

Rajya Sabha Adjourned for Day, Passes Births and Deaths Bill

T-Fiber Internet for All Government Offices from Sept 1: Sridhar Babu



Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day on Tuesday after repeated disruptions and sloganeering by Opposition members over allegations of theft of cash and valuables donated by devotees at the Ayodhya Ram Temple.

The Opposition, led by the Congress, demanded a probe into the alleged theft and sought action against members of the Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge questioned why central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had not investigated the matter, saying it was linked to the faith of crores of devotees.

The Treasury benches strongly rejected the allegations. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju

accused the Congress and the Samajwadi Party of politicising the issue and alleged that they had opposed the construction of the Ram Temple. Heated exchanges followed as members from both sides raised slogans and traded barbs, prompting repeated interventions from Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan.

Despite the continued uproar, the House passed The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026 by voice vote amid sloganeering by Opposition members.

The legislation seeks to strengthen the civil registration system by modernising the legal framework governing the registration of births and deaths. The Bill had already been passed by the Lok Sabha earlier during the Monsoon Session.

Following persistent

protests, the Chairman adjourned the House for the remainder of the day.

Meanwhile, the Rajya Sabha also witnessed developments on other legislative business during the day. The House took up discussions on pending government business before disruptions dominated the proceedings, with the Opposition continuing to press for a discussion on the alleged Ram Temple donation theft issue. The repeated adjournments curtailed normal business, although the Births and Deaths Amendment Bill was cleared.

Hyderabad: Industries and IT Minister Sridhar Babu held a key review meeting on T-Fiber at the Secretariat. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT Anudeep Durishetty, and T-Fiber MD Venu Prasad.

Sridhar Babu directed that, from September 1, all government offices across the state should receive internet services exclusively through T-Fiber. He instructed T-Fiber officials to ensure that internet connectivity is provided to all government offices within the stipu-



lated deadline.

The Minister asked officials not to make any internet service payments to private operators for government offices after September 1. He instructed officials to complete the migration of the T-SWAN (Telangana State Wide Area Network) to T-Fiber within one month.

The Minister wanted officials to make comprehensive arrangements to ensure full-fledged T-Fiber internet connectivity for the prestigious Future City project. He also instructed officials to accelerate the implementation of the state's flagship "Internet to Every Home" initiative.

Telangana Tightens Vigil on Paddy Procurement, Milling to Protect Farmers: Uttam



Hyderabad: Telangana government has accorded the highest priority to protecting the interests of farmers and ensuring that every grain procured with public money is fully accounted for.

The State government has therefore initiated a comprehensive review of the paddy procurement and custom milling system, along with strict enforcement measures against any misappropriation of government stocks.

A high-level review meeting has been convened under the chairmanship of the Minister for Irrigation, Food and Civil Supplies N Uttam Kumar Reddy to examine every aspect of procurement, storage, milling, delivery of rice, recovery of the government dues and legal action against defaulting rice mills.

This review is not directed against the rice milling industry as a whole. Telangana has hundreds of rice millers who have worked honestly with the government over many decades and have contributed significantly to the State's agricultural economy and the Public Distribution System (PDS). The government values their cooperation.

However, it is equally true that a section of millers has, over many years, violated the trust reposed in them by the Government. These violations have resulted in enormous financial losses to the State and have ultimately affected public finances that belong to the people of Telangana.

Lok Sabha Adjourned for Day Amid Opposition Uproar

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The Bill seeks to amend the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, the Income-tax Act, 2025, and the Finance Act, 2027.

Amid the uproar, the Lok Sabha passed the Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2026 by voice vote.

The Bill seeks to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on March 31, 2023, in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year.

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us", amid their protest over the police action on student protesters during their march to Parliament on July 20.

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ing or displaying placards.

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Power Infrastructure To Be Strengthened To Meet Future Demand: Tummala

NALGONDA: Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has said the state government is strengthening electricity infrastructure in urban areas to meet the growing demand for power over the next 10 years.

Laying the foundation stone for a 33/11 KV sub-station at Raghunadhapalem in Khammam district on Monday, the minister said the government was focusing on upgrading urban infrastructure and civic amenities in line with population growth. He directed officials to expedite the works and complete them within the stipulated time-frame. Tummala advised officials to prepare a long-term plan for expanding power infrastructure, particularly in rapidly growing urban areas. He also asked them to identify suitable locations for additional sub-stations in Khammam and prepare proposals for the required funds.

He said proposals for new sub-stations should be processed expeditiously, noting



that deputy chief minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, who handles the electricity department, represents the district.

Earlier, reviewing development works with officials at Gudugulapalli in Dammapeta mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem district, the minister asked revenue and forest officials to conduct a joint survey to resolve issues relating to podu lands.

Forest officials, he said, should promote the

cultivation of indigenous forest species instead of jamail trees and asked Oilfed officials to ensure the timely supply of oil palm saplings to farmers.

Referring to delays in land acquisition for the canals of the SeethaRama Lift Irrigation Scheme, Tummala directed revenue and irrigation officials to hold discussions with farmers and ensure their cooperation. Completion of the canal's works would help provide irrigation to nearly one lakh acres in Aswaraopeta and Sathupalli mandals.

