





Dy CM Calls for Spread of Awareness Among Farmers on Super El Niño Impact on Crops



Vijayawada: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has called for the spread of more awareness among farmers on the adverse impact of Super El Niño like a resultant water crisis for raising crops in the state.

Water Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu called on the deputy CM at his camp office in Mangalagiri on Thursday to enquire about his health and discussed the impact of Super El Niño.

In response, Kalyan called for educating the farmers on the crop insurance scheme under Pradhan Mantri Phasal Bima Yojana and felt the need to organise direct meetings with the farm-

ers to inform them about the prevailing climatic conditions, their impact and how the government was planning assistance.

Underlining the importance of every drop of water in the crisis period, the deputy CM wanted desiltation of canals and repair works to their bunds to stop wastage of water.

Moreover, the Deputy CM asked the minister to extend all requisite support to the farmers in Pithapuram assembly constituency in Kakinada district. Later, the minister wished Kalyan speedy recovery to resume an active role in public service.

Andhra Pradesh working to translocate female tigers to Eastern Ghats: Pawan Kalyan



Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Wednesday said that the state government is working with Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh for the translocation of female tigers to strengthen the tiger population in the Eastern Ghats.

“As part of our long-term vision to strengthen tiger populations in the Eastern Ghats, we are actively working with the Governments of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh for the translocation of female tigers to enhance genetic diversity and ensure a healthy, sustainable tiger population in Andhra Pradesh,” Pawan Kalyan, who is also the Forest and Environment Minister, said in a message on the occasion of International Tiger Day.

“The tiger is India’s National Animal, the guardian of our forests, and the symbol of a healthy ecosystem. Protecting the tiger means protecting our forests, rivers, biodiversity, and the ecological balance that sustains life. On International Tiger Day, I reaffirm Andhra Pradesh’s unwavering commitment to wildlife conservation,” he said.

“Our pride, the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve, India’s largest Tiger Reserve, has recorded a promising 68 tigers and 11 cubs in the ongoing All India Tiger Estimation 2026, reflecting the positive impact of sustained conservation efforts,” he added.

Pawan Kalyan noted that from strengthening anti-poaching infrastructure and expanding protection camps from 89 to 150, to deploying advanced technologies such as drones, camera traps, M-STRIPES, and flagship initiative HANUMAN, Andhra Pradesh is embracing science-led conservation while empowering local communities, especially Chenchus, as equal partners in protecting forests.

“Let us join hands to ensure that the roar of the tiger continues to echo across the forests of Nallamala, inspiring us all to protect nature and preserve the priceless biodiversity of our Nation,” he added.

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Meanwhile, on the occasion of International Tiger Day, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy called upon everyone to embrace tiger conservation as a social responsibility to ensure a rich natural heritage for future generations.

“The tiger is not just a symbol of the forest; it is the king that safeguards the balance of nature. If tigers are safe, forests are safe, and thereby biodiversity, water resources, and the environment are also protected,” he stated.

The Chief Minister emphasised that it is of utmost importance for everyone to fulfil their share of responsibility in protecting tiger habitats, curbing forest destruction, preventing illegal hunting of wildlife, and conserving the environment

Naidu Slams Jagan, Says Politics Should Strengthen Institutions, Not Weaken Them



Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, asserting that “people enter politics to build institutions and strengthen governance, while some leaders are seeking to weaken the democratic systems.

Naidu made the remarks during a meeting with Telugu Desam leaders at the secretariat to discuss recent political developments. Leaders informed the CM that Jagan Reddy planned a visit to Srikakulam district jail on Thursday to meet former minister and

YSRC leader Sidiri Appala Raju.

Reacting to this, Naidu said those committed to institution-building respected the rule of law and functioned within the legal framework. He alleged that YSRC leaders have little regard for the law and questioned what message was being conveyed to society by the former CM extending support to individuals facing serious allegations.

The chief minister said his government had installed around 15,000 CCTV cameras across Andhra Pradesh between 2014 and 2019 to strengthen crime pre-

vention and improve policing. However, he alleged that the surveillance network deteriorated during the 2019-24 YSRC term due to poor maintenance. After the present government assumed office, all the cameras were restored, enabling police to identify and apprehend offenders with strong evidence, he said.

Naidu also referred to the death of Pastor Praveen in a road accident, alleging that YSRC leaders had attempted to portray it as a murder to malign the government. He claimed that the opposition retreated after CCTV footage and other evidence established the facts of the case.

He alleged that individuals with criminal tendencies often attempted to shift the blame onto others and accused Jagan Reddy of associating with anti-social elements and visiting those facing criminal charges.

Take Welfare Schemes Door-to-Door, Lokesh Tells Cadre



Kurnool: Education Minister Nara Lokesh on Thursday called upon Telugu Desam functionaries to take the message of the government’s welfare schemes and development projects to every household, as a grassroots outreach was key to electoral success.

Addressing a meeting of party leaders and cadre in Adoni, Lokesh said it was the responsibility of party functionaries to also ensure that the details of the benefits and achievements of the alliance government reached the people at their doorstep.

“Work like soldiers and remain prepared

for the upcoming local body elections,” he exhorted them.

Emphasising unity, Lokesh advised TD cadre in Adoni to coordinate with the MLA, cautioning that internal differences would harm the party. “Any issue should be brought to the notice of the leadership for resolution instead of creating conflicts,” he said.

The minister alleged that the opposition continued to indulge in a smear campaign despite the gov-

ernment implementing several welfare and development programmes. He directed MLAs and party leaders to effectively counter such criticism.

“If we fail to respond, it will create a perception that we are at fault,” he observed.

Lokesh stressed the need to explain welfare schemes and development initiatives to the public so that the people are aware of the good work being carried out by the government. He also asked party workers to remain alert on social media and strongly rebut criticism against the party and the government.

After the meeting, Lokesh left for Hosur in Pattikonda constituency to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony of a renewable energy plant to be set up by the Tata Group.

Bhuvaneswari Asks Politicians Not To Drag Women Into Their Political Battles



Tirupati: Nara Bhuvaneswari, wife of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, underlined that women should never be made targets in political battles, asking leaders not to drag women into controversies to settle scores.

Addressing devotees after offering prayers to Goddess Draupadi at the Dharmarajulu Swamy Temple in Yamaganapalli during her visit to Kuppam on Wednesday, Bhuvaneswari said her speech is not part of any political campaign, but a message on the importance of respecting women.

Drawing a parallel with the Mahabharata, she said Draupadi had been humiliated in the royal court to insult her family. She maintained that such attempts to target women for settling scores have no place in public life.

Referring to the remarks made against her during the previous YSRC government's tenure, Bhuvaneswari alleged that her character had been questioned in the assembly only to attack her husband Chandrababu Naidu politi-

cally.

She asserted that she has nothing to prove about her character. Her husband and the people of Andhra Pradesh know who she is. No one has the right to make personal remarks about her or any woman.

"If you have the courage, stand up and speak man to man. But do not drag a woman into it. I know who I am, and my husband knows who I am. People of the state also know me. I do not need to prove myself to anyone," Bhuvaneswari

declared.

Thanking the people of the state for standing by her family during its difficult times, she said people supported Chandrababu Naidu, just as Lord Krishna had come to Draupadi's rescue. Bhuvaneswari recalled Naidu's detention in the alleged ₹26-crore case and the Alipiri Naxalite bomb attack, saying her family had faced many hardships and would always remain grateful to the people for their support.

Centre Urged to Back Machilipatnam Tourism, Sports and Road projects



Vijayawada: Mines Minister Kollu Ravindra on Wednesday met three Union ministers in New Delhi, seeking central assistance for infrastructure, tourism and sports projects aimed at transforming Machilipatnam into a major coastal, industrial and recreational hub.

During his meeting with tourism and culture minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the minister sought central funding of Rs 120.04 crore under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme for the comprehensive development of Manginapudi beach. He said the project would help restore the historical and cultural legacy

of Machilipatnam, one of the country's oldest port towns with a rich maritime heritage dating back to the Satavahana era.

Ravindra said the state government had identified 153.05 acres of government-owned beachfront land for the project and prepared a CRZ-compliant master plan. The proposed development includes an iconic landmark, public plaza, sailing club, sports and adventure facilities, beachfront crafts bazaar, shopping village, water amusement park, tourist terminal, creek restoration for backwater tourism, internal roads and supporting infrastructure.

The project is expected to attract nearly ₹643 crore in private investments through the PPP mode.

Future components include a five-star resort with a MICE convention centre, eco and wellness resorts, business resorts, caravan parks, glamping facilities, an aquatic museum, underwater aquarium, floating restaurants, houseboats and adventure sports.

