

Oracle Warns Parents of Misguided Youth

Hyderabad: The oracle Swarnalatha on Monday cautioned parents against failing to supervise their children and warned the youths against indulging in immoral activities. She urged people to lead a morally strong life, warning that she would show no mercy in taking their lives if they failed to do so.

Delivering a prophecy while standing on a wet earthen pot on behalf of the deity during Rangam, an important event of Lashker Bonalu, at the Ujjaini Mahankali temple, Swarnalatha said, “Parents have left their children to their own devices without properly supervising them. People are indulging in immoral affairs.”

She also pointed out that people had become arrogant and that their behaviour was leading to destruction. The priest requested her to show mercy and shower her



blessings on children and the youth.

She also predicted abundant rainfall and good agricultural yield this year. But she warned of floods, fire accidents and loss of human life.

Swarnalatha also expressed anger at devotees for failing to fulfil the promises they had made.

The temple authorities had promised to install the deity’s idol but had not done so. On behalf of the devotees, the priest promised that the installation would be completed before the next Bonalu festival.

In the evening, various temples and individuals took out Palaharam Bandi

and several others visited the temple. Scores of people offered ‘Vadi Biyam’ to the goddess.”

A large number of devotees reached the Ujjaini Mahankali temple in the morning to witness the Rangam. On Monday, a huge picture of the deity was mounted atop an elephant, which toured the surrounding areas, including Monda market and Al-pha hotel, before returning to the temple.

“This year’s Bonalu festival concluded in peace and harmony. The major events held on Monday were Rangam and Gaja Vahana Urregimpu. A large number of VVIPs, religious leaders and thousands of devotees took part. All the events were conducted peacefully and successfully,” said Ujjaini Mahankali temple executive officer Gutta Manohar Reddy.

Minister Seethakka Calls For Statewide Awareness During World Breastfeeding Week



Hyderabad: On the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week (August 1–7), Minister for Women and Child Welfare Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka directed officials to conduct extensive awareness programs across the state to convey the importance of breastfeeding to every mother and every family.

The minister stated that mother’s milk is the first right of every child and the complete nourishment provided by nature. She explained that colostrum, which comes immediately after birth, acts as the newborn’s first immunity booster. By initiating breastfeeding within the first hour of birth for every child, providing exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months, and continuing breastfeeding alongside age-appropriate complementary foods up to two years, a strong foundation is laid for the healthy growth of children, she said.

Minister Seethakka suggested that World Breastfeeding Week should be observed not merely as official programs but as a movement to raise awareness among the people. She directed that awareness meetings, door-to-door visits, and community programs be held in all Anganwadi centers, villages, and wards across the state to extensively promote breastfeeding.

Anganwadi teachers, helpers, supervisors, Women and Child Welfare Department officials, ASHA workers, and medical and health department staff should coordinate to visit government and private hospitals and provide special counseling to pregnant women, newborns, mothers of infants under six months, and mothers of children under two years, the minister advised.

She urged them to dispel myths about breastfeeding and provide scientific awareness, while also involving family members as partners in these programs. The minister directed that coordination with hospital staff should ensure that every newborn receives mother’s milk within the first hour of birth in every maternity hospital. She expressed hope that the Anganwadi system would play a key role in promoting breastfeeding and that every Anganwadi center would stand as a guiding hub for mother and child health. Building a malnutrition-free Telangana is the government’s goal, and mother’s milk serves as a strong foundation for every child to lead a healthy life, she added.

Minister Seethakka called upon public representatives, doctors, women’s organizations, Anganwadi staff, voluntary organizations, and every family to be partners in making World Breastfeeding Week a success. She appealed to society at large to step forward with responsibility so that every mother can provide her child with mother’s milk.

TELANGANA IS PROGRESSING TO COMPETE WITH DEVELOPED NATIONS: BHATTI

Hyderabad: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka attended the 19th ATA National Convention in Baltimore.

Addressing the gathering at the grand 19th American Telugu Association (ATA) National Convention held at the Baltimore Convention Center in Maryland, USA, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka called upon Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), who have crossed continents and achieved great success through hard work and perseverance, to contribute their knowledge and expertise towards the development of their home state and native villages.

He stated that Telangana is being developed to com-

pete not just with other Indian states but with developed nations globally, and urged NRIs to come forward and invest in the state.

“We have established a single-window system for you. All approvals will be granted swiftly, and the state government will extend full support. We will stand by you in every industrial and social initiative. The Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has sent me here specifically to invite you,” he assured.

Bhatti Vikramarka said that under the leadership of Revanth Reddy, the Congress government is moving forward with a clear vision to transform Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047.

He noted that Telangana,



once envisioned by Sonia Gandhi, is now being governed in line with the aspirations of its people, with optimal utilization of resources. The state is rapidly advancing in providing world-class infrastructure essential for investments and industries.

As part of this, the 56-kilometer Musi River in Hyderabad is being rejuvenated and beautified on the lines of the River Thames in London, ensuring clean water flow and transforming the city’s landscape.

He recalled that infrastructure projects like the Outer Ring Road and the international airport, developed during the tenure of late Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, have become major

assets for Telangana.

He added that the government is now constructing the Regional Ring Road (RRR) beyond the Outer Ring Road to connect other districts, along with plans for 36 radial roads. Additionally, a world-class ‘Future City’ is being developed adjoining Hyderabad, Secunderabad, and Cyberabad.

Emphasizing that human resource development is key to the state’s progress, Bhatti said the government is introducing transformative changes in the education system. To ensure that students from ordinary families can rise to global levels, initiatives like the ‘Young India Integrated Residential Schools’ are being launched.

Stay High On Life, Not Drugs: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged the country’s youth to take a pledge against substance abuse, saying drugs may provide a temporary “high” but ultimately destroy careers and personal lives. Launching the ‘Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan’ virtually, Modi said a developed India requires physically and mentally fit, confident young people who stay away from destructive habits.

“Today, as the nation has set the goal of a Viksit

Bharat, it is imperative that the country’s youth remain physically and mentally fit, brimming with self-confidence, and permanently steer clear of destructive habits like drugs,” he said. Describing drug abuse as a threat to national development, the Prime Minister alleged that hostile countries use drug trafficking as part of their strategy to weaken India. “Drugs can give you a high for some time, but they make your entire career and personal life low,” he said.

Modi said people who



overcome addiction should not face social stigma but be respected and given a second chance. “Society should respect them, embrace

them and give them a second chance,” he said. The campaign was launched in the virtual presence of a large number of young participants, including representatives of Gen-Z. Referring to India’s youth as the

country’s “Amrit generation”, Modi said their energy, imagination and talent would play a crucial role in achieving the goal of a developed India by 2047.

He said the campaign represented a collective resolve involving individuals, families, society and the nation. From Sunday, a 100-week nationwide public participation drive will be held, with activities every Sunday focusing on art, culture, sports, meditation, spirituality and community service to spread awareness against substance abuse. “The coming 100 Sundays will mark 100 strong steps towards a drug-free India,” he said.

Hurt Modi Modi said addiction not only harms an individual but also devastates families by shattering the hopes and dreams of parents and siblings. He urged families not to hide addiction out of fear of social stigma, but to communicate openly with affected members and seek medical and professional help.

Highlighting the government’s anti-drug measures, the Prime Minister said strict action was being taken against drug traffickers, with arrests increasing significantly and narcotics worth thousands of crores of rupees seized across the country. The ‘Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan’ aims to inspire young people to remain drug-free and become ambassadors of positive social change in their communities through a 100-week nationwide awareness campaign.

No Delay in Resolving Prajavani Petitions: District Collector Ankit

Officials Directed to Dispose of Every Petition Within the Prescribed Time



Kothagudem, August 3: District Collector Ankit directed all government departments to ensure that petitions received through the Prajavani grievance redressal programme are resolved within the stipulated time without any delay.

At the Prajavani programme held at the IDOC Office on Monday, the Collector, accompanied by Additional Collector Venugopal, Local Bodies Additional Collector Vidya Chandana, and DRO Padmavathi, received grievances from people across the district.

Citizens submitted petitions related to land disputes, revenue issues, welfare schemes, employment, pensions, housing, drinking water, electricity, infrastructure, and social security.

Addressing the officials, the Collector said Prajavani is an important platform created by the government to hear people's grievances directly and ensure timely solutions. He instructed all departments to examine every petition carefully, forward it to the concerned authorities immediately, and ensure disposal within the prescribed deadline.

He stressed that there should be no negligence or unnecessary delay in addressing public grievances. Departments should work in coordination, regularly review pending petitions, and ensure transparent, accountable, and people-centric governance.

The Collector also advised citizens to submit all relevant supporting documents along with their petitions to facilitate quicker resolution of their issues.

Major Petitions Received

- Villagers of Kothuru in Ulvanuru Gram Panchayat requested demolition of a dilapidated primary school building and construction of a compound wall and additional classrooms. The matter was endorsed to the District Education Officer.

- Residents of Kuruma Bazaar Colony in Pentlam village sought immediate repairs to a non-functional hand pump to resolve the drinking water shortage. The Collector directed the concerned MPDO to take urgent action.