The minister also suggested redesigning the canal network by replacing distributary canals with pipelines wherever feasible. He called upon officials of various departments to work in coordination for the timely implementation of infrastructure and development projects.

Aswaraopeta MLA Jare Adinarayana was present at the review meeting.

REVENUE MOBILISATION, REDUCING DEBT, INTEGRATING TECH, WAY FORWARD FOR AP : NAIDU

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday said boosting state revenue, reducing debt burden and integrating futuristic technology, among other initiatives, is the way forward for the state. Giving a presentation on the Finance department, the Chief Minister said the state will focus on capital projects, develop logistics and attract investments to ensure welfare and good governance. "Enhance revenue mobilisation by increasing state (state's) own revenue and capex through PPP and VGF (viability gap funding). Reduce burden in order to create fiscal space for developmental activities," Naidu told reporters. The CM highlighted that AI, quantum computing and all the latest technologies such as data centres, wearables, medtech, drones and others should be integrated to establish Andhra Pradesh as a hub for next-generation technology and innovation.



He listed capital projects as the greenfield capital city of Amaravati, the mega irrigation project Polavaram Project, other irrigation projects, roads, ports, railways, airports and others to create a significant economic impact in the southern state. Elaborating on other key components of the way forward, the CM emphasised on developing a logistics network to make Andhra Pradesh India's industrial gateway. The CM noted that the TDP-led government will work towards attracting investments, ensuring welfare and good governance to achieve a "healthy, wealthy and happy society." Our aspiration of growing at 15 per cent growth rate keeps us focused on achieving the vision of SwarnaAndhra@2047 (golden Andhra), he said. Further, the CM asserted that the NDA coalition extended "more welfare than what it promised," saying reviving "Brand Andhra" will make sure that everything will fall in place, among other initiatives.

Naidu Directs Officials to Focus on Supply of Potable Water

Vijayawada:Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed the officials to focus more on ensuring supply of potable water to the people across districts. Naidu chaired a high-level review meeting with senior officials on the functioning of several departments, at RTGS centre in the Secretariat here on Monday. He wanted the officials to pay more attention to deal with the water scarcity due to the El Nino effect, directed them to assess the deficit rainfall and availability of water in the reservoirs in order to ensure supply of potable water so as

to avoid a water shortage. The officials informed the CM that, with rainfall in the upstream of Krishna basin, there could be a better chance to get more water. The rain-fed water started flowing in the Krishna river in the last few days. They also reported that the Godavari was flooded. Based on this, the CM directed the officials to optimise the usage of flood-water coming up upstream in the Krishna basin and called for proper maintenance of such water. Cautioning the officials over the chance of shortage



of fodder due to deficit rainfall in the coming days, Naidu asked them to take necessary measures to ensure availability of fodder to the livestock. As for potable water in municipalities and rural areas, he directed the officials to conduct the tests on the water to check suitability for drinking and release the lab test reports on a regular basis. He also instructed the officials to inspect the Anganwadi Centres at regular intervals to ensure they function properly. During the review on the transport department, the of-

ficials informed the CM that they were using new technology to provide a series of services to the people and also the measures being taken up to withdraw the unnecessary norms. They said they were able to address corruption and simplified the services by taking up deemed registration within 24 hours, initiation of automated driving testing tracks and withdrawal of Form-5B. The CM directed them to eliminate unnecessary norms to the extent possible so that the people could avail a series of services without facing any trouble.

Appropriation Bill Passed, Lok Sabha Adjourns for the Day

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Rahul Slams RSS, PM Modi Over History Row, Student Protest Crackdown

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing the RSS of attempting to rewrite India's history and asserting that the country would not allow its historical legacy to be "trampled upon." Addressing the media, Gandhi said, "The RSS can't change our history. India will not tolerate its history being trampled upon by anybody." He also criticised the government's handling of student protests, saying stu-



dents were "in severe pain" and deserved justice rather than symbolic gestures. "Students are in severe pain. They don't need the Prime Minister's forgiveness; Modi needs to apologise instead," Gandhi said, referring to the police action against student protesters. The remarks come amid continued political confrontation between the Opposition and the ruling BJP over the

treatment of student demonstrators and broader ideological issues. The Opposition has repeatedly accused the government of suppressing dissent, while the BJP has defended its actions and accused the Congress of politicising the issue. The comments also coincided with disruptions in Parliament, where Opposition parties continued their protests over multiple issues, including the police action on student protesters and allegations surrounding the Ayodhya Ram Temple donation theft.

Harish Rao sends legal notices to Congress leaders over remarks

Hyderabad: BRS LP deputy leader T Harish Rao has served legal notices on Congress leaders Addanki Dayakar and Sama Ramamohan Reddy over alleged defamatory remarks accusing him of performing black magic and tantric rituals at temples. The Congress leaders were asked to withdraw their allegations and issue public apologies through the same media platforms where the remarks were made, failing which legal action, including civil and criminal proceedings, would be initiated. The Congress leaders were also asked to remove the alleged



defamatory videos and posts from social media, websites and other digital and print platforms. In the notices issued through his advocate, Harish Rao said the remarks were deliberately made to tarnish his reputation and damage his standing among the public. The BRS leader's advocate termed the allegations that Harish Rao vis-

ited temples with the intention of preventing rainfall and causing drought in Telangana as false and baseless. The notices said Harish Rao had visited temples as part of religious and customary practice and alleged that the Congress leaders had distorted such visits for political purposes, thereby hurting the sentiments of devotees. The Congress leaders were accused of attempting to target BRS leaders, including Harish Rao, for questioning the Congress government over its alleged failure to fulfil its promises and address public issues.