Ravindra said the project would generate large-scale employment and establish Machilipatnam as a premier national beach destination, supported by a destination management organisation headed by the district collector.



MLA Payam Assures Support for Development of Government Degree College

New FAC Principal Prof. Yernam Chinnappaiah Pays Courtesy Visit

Manuguru, July 30: The newly appointed FAC Principal of Government Degree College, Manuguru, Prof. Yernam Chinnappaiah, paid a courtesy visit to Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu at his camp office in Manuguru on Thursday. During the meeting, the Principal felicitated the MLA with a shawl and presented him with a bouquet.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Chinnappaiah highlighted the key issues faced by the college. He informed the MLA that students are facing difficulties due to the absence of a library and requested the establishment of a



well-equipped library to help them prepare for degree courses and competitive examinations. He also appealed for the college premises to be levelled with gravel to improve accessibility and convenience for students, especially during the rainy season. Responding positively, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu assured the Principal that he would visit the Government Degree College soon, inspect the existing facilities, and take necessary steps to address the issues and support the institution's development.

MLA Payam Venkateswarlu Guides Newly Appointed AE Padma Rao

Focus on Delivering Quality Power Supply; No Compromise in Resolving Public Grievances

Manuguru, July 30: Newly appointed Assistant Engineer (AE) of the Electricity Department, Padma Rao, paid a courtesy visit to Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu at the MLA Camp Office in Manuguru on Thursday.

On the occasion, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu congratulated the newly appointed AE and advised him to work with dedication to ensure uninterrupted and quality electricity services to the people of Manuguru Mandal. He



stressed the importance of taking preventive measures to avoid power-related issues in rural areas and in-

structed officials to respond promptly to public complaints and resolve them without delay.

The MLA further emphasized that officials should work in coordination to ensure an uninterrupted

power supply and provide efficient services to the public.

Responding to the MLA's guidance, AE Padma Rao assured that he would make every effort to improve electricity services in the mandal and work in accordance with the instructions given by the MLA.

Electricity Department Sub-Engineer Lawrence also participated in the meeting. With the new AE assuming charge, local residents expressed hope that electricity services in the mandal would improve further.

Nirmal SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS Conducts Surprise Inspection at Khanapur Police Station

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Nirmal District Superintendent of Police Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, conducted a surprise inspection of the Khanapur Police Station today.

During the inspection, the SP thoroughly examined station records, the progress of ongoing investigations, pending cases, station administration, the malkhana (property room), armoury, CCTV camera functioning, and overall cleanliness of the police station premises.

Later, while reviewing the station's performance with police officers, the SP instructed them to promptly register every complaint and take appropriate legal action. She directed officers to expedite investigations to ensure timely justice for victims. She also emphasized the importance



of treating the public with courtesy and professionalism to strengthen public trust in the police.

The SP further instructed officials to organize awareness programmes on cybercrime, intensify efforts to eradicate drug abuse, improve traffic management, maintain law and order, and strengthen night patrolling. She also stressed the need to reinforce the beat policing system and enhance coordination with people at the village level.

In view of the ongoing heavy rains, Dr. Janaki Sharmila directed police personnel to alert the public about the dangers near streams, rivulets, tanks, and low-lying areas, and to discourage people from entering hazardous locations. She instructed all police staff to remain fully prepared to respond immediately to any emergency situation.

The inspection was attended by Nirmal DSP Srinivas, Khanapur CI Satyanarayana, SI Rahul, and other police officers and staff.

Floodwaters Surge into Kadem Project

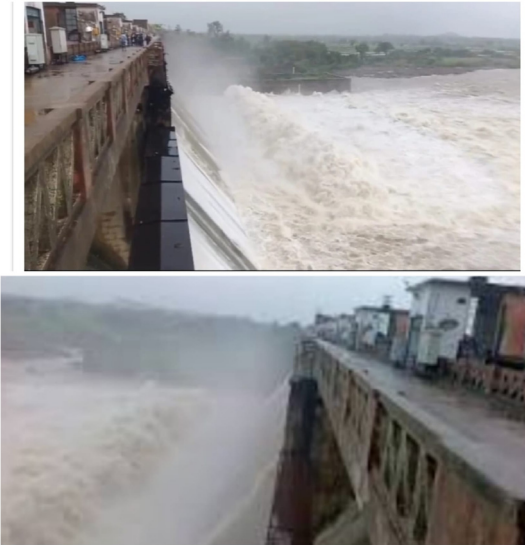
Nirmal District Staff Reporter : 12 Gates Lifted to Release Massive Water into the Godavari River; Officials Urge Residents in Low-Lying Areas to Stay Alert

Nirmal District: The Kadem Project has been receiving heavy flood inflows from the upstream regions following continuous rainfall. As the reservoir's water level rose rapidly, authorities lifted 12 gates to release excess floodwater into the Godavari River.

Officials said the water release was undertaken as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of the project. With the discharge expected to significantly increase the flow of the Godavari River, people living in low-lying and riverbank areas have been advised to remain vigilant.

Authorities have urged fishermen, people taking baths in the river, residents living along the riverbanks, and commuters crossing bridges to exercise extreme caution and avoid unnecessary movement near the river.

Officials further stated that the flood situation is being closely monitored and all necessary measures are being taken to ensure public safety.



Nirmal District Staff Reporter : State Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed officials to remain on high alert in view of the heavy rainfall being experienced across several districts of Telangana.

The Chief Secretary, along with Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand and other senior officials, held a video conference with district collectors to review the prevailing rain and flood situation. During the meeting, he said that several districts are receiving heavy to extremely heavy rainfall and instructed officials to take all necessary measures to ensure that the public does not face any hardship due to floods.

He directed all officials to remain available at their respective headquarters and ensure that district control rooms function round the clock. The Chief Secretary reviewed district-wise rainfall, water inflows into res-



ervoirs, damage to roads and bridges, and the relief and rescue measures being undertaken. He noted that National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams have already been deployed in several districts and instructed officials to respond immediately to any reports of public distress.

Sanjay Jaju also directed officials to create awareness at the village level through public announcements (tom-tom) so that people remain vigilant. He stressed the need for continuous sanitation measures and instructed health department officials to remain alert

He further directed authorities to prevent shepherds, fishermen, and the general public from entering low-lying areas and the surroundings of tanks, ponds, and rivers during the heavy rains.

Speaking during the meeting, DGP C.V. Anand stated that the Police Department is working in close coordination with all other departments to ensure that people do not face difficulties due to heavy rains and floods. He assured that the police would extend all necessary support whenever required.

From the District Collectorate conference hall, Additional Collectors B. Venkateshwarlu and Kishore Kumar, DRO Rathod Ramesh, RDO Devidas, CPO Gangareddy, DMHO Rajender, DPO Srinivas, Agriculture Officer Anji Prasad, Horticulture Officer Ramana, along with other officials and staff, participated in the video conference.

Tata AIA Life Insurance Launches Plantation Drive During Advisor Training

KOTHAGUDEM, JULY 30: As part of its commitment to environmental conservation and social responsibility, Tata AIA Life Insurance, Kothagudem Branch, organized a plantation awareness programme alongside an advisor training session at Sri Sai Ram Function Hall in Kothagudem on Thursday.

The programme was presided over by Branch Manager Jakkula Satish, who distributed saplings to nearly 150 aspiring insurance advisors attending the training. Participants were encouraged to plant the saplings at their homes and nurture them with care. A dedicated WhatsApp group was also created to enable advisors to share photographs of the plantation and monitor the growth of the saplings.

Speaking on the occasion, Jakkula Satish said that Tata AIA Life Insurance aims to provide suitable life insurance protection to every



family while promoting environmental sustainability. He urged the advisors to take a pledge to spread insurance awareness and contribute to a greener future.

He highlighted the importance of tree plantation, stating that trees produce oxygen, reduce air pollution, regulate temperature, improve rainfall, prevent soil erosion, provide shelter to birds

and wildlife, and serve as valuable sources of food, flowers, and medicinal resources.

Trainer Sharma, Branch Business Associate Manager Rahul, Sunitha, and Tata AIA Life Insurance leaders Tarapasad, Keshava Rao, Mahesh, Umakar, Nagulu, Meera, Ramesh, Ravinder, Shivalila, Baburao, Krishnarjuna, Borra Ranjith Kumar, along with several others, participated in the programme.

Commissioner Felicitates 11 Newly Promoted SIs in Nizamabad :

Nizamabad, July 30, 2026 : A proud moment unfolded at the Nizamabad Police Commissionerate as eleven Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs) were promoted to the rank of Sub-Inspector (SI) under the promotion orders issued by the Telangana Director General of Police.