- Residents of Balajinagar Colony requested that the proposed 132/33 KV power line be laid through the village outskirts instead of the residential area. The petition was forwarded to the Electricity Department Executive Engineer.

- Bommala Lalu Prasad of Kodavatanch village in Gundala Mandal requested a land title for his three-acre inherited land. The Collector referred the matter to the ITDA Project Officer for necessary action.

District-level officers and officials from various departments participated in the programme.

IIT Hyderabad, Crimson Energy Launch India's First Industry-Academia Nuclear Technology Programme

SANGAREDDY, Correspondent : Aug. 3

2026: The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH), in collaboration with Crimson Energy Experts Pvt. Ltd. (CEEPL), on Monday launched ANUGYAN – Nuclear Technology Orientation Programme (NTO), the country's first industry-academia initiative designed to prepare engineers and industry professionals for India's rapidly expanding civil nuclear energy sector.



The three-month fully residential programme aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and industrial practice. The curriculum covers reactor physics, thermal hydraulics, radiation shielding, Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), nuclear safety, quality assurance, engineering design, AERB regulatory compliance, and simulator-based training.

The initiative aligns with India's vision of expanding its nuclear power generation capacity to 100 GWe by 2047 by creating a highly skilled indigenous workforce. Participants who successfully complete the programme will receive a joint certification from IIT Hyderabad and Crimson Energy Experts.

Speaking on the occasion, IIT Hyderabad Director Prof. B. S. Murty said the programme reflects the institute's commitment to developing future-ready talent to support India's clean energy transition and long-term energy security.

Cmde R. D. Mane (Retd.), President of the Nuclear Division at Crimson Energy Experts, said the programme would provide engineers with practical expertise in nuclear engineering, regulatory compliance, and next-generation technologies, including Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and floating nuclear power plants.

The inaugural batch of NTO commenced on August 3 with participants from engineering institutions, public sector organisations, and industry, marking a significant step toward strengthening India's nuclear technology workforce through industry-academia collaboration.

District Must Be Made Drug-Free Through Inter-Departmental Coordination: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has directed all departments to work in close coordination to completely curb the use, illegal transportation, and sale of narcotic substances in the district.

The Collector, along with District Superintendent of Police Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, chaired a review meeting on Monday evening at the Collectorate conference hall to discuss measures for the eradication of ganja, other narcotic drugs, and the illegal transportation and sale of gutka.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the Police, Excise, Revenue, Forest, Education, Agriculture, and other departments should work in coordination and implement stringent measures to eliminate narcotic substances from the district. He made it clear that the cultivation, storage, transportation, sale, or consumption of ganja and other narcotic drugs would not be tolerated under any circumstances.

He instructed officials to conduct frequent surprise inspections to prevent the illegal transportation and sale of narcotic substances and to take strict legal action against offenders. He also directed officials to maintain constant surveillance on the illegal manufacture, transportation, and sale of gutka.

Stating that protecting youth from drug ad-



diction is the responsibility of every department, the Collector instructed education officials to create awareness among students from an early stage about the health, social, and economic consequences of drug abuse. He called for large-scale awareness programmes in schools and colleges to educate and motivate young people and appealed for public cooperation in making Nirmal a drug-free district.

District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila said that the Police Department has been continuously taking action to eradicate ganja and other narcotic substances in the district. She stated that

coordinated inspections are being conducted with other departments and strict legal action is being taken against those involved in the sale and transportation of narcotic substances. She added that, along with intensified surveillance, the Police Department is conducting extensive awareness programmes among youth and students on the harmful effects of drug abuse.

Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, District Revenue Officer Rathod Ramesh, District Excise Officer Srinivas, RDO Devidas, and officials from various departments attended the meeting.

Two accused arrested for theft 28 motorcycles worth Rs. 25 lakh seized

Warangal CP congratulates CCS, KU police for their performance

Hanumakonda :

Cases have been registered in the relevant police stations against the recent spate of two-wheeler thefts in the Warangal Police Commissionerate, and special teams have been appointed under the leadership of Central Zone DCP Kavitha to check the increasing number of bike thefts leading to chain snatching cases. The investigation was conducted with special focus on technology. The crimes committed in the past few years were analyzed, and on Monday, two suspects were taken into custody and key details regarding the bike thefts came to light. On this occasion, Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shwetha IPS held a press conference at the Warangal Commissionerate of-

fice on Monday and revealed the details of the accused.

The thieves are Prashanth Kumar (20), resident of P.K. Rajaiah Colony, Indiramma Colony, NTPC, Mancherla, and Durgam Sai Karthik (21), resident of Velala village, Jaipur mandal, Mancherla district. Preliminary investigation revealed that they had targeted two-wheelers in several districts of Telangana with the intention of earning easy money.

During vehicle checks, the police team seized a suspicious Pulsar motorcycle bearing number AP 36 AY 4700, which the accused were travelling in, and provided information about the vehicles hidden in various places. As per the information given by them, a total of 28 motorcycles have been



seized from the areas near Elukathurthi, the outskirts of KU Police Station Munipalli village.

The seized vehicles include two-wheelers of Honda Shine, Hero Splendor Plus, Hero Glamour, HF Deluxe, Bajaj Pulsar, Honda Hornet and other models. They are -8 in Warangal Commissionerate, -9 in Karimnagar Commissionerate, -3 in Ramagundam Commissionerate Peddapalli, -2 in Siddipet Commissionerate, -3 in Hyderabad Commissionerate, -1 in Rachakonda Commissionerate, -2 in Bhupalpally district. A total of 28 motorcycles were stolen. Further investigation is underway by linking the cases related to these with the respective police stations.

Cases related to property crimes have been registered against the accused in several police stations in the past. We are taking steps to identify the original owners of the seized vehicles and hand them over after legal



process.

People are requested to park their vehicles safely, take additional security measures like steering and wheel locks, and if any suspicious persons or vehicles are seen, immediately inform the nearest police station or dial-100.

CCS Inspectors A. Raghavendar, E. Harikrishna, K. Ramakrishna, Inspector Ravi Kumar, CCS SI Srinivasaraju, Head Constables Naseem Ahmed, Ravi Prasad, Jampaiah, Constables Vishweshwar, Vamsi, Vinod, IT Core Team AO MD. Salman Pasha Constable Nagesh and KUC Crime Constables were congratulated by Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shwetha IPS and other senior police officers. Hanmakonda and CCS ACPs Narasimha Rao and Sadayya participated in this meeting.

PKOC Deep Side Coal Block Allotted to SCCL; Result of United Workers' Struggle: MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao

Kothagudem: The allotment of the PKOC Deep Side Coal Block at Manuguru to the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is the outcome of sustained pressure on the government and the united struggle of workers, said Kothagudem MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao, who is also the CPI State Secretary and Honorary President of the recognized Singareni workers' union.

Welcoming the decision, the MLA stated that the Centre was compelled to act due to the continuous movements launched to protect Singareni and prevent the privatization of coal mines. He said he had held several discussions with Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to ensure that the PKOC Deep Side Block was allotted to SCCL.

He further said that the phased agitations and protests organized by CPI and AITUC played a



crucial role in achieving this success. Stressing the need to safeguard the public sector, he called upon workers to remain united against privatization.

Kunamneni alleged that attempts to hand over Singareni assets and coal mines to private companies were successfully resisted through collective struggle. He warned that any move to weaken the profit-making public sector enterprise would be strongly opposed.

He also remarked that some individuals claiming sole credit for the achievement was "unfortunate and misleading." Reaffirming his commitment, the MLA said the struggle would continue until more new coal blocks are secured for SCCL, ensuring the long-term future of the company and its workforce.

No Room for Errors in Electoral Roll Revision

Special Voter List Revision Must Be Transparent and Accurate
Speed Up Digitization and Rationalization of Polling Stations – Chief Electoral Officer
C. Sudharshan Reddy

Kothagudem: Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy has directed district officials to ensure that the Special Electoral Roll Revision–2026 is completed with complete transparency, accuracy, and strict adherence to Election Commission guidelines.

Addressing Collectors, District Election Officers, and other officials through a video conference from Hyderabad on Monday, the Chief Electoral Officer instructed them to accelerate the SIR digitization process and eliminate errors such as duplicate voter entries, photo mismatches, and ASD list discrepancies.

He emphasized that all enumeration forms must be filled accurately with mandatory signatures of Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Officials were also instructed to thoroughly verify the records of deceased voters, permanently shifted voters, and untraceable electors in coordination with Booth Level Agents (BLAs), while ensuring that all pending voter mapping is completed without delay.

The CEO further directed officials to rationalize polling stations so that members of the same family are assigned to the same polling station wherever



possible. He stressed that every eligible citizen who has attained the age of 18 must be enrolled, ensuring that no eligible voter is left out. Verification of VVIP and VIP voter mapping should also be completed by Assistant Electoral Registration Officers.

Collector Ankit Reviews District Progress

Following the video conference, District Collector and District Election Officer Ankit reviewed the progress with district officials and instructed them to give top priority to the Special Electoral Roll Revision. He called for the speedy disposal of all pending applications and directed officials to rectify duplicate entries, photo mismatches, and ASD list issues without delay.

