accusing them of exploiting the NEET controversy to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi and push their own political agenda.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office, Sanjay asked what connection NEET had with Azad Kashmir, Article 370, Sanatana Dharma, Lord Rama, Goddess Sita, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal or Sri Lanka. He said no genuine student aspiring to become a doctor would throw stones, carry sticks or raise anti-national slogans during protests. He alleged that 118 policemen were seriously injured in the Delhi agitation and that journalists, including women reporters, were attacked. “What kind of protest is this? Why were slogans raised against the country?” he asked, adding that police were forced to lathicharge only because of the violence.

Sanjay claimed the INDIA bloc was not interested in resolving the NEET issue, but in dethroning Modi and project-

ing Rahul Gandhi as the next prime minister. He said the demand for the resignation of the Prime Minister, Home Minister and Education Minister was part of a larger political script.

The BJP leader also hit back at critics over past exam leak controversies, citing multiple instances under previous governments, including the UPA era, Rajasthan under Ashok Gehlot, Punjab, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Kerala. He said BRS leaders had no moral right to speak on paper leaks, pointing to alleged irregularities during their rule, including Group-I paper leaks and the intermediate results controversy that led to student suicides.

Turning the attack on the Congress government, he said it had failed to act on fee reimbursement dues and accused it of hurting the future of more than 20 lakh students. Sanjay also said the Centre had already taken reforms to curb exam leaks and would continue to do so in the interest of students, adding that they were ready to discuss the NEET exam issue on the floor of Parliament.

Pradhan Stays, Officials Go: Edu Ministry Sees Major Reshuffle

The recent controversies surrounding the education ministry, including paper leaks and the CBSE digital evaluation glitches, have triggered a series of shunting of top officials, even as the opposition continues to demand the resignation of the minister in charge, Dharmendra Pradhan.

As student protests against the NEET-UG paper leak flared up, the Centre removed top bureaucrat Vineet Joshi as the higher education secretary late on Thursday night.

Joshi, known to be a multi-tasker and someone close to the government, has held some of the most influential positions in India’s education system, including as chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), first director-general of the National Testing Agency (NTA), and acting chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

He was also holding the charge of school education secretary after Sanjay Kumar retired from the post on June 30.

Joshi’s tenure at the NTA saw the rollout of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for undergraduate admissions, even as he faced the backlash the government received over glitches in the crucial examination.

He was then appointed chief secretary in Manipur in 2023, when ethnic violence erupted in the north-eastern state.

After his shunting as the higher education secretary, Joshi has been appointed secretary in the Panchayati Raj ministry. While Naresh Kumar Gangwar has been appointed as the higher educa-



tion secretary, T K Anil Kumar has been brought in as the school education secretary. Gangwar was posted as secretary in the animal husbandry ministry, where he made news for different reasons.

According to media reports, three family members of Gangwar, a 1994-batch Rajasthan-cadre IAS officer, received more than Rs 1.16 crore in subsidies across five years under the National Horticulture Board scheme.

Gangwar had earlier served as the additional secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, where he handled pollution control and hazardous substances.

T K Anil Kumar was earlier the additional secretary in the rural development ministry.

The education ministry, which has been at the centre of controversy for the past two months, first for errors in CBSE’s introduction of on-screen marking (OSM) for Class 12, and then the NEET paper leak law, has seen more officials being removed in recent times.

Divi's, Aurobindo Fund Hare Krishna Kitchens

Hyderabad: The Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation received major Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) grants from Divi’s Laboratories and Aurobindo Pharma for expanding school breakfast kitchens in Telangana. The grants were presented in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Divi’s Laboratories has committed Rs. 12.18 crores to set up a new greenfield centralised kitchen at Choutuppal. The facility will prepare breakfast for around 60,000 schoolchildren across Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri and Nalgonda districts.

Aurobindo Pharma has sanctioned Rs. 10 crores to



establish a new kitchen in Sangareddy, and modernise the foundation’s existing facility at Kodangal. The project will support breakfast for about 85,000 children in Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Narayanpet and Mahabubnagar districts.

The Foundation said the new infrastructure will strengthen its school breakfast programme, improve meal delivery capacity and help provide nutritious morning meals to more government school students across Telangana.

Bhatti Blames Previous BRS Regime for Failing To Secure Coal Blocks for PSUs

NALGONDA: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday alleged that the previous BRS government failed to secure dedicated coal blocks for thermal power projects, such as Bhadradi and Yadadri, affecting the long-term interests of the power sector.