The newly promoted officers met Commissioner of Police P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, who personally congratulated them on their elevation and extended his best wishes for a successful career ahead. He described the promotion as a well-earned recognition of their dedication, perseverance, and sincere service to the police department.

The Commissioner advised the officers to view their promotion as an opportunity to shoulder greater responsibilities with integrity, discipline, and accountability. He urged them to uphold the highest standards of policing, remain sensitive to the needs of the public, and continue working tirelessly to maintain peace, law and order, and public confidence in the police force.

The promotion has brought immense happiness among the officers, many of whom had been waiting for this career advancement for several years. Their elevation marks an important step in strengthening the operational capabilities of the Nizamabad Police Commissionerate.

The officers promoted as Sub-Inspectors are B. Johnson (Women's Police Station), G. Rajeshwar Reddy (Velpur Police Station), V. Anil Kumar (Traffic Police Station), Srinivas Reddy (Traffic Police Station), B. Sailu (Town-II Police Station),



M.D. Layak Ali (Town-IV Police Station), D. Chinna Gangaram (Town-I Police Station), S.K. Gaffar (Navipet Police Station), K. Babu Rao (Bodhan Town Police Station), P. Shankar (Jakranpally Police Station), and Renuka Devi (Rudrur Police Station).

The occasion concluded with the Commissioner conveying his confidence that the newly promoted officers would continue to serve the people with renewed commitment, professionalism, and dedication while upholding the proud traditions of the Telangana Police.





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YOUTH GETS HEARD

*The resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, bowing to mounting pressure from the student protests, is a welcome development as it signals the government's acknowledgement of the growing anger of the country's youth over an issue that is key to their future. It is a victory for the democratic voices that rose in unison against a system that has become indifferent to the concerns of the student community. What began as a satirical social media account grew within weeks into a genuine mass movement, giving vent to the youth's frustration over the botched 2026 NEET medical entrance examination following paper leak. The exit of the Minister, whose resignation was the key demand of the protesters led by the Cockroach Janata Party, and subsequent withdrawal of the five-week-long agitation should now pave the way for sincere effort to tackle the larger issue of education reforms. No lessons have been learned from the past instances of paper leaks. Also, no follow-up action has been taken on the recommendations of the high-powered committee constituted in 2024 under former ISRO chairperson K Radhakrishnan to secure the fairness of the public exam system. While Pradhan's resignation opens a window for wider talks, the real battle lies ahead. The larger issue here is about the institutional flaws and how to fix them. It is not about individual ministers but about reforming the examination system that failed the students. Apart from bringing examination reforms, there is a need for broader structural transformations in the education and skilling system.*

*The widespread spontaneous protests have exposed one of the deepest fault lines in the country's education system—the erosion of trust in public examinations. From the cancellation of the NEET-UG examination controversy to repeated paper leaks in recruitment tests conducted by State governments, millions of students have found themselves trapped in a cycle of uncertainty. In a belated response, the Centre came up with a draft legislation, amending the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, envisaging fairly stringent provisions—a jail term up to 10 years, a penalty up to Rs 10 crore, and statutory backing for fast-track courts. Speedy justice is welcome, but deeper systemic reforms are a must to restore public confidence. India requires a comprehensive overhaul that combines technology, institutional reforms, transparency, accountability and educational transformation. Strengthening the NTA, improving digital security and creating an independent auditing mechanism are essential. Stronger laws and fast-track courts may serve to punish or deter offenders, but only long-term reforms can eradicate the deep-rooted malaise. Gangs that exploit examinees for financial gain must be dealt with under a zero-tolerance policy. Coordinated investigations involving Central and State agencies and a robust legal framework can help dismantle these networks. The real objective should not simply be to prevent the next paper leak, but to build an examination system in which integrity is institutionalised.*

# 'Shah Ordered Force on Students on July 20, Must Resign': Dipke

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Thursday claimed orders to use force against students during the July 20 "Sansad Chalo" march must have come from Union Home Minister Amit Shah and sought his resignation over the police crackdown. Talking to reporters at his residence in hometown Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in central Maharashtra, he said democracy was in "danger" in the country and questions were being raised even on judiciary, while central probe agencies were being used to break political parties.

"Saving democracy is not merely an Opposition issue now. The people of the country will have to come together (to save it)," Dipke insisted on his return home after more than a month-long CJP-led protest in New Delhi's Jantar Mantar over the NEET exam paper leak, which culminated in the resignation of then-Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. "There is a question mark even on judiciary. We all have seen how ED and CBI were used to break parties like the Shiv Sena and the NCP. The big institutions in the country had a duty to keep democracy alive and not create dictatorship of a single man. They let it happen. To stop this, not only the Opposition, but even the people will have to come together," he asserted.

The 30-year-old activist criticized the appointment of Pralhad Joshi as new Education Minister and called him a "weird" man. "If the Education Minister of the country applauds rapists, this means another weird man has been brought in after removing Dharmendra Pradhan. What message is being given to the country? They cannot do anything else because their party is full of goons. People like Ram Rahim (a rape convict) come out on parole during their tenure. This government supports goons and rapists," he alleged.

Asked about Yoga guru and entrepreneur Ramdev's



comments that Gen Z, which led the stir at Jantar Mantar, has defamed India's culture. Dipke took a dig at him and advised him to look after the business of his company Patanjali Ayurved. The CJP founder insisted his outfit's protest over the NEET paper leak was constitutional. "We have fought for our rights against the paper leak in a constitutional way. If agitating with photos of Mahatma Gandhi and B R Ambedkar in a legal way is defaming culture, we have done it. Baba Ramdev should look into Patanjali about which the Supreme Court has made adverse comments in the past," he maintained.

"Gen Z can handle the country and its culture well. He (Ramdev) should concentrate on Patanjali else it may go out of business," Dipke remarked. He supported the demand for Shah's resignation made by Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi. "Amit Shah should definitely resign. There is another thing being said: that the Cockroach Janta Party is receiving funding from outside or that the movement is being run from outside. If this is happening then it reflects the failure of a person like Amit Shah. If the CJP is being run from outside then what kind of 'Chanakya' is he? The order to use

force against students on July 20 must have been issued by Amit Shah and no one else," Dipke claimed. Dipke assured he will stand with farmers if they need CJP support in their agitations. "Farmers also want their children to have successful careers. Earlier they stood with us in our agitation. If farmer leaders require our support, we will stand with them. Wherever farmers need us, we will stand with them. I also belong to a farmer family. Many of us are from farmer families," he stated. Dipke opined the police force in the country should not follow BJP orders, but go by the Constitution. "If not, they (police force) should switch to 'khaki chaddi' (half pants) and stand before the BJP headquarters, saying 'main bhi chowkidar'," the CJP said mockingly. "If the police fear video recording from agitators, that means they have something wrong going on in their minds. Cameras were there on my face round the clock (during Delhi stir), but I did not fear. The police in this country should follow the Constitution. They don't belong to a party but they belong to the country. They are not those who will run on BJP's WhatsApp forwards," he affirmed. Dipke alleged the Delhi Police brought trucks filled with stones near the agitation place (Jantar Mantar) and later falsely claimed it was debris from a construction site. "Trucks filled with stones were brought by the Delhi Police on Jul 19 and 20 morning at around 5:30. I have seen that personally. A damaged van was also brought and parked there. I asked the police about it and also made an X post questioning this. "This was part of a plan by the police to show that the agitating students did stone pelting. I also met the DCP (of the area) over it and I was told the truck was carrying debris from a construction site. This all may have been part of a plan by BJP goons and the Delhi Police," he alleged.

## Opposition MPs protest in Parliament over alleged police action on students, Ayodhya temple donations issue

New Delhi: Opposition MPs, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, protested in the Parliament House complex on Thursday against alleged police excesses against student protesters and theft of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

The MPs protested in front of Makar Dwar of Parliament. Slogans such as 'chadhawa chor, gaddi chor', 'grih mantri sadan mein aao' and 'who gave the order' were raised by the lawmakers.

The MPs also kept a donation box with them and they were seen putting money inside it to symbolise the alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple.

Besides Priyanka Gandhi, Congress general secretary K C Venugopal, SP's Dharmendra Yadav, TMC's Sagarika Ghose, JMM's Mahua Maji, among others, participated in the protest.

In a post on X, Venugopal said, "How long with HM Amit Shah hide and not answer the people of India? Why is he MIA (missing in action) from Parliament?"

"We opposition MPs are protesting out-



side Makar Dwar, demanding a clear answer for who ordered the use of pellet guns against students, and for heckling LOP Shri Rahul Gandhi and preventing him from speaking in the Lok Sabha yesterday," Venugopal said.