The Collector also instructed officials to verify the records of shifted, deceased, and untraceable voters through coordinated efforts of BLOs and BLAs and to complete polling station rationalization efficiently.

He stated that 95% of the SIR digitization process has already been completed in the district and directed all departments to work in coordination to achieve 100% completion within the stipulated timeline.

Election Superintendent Ranga Prasad, election staff member Naveen, and officials from various departments attended the meeting

Grievance complaints should be resolved quickly

Special focus should be given to unemployment requests

Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada

Warangal, Bureau; District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada participated in the public hearing program organized at the Warangal District Collectorate Conference Hall on Monday and received requests from the public.

A total of 153 applications were received for this public hearing. Out of them, 41 were for the Revenue Department, 30 for the GWMC, 20 for the Housing Department, and 62 applications related to other departments.

The District Collector instructed the officials to immediately endorse each application received to the relevant departments, examine it comprehensively and resolve it quickly.

On this occasion, the Collector stated that most of the applications related to problems within the scope of Revenue, Housing, and GWMC were received in the public hearing.

They were advised to examine them on priority and resolve the problems of the people quickly.

The District Collector, who examined the complaints received on the unemployment problem, stated that there are employment opportunities for those skilled in tailoring in the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park.

He also instructed the officials to take steps to ensure that Prajavani applications are not pending. He advised the Health Department to prepare an advance action plan to prevent the



spread of seasonal diseases during the rainy season and to create widespread awareness among the people.

He instructed the District Medical and Health Department officials to take steps to ensure that necessary medicines are available in primary health centers.

Additional Collector (Revenue) G. Sandhyarani, Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Y.V. Ganesh, ZP CEO Ram Reddy, DRO Vijayalakshmi, DRDO Naga Padmaja, DMHO Dr. Raja Reddy and district officials of various departments participated in this program.

Land worship to dig a borehole with his own funds

-Thanks to BJP state leader Paidi Yella Reddy



Zaheerabad August : BJP state leader Paidi Yella Reddy came forward to dig a borehole with his own funds. Paidi Yella Reddy performed land worship to dig a borehole in Shantinagar under Zahirabad Municipal limits of Sangareddy district. The pujas were conducted under the leadership of Ward Councilor Appam Shravan. Yella Reddy said that he is digging a borehole to solve the drinking water problem for the people. He said that he feels lucky to serve the people. Leaders and ward people thanked them for digging a borehole. BJP leaders Vijender Reddy, Srinivas Goud, G.Bhaskar, N.Jagannath, Sudhir Bhandari, Krishna Reddy and others participated in this program.

Complete SIR Digitization Process Immediately: Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : The State Chief Electoral Officer, Sudarshan Reddy, conducted a review meeting via video conference from Hyderabad on Monday evening with all District Collectors regarding the digitization of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Enumeration Forms.

Addressing the officials, he directed that the SIR digitization process be completed immediately. He emphasized that the entire digitization exercise must be carried out with complete transparency and without any errors.

The Chief Electoral Officer also reviewed the progress of SIR digitization and the rationalization of polling stations district-wise. He instructed officials to ensure that members of the same family, who are currently enrolled in different polling stations, are brought under a single polling station through the rationalization process. Necessary steps should be taken so that all eligible voters belonging to one family are assigned to the same polling station.

The video conference was attended from



the District Collectorate conference hall by District Collector Bhavesh Mishra, Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, DRO Rathod Ramesh, RDO Devidas, along with other officials and staff.

Congress Leaders Celebrate Deep Side Coal Block Allocation to SCCL

MLA Payam Venkateswarlu's Efforts Deserve Appreciation, Say Congress Leaders

MANUGURU: Congress leaders and party workers celebrated the government's decision to allocate the Deep Side Coal Block to the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) by conducting a milk abhishekam at the Congress Party office in Manuguru on Monday.

The celebrations were held in gratitude to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, and Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu for their efforts in securing the allocation of the strategically important coal block to SCCL.

Speaking on the occasion, Manuguru Mandal Congress President Pirinaki



Naveen and Town Congress President Kuram Ravi Mudiraj said that MLA Payam Venkateswarlu had consistently pursued the issue with the State Government and concerned authorities to safeguard Singareni, protect workers' livelihoods, and promote the development of the Manuguru region.

They stated that the decision would strengthen SCCL, ensure job security for thousands of workers, boost the local economy, create more employment opportunities for youth, and support the growth of businesses in the region.

The leaders praised MLA Payam Venkateswarlu for his continuous commitment to the welfare of Singareni workers and expressed confidence that he would continue to work for the overall development of the Manuguru region.

Several Congress leaders, INTUC representatives, public representatives, youth leaders, women's wing members, lorry union leaders, party workers, and supporters participated in the programme.

Congress is committed to protecting the rights of Dalit Christians

Warangal DCC President Mohammed Ayub

Warangal, Bureau: A Dalit Christian peaceful grand initiation program was organized under the auspices of the Dalit Christian United Forum at the Pochamma Maidan Center in Warangal district under the auspices of Irla Kumar. Warangal District Congress Committee President Mohammed Ayub participated in this program along with MLC Baswaraju Saraiah.

First, he garlanded those who were conducting the Dalit Christian peaceful grand initiation and expressed solidarity.

Speaking on the occasion, District Congress President Mohammed Ayub said,

The Constitution of India has given every citizen the freedom to believe in, practice and propagate the religion of his choice. He urged that laws be made without violating the religious freedom of the people, while continuing the constitutional policies that were in force in the past.

He said that the Congress party strongly condemns the attacks on Christians and pastors in the country. He said that creating fear



among people of any religion and making attempts to take away their constitutional rights are against democracy.

He believed that attempts to force a single ideology on the society are harmful to the unity and social harmony of the country. He made it clear that the Congress party will never support such actions and is committed to protecting the constitutional rights of every citizen. Mohammed Ayub said that the Congress party will always stand by the resolution of the problems faced by Dalit Christians and will continue to fight at all levels for the realization of their just rights.

He said that the Congress party is working with the principle of providing equal justice and equal opportunities to all castes, religions and communities in India. He said that the Congress party's goal is to protect constitutional values, secularism and social justice.

A large number of Dalit Christians, along with Congress party leaders, representatives of Dalit Christian associations, pastors, leaders and activists of public associations, participated in this program.



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PROFITS REMAIN ELUSIVE FOR INDIA’S E-COMMERCE SECTOR

India’s e-commerce industry presents a paradox: On the one hand, it is one of the world’s fastest-growing markets, while on the other, it remains unprofitable despite years of rapid expansion. While the sector is not short of growth, capital or ambition, what it has struggled to build, cycle after cycle, is a business model in which growth and profit move in the same direction at the same time. The tough and increasingly transactional global trade environment, coupled with a still-unresolved domestic cash-burn habit, is forcing the industry’s hand. The platforms most likely to emerge as durable winners will probably not be the ones that deliver the fastest or offer the deepest discount, but the ones that quietly figure out how to make each order, each return, and each customer relationship pay for itself. The latest ‘India E-Commerce Report 2026’ by Delhi-based policy think tank, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), argues that policy around India’s online retail sector has focused excessively on tackling market concentration—a few dominant players controlling too much of the market—while overlooking the structural reasons why most e-commerce firms remain unprofitable despite years of rapid expansion. India’s merchandise e-commerce market expanded from about \$14 billion in 2014 to \$120-130 billion in 2024, and is expected to reach \$300-350 billion by 2030, growing at an annual rate of 20-25%. However, despite exponential growth in the sector, profitability remains elusive. The challenge is less about market concentration and more about cost economics. In many ways, the country’s e-commerce industry is at an inflection point.

The era of rapid expansion fuelled by abundant capital, discounts, and customer acquisition is giving way to a phase where profitability, efficiency, and innovation will determine success. While the long-term fundamentals remain robust—supported by digital payments, rising internet penetration, and a vast consumer base—the winners are likely to be companies that excel in AI-driven operations, logistics, export capabilities, and sustainable unit economics, rather than those that rely solely on aggressive growth strategies. At present, the average revenue per user is only \$107, far below \$1,330 in China, \$514 in Mexico, and \$350 in Brazil. Indian consumers also spend less per order, particularly in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities where average order values range from Rs 500 to Rs 700, compared with around Rs 900 or more in Tier-1 cities. Moreover, nearly half of all online orders in India are still paid through cash on delivery, which increases costs for e-commerce firms. Logistics and warehousing remain the biggest expenses for e-commerce companies, with last-mile delivery accounting for around 60% of delivery costs. Data collection, strengthening export logistics for cross-border e-commerce, expanding digital commerce into rural markets, supporting MSMEs through digital platforms, and addressing the welfare of gig workers are other areas that need attention. Going forward, policymakers should avoid excessive intervention that could discourage investment while simultaneously strengthening enforcement against anti-competitive practices.