Reviewing the functioning of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and Telangana Power Generation Corporation Limited (TGPCL) with senior officials at the SCCL headquarters in Kothagudem, Bhatti accused the previous government of lacking long-term vision and strategic planning for Singareni. He claimed the failure of BRS government to participate effectively in coal block auctions deprived SCCL of new coal resources and denied dedicated coal blocks to Bhadradi and Yadadri thermal power projects.

The Deputy CM pointed out that Singareni had once enjoyed a dominant position in coal production. But the centre’s policy of auctioning coal blocks including the private sector has intensified competition in the sector. He advised SCCL to remain competitive by improving efficiency, reducing operational costs, and ensuring supply of quality coal. He directed officials to ensure that Singareni coal is free of contaminants like mud and stones. The quality of coal must be strengthened by operating coal washeries efficiently and scientifically blending different grades before dispatch.

Describing Singareni as the



lifeline of thousands of workers’ families, Bhatti said the company needs to be profitable for safeguarding employees’ future. He said the Congress government has resolved issues relating to land acquisition and forest clearances for the Naini Block in Odisha and the Tadicherla-II project. He said the government would extend full support to strengthen SCCL.

The Deputy Chief Minister asked Singareni to diversify into mining critical minerals such as lithium and cobalt, which are used in semiconductors, microchips, electric vehicle batteries, and other advanced technologies. He suggested that SCCL participate in auctions for critical mineral blocks in countries such as Australia and South Africa.

Observing that the energy sector would undergo significant changes over the next 15–20 years with the growth of solar power, pumped storage, wind energy, hydrogen, and battery energy storage systems, Bhatti forecast that dependence on coal-based thermal power will gradually decline. He advised

SCCL to prepare for the transition by expanding beyond coal mining into emerging sectors.

Highlighting the company’s experienced workforce, the Deputy CM said Singareni must leverage its technical expertise to undertake mining projects of international standards. He directed officials to ensure that future board meetings focus on long-term expansion strategies. He suggested that the company prepare a comprehensive 10-year roadmap, instead of dealing with routine administrative matters alone.

Those who participated in the meeting included special chief secretary (Energy) Naveen Mittal, district collector Anudeep Durishetty, Wyra MLA Maloth Ramdas Naik, SCCL chairman and managing director Jyothi Buddha Prakash, TSGenco chairman and managing director S. Harish, and SCCL director (Personnel, Administration and Welfare) Gautam Potru.

CMC Standing Committee Approves Major Infra, Civic Development Projects

Hyderabad: The 6th meeting of the standing committee of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) was held under the Chairmanship of Special Chief Secretary, MA&UD Department Jayesh Ranjan in the presence of the CMC Commissioner, G Srijana, Zonal Commissioners and Heads of Departments and made key approvals.

The approval include road, drainage and road development plan (RDP) works, development of PJR Stadium and an athletic track, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 initiatives, including mechanised road sweeping vehicles, compost units, transfer facilities and aspirational toilets, Indiramma canteens at 32 locations, capacity building and strengthening of sanitation services, including PPE for frontline personnel and

knowledge centre and digital infrastructure at the CMC headquarters.

The approved proposals aim to strengthen urban infrastructure, sanitation, environmental sustainability and public services across Cyberabad.



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-ex-

amination 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.

Build Indiramma Flats On Unused Govt Land In City, Says Revanth

Reviewing the implementation of the Indiramma urban housing scheme on Friday, the Chief Minister decided that land belonging to the police, revenue and transport departments be used for the scheme and they would be compensated with land in other locations.

Officials briefed the Chief Minister on housing sites identified in several Assembly constituencies. Revanth Reddy said constructing houses far from residential areas and workplaces could deprive beneficiaries of employment and livelihood opportunities, making it difficult for them to shift to the new colonies. He observed that this was one of the reasons why several 2BHK houses constructed during the previous BRS government tenure remained unoccupied.

The state government has announced plans to construct Indiramma houses in several con-



stituencies within the CURE area. Each flat will have a built-up area of approximately 528 square feet and a carpet area of 400 square feet. While the estimated construction cost of each flat is around `11 lakh, the government will provide a subsidy of `5 lakh, with the beneficiary required to bear the remaining `6 lakh. The government will bear the entire cost of the land.

In the first phase, plans are being finalised to construct and hand over 7,680 flats across 17 Assembly constituencies -- Rajendranagar, Maheshwaram, Serilingampally, Ibrahimpatnam, Malkajgiri, Nampally, Khairatabad, Jubilee Hills, Karwan, Bahadurpura, Amberpet, Kukatpally, Medchal, Quthbullapur, Sanathnagar, Secunderabad Cantonment and Malakpet.

Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Ponnam Prabhakar, R&B special chief secretary Vikas Raj, DGP C.V. Anand, CM's principal secretaries N. Sridhar and V. Seshadri, revenue secretary Lokesh Kumar, HMDA commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmad, housing secretary V.P. Gautham, Hyderabad district collector Priyanka Ala and other senior officials attended the review meeting.

Recordent establishes dedicated credit registry for Section 8 MFIs

Hyderabad, 24th July 2026: Recordent, a leading credit risk and collections platform, has rolled out a dedicated credit registry for Section 8 Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) to improve credit visibility and strengthen risk assessment.

The MFI Credit Registry will enable participating institutions to share and access borrower loan data through a common platform, helping lenders improve underwriting, monitor borrower indebtedness and make more informed credit decisions.

The initiative comes amid efforts to strengthen credit information sharing and risk assessment across the microfinance ecosystem.

According to the Microfinance Insights Report (February 2026) by Equifax—a leading global data and credit analytics company—the sector's portfolio outstanding stood at Rs 3.2

lakh crore across 10.5 crore active loans.

Designed exclusively for the Not-for-Profit MFIs, the registry functions as a shared credit information infrastructure, allowing participating institutions to upload and access borrower data while combining it with bureau insights through a unified credit report.

The platform will address a key challenge around credit visibility for Section 8 MFIs by enabling lenders to gain a comprehensive view of borrower exposure and repayment behaviour. It will provide a more accurate borrower profile by consolidating repayment histories across participating MFIs through shared access to credit history data.

The registry has been developed using the architecture of Recordent's existing B2B credit registry platform in discussion with Sa-Dhan, the RBI-appointed self-regulatory body for MFI's. It

is intended to support responsible lending and improved risk management across the sector.

The initiative is being introduced to members of Sa-Dhan. Given the significant presence of Section 8 MFIs within the Sa-Dhan network, the registry is expected to benefit from broad institutional participation and industry-wide collaboration.

The registry is expected to strengthen financial inclusion by ensuring fair and transparent lending, improve risk management for MFIs and allied institutions. Recordent believes that the initiative can help create a more sustainable lending ecosystem that benefits both borrowers and lenders.

Commenting on the announcement, Winny Patro, CEO & Co-Founder, Recordent, said: "The MFI Credit Registry is built in the interest of

the sector to empower NPO MFIs with better data, reduce lending risk, and enable responsible financial inclusion. Its success depends on collective participation. The more institutions contribute, the stronger and more effective the ecosystem becomes."

By fostering greater transparency and collaboration among participating institutions, the registry is expected to help reduce borrower over-indebtedness, improve portfolio quality, enable faster credit decisions and strengthen early-warning risk detection across the sector.

Recordent added that it is actively engaging with MFIs, industry bodies and ecosystem stakeholders to encourage participation in the registry and support the development of a more transparent, data-driven and responsible microfinance ecosystem in India.

Dialogue The Foundation of Harmony in a Pluralistic Society

Bureau Chief Warangal July 23: In today's world, people from different religions, cultures, languages, and social backgrounds live side by side. Such diversity is a strength, but it also brings challenges. Differences in beliefs, opinions, and lifestyles can sometimes create misunderstandings and tensions. In such situations, dialogue becomes one of the most important tools for maintaining peace and harmony. A pluralistic society can flourish only when people are willing to listen to one another, understand different viewpoints, and work together for the common good. Dialogue is not merely a conversation. It is a sincere effort to understand others and resolve disagreements through peaceful means. It allows people to express their concerns, share their experiences, and find solutions that are acceptable to all. When individuals and communities engage in dialogue, they build trust and reduce suspicion. On the other hand, when communication breaks down, misunderstandings grow, and conflicts become more likely. History has repeatedly shown that violence and force do not solve problems. They often deepen divisions and create long-term resentment. A disagreement addressed through aggression may silence people temporarily, but it rarely resolves the underlying issue. Dialogue, however, opens the door to lasting solutions. Calm discussion encourages respect and cooperation, helping people find common ground