The protesting MPs lined up behind a big banner that read 'who gave the order', an apparent reference to the directions to security personnel to use lethal force against student protesters at the recent agitation against NEET paper leak.

The INDIA bloc has vowed to corner the government on issues of alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple and the use of "brutal force" against students during their protests last week.

## Amit Shah must explain July 20 police action in Parliament: Congress

New Delhi: The Congress on Thursday demanded that there should be a discussion in Parliament over the alleged use of pellets on protesting students on July 20 by the CRPF and that Home Minister Amit Shah must provide an accounting of his actions on that day.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh shared the screenshot of a media report which claimed that the medico-legal case (MLC) report of one of the petitioners in the Supreme Court alleging the use of pellet guns during the protest said multiple "metallic foreign" bodies were retrieved from his body during surgery.

"There is now evidence from the medico-legal case report that it was not just plastic pellets but the significantly more dangerous metal pellets that were used against students on July 20th by the Home Ministry-controlled CRPF," Ramesh said on X. "There must be a discussion in Parliament on this subject. Amit Shah must provide Parliament with an accounting of his actions on July 20th," the Congress leader said.

Earlier, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi said Shah's absence from Parliament "reeks of guilt". He also reiterated his demand for a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the alleged police excesses against students. Gandhi also shared on X a video clip of police lathi-charging students. "Students deserve justice. An independent SC-monitored high powered committee must be constituted to probe brutalities against our students," he wrote, referring to the crackdown on agitators by security forces during the July 20 Cockroach Janta Party-led protest march to Parliament and on student demonstrators in other parts of the country.

In another post, Gandhi asked why Shah is "so scared" of coming to Parliament and explaining the brutal violence against students. "It reeks of guilt," he added. On July 24, Gandhi presented before the media a student protester who was allegedly shot with a pellet gun



by security personnel during the July 20 protests.

"You are saying that protesters have been hit by pellet guns. I want to explain when were pellet guns fired. My brother was struck by a pellet gun when he was peacefully protesting with a tricolour in hand," Gandhi said with the injured protester, who identified himself as Sahil, by his side.

Lifting the youngster's T-shirt to show his injuries to the media, Gandhi said Sahil's eye was damaged and he is unable to see from that eye.

Later, officials had said the Rapid Action Force (RAF) fired multiple non-lethal munitions, including two rounds of plastic pellets, under permission from a Delhi Police officer while controlling a mob near Jantar Mantar during the July 20 protest.

On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) rank officer of Delhi Police, according to the officials quoting Parliament Street police station record, RAF fired 55 non-electrical shells, 15 electrical shells, five tear smoke grenades, two rounds from the anti-riot guns and two rounds of plastic pellets on July 20. It was not known if RAF units fired more pellets at other protest sites. Delhi Police has said on record that the claims of use of pellets against protesters were completely "false and misleading".

## PM Modi chairs high-level meeting to review West Asia crisis impact on India's energy security

New Delhi: Prime

Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting of his Cabinet ministers, including Home Minister Amit



Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, at his office in Parliament on Thursday.

The meeting was also attended by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

Other ministers at the meeting included Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Health Minister J.P. Nadda, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, and Ports and Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

According to sources, the meeting was held to review the situation in West Asia and its impact on India's energy and fuel supplies. The Strait of Hormuz, through which 20 per cent of the world's oil and gas is exported, continues to remain choked, which has led to a shortfall of petroleum products in global markets and a spike in prices.

The situation has become more complicated with commercial ships coming under attack in the region. The deaths of Indian seafarers have also emerged as a major concern, with the government taking up the issue with Iran and the USA. History

The government informed the Parliament this week that it has undertaken a range of measures to ensure availability of critical industrial inputs including energy, ease input cost pressures, facilitate trade, support industrial activity and safeguard macroeconomic stability in the wake of supply chain disruptions due to the West Asia crisis.

The government has also ensured adequate availability of fertilisers and other essential agricultural inputs through assured gas supplies, diversification of import sources, advance procurement, and maintenance of buffer stocks.

The recent geopolitical developments in West Asia have adversely affected countries globally, with major implications for crude-oil-importing emerging economies. The conflict has led to an increase in international crude oil prices, which has widened the crude oil import bill for India. Indian politics news

However, the average Indian crude oil basket prices have eased significantly from \$114.5 per barrel in April 2026 to \$77.6 per barrel in July 2026 (up to 22nd July).

The government further stated that temporary customs duty exemption was provided on selected petrochemical feedstock. Further, the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool RELIEF (Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) Scheme was introduced to support businesses. RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) benefits were restored to mitigate higher freight, insurance and war-risk costs. Besides, liquidity support was also extended through the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0.



# Current Rains Temporary, Crop Season Still in Trouble: Tummala

Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Thursday cautioned farmers not to begin celebrating the ongoing spells of rain in various districts warning that the “rainfall received over the past two days will provide some relief to crops, it will not be sufficient to sustain them until harvest.”

Chairing a review meeting with senior officials from various departments on El Nino preparedness in Rajanna Siricilla district, Nageswara Rao also made it clear that all the available water in various reservoirs must be saved and used only to meet drinking water requirements, and in such a manner that supplies lasted till July 2027.

“The Super El Nino is



expected to have a greater impact on South India with below-normal rainfall. Officials must prepare plans to ensure that all available water is used for drinking water needs until next July,” he told the meeting.

He also directed police officials to maintain law and order while closely monitoring all related matters.

Noting that inadequate rainfall over the past two months significantly reduced crop cultivation, the minister instructed officials to educate farmers on suitable crops to cultivate in the coming month, including rainfed, short-duration, pulses, and oil palm.

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He also said that the groundwater levels had fallen by more than two metres compared to last year, and since water

from all reservoirs in the district could not be released for irrigation, officials should regularly inform the public and farmers about groundwater conditions.

The minister also instructed officials to prepare a comprehensive plan for Mission Bhagiratha drinking water supply in the district and to make all arrangements for the effective distribution of reservoir water.

The meeting was attended by minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar, Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas, MLAs K a v v a m p a l l i Satyanarayana and Medipalli Satyam, district collector Garima Agrawal, and superintendent of police Mahesh B. Gite among others.

# Sridhar Babu Tells Officials to Speed Up Rescue and Relief Operations

Karimnagar:IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu has advised officials to take up rescue and rehabilitation steps on a war footing to help the rain-affected people in Godavari khani, Peddapalli and Singareni areas.

A few localities in the Godavari khani coal belt town and Peddapalli were inundated in the floodwater due to continuous rainfall in the last two days.

The minister conducted a review meeting with Peddapalli collector, Singareni CMD, NTPC ED, Telangana GENCO



CMD, RFCL officials and Ramagundam police commissioner through video conference from Hyderabad on Thursday.

Sridhar Babu asked the officials to remove hurdles in the drainage system and clear the water stranded in various localities of Ramagundam indus-

trial area. He asked the Singareni and NTPC officials to extend their support to the district administration in the rescue and relief operations.

In situations of floodwater entering residential localities in Veernapalli, officials should take alternative measures to divert flood water in another direction, he said.

The minister asked Ramagundam police to extend support to municipal and revenue officials in the rescue and relief operation in Godavari khani.

He also asked the Singareni and district medical and health department officials to provide treatment to the affected people by establishing medical camps in Godavari khani, Ramagundam and Veernapalli.

Sridhar Babu also asked the officials to take advice from the local public representatives while undertaking relief measures.

# Indiramma Houses Aim to Make Telangana a Huts-Free State: Ponguleti

Nalgonda: Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Thursday stated that the sole aim of Indiramma houses is to ensure that not a single poor family in the state lives in a thatched hut. “Every eligible family will be provided a pucca house,” he assured.

Laying the foundation stone for gravel road and a culvert on the Mangayya Banjara-Ganugapadu road at Mangayya Banjara village, the minister said although the previous BRS government had left Telangana with a debt of ₹8.21 lakh crore, the Congress government has been effectively implementing welfare and development programmes after coming to power.



Total seven lakh Indiramma houses have been sanctioned to the eligible in the first and second phase of the scheme. Of these, one lakh houses have been sanctioned for Hyderabad city alone. Ponguleti exuded confidence that Telangana would emerge as a huts free state in the next two years. Further, he pointed out that the Congress government has filled 72,000 vacant posts within a short span of two-and-a-half years. A notification has been released to fill up another 16,000 jobs. The government is committed to empower women with ₹70,000 crore interest-free loans sanctioned to self-help groups. In addition, the state government is providing free travel facility to women in TGSRTC buses, he underlined.