Crowd Behaviour After Vizag Airport Opening Sparks Online Debate

Vizianagaram: What was meant to be a proud milestone for Andhra Pradesh quickly turned into an embarrassing talking point after videos from the newly inaugurated Alluri Sitarama Raju (ASR) International Airport at Bhogapuram went viral on social media.

The clips showed visitors plucking ornamental plants from landscaped areas, posing and playing with the water inside decorative fountains, and treating parts of the airport as a recreational park.

The videos spread rapidly online, drawing criticism from netizens who said the incidents reflected a worrying lack of civic sense. Many expressed disappointment that such behaviour unfolded on the day of the airport's inauguration, arguing that world-class infrastructure also requires responsible public conduct and questioning whether locals were ready for such facilities meant to develop the North Andhra region.



Several users remarked that public spaces can only remain beautiful if citizens respect and protect them, while others urged authorities to enforce stricter security and impose penalties for vandalising or removing public property.

At the same time, some social media users called for a more constructive approach, saying awareness campaigns and better crowd management are equally important to help first-time visitors understand how public facilities should be used.

The incident has brought to the fore a broader conversation about civic responsibility in India, with many hoping the controversy serves as a reminder that maintaining public infrastructure is a shared responsibility between authorities and citizens alike.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially inaugurated the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram on August 1, 2026. The new aviation hub is scheduled to start commercial flight operations on August 17, 2026.

Higher Appeal Thresholds Reduced Disputed Tax Demand by Rs.16,690 Cr: Sitharaman

New Delhi: The increase in monetary thresholds for filing tax dispute appeals at income tax appellate tribunal (ITAT), high courts, and the Supreme Court has led to about Rs 16,690 crore reduction in disputed tax demand, Parliament was informed on Monday.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman gave details of the total number of cases withdrawn/not filed, and the estimated reduction in disputed tax demand due to enhanced monetary limits for filing departmental appeals, from September 17, 2024.

“About 443 cases have been withdrawn and 11,390 appeals were not filed before the ITAT after the increase in monetary threshold. The total estimated reduction in disputed tax demand at ITAT was Rs 3,662.82 crore,” she said.

“Similarly, 4,791 cases were withdrawn and 5,565 appeals were not filed before the high courts. The reduction in disputed demand was an estimated Rs 9,218.71 crore. At the Supreme Court, 744 cases were withdrawn and appeals not filed in 534 cases. This resulted in an estimated Rs 3,807.15 crore reduction in disputed tax demand. Taken together, the total estimated reduction in disputed tax demand at ITAT, HC, and SC stood at Rs 16,690 crore,” she added.

The government in the Union Budget 2024-25 enhanced the monetary limit for filing appeals related to direct taxes in the tax tribunal, high courts



and the Supreme Court to Rs 60 lakh, Rs 2 crore, and Rs 5 crore respectively. “The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has taken a number of measures over the last 12 years to ease tax compliance and improve taxpayer services,” Sitharaman said.

Some of the key initiatives taken during the last 12 years include the introduction of pre-filled ITRs; new Form 26AS; facility to file updated return; introduction of Faceless Assessment and Faceless Appeal Schemes; removal of higher TDS/TCS for non-filers of return of income; rationalisation and simplification of safe harbour regime and expansion of presumptive taxation scheme.

“These measures have significantly simplified tax compliance, reduced the compliance burden, enhanced transparency, promoted voluntary compliance and improved taxpayer services,” the finance minister added.

States Can Withdraw FIRs Against NEET Protesters: SC

The Supreme Court on Monday clarified that the governments of Delhi and other states can close or withdraw FIRs against students who participated in protests against the NEET paper leak, provided they do not have antecedents involving grave and heinous offences. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana also made it clear that the expression "criminal antecedents" referred only to grave and heinous offences.

At the outset, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the top court that the Union government was serious in its commitment not to pursue FIRs against protesting students except those with criminal antecedents. Mehta said that FIRs against over 2,700 people with antecedents involving grave and heinous offences would not be withdrawn. During the hearing, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan submitted that even lawyers' children were beaten during the protests.



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Kishor Wins Bankipur, BJP Loses Datia, Retains Only Gujarat

Patna: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) retained Gujarat's Manjalpur assembly seat with a convincing victory, even as the Congress wrested the Datia seat in Madhya Pradesh in the recently concluded assembly by-elections.



The BJP in Gujarat on Monday retained the Manjalpur assembly seat in Vadodara district, with the party candidate Satish Govindbhai Patel winning the bypoll, defeating his Congress challenger and former minister Bhikhabhai Rabari by 30,630 votes. According to the Election Commission, Patel secured 55,481 votes, while Rabari polled 24,851 votes after all 20 rounds of counting were completed. Patel and Rabari were the only candidates in the fray in the saffron stronghold.

Notably, the BJP's margin of victory reduced in the current contest compared to 1,00,754 in the 2022 assembly elections, when the saffron party scored a record victory in Gujarat.

Thanking the voters after his victory, Patel, a former councillor of the Vadodara Municipal Corporation, said the people had once again reaffirmed their faith in the BJP.

His opponent, Rabari, a Gujarat vice president and former minister, alleged the misuse of government machinery to ensure his defeat.

"I sincerely thank the people from the bottom of my heart for preserving Manjalpur as a fortress of the Bharatiya Janata Party," Patel told reporters.

Asked about his priorities as the MLA, Patel said a BJP worker is always prepared to serve the people, especially the needy and the marginalised. "We will carry this work forward," he added.

Rabari alleged widespread violations of the model code of conduct during the poll campaign.

"The entire government machinery, including ministers, was deployed against me. There was open violation of the model code of conduct, and every possible tactic was used to defeat me. I am deeply saddened by the manner in which the code was violated," he alleged.

Claiming that the election was not fought on a level playing field, the Congress leader said, "They (BJP) openly celebrated, beat drums and intimidated my workers, which affected voter turnout in my favour. I could not contest the election in the completely democratic manner in which it should have been fought. I have not received justice."

There was no immediate response from the BJP or the Election Commission on Rabari's allegations.

Counting of votes began at 8 am on the premises of Bhavan's School in Makarpura area of Vadodara city amid tight security.

The bypoll, held on July 30, was necessitated by the death of senior BJP MLA and former Gujarat minister Yogesh Patel in June following a prolonged illness.

A low voter turnout of 37.5 per cent was recorded, with only around 82,000 of the 2.19 lakh registered voters exercising their franchise.

With the victory, the BJP's strength in the 182-member Gujarat Assembly has gone up to 162. The Congress has 12 MLAs, followed by the Aam Aadmi Party, which has five MLAs, Independents (two) and Samajwadi Party (one).

The Congress on Monday retained the Datia assembly seat in Madhya Pradesh, with the party candidate Ghanshyam Singh defeating his nearest rival Ashutosh Tiwari of the BJP by 6,016 votes in the byelection marked by differences in the saffron camp over the choice of candidate. At the end of all 15 rounds of counting, Singh secured 66,757 votes, while Tiwari polled 60,741 votes. Azad Samaj Party candidate Damodar Yadav secured third position by bagging 22,527 votes, District Election Officer and Datia District Magistrate Swapnil Wankhade told PTI.

A total of 21 candidates were in the fray, including Ghanshyam Singh and Ashutosh Tiwari.

At one point, Singh's lead of 12,607 votes over his nearest rival appeared unassailable, but the BJP nominee managed to close the gap to an extent in the last rounds.

The byelection was necessitated after a Delhi court in April this year sentenced sitting Congress MLA Rajendra Bharti to three years' imprisonment in a cheating case, leading to the termination of his Assembly membership.

"This verdict marks the beginning of the end of the BJP," Ghanshyam Singh told reporters.

In Bhopal, celebrations broke out at the state Congress headquarters with party workers distributing sweets.

A total of 21 candidates contested the by-election, which saw a healthy 71.44 per cent voter turnout, though the main fight was between Congress' Singh and Tiwari of the ruling BJP.

Then-Congress nominee Bharti had defeated BJP candidate and former state Home Minister Narottam Mishra in Datia by over 7,700 votes in the 2023 Assembly elections.

For the by-election, the BJP denied a ticket to Mishra and instead fielded Tiwari.

Ghanshyam Singh expressed confidence that the Congress will form the next government in Madhya Pradesh in 2028, adding that the party was working to see Rahul Gandhi become the next Prime Minister.

He said his priority would be to promote communal harmony in Datia and end political vendetta.

"I will work to end gambling and betting rackets in the constituency," he said.

State to Use Central Funds for SC, ST Fees

Hyderabad:For the first time, the state government will be using Central funds to reimburse students from the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities. For other students, from the Backward Classes (BC), economically backward classes (EBC) and minority communities, the government will continue to bear 100 per cent of the expenditure.

Official sources said the government was adopting the mandatory DBT model prescribed by the Centre, a mechanism that was not implemented by the previous BRS government which had cost the state nearly Rs 250 crore per year.

The Congress government has also decided to clear all fee reimbursement claims within the same academic year instead of carrying them forward. The scheme also comes with other conditions that students failing to remit the tuition fee to their institutions within seven working days will be liable for action under the provisions of law, including recovery of the amount under the Revenue Recovery Act. Such students will also face suspension of their monthly maintenance scholarship until the tuition fee is paid.