despite their differences. It creates an environment where problems can be addressed rationally rather than emotionally. Unfortunately, meaningful dialogue appears to be weakening in many societies today. Ego, intolerance, and narrow thinking often prevent constructive discussions. Public debates are increasingly dominated by emotional rhetoric rather than thoughtful engagement. Social media has further intensified polarization, encouraging people to react quickly instead of listening carefully. In many cases, leaders and public figures focus more on delivering speeches than on engaging in genuine conversations that can produce practical solutions. A healthy society requires leaders who prioritize dialogue over confrontation. Responsible leadership involves bringing people together, addressing real concerns, and creating opportunities for constructive engagement. Leaders should encourage citizens to discuss issues respectfully, even when opinions differ. Political and social disagreements are natural in any democracy, but they must be handled through dialogue and mutual respect rather than hostility and provocation. Islam strongly supports the principle of dialogue and peaceful communication. The Holy Qur'an encourages believers to engage with others in a wise and respectful manner. Allah says: "Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best" (Qur'an

16:125). This verse highlights the importance of patience, wisdom, and courtesy in discussions. Islam does not promote hatred or hostility toward those who hold different views. Instead, it encourages meaningful engagement based on respect and understanding. Another important Qur'anic teaching emphasises the unity of humanity. Allah says: "O mankind, We created you from a male and a female and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another" (Qur'an 49:13). This verse reminds us that diversity is part of God's plan. Differences among people are not meant to create conflict but to encourage mutual understanding and cooperation. The true measure of a person is not their race, language, or background, but their character and righteousness. The life of Prophet Muhammad provides many examples of dialogue in practice. Throughout his mission, he engaged with people from different tribes, religions, and social groups. The Constitution of Madinah, established by the Prophet after his migration to Madinah, is a remarkable example of peaceful coexistence. It created a framework in which Muslims, Jews, and other communities could live together with mutual rights and responsibilities. Patience when dealing with criticism and opposition. Rather than responding with anger, he often chose discussion, persuasion, and reconciliation. His approach teaches that dialogue

is not a sign of weakness; rather, it is a sign of wisdom and strength. Lasting peace is achieved not by defeating others but by winning hearts and building understanding. India offers a unique example of a pluralistic society. Its rich diversity of religions, cultures, and traditions has been one of its greatest strengths. Preserving this diversity requires continuous efforts to promote tolerance, fairness, and mutual respect. Every citizen has a responsibility to contribute to social harmony by rejecting hatred and embracing peaceful communication. Educational institutions, religious leaders, civil society organizations, and policymakers all have important roles to play in encouraging dialogue and understanding. A society can survive and prosper only when its members share common values and work together for the welfare of all. Dialogue helps create these shared values by bringing people together and encouraging cooperation. It reduces prejudice, promotes justice, and strengthens social bonds. Most importantly, it reminds us of our common humanity. In an age marked by division and polarization, the need for dialogue is greater than ever. Whether at the local, national, or global level, peaceful communication remains the most effective path to resolving differences and building trust. By embracing dialogue and rejecting violence, societies can create an environment where diversity is respected, justice is upheld, and peace becomes a shared reality for everyone.

Yukti Thareja’s Timeless Traditional Look

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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 Indhumulaparthi. She also shared that she styled herself, while the photographs were captured by They Call Me Keshu.

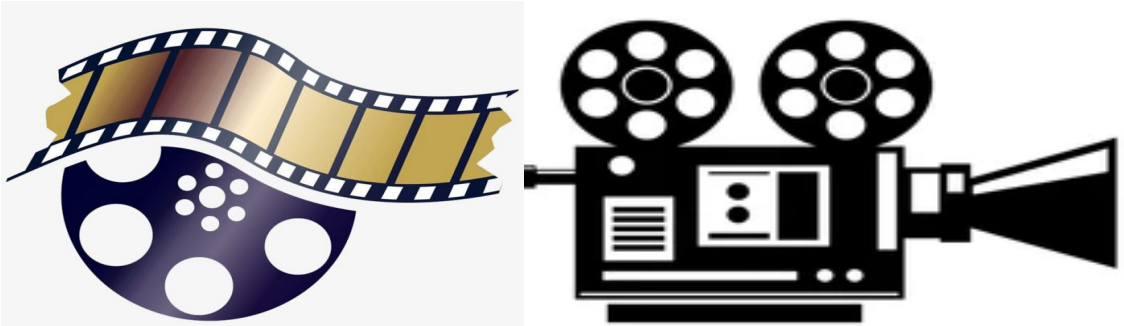
Sravanthi Chokarapu is one of the well-known faces on Telugu television today. Although she entered the entertainment industry with the dream of becoming an actress, her journey was not easy. She first acted in small roles in films before taking a break from acting after her marriage. Later, due to financial 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.



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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.