The minister reiterated that the state government is according high priority for creating infrastructure in rural areas, including CC roads, internal roads, culverts, drinking water facilities, and other amenities. Those who attended the programme included Ashwaraopeta MLA Jare Adinarayana and district collector Ankit.

# Telangana To Send Select Teachers on Foreign Study Tours, Says Revanth

Hyderabad: Telangana will fund overseas study tours for government teachers every year, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced on Thursday, during an interaction with participants of the Finland and Germany teacher exposure visit and educational exchange programme.

The hour-long programme was held at MCRHRDI in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, where Revanth Reddy also directed officials to submit a mandal-wise plan for the next academic year by December and said the state spends Rs 1.08 lakh on each student annually.

“From now on, we will provide teachers with opportunities to go abroad for study tours,” said Revanth Reddy and asked officials to treat each mandal as one cluster in the plan for the next academic year.

Students could succeed only when schools combined education and discipline, the Chief Minister added. He also expressed confidence that the Congress government would remain in power until 2034 and he would continue as the Chief Minister until then.

Revanth Reddy said parents spend about Rs 50,000 on each child in a private school, against the state's annual expenditure of Rs 1.08 lakh per government-school student. He asked officials and teachers to examine why families continued to prefer private schools. Government schools had enrolled one lakh additional students this year, an increase he described as an



achievement.

Revanth Reddy rejected opposition demands that he give up the education portfolio. He cited breakfast from Nursery to Class XII, teacher recruitment and promotions, the conversion of ITIs into ATCs, the Skills University and the appointment of corporate heads to its board. He also referred to mid-day meals and uniform distribution for students and said the government wanted them to acquire skills alongside education.

“Our vision is for teachers to share their experience with the students,” Revanth Reddy said, adding that the government would address the teachers' grievances. He also asked their associations to take up student problems as well as their own.

Revanth Reddy argued that English alone did not explain China's global position. He said India had looked towards the United States for 25 years, but it should now focus on Germany, Japan and Singapore, where more opportunities were available. “Backwardness is not linked to assets or social status. Lack of education is the true form of backwardness,” the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the country's debt burden and claimed that prime ministers from Independence to 2014 had accumulated Rs 50 lakh crore in debt. Modi had added Rs 151 lakh crore between 2014 and 2026, he said. Revanth Reddy placed the country's total outstanding debt at Rs 201 lakh crore.

Former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru laid the base for education and irrigation after Independence, Revanth Reddy said, adding that Nehru regarded education as the basis of social change and described irrigation projects as “modern temples”. He attributed Telangana's production of 28.5 million metric tonnes of paddy to Nehru's foresight.

# Parliament passes Bill making insult to Vande Mataram a punishable offence

*Parliament passed the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026, making insults to Vande Mataram a punishable offence. The government said it grants the national song protection equal to the national anthem, while the Opposition criticised the move*

New Delhi: Parliament on Thursday passed a bill that makes any insult to the national song Vande Mataram a punishable offence with Lok Sabha clearing the legislation amid din. The government asserted that The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 will grant status to Vande Mataram on par with national anthem Jana Gana Mana. It seeks to make any insult to Vande Mataram a criminal offence.



Responding to a brief debate in the lower house in which only two members participated, Minister of State for Home Nityananda Rai said the Congress should have given Vande Mataram its due respect during its 76 years of rule, but instead it resorted to appeasement politics.

The Narendra Modi government is now giving the national song its due respect which it deserves. “For Ek Bharat, Shreshthra Bharat, we need complete (all six stanzas) Vande Mataram song,” Rai said, as he concluded his brief reply to the bill with a chant of Vande Mataram. The Prevention of Insults to National Honour

Act currently prohibits intentionally preventing the singing of the national anthem (Jana Gana Mana), or causing disturbance to any assembly engaged in such singing.

These offences are punishable with imprisonment up to three years, a fine or both. A second and every subsequent conviction is punishable with imprisonment of a minimum of one year.

The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026, extends these provisions to the national song (Vande Mataram). The bill was passed by voice vote after the two members spoke. The amendments moved by the Opposition were rejected by the House. A Raja of DMK later tore some document and threw it towards the Well.

Earlier, DMK member K Kanimozhi opposed the bill, saying it is a “Hindutva agenda” masquerading as nationalism. “It is against federalism. You cannot impose nationalism by bringing a law, the song goes against the secularism of the country. The founding fathers had the wisdom to stop only with 2 stanzas, but today you are trying to polarise the country by making it compulsory and making it a criminal offence if we do not sing all the 6 stanzas,” she said.

Sambit Patra of the BJP said the Congress in its 76 years of rule did not give Vande Mataram the respect it deserved as a national song. Amid sloganeering after the passage of the bill, Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day. This bill is the first legislation to be passed by both houses of Parliament in the ongoing monsoon session which has seen frequent disruptions by the opposition, mainly over NEET paper leak issue.



# Hanumakonda Bus Stand Junction Turned into a Taxi Stand

**Landless parking of cars on the road**  
**Traffic officers and staff who often ignore traffic jams**  
**Motorists, locals, and patients facing severe difficulties**  
**Allegations of bribery against the relevant departments**  
**Locals and motorists who say that complaints have not yielded any results**

Hanumakonda, Bureau; : The anarchy of private taxis on the main road leading to Hyderabad from the junction at Hanumakonda Bus Stand is increasing day by day. Taxi drivers have turned the main road leading to Hyderabad into their own stand. Many vehicles, including RTC buses and private vehicles going to distant places from Hanumakonda Bus Stand, pass through this junction. Due to this, it is one of the most congested junctions. Especially since there are many private hospitals around Hanumakonda bus stand, many patients come here from far away places. Patients who need to reach hospitals through private vehicles like ambulances are facing a lot of difficulties. Moreover, local businessmen and motorists are complaining that they are facing traffic jams every day due to the autos parked on the road in the bus stand premises and cars parked randomly on the other side.

**Private cars occupying half of the road**  
Opposite the radar diagnostic, on the corner of the road leading from the bus stand to Hyderabad, more than 10 Ertiga cars and other private cars are parked in a row on the road.



Motorists coming and going are facing great difficulties as half of the road is occupied. On the other hand, locals say that autos and private vehicles are causing severe disruption to traffic at the bus stand.

**Patient facing difficulties going to hospitals**  
There are many private hospitals like Radar Diagnostics near this junction. Vehicles carrying emergency patients sometimes have to stand in traffic for 15-20 minutes because of these taxis. "Even the ambulance is not moving forward. What are the police doing?" local businessmen are asking.

**Buses and autos stuck in traffic jam**  
RTC buses and autos going from Hanumakonda to Uppal and Hyderabad have to stand at this junction for up to half an hour every day. The situation gets worse when it rains. Pedestrians are facing severe problems as garbage and sewage accumulate on the side of the road.

**No action despite complaints - allegations**  
Locals allege that despite repeatedly telling the traffic police about this problem, no action has been taken and that is why the authorities are not paying attention. Another thing is that the traffic police at the junction do not care, especially some traffic police conduct checks near the bus stand and issue challans to motorists, but the motorists are angry that they do not care about the vehicles parked illegally on the road and the small traders.

**People's demand**  
People are demanding that the Warangal Police Commissioner, traffic and police officials respond immediately and remove illegal parking at this junction as part of traffic control, allocate a special stand for taxis and autos, and set up a 24-hour police picket.

# Osmania University and Tajikistan Aim to Deepen Educational and Cultural Relations :

Hyderabad, July 30, 2026 : Reinforcing its commitment to international academic engagement, Osmania University hosted the Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan, Lukmon Bobokalonzoda, for high-level discussions on expanding educational, literary, and cultural cooperation between the two countries.

The Ambassador was welcomed by Prof. B. Vijaya, Director of the Office of International Affairs, Dr. M.A. Hameed, Joint Director, Dr. Ashwaq Chand of the Department of Persian, and Dr. Akhtar Ali of the Department of Geography. The meeting focused on strengthening institutional partnerships and creating new opportunities for academic collaboration.

A major highlight of the discussions was the promotion of Persian language and literature, with special emphasis on introducing students to the richness of contemporary Tajik Persian literature alongside the classical Persian literary tradition. The participants also explored the possibility of organizing joint academic programmes, including guest lectures, international seminars, collaborative research projects, faculty exchanges, and literary forums to encourage greater scholarly interaction.

To institutionalize these initiatives, Ambassador Lukmon Bobokalonzoda proposed signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between Osmania University and reputed universities in Tajikistan. The proposed collaborations aim to facilitate student and faculty exchange programmes, joint research, academic mobility, and long-term cooperation in higher education. University officials welcomed the proposal and expressed their readiness to take the partnership forward.