Lokesh Lauds TD Cadre as Intintiki Telugu Desam Reaches 20 Lakh Households

Telugu Desam national working president and education minister N. Lokesh on Monday appreciated party leaders and cadre after the party's Intintiki Telugu Desam-2026: Two Years of Trust, Development and Welfare outreach programme crossed the 20 lakh household mark. The campaign involves ministers, MLAs, party leaders and activists visiting households to highlight the state government's development initiatives and welfare programmes. According to the party, its leaders and cadre visited around three lakh households on Monday alone, explaining the government's achievements during the past two years. Speaking on the occasion, Lokesh said the response from the public reflected the government's performance in implementing development works and welfare schemes. He appreciated party leaders and workers for the success of the outreach programme.



Mahindra University Celebrates Fifth Convocation, awards 1309 Graduates and 29 Gold Medallists

Bajaj Engineering Skills Training Centre inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr Rajiv Bajaj, Managing Director, Bajaj Auto Limited, in the presence of Mr Anand Mahindra, Chancellor, Mahindra University, and Guest of Honour Chancellor Pradeep K Khosla, UC San Diego, USA

Hyderabad 2nd Aug 2026: Mahindra University today celebrated its fifth annual convocation at its campus in Bahadurpally, Hyderabad, conferring degrees upon graduating students across its Schools of Engineering, Management, Law, Media, Education, Design and other academic programmes, along with 22 PhD scholars. The ceremony brought together students, parents, faculty, industry leaders and distinguished guests to celebrate academic excellence and the beginning of a new chapter in the graduates' professional journeys. The ceremony was graced by Mr Rajiv Bajaj, Managing Director, Bajaj Auto Limited, as the Chief Guest, and Chancellor Pradeep K Khosla,



UC San Diego, USA, as the Guest of Honour. It was presided over by Mr Anand Mahindra, Chancellor, Mahindra University, in the presence of Dr Yajulu Medury, Vice Chancellor, Mahindra University, members of the Board of Management, faculty and academic leaders. Mr Anand Mahindra, Chancellor, Mahindra University said, "The Class of 2026 has grown up in a world where 'once in a lifetime' seems to happen

every year. Navigating such a world requires two superpowers: the ability to evolve through extraordinary change, and the inner strength and a larger sense of purpose. At Mahindra University, we seek to nurture this combination of adaptability and humanity. Together, they are the superpowers this generation will need to shape the future." During the ceremony, 29 meritorious students received gold medals in recognition

of their outstanding academic performance. According to Mr Rajiv Bajaj, Managing Director, Bajaj Auto Limited, "Technology is evolving faster than business models, competitive advantage lies less in what you know and more in how quickly you learn, adapt and execute. Success will come from developing depth, discipline and the courage to make independent decisions. I encourage graduates of

Mahindra University to maintain an unwavering commitment to quality and curiosity, ensuring that their contributions drive meaningful and lasting value for society." Prior to the commencement of the ceremony, the dignitaries inaugurated the new Bajaj Engineering Skills Training (BEST) Centre, a strategic addition to the university's commitment to advancing industry-integrated learning. "The defining insti-



tutions of the coming decades will not be those that merely respond to change, but those that help shape it. Universities must become engines of ideas, discovery and responsible leadership that extend their influence far beyond the campus. As Mahindra University graduates step into an increasingly complex world, they should carry with them the confidence to question assumptions, the humility to keep

learning and the conviction to create solutions that improve lives," said Chancellor Pradeep K Khosla, UC San Diego, USA. The convocation proceedings also included the administration of the graduates' oath and the formal conferral of degrees across undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes. Dr Yajulu Medury, Vice Chancellor, Mahindra University said, "We have built an

ecosystem where academic rigour, interdisciplinary learning, research, innovation and industry engagement reinforce one another. Our graduates leave with the ability to navigate uncertainty, leverage emerging technologies responsibly and contribute meaningfully to society. As the University continues to expand its academic offerings and research capabilities, we remain committed to developing leaders who are equipped to address national priorities while competing confidently on the global stage." Dr Medury also presented the University's Annual Report, highlighting key milestones in academic excellence, research, global collaborations and institutional growth over the past year.

Illegal constructions continue in 28th Division

- G+4 building constructions in a narrow alley
- Building owners flouting regulations
- Ongoing local ex-leaders' air
- Locals' anger over former Baldia staff's collusion with ex
- Massive blow to Baldia's income.. Ignorant officials

Warangal, Bureau: While on one hand, roads, internal drainage and flyovers are coming up in the city of Greater Warangal, which is developing as a smart city, on the other hand, illegal constructions are continuing in the city in violation of "Build Now" regulations and in collusion with the relevant authorities. In Warangal East constituency, in Division 28, multi-storey buildings are being constructed in narrow streets in complete violation of the rules, and people say that the main reason for this is the lack of supervision by the Town Planning Officer. In contrast, locals and other leaders openly say that a former local leader in the division, along with the Town Planning and Revenue staff, is continuing to collect money from illegal constructions, even flouting the new law. Locals are expressing their anger that some local leaders who have lost their positions are colluding with the ruling party leaders and the Baldia staff and sucking the blood of the people like water.