The reforms are aimed at ensuring "zero fee arrears", timely release of scholarships and full utilisation of Central assistance.

To ensure transparency, the government will alert the respective colleges once the scholarship amount is credited into students' bank accounts. Details of students who receive payments will also be uploaded on the colleges' online login portals.

For SC community students, the state government will bear 40 per cent of the fee reimbursement amount while the Centre will contribute the remaining 60 per cent. In the case of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students, the state will release 25 per cent of the amount and the Centre will provide the balance 75 per cent.

Officials said the Centre had made it mandatory for states to convert fee reimbursement into the DBT mode to become eligible for Central funding. The DBT framework also requires states to release their share first, following which the Centre releases its contribution. Another condition is that the funds must be disbursed within the same academic year.

However, the previous BRS government declined to adopt the DBT model and continued the earlier practice of transferring fee reimbursement amounts directly to college managements. It also continued releasing funds for a particular academic year in subsequent years, resulting in a massive accumulation of pending dues.

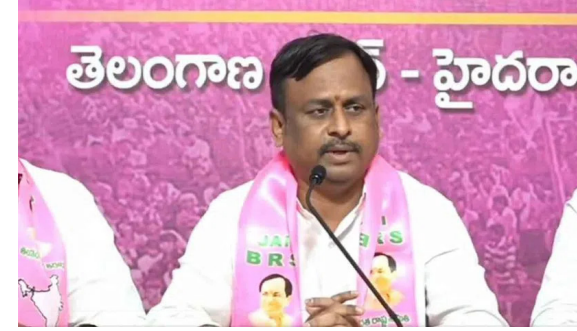
By the time the BRS government demitted office in December 2023, fee reimbursement arrears had mounted to nearly `10,000 crore, with only partial payments being made since 2020.

Because of the state's refusal to adopt the DBT model, Telangana lost nearly `250 crore in Central assistance every year during the BRS regime. The state continued to forgo Central funds even after the Congress assumed office, losing assistance during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years. In 2025-26, Telangana lost Rs 276 crore in Central funds earmarked for SC and ST students.

Officials said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was keen on ensuring that Telangana fully utilised the available Central assistance from the 2026-27 academic year and therefore decided to convert the scheme into the DBT model.

BRS student leaders demand apology over Revanth's 'criminal waste' remark
BRS leaders and engineering graduates criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's alleged remarks on engineering students, demanding an apology from him and Rahul Gandhi while urging the government to focus on employment, fee reimbursement and strengthening higher education.

Hyderabad: BRS leaders and engineering graduates on Monday condemned Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's alleged remarks describing engineering students as "criminal waste". They demanded that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and the Chief Minister apologise immediately and focus on resolving students' problems instead of targeting them with what they termed irresponsible



statements. Geographic Reference Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan, BRSV State president Gellu Srinivas Yadav said such remarks by the Chief Minister could undermine Telangana's image as an investment destination. He asserted that if there were shortcomings in engineering education, it was the government's responsibility to address them rather than demean students and engineers.

BRS leader Anugula Rakesh Reddy said engineers from Telangana were contributing globally and helping enhance the country's reputation, including in the space sector. He criticised the government over its handling of employment promises and recruitment and demanded that the assurances made to the youth be fulfilled.

BRS leader Chirumalla Rakesh Kumar alleged that the government had failed to clear fee reimbursement dues despite concerns over students' education. He said students were being forced to discontinue their studies because of unpaid fees and demanded the immediate release of the arrears.

He also alleged that the government had failed to implement promises, including a Rs 5 lakh education assurance card and scooters for girl students. He demanded faster recruitment, the strengthening of the education system and an end to remarks insulting students.



Draft Electoral Rolls May Trigger Crore Notices

Hyderabad:With less than a fortnight for publication of the draft electoral rolls, which also kickstarts the period of claims and objections, besides the notice period, close to a crore voters, despite having their names in the draft rolls, are likely to get notices.

Legal experts cautioned that even if names get published in draft rolls, there always remains a chance that votes may get deleted. It should not be assumed that voters who find their names in draft rolls will make it.

"In Andhra Pradesh, where the draft roll has been published, we found that people were relaxed in the misconception that they had already made it through. During our legal team's visit we explained how different categories will get notices at different levels," said High Court advocate Mohammed Waseem, who returned after touring parts of AP after conducting an SIR awareness campaign.

Apart from 'unmapped voters', those who failed to mention their or their relatives' details in the Enumeration Form and those with 2002 SIR details containing anomalies are likely to get notices. By the latest count, anomalies have already crossed 62.5 lakh in Telangana, with Hyderabad, which is yet to cross 60 per cent digitisation, recording over 6 lakh anomalies.

As per the revised schedule of SIR, the last date for submission of Enumeration Forms is August 10, while the draft electoral rolls will be published on August 17. This will also kickstart the period of claims and objections, disposal of claims and objections (notice period), which will conclude on October 15.

Meanwhile, on Monday, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudarshan Reddy directed officials to ensure accurate data entry by rectifying errors — such as missing photographs, discrepancies in dates of birth, mistakes in gender details and signature issues — to improve the quality of digitisation of enumeration forms as part of the ongoing SIR programme.

During a video conference, the CEO emphasised accurate data entry, specifically



focusing on re-verification and analysis of ASDD (Absent, Shifted, Dead, Duplicate) voter lists and "No Mapping" cases. He directed officials to thoroughly scrutinise and reviewed progress made in GHMC limits. After inquiring about their action plans for resolving issues such as "No Mapping" cases, ASDD cases, inconsistencies, uncollected enumeration forms and other pending matters, the CEO directed them to ensure preparation of an error-free electoral roll.

The Election Commission of India has suggested the following supportive documents may be provided by electors:

1. Identity card/Pension Payment Order issued to a regular pensioner of any Central/state govt./PSU
2. Identity card/certificate/document issued in India by Govt./local authorities/Banks/Post Office/LIC/PSUs prior to 01.07.1987
3. Birth certificate issued by competent authority
4. Passport
5. Matriculation/Educational certificate issued by recognised Boards/Universities
6. Permanent residence certificate issued by competent state authority
7. Forest Right Certificate
8. OBC/SC/ST or caste certificate issued by competent authority
9. National Register of Citizens (wherever it exists)
10. Family Register prepared by State/local authorities
11. Land/house allotment certificate by Govt.
12. Aadhaar, as per Commission's directions issued vide letter No.23/2025-ERS/Vol.II dated 09.09.2025 (Annexure II)

Danam Nagender admits lack of coordination in Telangana Congress

Hyderabad: Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender has admitted that there is a lack of coordination between several Ministers and MLAs in the Congress government despite repeated instructions from Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

Speaking in an interview with a social media channel, Nagender said some senior Ministers were not taking the Chief Minister's directions seriously. He also acknowledged the existence of groups within the party.

Nagender also criticised the Chief Minister for trying to remain at the centre of every government and party programme. He said leaders should be given a free hand to execute works instead of concentrating every initiative around one person.

The Khairatabad MLA is facing allegations of switching loyalties to the Congress after being elected on a BRS ticket. Speaking about the GHMC elections, he said the Congress lacked strong leadership in Greater Hyderabad and that the vacuum needed to be filled. He said everyone claimed to be a leader in the city while the opposition remained strong. He predicted that the next Assembly election would again be a contest between the Congress and



the BRS.

Praising the BRS leadership, Nagender said party president K Chandrashekhara Rao monitored every development from his residence, while KT Rama Rao and T Harish Rao were intelligent and capable political leaders.

"Former Chief Ministers YS Rajasekhara Reddy and K Chandrashekhara Rao have earned people's trust through welfare and development initiatives. I still hold KCR in high regard," he remarked.

On the proposed Cabinet expansion, Nagender said the Chief Minister

was already dealing with several challenges and adding new Ministers could create fresh issues.

He said the Congress high command examined every aspect before taking decisions, including whether recommendations came from the Chief Minister personally or from the party.

Nagender dismissed speculation of differences between Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi. He said the Chief Minister had been meeting the Gandhi family regularly, unlike in the past when Chief Ministers met the party leadership only once in six months.

Commenting on the POCSCO case involving a Union Minister's son, Nagender said repeatedly highlighting the issue was unfair and could damage the reputation and future of a young person.

Referring to HYDRAA demolitions, he cautioned that demolishing huts or small dwellings could politically hurt both the Congress and the government. He said alternative accommodation should be provided before carrying out such demolitions.

KTR Slams Revanth as 'Criminal Waste' Foisted on State by Cong

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao on Monday demanded that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy issue an unconditional public apology to the youth and engineering students of Telangana for allegedly betraying and insulting them.

Rama Rao at a press conference said the "the biggest criminal waste" committed by the Congress was making Revanth Reddy, who was facing 89 criminal cases, the Chief Minister.

Rama Rao said the Chief Minister had no moral authority to insult lakhs of educated youth, add-



ing that it is debatable if the Chief Minister ever appeared for a competitive examination, or even possessed the ability to fill out his own election affidavit without assistance.