During his visit, the Ambassador met Tajik students studying at Osmania University and appreciated the University's supportive academic environment. He encouraged the students to excel in their studies and serve as ambassadors of goodwill, strengthening the educational and cultural ties between India and Tajikistan.



The Ambassador also held a meeting with Prof. G. Naresh Reddy, Registrar of Osmania University, in the presence of Prof. Jitendra Kumar Nayak, Officer on Special Duty to the Vice-Chancellor. The discussions concluded with both sides reaffirming their shared commitment to building lasting academic partnerships and promoting educational excellence, cultural understanding, and literary exchange between Osmania University and leading universities in Tajikistan.

# Supreme Court Greenlights Seethamma Sagar Project; MLA Payam Venkateswarlu Thanks State Leadership

Bhadradi Kothagudem, July 30: Pinapaka MLA and Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Assembly Scheduled Tribes Welfare Committee, Payam Venkateswarlu, welcomed the Supreme Court's favourable verdict on environmental clearances for irrigation projects in Telangana, describing it as a major boost for farmers across the state. He said the judgment has paved the way for the full-scale execution of the Seethamma Sagar Project, which is under construction in Bhadradi Kothagudem district.

The MLA expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao for their continuous efforts in securing environmental clearances for the project.

He stated that the state government's persistent legal efforts, coordination with the Central Govern-



ment, and the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy played a crucial role in achieving this milestone. He also appreciated the support extended by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and Tummala Nageswara Rao towards the development of the undivided Khammam region.

According to the MLA, once completed, the Seethamma Sagar Project will have a storage capacity of

36.37 TMC, provide irrigation to nearly 6.74 lakh acres, and generate 282.80 MW of hydroelectric power. The project is expected to ensure permanent irrigation facilities for farmers in the Pinapaka constituency and the undivided Khammam district, significantly enhancing agricultural productivity.

Payam Venkateswarlu said the Congress Government is committed to completing all pending irrigation projects in Telangana and ensuring irrigation water reaches every acre of cultivable land. He described the Supreme Court's favourable verdict as a landmark achievement for the state's irrigation sector and expressed confidence that it would greatly benefit the farming community.

The MLA also congratulated the State Government, Irrigation Department officials, legal experts, and all those who contributed to securing the environmental clearances for the Seethamma Sagar Project.

# GITAM Distributes Educational Kits to Government School Students, Continues 12-Year Outreach Initiative

SANGAREDDY, Correspondent :July 30 ,2026: Demonstrating its continued commitment to community service and environmental sustainability, GITAM (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad, distributed educational kits and lunch plates to students of the Zilla Parishad High School and Government Primary School at Rudraram Sangareddy District. on Thursday.

The educational kits, containing Classmate notebooks, crayons, pens, pencils, and other stationery items, were provided to support the learning needs of students studying in nearby government schools. The programme marks the 12th consecutive year of GITAM's outreach initiative.

The distribution was carried out under GITAM's "Wealth out of Waste (WoW)" sustainability programme. As part of the initiative, students, with support from the university's hospitality department, collect old newspapers, used books, records, and other recyclable paper waste from the campus. The collected material is handed over to ITC Paperboards and Specialty Papers Division for recycling. In return, ITC provides Classmate educational products, which are distributed to underprivileged government school students, promoting both environmental conservation and educational support.

The kits were distributed by DVVSR Varma, Resi-



dent Director of GITAM Hyderabad, Dr. P. V. Nagendra Kumar, NSS Coordinator, and Anuj, a GITAM alumnus who initiated the programme. The event was also supported by Madhav Bhaskar, Chairman of the E-Club, along with E-Club members.

Students received the educational kits with enthusiasm and expressed their gratitude. Headmasters and teachers of the participating schools thanked GITAM and ITC for their continued support in strengthening education among government school children.

University representatives said GITAM remains committed to promoting quality education, environmental sustainability, and meaningful community engagement through initiatives that create a lasting positive impact on society.

# Empowering Women Through Self-Employment Chethana Foundation Distributes Free Sewing Machines in Palvancha

Palvancha, July 30: In a significant initiative to promote women's empowerment and financial independence, Chethana Foundation distributed free sewing machines to trained women beneficiaries on Thursday. The programme, supported by Guduru Trust and implemented in association with Kolli Foundation, aims to help women build sustainable livelihoods through self-employment.

Addressing the gathering, Bhadradi Kothagudem Municipal Corporation Deputy Mayor Siripuram Lalitha Kumari and SCCL General Manager (Education) S. Venkatachari said that empowering women with skills and employment opportunities strengthens families and contributes to the overall development of society. They praised the Foundation's commitment to supporting women in becoming self-reliant.

The dignitaries presented sewing machines to the beneficiaries and urged them to make effective use of the opportunity to achieve economic independence through tailoring.



Chethana Foundation members Venigalla Anil Kumar, Dodda Seetharamaiah, Chandrakani Naveen, Kolli Foundation Chairperson Kalpana, Rupala Nayak, Pulla Rao, and several others attended the programme.

The initiative received appreciation from local residents, who described it as a meaningful step towards creating self-employment opportunities and empowering women in the region.

# Interstate gang of thieves arrested.. moved to remand

Zaheerabad July: Last April, the theft case of Sri Renuka Yellamma Wines Shop and House in Mogudampalli village of Zaheerabad constituency was solved and the accused were arrested. The police, who identified the accused with the help of CCTV camera footage and technical evidence, on the instructions of District SP Pankaj Paritos, and on the instructions of DSP Saida, CI Shivalingam formed two special teams led by Chiragpally Police Station SI Vinay Kumar and Zaheerabad Rural SI Rajender Reddy to search for the thieves. Chiragpally SI Vinay Kumar's team went to Pune city in Maharashtra and arrested two accused, while three others are absconding. In addition to the theft case in Mogudampalli Wines Shop and House, there are cases under the jurisdiction of Algal, Zaheerabad and Jharasangam police stations. The accused were produced in court and sent to remand by the court.

The district police chiefs congratulated and praised Chiragpally SI Vinay Kumar, Zaheerabad Rural SI Rajender Reddy, Head Constable Narsimulu, Constables Omdev, Rakesh, Harinethra, Anand and other personnel of the special team for their outstanding performance in solving the case quickly and arresting the accused.





# Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia Unveils 'Scale Without Boundaries' as Theme for Landmark 10th Edition of India Mobile Congress



New Delhi, 30th July 2026: Marking a decade of India's flagship digital technology forum, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, unveiled "Scale Without Boundaries" as the official theme for the 10th edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026, scheduled to be held from 7-10 October 2026 at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi.

Celebrating ten years of bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, innovators, startups, investors and academia from across the world, IMC 2026 reflects how far India's digital ecosystem has progressed over the past decade while setting the direction for the next phase of global digital transformation.

The 10th edition theme, "Scale Without Boundaries," captures a future where innovation is no longer constrained by geography, industries or technologies. It reflects a world where trusted digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence, next-generation connectivity and cross-border collaboration enable ideas developed anywhere to create impact everywhere. Having demonstrated how technology can transform a nation at unprecedented scale, India is now helping shape globally interoperable, secure and inclusive digital ecosystems.

Organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Government of India and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), the landmark 10th edition of IMC is expected to attract over 1.5 lac attendees, feature more than 300 exhibitors and partners from over 100 countries, and showcase over 1,500 technology use cases, further strengthening its position as Asia's largest digital technology forum.

IMC 2026 will showcase innovations across Connectivity (5G & 6G), Artificial Intelligence, Semiconductors, Electronics Manufacturing, Quantum Computing, Cybersecurity, Satellite Communications, DeepTech, CleanTech, Industry 4.0 and Enterprise Transformation along with new emerging verticals such as Smart Mobility, Stadium Experiences, Industrial Automation and Transport Tech. The event will bring together governments, industry leaders, startups, investors, academia and technology pioneers to accelerate digital transformation and shape next-gen trusted, scalable digital ecosystems.

Built around four strategic pillars, SRISHTI (Building the Future),

SAMVARDHAN (Fueling Growth), SASHAKT (Expanding Opportunities) and SURAKSHA (Strengthening Trust), the theme reflects IMC's vision of enabling innovation that scales across countries, industries, enterprises and communities while remaining secure, inclusive and sustainable.