Illegal constructions in Division 28
New buildings are coming up day by day in the areas around Warangal Division 28. Some are being constructed without permits, and even if there are permits, they are being constructed up to G+3 and G+4 floors, ignoring the rules.

There is no setback, no parking space, no fire safety, no NOC. Encroachments have also been made on drains and government lands. Some locals clearly say that even if locals complain, the building inspector does not pick up the phone, only after the building is completed, they will respond with other reasons or they will get the same answer of "under investigation", but no action is being taken at the field level.

Support for illegal constructions from former to officials
Allegations are being made that current and former corporators and political party leaders are behind these irregularities. "If we tell them, the authorities will do nothing," they are telling builders and building owners to be brave. There are allegations that some officials and staff of the town planning department, along with the Baldia surveyors, are clearing files by taking "routines" from the builders. The files complained about are pending for months. As a result, illegal constructions are being completed in a state of disrepair.

Multi-storey buildings in a street that is not even 15 feet wide
This is the biggest danger in this division. 4-storey buildings and apartments are being built in narrow streets of 15 to 20 feet. According to the rules, G+2 is allowed only if there is a 30-foot road. But here the rules have been flouted.

In case of a fire, the fire engine does not go inside. Even an ambulance does not come to take the patient. The drainage system has collapsed and sewage is coming onto the roads. Hundreds of families are risking their lives and living in these buildings.

The latest ex-leader's extortion racket continues!
There are allegations that some current and former leaders are running an extortion racket under the guise of "supporting illegal constructions, supporting clean constructions without permits if necessary, and also providing permits". Some locals allege that they are intimidating them by saying, "We have connections with ruling party leaders, we have the support of the relevant authorities, as well as media support, no one can do anything to me." With this, there is no obstacle to illegal constructions. **A huge drain on the income of the Baldia - Neglected Town Plan-**



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Due to these irregularities, the Baldia is not getting the building permission fees, development charges, and impact fees that are due. The Baldia is losing revenue worth crores of rupees, but the Town Planning officials are wringing their hands, saying, "We have issued notices." There will be no demolitions. While the state government is strict on property protection, on the other hand, people are expressing deep anger over such negligence in Baldia itself. **People's grievances.. demand**
We have to pay lakhs of fees to build a house legally. But these people are earning crores without any rules by occupying positions. Is this justice?" the people, along with the leaders of the 28th division, are questioning. They are appealing to the GWMC Commissioner and District Collector to immediately conduct a survey on illegal structures, register criminal cases against those responsible, and demolish illegal structures.

Where is the Ambedkar Abhayahastam Scheme Announced at the Chevella Public Meeting?

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : The Congress government that failed to keep its promise must be voted out...

– Sunke Prabhakar Madiga, State Executive President, Madiga Hakkula Parirakshana Samithi (MHPS), Telangana

Sunke Prabhakar Madiga, State Executive President of the Madiga Hakkula Parirakshana Samithi (MHPS), demanded that Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, and Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy explain what happened to the Ambedkar Abhayahastam Scheme, under which ₹12 lakh financial assistance was promised to every SC and ST family during the Chevella SC/ST Declaration meeting.

He stated that the Congress government had promised to allocate adequate funds to implement the Ambedkar Abhayahastam Scheme and provide ₹12 lakh financial assistance to every SC and ST family for their economic development. However, despite nearly two years having passed, the government has failed to implement the scheme and has only delayed the matter with promises, without contributing meaningfully to the welfare of Dalits.

He said that the MHPS State Committee would continue to stand by the SC and ST communities and fight until the Ambedkar Abhayahastam Scheme is fully implemented, ensuring the overall development of Dalits.

He also announced that a Round Table Meeting would be held on August 21 at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Hyderabad, and



appealed to representatives of public organizations and political parties to attend the meeting.

Sunke Prabhakar Madiga stated that while the previous BRS government had provided ₹10 lakh assistance under the Dalit Bandhu Scheme, the present Congress government merely changed the scheme's name to "Ambedkar Abhayahastam" without implementing it. He urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to fulfill the election promise immediately by launching the Ambedkar Abhayahastam Scheme and extending support to SC and ST families.

He further reminded the government that it had promised ₹12 lakh assistance to every Dalit family in Telangana with a separate budget allocation and demanded that the Chief Minister honor that commitment.

Demands

1. The Telangana State Government should immediately implement the Ambedkar Abhayahastam Scheme and provide benefits to Dalits.
2. Reservation for Scheduled Castes in Telangana should be increased to 20%, in proportion to their population.
3. Unemployed youth should be provided ₹4,000 unemployment allowance immediately.
4. Telangana movement activists should be allotted land and provided double-bedroom houses.
5. The SC Corporation should be divided into three separate corporations, and chairpersons should be appointed immediately.
6. Land should be allotted to Madiga journalists, and double-bedroom houses should be constructed for them.
7. Pending SC Industrial Subsidy funds should be released immediately.
8. Fee reimbursement arrears for students studying in Best Available Schools, Intermediate, Degree, and Engineering Colleges should be cleared without delay.
9. The meeting was held at the TNGO Bhavan, Nirmal. MHPS Nirmal District President Adharla Mahender, senior leaders Wagmare Bapurao, Wagmare Suresh, Narsaiah, and others participated in the programme.