Charging the Congress government with deceiving Telangana's youths with the promise of a job calendar, filling of two lakh government jobs and other commitments, the government, he

said, instead failed to honour its commitments, and created frustration among unemployed youths, pushing some of them into suicide attempts as was the case with a youth from Khammam, Gaddam Venu.

Questioning Rahul Gandhi's silence, Rama Rao asked why the Congress leader, who frequently speaks about youth issues in other states, failed to respond to the betrayal Telangana's youth by his party, the remarks against engineering students, police action against protesting students and unemployed youth, and the growing frustration among job seekers.

EVs Key to Energy Security, Import Cut and Tech Self-Reliance, Says Kishan Reddy



Hyderabad: Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday said electric mobility is not just an alternative to petrol and diesel vehicles but a strategic pathway to energy security, pollution control, import reduction and technological self-reliance. He said the Centre was extending support across the EV ecosystem, covering manufacturing, batteries, charging infrastructure, research and skill development.

Flagging off the first commercial electric bus of a domestic manufacturer, Reddy stressed that public sector units such as Coal India and NLC are expanding into solar, floating solar and pumped storage to ensure that the electricity powering EVs is green.

He pointed to the National Critical Mineral Mission, approved with an outlay of Rs34,300 crore, as vital for securing lithium, cobalt, nickel and copper needed for EVs, solar panels, semiconductors and defence technologies.

The bus was handed over to an operating partner in the presence of the manufacturer's director Venkatesh Challa. Kishan Reddy said the launch marked another step forward in clean transport, indigenous technology and green energy.

He noted that Telangana is emerging as a hub for electric mobility, electronics and semiconductor design, with Hyderabad attracting international chip design centres and nurturing homegrown engineering talent under the Semicon India Programme.

India now manufactures 99.2 per cent of its smartphones domestically and ranks second globally in mobile phone production. Electronics manufacturing has grown sevenfold and exports eleven-fold, generating around 25 lakh jobs.

Trump Holds Off Iran Strikes on Pledge a Hormuz Deal Is Close

Washington: US President Donald Trump said he has held off on launching new strikes against Iran after being informed that Tehran and regional powers are working towards an agreement that could reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump said he had agreed to cancel the planned attack, "subject to being able to rapidly make a DEAL," according to a post on Truth Social. "Get to work, everybody, and get it DONE."

He said the US was asked "to hold off any attack in that the perimeters of a deal has been agreed to," adding that the understanding would include the "Immediate, Complete, and Total OPENING OF THE HORMUZ STRAIT, and an end to Iran's nuclear threat."

The development follows days of escalating tensions during which Trump had warned of striking the Islamic Republic "very hard" as the conflict entered its sixth month. There was no indication from Iranian officials or state media that an agreement was imminent.

Iran's semi-official Fars news agency described Trump's statement as a "repeated retreat from threats."

Regional diplomatic efforts intensified, with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman urging restraint, according to reports. The Saudi state news agency said he emphasised the need for dialogue to de-escalate tensions during talks with Trump.

Israel, which joined the US in launching the war but was not part of the June truce arrangement with Iran, is monitoring the situation. Israeli cabinet member Zev Elkin said there was "some kind of vector toward an agreement between Iran and Oman," referring to talks held last month on reopening the Strait.

Elkin, however, expressed caution: "We'll all wait to see if this vector really does become a full agreement, and whether it will be implemented and where it's all leading."

Trump met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House last week, where they discussed options for continuing the campaign.

The Strait of Hormuz has remained effectively closed by Iran amid the conflict, disrupting global oil flows and causing volatility in energy markets. Brent crude settled above \$90 a barrel last week, up from below \$72 at the start of July.

In parallel, OPEC+ countries agreed in principle to a marginal increase in output quotas for September, potentially restoring supply curtailed in 2023.

Security concerns persist across the region. The US has warned its citizens of possible flight disruptions and airspace closures. Iranian attacks have previously targeted US allies, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait.

A US-Iran truce brokered in June collapsed last month. Hostilities briefly paused again in late July before resuming after Iran launched ballistic missiles at a US base in Jordan earlier this week, in what Trump described as a surprise attack.

Iran has maintained a defensive posture. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi warned against any "adventurous actions by the US military," stating the country was "fully prepared" to respond "decisively." He also cautioned that regional cooperation with the US would draw a response from Iran's armed forces.

The conflict has widened, with Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen threatening shipping in the Red Sea near the Bab el-Mandeb, adding pressure on another key maritime route. © 2026 Bloomberg L.P.

Revanth To Embark On Foreign Trip To Attract Investments

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is set to embark on a visit to the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada to attract investments to Telangana, especially in the upcoming Bharat Future City, official sources said. He is scheduled to meet global corporate leaders during the visit.

The Chief Minister is likely to undertake the nearly two-week tour between August 20 and September 8; the itinerary is expected to be confirmed within a week after appointments with corporate leaders and investors are finalised, sources added.

Sources said the tour was part of the government's aggressive investment promotion strategy and would focus on secur-



ing fresh investments from leading multinational corporations, global financial institutions and the Indian diaspora. The Chief Minister will showcase Telangana as a preferred investment destination. He will also invite global companies and CEOs to attend the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2026 to be held at the Future City in December.

The state government is targeting investments in high-growth sectors including information technology, artificial intelligence, data centres, semiconductor manufacturing, electronics, life sciences, pharmaceuticals, green energy, aerospace and defence manufacturing.

During the US leg of the visit, Revanth Reddy is expected to meet executives of leading semiconductor, cloud computing and artificial intelligence companies, while in London he is likely to interact with global financial investors and representatives of prominent educational institutions.

He is also expected to review the progress of MoUs signed during his previous overseas visits and hold follow-up discussions with international companies that had expressed interest in investing in Telangana.

Meanwhile, Revanth Reddy is considering convening a one-day special session of the Legislature prior to his foreign trip to pass a resolution urging the Centre to reduce the minimum age for contesting elections to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly from 25 to 21 years.

Revanth Reddy had recently announced the government's intention to adopt such a resolution and forward it to the Centre aimed at ensuring adequate representation to Gen Z in legislative bodies. The Monsoon Session is likely to be held for about a week during the third week of September after he returns from his visit.

PM Talks Of Forgiving Students; Govt Owes Them Justice: Rahul

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks of "forgiving" students, but it is the government that owes the students truth, justice and an apology. Gandhi made the remarks in an Instagram post as he shared a video of his interaction with the families of Gopika, Roshini and Vetri Anandan, who committed suicide following the NEET paper leak and cancellation, during his visit to Tamil Nadu on Saturday.

The leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said, "During my visit to Tamil Nadu, I met the families of Gopika, Roshini and Vetri Anandan, three young medical aspirants whose lives were lost following the NEET paper leak and the cancellation of the examination. Each family was left with the same painful question: why should honest, hardworking students pay the price for a dis-



honest system?"

A leaked paper led to a cancelled examination, a forced NEET re-exam and unbearable pressure on young minds, Gandhi said.

Behind every statistic is a child with a dream and a family now living with an irreplaceable loss, he said.

"I listened to their pain. Our fight is for an education system where hard work is respected, examinations are fair and no student is pushed to the edge because institutions failed them," the former Congress chief said.

"The Prime Minister speaks of 'forgiving' students. After listening to these parents, my conviction is even stronger: India's students need no forgiveness. The government owes them truth, justice and an apology," Gandhi asserted.

In the video, Gandhi is seen interacting with the families of the students who committed suicide.

In Mamallapuram, interacting with the relatives of those who took the extreme step vis-a-vis NEET, Gandhi said, "Nothing is more painful than seeing a parent grieve their child."

"Behind every young life lost is a family carrying pain that will never leave them and serious questions about a broken education system. Leaked papers. Cancelled exams. Years of preparation destroyed overnight. Our students are told to work honestly in a system that is not honest with them."

"The tears of parents who have lost their children, their wailing; there is no greater sorrow than this. This grief will live with them forever and along with it remain many ques-

tions about this broken and corrupt education system," he had said in a post on X.

Referring to paper leaks and cancelled exams, he said, "Prime Minister has the audacity to talk about forgiving the students."

"Has he even met a single grieving family who has lost their child, or those whose entire savings, life, time and dreams have been snatched away by paper leaks? The answer is no! India's students do not need the Prime Minister's forgiveness; Modi ji should apologise to them," the Congress leader said.

In a video message on Friday, Modi said he and his late mother were subjected to abusive language at Jantar Mantar during the protests over alleged NEET irregularities. He asserted that dragging such "misguided children" to court would not solve the problem and hence, he wanted to forgive them.

BJP MP DK Aruna Slams Revanth Reddy Over 'Criminal Waste' Remark on Engineering Students

Hyderabad: BJP MP D.K. Aruna called Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's recent description of engineering students as a "criminal waste" as insensitive and insulting to lakhs of students and their families. Aruna said the Chief Minister had forgotten the dignity of his office while speaking.