On the occasion, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, said: "When technology reaches every citizen, it creates opportunity, and when opportunity reaches every citizen, transformation becomes inevitable. Mobile phones are today in the hands of 1.33 billion people, data prices have fallen from ₹287 per GB to around ₹8 per GB. That is democratisation. That is Antyodaya. As we lay the foundation stone of the next chapter, we must examine how innovations, technology and ideas from India can cross borders and go across the world. Technology is best when it actually reaches every single citizen and benefits them. Today, India has capabilities in the technologies we build, the standards we shape and the solutions we provide for the world. That is what today's theme, 'Scale Without Boundaries', embodies. It reflects the capability of all of you in this room, working together with the Government of India to build solutions not only for every citizen of this country, but for the globe. With 6G, I firmly believe we will combine the physical, the digital and intelligence into one seamless ecosystem. Through the Bharat 6G Alliance and our work on global standards, India is preparing to contribute at a level that was never possible before. At the same time, we are building a strong manufacturing ecosystem through the PLI scheme and the country's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone in Gwalior. India succeeds only when all of you succeed and together, with our Prime Minister's vision, the telecom ministry and the industry, we are working towards one goal - Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047."

Dr. Chandrasekhar Pemmasani, MoS for Communications and Rural Development, said: "If you go back over the last ten years, this is the tenth event of IMC and these ten years of telecom transformation in India have been unprecedented under the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. We have connected every district with 5G and every human being with a mobile phone, with one of the lowest data rates in the world. Over



the last two years, we were also able to launch our first indigenous 4G technology with close to 90 per cent quality standards in relation to established international players. Our ministry is now looking at what we can do to take this to the next level. We have mobile connectivity and now the focus is on proliferating broadband connectivity to every nook and corner of the country. BharatNet is being implemented on a mission mode, and 5G FWA and other initiatives are the mechanisms through which we want to create high-speed internet access across India. We will do everything in our power to make the last decade of Digital India the next decade of Intelligent India - whether it is 6G, quantum communications, artificial intelligence, satellite technologies or whatever comes next."

Shri Amit Agrawal, Chairman, Digital Communications Commission and Secretary (Telecommunications), Department of Telecommunications, said: "IMC has seen such remarkable growth in participation and technology use cases and has become India's digital platform. This time, we are going with a much larger theme which befits such growth, and India's contribution to a rapidly growing digital world. I applaud the team that has worked on it and look forward to the journey ahead."

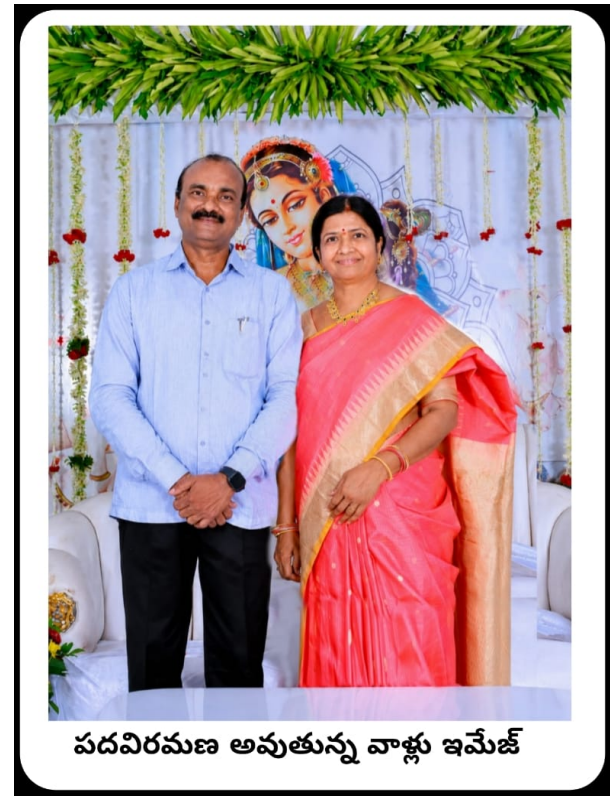
Shri Rahul Vatts, Chairman, Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), said: "In 2017, we had 32,000 visitors and 100 exhibitors and today, as we launch the tenth edition, IMC is no longer just an industry event. It has become India's technology platform where policy, industry and innovation come together. Over the last ten years, we have watched IMC evolve from a platform where India came to learn from the world to one where the world now comes to see what India is doing."

The flagship startup programme, ASPIRE, is expected to bring together over 400 startups, more than 300 investors, incubators, accelerators and venture capital firms, facilitate over 700 one-to-one investor meetings, and host mentorship sessions, live pitches, networking opportunities and strategic partnerships, reinforcing IMC's role as a catalyst for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Prior to the theme launch, the IMC in partnership with Sattva Consulting, organized a roundtable, bringing together Sustainability and CSR Leaders from the Telecom and adjacent ecosystem to explore how commercial goals and India's development agenda reinforce one another, and how CSR and strategic investments can drive inclusive growth.

## Heartfelt Retirement Wishes to Workers' Leader Ukanti Prabhakar Rao

Kunavaram Gram Panchayat Ward Member Mandadi Lakshmi Prasanna Sanjeeva Rao Extends Greetings



Manuguru: Mandadi Lakshmi Prasanna Sanjeeva Rao, Ward Member of the 15th Ward, Kunavaram Gram Panchayat, extended heartfelt retirement wishes to workers' leader Ukanti Prabhakar Rao on the occasion of his retirement.

She stated that Prabhakar Rao earned the respect and affection of everyone by standing with workers, supporting people in times of need, and serving as a true friend, a brotherly figure, and a caring elder to many. His dedication, sincerity, and commitment throughout his career have made him an inspiration to countless people, she said.

Wishing him a long, healthy, and prosperous life filled with happiness, peace, and good health, Mandadi Lakshmi Prasanna Sanjeeva Rao prayed for his continued well-being and expressed hope that he would remain active in social service even after retirement.

## Olectra Becomes India's First Company to Deploy 4,000 Electric Buses on Indian Roads

Hyderabad / Shimla, July 30th, 2026: Olectra Greentech Limited, India's leading electric mobility company, has become the first company in India to deploy 4,000 electric buses on Indian roads. This landmark achievement marks a defining moment in the country's electric mobility journey and reinforces Olectra's leadership in accelerating India's transition towards sustainable public transportation.

The historic milestone was commemorated with the symbolic handover of Olectra's 4,000th electric bus to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu & Shri Mukesh Agnihotri, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh during the flag off ceremony of 297 Olectra electric buses inducted into the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) fleet. The event was attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, senior officials from the Government of Himachal Pradesh, HRTC, and Olectra Greentech officials.

With 4,000 electric buses deployed across the country, Olectra has firmly established itself as India's leading electric bus manufacturer. Its buses operate across multiple states and cities, safely transporting millions of passengers while delivering reliable performance, lower operating costs and significant environmental benefits. This achievement reflects Olectra's unwavering commitment to advancing electric mobility through innovation, quality and execution excellence.

Collectively, Olectra's fleet of 4,000 electric buses has clocked over 730 million green kilometres, preventing more than 6.5 lakh tonnes of CO2 emissions and making a meaningful contribution towards cleaner air and a more sustainable future. This achievement is not just a company milestone but also a signifi-



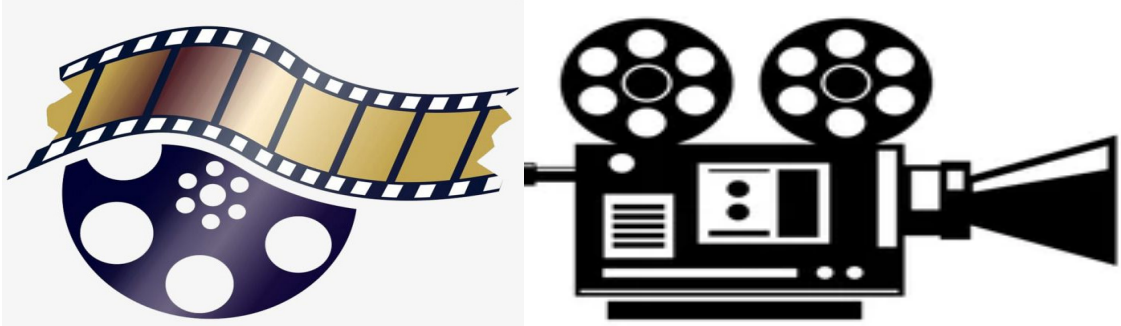
cant step forward in India's journey towards green and sustainable mobility.

Mr. Mahesh Babu, Managing Director, Olectra Greentech Ltd., said, "Today marks one of the proudest moments in Olectra's journey. Becoming the first company in India to deploy 4,000 electric buses on Indian roads is not just an Olectra milestone, it is a defining milestone for India's electric mobility industry. It reflects the growing confidence that public transport undertakings across the country have placed in electric mobility and reinforces our commitment to building a cleaner and more sustainable future.