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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.

Kaleshwaram project proving its
importance again, says KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao said the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme has revived the SRSP flood canal through reverse pumping, providing irrigation to nearly two lakh acres. He said the infrastructure is helping supply water across the State following heavy Godavari inflows.

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao said the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) was once again proving its importance by reviving the SRSP flood canal through reverse pumping and providing irrigation to nearly two lakh acres. He said water was being lifted from the Rampur and Rajeshwararao pet pump houses along the flood canal, providing assured irrigation to farmers.

He said despite the Congress’s alleged propaganda against the Kaleshwaram project, farmers who saw water in their fields knew the reality. The State government commenced using the extensive infrastructure



under the Kaleshwaram project following heavy inflows into the Godavari river to lift and supply water to various projects across the State.

Trump says talks with Iran are ‘going on
right now,’ Calls it a ‘last chance’

US President Donald Trump said talks with Iran are underway at Tehran’s request, backed by Gulf allies, calling it “a last chance” for Iran to sign a “good document.” He indicated discussions include reopening the Strait of Hormuz and eventual denuclearization. However, Iran’s Foreign Ministry denied any negotiations with Washington, saying talks are only with Oman.

Washington: US President Donald Trump said that talks with Iran are “going on right now,” adding that “this is a last chance.”

“We’re talking and we’re talking at the request of Iran, backed by Saudi Arabia, backed by UAE and backed by Qatar in particular, but others also,” Trump told reporters at the White House Oval Office after signing an executive order on military spouse.

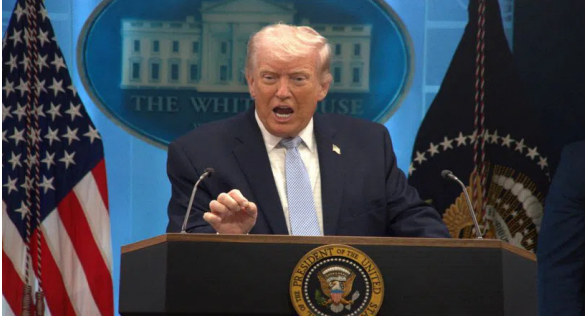
“This is a last chance for them to sign a good document,” Trump continued.

“I think we’re going to maybe get something, but I want to give them every last chance before decapitation,” he said.

When asked about progress, Trump told reporters “you find out today or tomorrow ... they’re going to go quickly one way or the other.”

He said that the two sides are talking about the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, “having it open literally by tomorrow, completely open, and that’s phase one.”

“And phase two is we then will talk about the nuclear capacity ... the denuclearization of Iran has to happen,” he continued, adding that “that’ll take a little while.”



Earlier on the day, Trump took to social media to lash out at the Iranian leadership, accusing them of being “unbelievably duplicitous,” Xinhua news agency reported.

“They ask for a meeting, some would say ‘beg,’ talks begin, with more scheduled in the immediate future, and they say, openly and proudly, that they’re not having any discussions, that nothing is being talked about, and they’re only dealing with ‘Oman,’” Trump wrote in a post on Truth Social.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said in Tehran on Monday that Iran is currently not engaged in any negotiations with the United States, and talks with Oman over Strait of Hormuz are underway.

Udhayanidhi Stalin arrested over
alleged remark on actor Trisha

Chennai: Former Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin was on Tuesday arrested for his alleged “double-meaning” remark alluding to popular actor Trisha and insulting her modesty, police said. Udhayanidhi was arrested and taken to Thanjavur in a police van. The DMK leader was arrested for his alleged remark at a protest meeting held at the Cauvery delta town on Monday. He has been booked by police under various sections of law, including the one relating to the use of obscene words and insulting the modesty of a woman.

DMK workers resorted to flash strikes across the state and road-roko demonstrations were also held strongly condemning the arrest. The Dravidian party president MK Stalin chaired a meeting at the party headquarters to decide on the next course of action as the Assembly session is set to begin on August 5.

Party sources said the Madras High Court has been approached seeking anticipatory bail and senior party leader K N Nehru said Udhayanidhi’s remark has been distorted.

Udhayanidhi, the leader of opposition, who was picked up from his residence in Chennai’s Neelangarai by the Thanjavur police, told reporters who gathered there that the “court will decide”. “Did I mention anyone’s name except the CM’s? (at the protest held in Thanjavur) Then why do you think this is happening? Let the court decide,” he told reporters before being escorted away by police.

Promoting enmity, provocation with an intent to cause riot, and criminal intimidation were among the nine sections invoked against Udhayanidhi. Provisions under the TN Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act have also been invoked, sources added.

Police officials held talks with DMK top leader Udhayanidhi Stalin’s family and senior party leader Ma Subramanian before arresting the leader of the opposition on Tuesday. Even as a huge number of party workers gathered in front of Udhayanidhi’s residence and raised slogans to condemn the police for acting against



their leader, senior police officials held talks.