She said parents from poor backgrounds faced immense hardships to send their children to colleges. "When such students are called a criminal waste, it is unacceptable," she said and demanded an unconditional apology from Revanth Reddy.

The MP pointed out that the education portfolio was with the Chief Minister and asked why quality education was not being delivered. She alleged that the government had failed to strengthen the system and was now blaming students.

She also criticized the police action against students who staged peaceful protests over fee reimbursement and other demands in Mahbubnagar, saying baton charges and filing cases against them was "painful" and unwarranted. "Police should not act as if they owe loyalty only to this government and remember what happened to the previous regime," she warned, urging authorities not to register any cases against the students. Aruna took aim at Revanth Reddy's references to attending short courses at Harvard University, saying not every student gets such opportunities and challenging him to create similar avenues for all. "If you have the capability, provide such opportunities to students instead of humiliating them," she said, adding that the Chief Minister has no moral right to continue as education minister and should resign from the portfolio.



Young Dancer Neeti Mesmerises Audience with Expressive Bharatanatyam Debut*
Grand Arangetram Held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Hyderabad*



Hyderabad, August 2: In a magnificent celebration of Indian classical dance, *Kumari Neeti* presented her *Bharatanatyam Arangetram* at the *Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Auditorium, Hyderabad*, captivating the audience with her exceptional grace, expressive abhinaya, rhythmic precision, and disciplined performance. The grand cultural event witnessed the presence of distinguished personalities from the fields of arts, judiciary, education, and culture, along with family members and dance enthusiasts.

Having begun her Bharatanatyam training at the age of five, Neeti demonstrated remarkable command over the classical dance form through her flawless execution of intricate movements, expressive storytelling, and adherence to traditional techniques. Her performance received a standing ovation and widespread appreciation from the audience.

Neeti is the granddaughter of *Sukanya and Sheshagiri Rao Roudur* and the daughter of *Jahnvi and Srinivas Roudur. Currently residing in London, she comes from a family deeply rooted in cultural values and is also the granddaughter of **Justice Sudheendra Kulkarni*, a renowned advocate and former Judge of the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal.

She received her initial Bharatanatyam training under *Janani Gopalakrishnan* in Dallas, USA, later continued her learning under *Akanksha Tadapatri* in Hyderabad, and is presently undergoing advanced training under internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam exponent *Acharya Ratna Usha Raghavan* in London. The successful Arangetram reflected Neeti's dedication and the invaluable guidance of her gurus.

Apart from Bharatanatyam, Neeti has also been trained in acting, vocal music, jazz, ballet, and tap dance, showcasing her versatility as a young performing artist. She has also been associated with a *BBC Radio award-winning production* and has earned recognition for her talent as a vocalist.

Neeti has performed at several prestigious international platforms, including the *United Kingdom Parliament, the **Sri Lankan High Commission (UK), and **Swachh of Equality* in Hyderabad, earning appreciation for promoting India's rich classical heritage on the global stage.

Speaking on the occasion, eminent guests praised Neeti's commitment to preserving and promoting Indian classical arts while living abroad. They expressed confidence that she would continue to excel and bring greater recognition to India's cultural heritage at national and international forums.

Saarathi Finance Adds 11 Branches Across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to Deepen MSME Lending Network

MSME-focused NBFC expands into tier II and tier III markets as part of its next phase of growth

HYDERABAD, 03 August 2026: Saarathi Finance, a non-banking financial company (NBFC) focused on India's underserved MSME sector, has expanded its footprint with 11 new branches across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during June and July 2026, marking its fastest regional expansion over a two-month period.

The company has opened seven branches in Andhra Pradesh at Machilipatnam, Madanapalle, Amalapuram, Tadepalligudem, Nandigama, Anantapur and Tuni, along with four branches in Telangana at Adilabad, Nagarkurnool, Kothagudem and Siddhipet. Each branch will offer Saarathi's flagship products, Secured Business Loans and Loan Against Property, catering to micro and small businesses, traders and self-employed professionals in these towns and ad-



joining markets. The expansion forms part of Saarathi's second phase of growth. After closing its first year with more than 70 branches across six states, the company plans to add another 50 to 60 branches nationwide. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana remain priority markets because of their large MSME base, strong entrepreneurial activity and continued demand for formal secured credit in semi-urban and rural centres. The company identifies new markets using a combination of economic growth indicators, MSME concentration, customer profiles, regional credit

behaviour and competitive intensity. The newly opened locations were selected after meeting these criteria. India's MSME credit gap is often quoted as a single figure of nearly Rs 44 lakh crore, but the financing challenge is fundamentally local. The financing needs of an aquaculture business in coastal Andhra Pradesh are very different from those of a trader or agri-processing unit in interior Telangana. By establishing branches closer to these businesses, we can better understand local markets, strengthen underwriting and improve access to formal secured credit where it is needed the most."

Each branch will be headed by a Branch Manager and supported by a Branch Credit Manager and local relationship teams. The company plans to continue strengthening its presence across both states as part of its ongoing national expansion.

INALSA Launches Triton 900 Mixer Grinder and Food Processor with Segment-First 7-Year Motor Warranty
Combines a 100% copper 900W motor built for 45-minute continuous grinding with a multi-functional food processor attachment.

NEW DELHI, 3 August, 2026: INALSA, one of India's leading kitchen appliance brands under the Taurus Group, has expanded its appliance portfolio with the launch of the Triton 900 Mixer Grinder and Food Processor. Engineered specifically for heavy-duty Indian cooking, the appliance features a 900-Watt 100% copper-wound motor backed by an industry-leading 7-year motor warranty.

Designed for high-load operations, the Triton 900 can grind continuously for up to 45 minutes. It handles tough culinary tasks such as dry grinding hard spices, preparing thick idli batters, and processing soaked rice without straining or overheating. Copper's superior thermal conductivity minimizes internal motor wear to deliver longer working life.

Addressing kitchen counter space limitations, the Triton 900 integrates a 1.5-litre Food Processing attachment directly onto the primary motorized base. This multi-purpose unit enables home cooks to knead dough, chop, slice, shred, whisk, and juice with one appliance, eliminating the need for a standalone food processor.

Speaking on the launch, Mr Jitendra Chauhan, CEO of INALSA said: "We



didn't set out to reinvent the mixer grinder, we set out to fix the part that actually fails, the motor. A copper motor costs more than the aluminium or hybrid motor most brands use, but it runs cooler and holds up longer, and that's why we're comfortable backing the Triton 900's motor for seven years, which isn't common in this segment. On the food processing side, we already have a full range of food processors in the market, but a lot of households have told us they don't want to buy and store a separate machine just to knead atta or chop vegetables. The Triton 900 is built for that kitchen, one appliance that grinds like it should and takes on a few food processing jobs without asking for more counter space."

At the heart of the Triton 900 is a 900-Watt motor featuring 100% copper winding and copper-sintered bushes, designed to run continuously for up to 45 minutes under heavy loads. Users can easily control speed and texture using a 3-speed

adjustable dial accompanied by a dedicated pulse function. For standard grinding and blending, the unit comes equipped with three heavy-duty stainless steel jars: a 1.6-litre liquidizing jar, a 1.2-litre multi-purpose jar, and a 0.5-litre chutney jar. Every jar features clear polycarbonate dome covers with secure, clip-on locking lids built for safe everyday use.

Expanding its versatility, the appliance includes a 1.5-litre food processing attachment that attaches directly to the main motor base. This attachment comes equipped with a twin chopping blade, an atta kneader, a whisking disc, a citrus juicer, and four stainless steel disc blades for slicing, fine shredding, coarse shredding, and cutting French fries. The outer body is made from durable ABS material with a stylish chrome finish ring, complete with power LED indicators and full official ISI certification.

The INALSA Triton 900 Mixer Grinder and Food Processor has an MRP of ₹14,999 and is currently available at a special launch price of ₹8,495. It comes with a 2-year complete product warranty alongside the 7-year motor warranty. The product is available at major stores and online shopping sites across India.

Northern Arc Capital posted its highest first-quarter results ever, with INR 114 Cr profit in Q1FY27

Mumbai, July 27, 2026: Northern Arc Capital Limited, a diversified financial services platform announced its results for the quarter ended June 30, 2026.