We are honoured that this landmark 4,000th bus has been handed over to the Government of Himachal Pradesh alongside the flag off of 297 Olectra electric buses for HRTC. This achievement belongs to our customers, our partners, our employees and every stakeholder who believed in our vision. As India moves towards a cleaner and greener future, Olectra remains committed to leading the next phase of electric mobility through innovation, scale and world class technology solutions."

As India accelerates the adoption of sustainable public transportation, Olectra is well positioned to support the next phase of electric mobility. Backed by a strong order book, proven execution capabilities and trusted partnerships with state transport undertakings, we remain committed to delivering innovative, reliable and sustainable mobility solutions that create long term value for communities across the country.





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Maadhav's Maremma con-  
firms Ganesh Chaturthi  
weekend release

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The makers have announced the release date and they have locked 10th September. They locked the date around Ganesh Chaturthi weekend and it will give an advantage for long weekend. The makers also released a powerful poster with Maadhav in a rugged look.

Maadhav looks perfect and dynamic in the poster, highlighting the film's grounded aesthetic and intense tone. The artwork captures a symbolic face-off between the lead character and a sacred cow, teasing a plot heavily anchored in local folklore, belief systems, and high-stakes drama.

Maremma focuses on a deeply personal story embedded in rural culture and human connection, offering Maadhav, who is nephew of Ravi Teja, a strong platform to showcase both his action capabilities and dramatic range. The makers will roll out nationwide promotional events in the weeks leading up to the release.

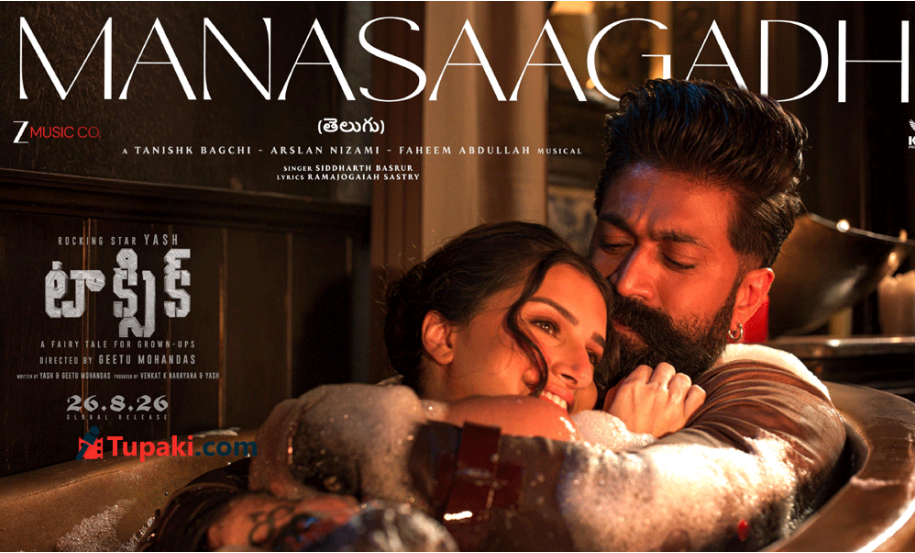


Toxic Manasaagadhe Single:  
Yash and Tara exude magnetic chemistry

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.

Is Chennai Love Story Expecting Too Much?

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The makers of Chennai Love Story are showing a lot of confidence before the film's release. Hero Kiran Abbavaram, director Ravi Namburi, writer-producer Sai Rajesh, and the entire team have been actively promoting the movie. Since Sai Rajesh earlier delivered the blockbuster Baby, many fans are naturally comparing the new film with that emotional love story.

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A long runtime is not always a problem. If the story is engaging, emotional, and keeps the audience interested, viewers usually do not mind sitting for three hours. Many successful films have proved that. However, if the screenplay becomes slow or contains unnecessary scenes, the lengthy runtime can make the audience feel bored.

This is why a three-hour runtime can be seen as both a strength and a risk. Only directors who have complete confidence in their story usually choose such a long duration. Whether that confidence pays



off depends entirely on how the audience responds after release.

The team has also been calling the film a "cult classic" even before its release. That has attracted attention on social media. However, many movie lovers believe that a film cannot be called a cult classic by its makers. It is the audience who decides that over time. If viewers continue to love a movie even years after its release, only then does it earn that special tag.

At the same time, the film's trailer and songs have received a decent response. Music by Mani Sharma

is also expected to be one of the film's biggest highlights. These factors have increased curiosity among movie lovers.

Now, all eyes are on the film's release. If Chennai Love Story delivers strong emotions, memorable performances, and an engaging screenplay, the long runtime may not matter at all. But if the narration feels slow, the duration could become a challenge. Whether the film reaches the level of Baby or becomes a true cult classic is something only the audience can decide after watching it.

Ritu Varma Pens Heartfelt Note  
as Hit Film 'Pelli Choopulu'  
Completes 10 Years

Marking 10 years of the blockbuster hit Pelli Choopulu, actress Ritu Varma shared a heartfelt note thanking audiences for their enduring love. The star is currently gearing up for Sankalp Reddy's upcoming historical action entertainer Bharatavarsha alongside Gopichand

Hyderabad: Actress Ritu Varma, who played the female lead opposite Vijay Deverakonda in director Tharun Bhascker Dhaassyam's superhit Telugu film 'Pellichoopulu', has now penned a heartfelt note of gratitude on the occasion of the film completing 10 years.

Taking to her Instagram page, Ritu Varma said, "Ten years later and my heart is still full. It's hard to believe that a small film made with so much love has become such a timeless part of so many people's lives."

She further went on to add, "Pelli Choopulu gave us far more than we could have ever imagined. It gave us memories, friendships, opportunities, and most importantly, it gave us all of you."

She concluded the note saying, "To everyone who laughed with us, rooted for these characters, and carried this film in their hearts over the years... thank you. Your love is the reason this journey continues to feel as special today as it did on release day. Yours always, Chitra."

Ritu Varma has an interesting set of films lined up next. One of her most eagerly awaited films is director Sankalp Reddy's upcoming historical action entertainer, 'Bharatavarsha', which features Telugu star Gopichand in the lead.

The makers of the film had recently announced that the gifted actress plays the character of Sathyavathi in their film and had also released her first look poster on the occasion.

Taking to its social media timelines to release her first look poster, production house Srinivasaa Silver Screen had said, "Deadly aim. Fierce presence. Wishing @riturv a very Happy Birthday as she transforms into #SathyaVathi in #Gopichand33."

The first look poster of Ritu Varma in the film had her taking aim with a bow and arrow.

The film, which has triggered huge interest in fans and film buffs, is being produced by Srinivasaa Chitturi of Srinivasaa Silver Screen, with Pavan Kumar presenting it.

Sources say that the film is being mounted on a massive scale with a lavish budget.

In October last year, the unit of the film had shot an explosive action sequence.

Sources close to the unit had told IANS that the sequence that was shot was being referred to as the interval action sequence and that it would be a major highlight of the film.

The high-octane interval action sequence was supervised by stunt choreographer Venkat Master. The massive sequence, sources claim, would have audiences on the edge of their seats.

Director Sankalp Reddy, known for his unique storytelling and technical brilliance, will look to bring to life a pivotal yet often overlooked chapter of Indian history in this film. Sources say he is looking to deliver a visually stunning and emotionally resonant narrative.

Cinematography for the film is by Soundar Rajan while the film is to have music by Anudeep Dev. The film has three stunt choreographers and two dance choreographers. The stunt masters for the film are Venkat, Pruthvi, Real Satish while the dances have been choreographed by Shankar and Vijay Polanki.



Keerthy Suresh in Talks for  
Special Song?

After Shruti Hassan, Samantha and Sreeleela, noted actress Keerthy Suresh in talks for a special song in "The Paradise". She worked with Nani in Dasara and tasted success and it was directed by Srikanth Odela. Now, the trio will reunite for The Paradise. Keerthy is not playing the leading lady but she is reportedly doing a special song in the film, which is probably the first time she is doing a special song in another film.

While working on The Paradise, Keerthy developed a strong bond with director Srikanth Odela, and she has already worked with Nani in the past for Nenu Local. Considering her relationship with the two, she seems to have agreed to the special song, composed by Anirudh Ravichander, who is again a dear friend of Keerthy.

The film's shoot is currently in progress and Srikanth seems to have designed the special song in an interesting manner. Keerthy is reportedly a perfect choice, as per the reports from the team.

The actress' addition will definitely add value to the film. In Telugu, the actress will next be seen as a leading lady in Vijay Deverakonda's Rowdy Janardhana and the untitled film directed