Meanwhile, the TVK escalated its protest against Udhayanidhi’s alleged offensive remark by filing complaints with both the local police and the National Commission for Women (NCW) on Tuesday.

A police complaint was lodged at the Thanjavur East Police Station by S Bairavi, the TVK’s Central District Women’s Wing Organiser for Thanjavur. The complaint alleged that when the crowd chanted “Trisha, Trisha” during the Leader of the Opposition’s speech on the Cauvery issue on August 3, he responded with an obscene, double-meaning remark.

The complainant accused him and DMK IT wing office-bearers of intentionally degrading women, causing mental agony to the actor and women in general, and deliberately circulating a 2:39-minute video of the incident on the social media platform X to cause public unrest.

Simultaneously, TVK’s national spokesperson, Pazha Selvakumar, lodged a formal complaint with the NCW in New Delhi. The ruling party has urged the Commission to issue a notice seeking an explanation and demand an unconditional public apology from Udhayanidhi.

Meanwhile, reacting strongly to Udhayanidhi’s arrest, DMK cadres staged protests across the state and political leaders including DMDK chief Premalatha Vijayakant and AIADMK Deputy General Secretary K P Munusamy criticised the government’s action.

Kaleshwaram Project
Imposed Huge Financial Burden on State: Vivek



Hyderabad: The Telangana government is establishing Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) across the state with the objective of equipping youth with industry-relevant skills and connecting them to employment opportunities in India and abroad, said Labour Minister G Vivek Venkatswamy.

He stated that the government is building a comprehensive ecosystem where students receive support from training to placement, ensuring they do not have to struggle in search of jobs after completing their courses.

The Minister laid the foundation stone for the new ATC building at Rudrangi in Vemulawada Assembly constituency on Tuesday and addressed a public meeting on the occasion. He said the nature of employment is rapidly changing due to emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Electric Vehicles, Robotics and Drones.

To prepare youth for the future workforce, the state is setting up 120 Advanced Technology Centres across 119 Assembly constituencies, offering cutting-edge training instead of outdated conventional courses.

Recognising the growing role of technology in agriculture, the Minister directed Director of Employment and Training (DET) Kanti Wesley to examine the feasibility of introducing an advanced agriculture-based technology course at the Rudrangi ATC. He also suggested holding consultations with ICRISAT for designing the programme.

The Minister also criticised the previous government over the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. He said the original Pranahita-Chevella Project, conceptualised during the united Andhra Pradesh under the leadership of the late Kaka Venkataswamy, had an estimated cost of Rs.36,000 crore and nearly Rs.11,000 crore worth of works had already been completed.

However, he alleged that the project was redesigned into the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, resulting in a significant increase in construction costs and a massive recurring electricity burden due to large-scale pumping requirements.

He questioned why the previous government abandoned gravity-based irrigation possibilities in favour of a highly energy-intensive pumping system, stating that the additional electricity expenditure worth thousands of crores is ultimately borne by the people.

He further alleged that even after structural issues emerged in the barrages, attempts were being made to mislead the public regarding the project.

The Minister announced that an Integrated School is being established in the Vemulawada constituency at an estimated cost of Rs.200 crore. He also said healthcare infrastructure is being strengthened to ensure education and medical care do not become a financial burden on poor families.

He highlighted the government’s major welfare initiatives, including free bus travel for women, free electricity up to 200 units, Indiramma Housing Scheme and distribution of fine rice.

Referring to a recent Skill Development meeting held in New Delhi, the Minister said Telangana’s Advanced Technology Centre model was presented before the Central government and received a positive response.

He revealed that the Union Ministry of Skill Development has constituted a special committee for designing new skill courses across the country and entrusted him with responsibilities in this initiative.

He further stated that Telangana securing three clusters under the PM SETU Scheme reflects the state’s leadership in skill development. Each cluster is expected to receive funding of nearly Rs.200 crore, and the government is making efforts to secure additional clusters for Telangana.

“Our objective is to provide Telangana’s youth with quality education, advanced skill training and meaningful employment. Through the Advanced Technology Centres, we will develop a highly skilled workforce and facilitate employment opportunities both within the country and overseas. I urge students to make the best use of these opportunities and build a bright future,” the Minister said.

Nitish Meets Modi After BJP Defeat in Bankipur Poll

New Delhi: JD(U) chief and former chief minister Nitish Kumar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday at his office in the Parliament House complex, which he described as a "courtesy call". The meeting comes a day after the BJP faced an embarrassing defeat in Bihar's Bankipur bypoll, where Jan Suraj Party (JSP) founder Prashant Kishor, in his electoral debut, defeated the BJP in its stronghold by more than 18,000 votes. The NDA described the Bankipur Assembly bypoll results as "contrary to expectations"; the BJP ordered a review.

"Rajya Sabha MP Shri Nitish Kumar Ji met PM narendramodi earlier today," the Prime Minister's Office said in a post on X.

The chief said he paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister. Kumar, a Rajya Sabha MP, was accompanied by JD(U) leaders and Union minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Rajya Sabha MP and national working president Sanjay Kumar Jha during his meeting with the Prime Minister.