Key highlights for Q1FY27

- Pre-provision operating profit (PPoP) grew by 27% YoY to INR 263 Cr for Q1FY27
- Lending Assets Under Management (AUM) grew by 26% YoY to INR 16,855 Cr
- Gross NPA improved by 20 bps QoQ to 1.0%
- Net NPA improved by 15 bps QoQ to 0.5%
- Healthy capital adequacy ratio of 22.7% as on June 30, 2026
- Received SEBI approvals for 2 debt funds
- ICRA assigned the highest band 'Outstanding' ESG Impact Rating (Score of 81/100)
- **Summary of Northern Arc's Q1FY27 Performance:**
- Assets & Flows
- Lending AUM grew by 26% YoY to INR 16,855 Cr as on June 30, 2026
- Direct lending (D2C) AUM grew by 51% YoY to INR 10,766 Cr, share of D2C lending in AUM increased to 64%
- Performing Credit Fund AUM stood at INR 2,988 Cr as on June 30, 2026
- Gross Transaction Volume for Q1FY27 was INR 8,595 Cr
- **Financials**
- Net Interest Income grew by 32% YoY to INR 394 Cr in Q1FY27
- Fee & Other income was INR 22 Cr in Q1FY27
- Opex ratio was flat at 3.6% in Q1FY27

Net Interest Income	Credit Cost	PAT	RoA
Q1FY27 – INR 394 Cr.	Q1FY27 – 2.6%	Q1FY27 – INR 114 Cr.	Q1FY27 – 2.7%
↑ 32% YoY	↓ 44 bps YoY	↑ 41% YoY	↑ 29 bps YoY

- PPoP grew by 27% YoY to INR 263 Cr in Q1FY27
- Credit cost decreased by 44 bps YoY to 2.6% in Q1FY27
- Profit after tax grew by 41% YoY to INR 114 Cr in Q1FY27
- Return on Assets increased by 29 bps YoY to 2.7% for Q1FY27
- Return on Equity increased by 220 bps YoY to 11.5% for Q1FY27
- **Asset quality**
- Gross NPA ratio improved by 20 bps QoQ to 1.0% as on June 30, 2026
- Net NPA ratio improved by 15 bps QoQ to 0.5% as on June 30, 2026
- Provisioning coverage ratio on Stage III assets improved to 48.5% on June 30, 2026
- **Capital Adequacy**
- Capital adequacy ratio was 22.7% on June 30, 2026
- Net worth grew by 15% YoY to INR 4,056 Cr

Commenting on the Q1FY27 results, Ashish Mehrotra, MD & CEO, Northern Arc Capital said, "Q1 FY27 marked a strong start to the year as we continued to execute with discipline and build on the momentum of our long-term strategy. We remain focused on building a granular and diversified retail lending book, with our Direct lending (D2C) portfolio crossing the INR 10,000 crore milestone during the quarter. At the same time, we witnessed continued improvement in asset quality, with GNPA declining by 20 bps to 1.0% and credit cost at 2.6% for the quarter, remaining well within our guided range of 2.7%–2.8%. This reinforces our focus on quality growth, underpinned by prudent underwriting, portfolio diversification and sustainable risk-adjusted returns. Further, we achieved an industry-leading 'Outstanding' ESG Impact Rating from ICRA, with a score of 81, underscoring our commitment to responsible and sustainable growth. While we remain watchful of evolving external risks, including geopolitical developments in West Asia and the potential impact of El Niño conditions on the monsoon, we believe Northern Arc is well positioned to navigate these uncertainties. Our diversified business model, calibrated approach to risk and disciplined execution give us confidence in sustaining growth momentum while protecting profitability and maintaining strong portfolio quality".



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Mythri, Mouli's Donga Naa Koduku 1st Look: Amusing

Mythri Movie Makers has announced another youthful entertainer by teaming up with Little Hearts actor Mouli Tanuj Prasanth. The film also serves as the directorial debut of newcomer Sreenu Kambala, while Sushmitha Shetty stars as the female lead.

Along with the announcement, the makers have revealed the film's quirky title, Donga Naa Koduku. A giant Jack playing card, a smiling protagonist making a dramatic entry, scattered gold jewellery, and a mysterious black backpack- that's the striking first impression.

The first-look poster embraces playful spirit. Mouli is seen breaking through an oversized Jack playing card with an infectious grin, instantly conveying the carefree attitude of a character who seems to thrive on adventure. The vibrant composition gives the poster a lively, comic-book-like energy.

The technical team includes cinematographer Suriya Balaji and music composer Sinjith Yerramilli. With an intriguing title and an amusing first look, Donga Naa Koduku generates inquisitiveness.



Nabha Natesh Captivates in Vibrant Heritage Style

Nabha Natesh brings an enchanting celebration of South Indian heritage in her latest photo session, embodying pure festive elegance. In one look, she sparkles in a bright lime-green half-saree paired with a heavily embroidered royal-blue blouse, perfectly completed with intricate temple jewelry that highlights her glowing charm. In another captivating frame, she gracefully dons a rich mustard-yellow and deep purple drape, featuring traditional temple-gold ornaments and soft jasmine flowers tucked into her hair. Both avatars showcase her seamless ability to embody timeless beauty and classic charm with regal sophistication.

On the professional front, the versatile actress continues to stay in the spotlight with compelling performances across various genres. Following her lead role in the rom-com Darling alongside Priyadarshi, Nabha expanded her filmography with high-octane projects including Swayambhu, Tyson Naidu, and the fantasy-action drama Nagabandham: The Secret Treasure. Whether making heads turn with her dramatic screen presence or captivating fans in stunning traditional attire, Nabha Natesh never fails to steal hearts.

Kayadu Lohar Radiates Elegance in Stunning Saree Look



In this elegant photograph, Kayadu Lohar exudes timeless grace and poise in a rich dark brown saree with intricate gold embroidery. Leaning against the rustic brick wall with a dreamy expression, she perfectly captures the mood of “between the doorway and a daydream”. Born on April 11, 2000, in Pune, Kayadu Lohar is a talented Indian actress and model working primarily in South Indian cinema. She made her acting debut with the Kannada film Mugilpete (2021). Her breakthrough came with the Tamil film Dragon (2025), which catapulted her into the spotlight. She has since appeared in Malayalam (Pathonpatham Noottandu), Telugu (Alluri), and other regional films. With her rising popularity, Kayadu has an impressive lineup of upcoming projects in 2026, including Idhayam Murali, Immortal, The Paradise (with Nani), I'm Game (with Dulquer Salmaan), Pallichattambi, and high-profile films opposite Suriya (Suriya 48) and potentially Rajinikanth. Her versatility across languages marks her as one of the promising young stars in South Indian cinema.

Dive Into The Mystic World Of Agadha With Stunning Trailer

Telugu audience are always first in line when it comes to an encouraging quality films that come with their heart in the right place. Now we have another addition to the list in the form of Agadha.

A striking new trailer for Agadha has been released, immediately pulling viewers into a layered universe where mythology, supernatural elements and mystery intertwine.

Instead of following a linear storytelling approach, the trailer unfolds in fragments. These scattered glimpses of events are deliberately arranged to build intrigue, leaving audiences to piece together the underlying narrative while keeping the core conflict shrouded in secrecy.

The film, directed by M. S. Raju, is set for a worldwide theatrical release on August 14, and is being positioned as a distinctive cinematic experience.

At the center of this enigmatic world is the force known as Agadha, a presence that seems to govern the fragile boundary between existence and oblivion. The trailer teases a powerful confrontation between divine energies and darker forces, suggesting a spiritually intense battle that drives the story forward.

One of the most compelling aspects of the trailer is its visual presentation. Rich production design, detailed CGI work and polished post-production elevate the supernatural setting, making it feel both grand and immersive. The atmosphere is further strengthened by a chilling background score that heightens tension and deepens the mystical tone.



Adding emotional depth to the visuals, Shravan Reddy and Kamakshi Bhaskarla deliver impactful performances, while the supporting cast contributes to the layered and intriguing world being introduced.

Agadha is written and directed by M. S. Raju, with production handled by Kasi Visalakshi Balusu under the Sri Adi Varaha Productions banner, and presented by Ajay KR. The film is preparing for a multilingual release across Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi, marking its pan-Indian reach.

The technical team includes Rakesh Venkatapuram as music composer, Nani Chamidishetty behind the cinematography, Junaid Siddiqui as editor, and Rajeev Nair as production designer. Additional screenplay contributions come from Chaitanya Vege, while NVN Subbaraju serves as executive producer.

As audiences continue to embrace original and concept-driven storytelling, Agadha positions itself as a film to watch out for. With its blend of mythology, suspense and supernatural drama, the trailer sets the stage for a visually ambitious and spiritually charged experience when it releases in theatres on August 14.

Rains Inside Theatres, Outside Theatres

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It's full of rain this August as per the Weather Department updates. But as per the film producers, it's full of rain this month inside Telugu theatres. As it happened in January, Feb and March, right now Tollywood is looking at a spate of direct and dubbed films that are hitting the box office in Telugu states. Here's what August 2026 is like.

On August 7th, we have Varun Tej's Korean Kanakaraju, Lokesh Kanagaraj's DC, and Deekshit Shetty's KJQ hitting the cinemas. The trailers of all these films are impressive, and we have to see who will be able to score a blockbuster.

Then comes August 14th, which precedes the Independence Day weekend; Suriya's Viswanath & Sons is the major show stealer. On the same day, MS Raju's Agadha and another conceptual film Palleburusu are also hitting cinemas. These films will be followed by two interesting



dubbed Malayalam movies, Dulquer Salman's I'm Game and Prithviraj Sukumaran's Khalifa, which are hitting cinemas on August 20th. A day later on the 21st, Raviteja's much-awaited Irumudi is releasing.

The biggest of the lot comes on August 26th, which happens to be Yash's Toxic, which is already making movies. Thus, the whole month of August is super busy with movies, while rains are lashing various parts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh already.