While the BJP's top brass has sought a detailed report regarding the debacle from its Bihar unit, there is rumbling in the party after the bypoll loss. Some in the BJP are blaming "complacency"; others are citing "arrogance" among the state leaders as the reason behind the breach of the party's "bastion". There is also a view within the party that the election managers "did not take the bypoll seriously."

The Bankipur byelection was the first major test for the saffron party after it got its first chief minister in Bihar, where Kumar was at the helm for over two decades. A section within the BJP feels that the leadership's "choice of its first CM" to succeed Kumar was also one of

the reasons for the loss. A section within the BJP also sees the mandate as a disapproval of CM Samrat Choudhary's leadership. Choudhary succeeded Kumar in April after the former was nominated to the Upper House of Parliament.

JD(U) MLA and strongman Anant Singh blamed the leadership change for the loss and maintained that result could have been different if Kumar had remained the chief minister.

After the bypoll defeat, questions are also being raised over the candidate selection by the party leadership in a constituency with a sizeable youth vote. BJP had fielded Neeraj Kumar Sinha after its earlier candidate Abhishek Kumar withdrew from the elec-

toral battle a day after the party announced his candidature. This also boosted Kishor's chances as the JSP made it their campaign-issue.

For the BJP's poll managers, the Bankipur result is worrying, as the constituency has nearly 45 per cent upper caste voters, considered the party's core votebank. The anger among the youth over the UGC regulation issue and paper leak, coupled with the BJP-led NDA's "dismal" report card on the jobs and law and order situation, is also being blamed for its poor performance. Some BJP leaders also blamed the "encounter" of a 28-year-old youth, Bharat Bhushan Tiwari, in June, which had sparked a massive outrage against the BJP-led NDA government.

With the Bankipur poll result suggesting anger among the upper-caste voters, the BJP leadership is worried about its implications on the upcoming Assembly polls scheduled early next year, also including in Uttar Pradesh.

Ensure Foolproof 7,437 Police Job Drive, Revanth Tells Officers Amid Sabotage Inputs

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed senior officials to ensure that the recruitment process for 7,437 police posts is conducted in a foolproof, transparent and fair manner, amid intelligence inputs warning of attempts by certain political parties and vested interests to disrupt the selection process.

The Chief Minister convened an emergency review meeting with Director General of Police C.V. Anand and senior officials after intelligence agencies submitted a report indicating possible attempts to create hurdles in the recruitment process announced through the recently issued notification.

Reviewing the arrangements, Revanth Reddy instructed offi-



cials to strictly adhere to all rules and regulations and ensure that there is no scope for lapses at any stage of the recruitment process. He said that the examinations must be conducted with complete transparency and credibility.

The Chief Minister directed officials to maintain stringent security throughout the process, including the preparation, printing and transportation of question papers. He also stressed the need for enhanced security at examination centres to prevent

any untoward incidents or malpractice.

Revanth Reddy ordered intelligence and police officials to keep a close watch on coaching centres and monitor any suspicious activities that could compromise the integrity of the recruitment examinations. He also instructed authorities to take prompt action to prevent the spread of misinformation or malicious propaganda related to the examinations on social media and other platforms.

The Chief Minister

further directed the Cyber Crime Wing to intensify surveillance against fraudsters who lure aspirants with false promises of securing government jobs, as well as fake websites and social media accounts attempting to cheat candidates or spread misleading information. He instructed the Cyber Security and Intelligence wings to remain on high alert until the entire recruitment process is completed.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister V. Seshadri, DGP C.V. Anand, Principal Secretary (Home) Shikha Goel, Police Recruitment Board Chairman V.V. Srinivasa Rao, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar, and other senior officials.

Meta Executives Summoned Again on August 5-6

New Delhi: Day after a parliamentary panel met with representatives of social media giants, the government on Tuesday said that the Meta executives were summoned again to face the government executives on August 5-6 on the several issues related to India's law, compliance issues, synthetically generated information, and safeguards on the social media content.

In the Monday meeting, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, who heads the department-related parliamentary standing committee on communications and information technology, said that the panel has unanimously recommended withdrawing the "safe harbour" protection available to social media companies, if they fail to comply with Indian laws.



In line with the parliamentary panel, IT secretary S Krishnan on Tuesday also said that the government will raise a number of issues, including lapses in tackling of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) as well as wrongful action on prominent account during the upcoming meeting with Meta's global team.

"A company at the forefront of technology should have been able to make its systems work as they are supposed to. The representatives of Meta, will be in India on

August 5 and 6. There are a range of issues earlier raised, including the CSAM. So what measures have been taken regarding that, and synthetically generated information and to what extent that is being looked at," Krishnan said on the sidelines of the launch of an independent multimodal AI evaluation platform by AI4Bharat at IIT Madras and Josh Talks AI.

The upcoming meeting is crucial for the government as it has summoned Meta's top global executives after Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's recent Facebook post addressing India's youth and promising stringent action against paper leaks, was briefly restricted on the platform. Meta has also been under regulatory scrutiny over child sexual exploitative and abuse material in paid advertisements on Instagram. The government had earlier slapped a notice on Meta over the issue.

Krishnan further said that when prominent personalities' have verified accounts, if content has to be taken down, there have to be safeguards. "All of these will be the issues. We would like to understand from them (Meta) as to why some of these things have not been working the way they are supposed to work, and what are the challenges," the secretary said.

Govt Mulls More Measures To Curb Fuel Price Volatility Amid West Asia War

New Delhi: Amid West Asia war, the Centre is mulling some more measures to contain the spike of fuel prices, which have impacted the common man in recent times. The government, however, said that despite severe disruptions in global energy markets, the measures taken by the government helped cushion the impact on consumers and the domestic economy.

Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary on Tuesday said that the government would continue to adopt appropriate fiscal and administrative measures to mitigate the impact of future fuel price volatility while maintaining fiscal sustainability. "Since the beginning of the West Asia conflict, PSU OMCs have marginally increased the retail prices of petrol and diesel despite sharp increases in international crude oil prices," he said in a written reply to the Rajya



Sabha.

The minister also said that Brent crude oil prices peaked at \$138.2 per barrel in April 2026, exerting upward pressure on global energy prices and domestic producer prices. "However, to protect consumers, the government limited the increase in domestic retail prices of petrol and diesel to a marginal level," he said, adding that despite severe disruptions in global energy markets, the measures taken by the government helped cushion the impact on consumers and the domestic economy.

In March, the government reduced the central excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 10 per litre

to protect consumers from the impact of elevated international crude oil prices. The excise duty reduction partly offset the under-recoveries being absorbed by public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), enabling them to continue supplying fuel without disruption.

"The government's strategy is to accommodate such measures within the available budgetary space by closely monitoring revenue and expenditure trends, reprioritising expenditure, and taking appropriate fiscal measures as warranted by evolving economic conditions. This enables the government to respond to unforeseen shocks, such as elevated international crude oil prices, while continuing to meet budgetary commitments, support macroeconomic stability and adhere to the fiscal consolidation path," Chaudhary said.

Govt Offices to Use T-Fiber from Sept. 1

IT and industries minister Sridhar Babu has directed all government offices across the state to use internet services exclusively through T-Fiber from September 1, ending payments to private operators for such connectivity.

Speaking at a review meeting on T-Fiber at the Secretariat, the minister instructed officials to ensure internet connectivity is provided to all government offices within the stipulated deadline and that no further payments are made to private operators after September 1.

The meeting was attended by chief secretary Sanjay Jaju, joint secretary (Ministry of Electronics & IT) Anudeep



Durishetty and T-Fiber managing director Venu Prasad. Sridhar Babu directed officials to complete migration of the Telangana State Wide Area Network (T-SWAN) to T-Fiber within one month, consolidating the state's core government network onto its own fibre infrastructure.

He also instructed officials to make comprehensive arrangements to ensure full-fledged T-Fiber connectivity for the Future City project, a key initiative in the state's emerging technology corridor. The minister asked officials to accelerate implementation of the flagship "Internet to Every Home" initiative to expand last-mile fibre connectivity to households across Telangana.

Construction work should be completed within the deadline: District Collector B. Satya Prasad
Construction of Pushkara Ghats and Road in Valgonda Village with Rs. 3 Crores
District Collector B. Satya Prasad inspected various development and construction works



Jagityala / Mallapur, August 4: District Collector B. Satya Prasad on Tuesday inspected the ongoing Gram Panchayat building construction work in Pata Dham Rajpalli village of Mallapur mandal of Jagityala district and the road work to be undertaken in Valgonda village at a cost of Rs. 3 crore with the concerned officials. He directed the officials to complete the work of the new Gram Panchayat building in Pata Dhamrajpalli village with quality and bring it into use within the stipulated time limit. Along with other development works in Valgonda village, he directed the officials to prepare plans for the construction of a road from R&B road to Sri Trikuta Ramalingeswara Swamy Temple and from there to the Godavari river at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore. The completion of this road construction will facilitate the movement of devotees, local farmers and village people coming to the temple for the Pushkarams and will also contribute to the development of tourism. He said that the government is giving top priority to the creation of infrastructure in rural areas and instructed the concerned officials to complete every development work undertaken in accordance with quality standards and within the stipulated time. Met Pelli RDO Narasimha Rao, EEPR Laxman Rao, Tahsildar Ramchander, MPDO Srikanth, officials of the concerned departments, engineering officials, representatives of the Gram Panchayat, public representatives and others participated in this program.

TJA Nirmal District Committee meet the, District Collector.

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Members of the Telangana Journalists Association (TJA), Nirmal District Committee, paid a courtesy visit to District Collector Bhavesh Mishra. On the occasion, they felicitated the Collector by presenting him with a shawl and a bouquet. The delegation discussed various issues faced by journalists in the district and requested the Collector to look into them and take appropriate steps for their resolution.



Those who participated in the meeting included TJA Nirmal District President Arugula Poshetti, General Secretary Maraju Gangadhar, Vice President Satish, Secretary Narsayya, and Social Media Convener Srinivas.

Shankarpally CI Rudrar Kumar Issues Strong Warning Ahead of Bonalu

- Strict enforcement of Bonalu guidelines
- Zero tolerance for law violators
- Severe action against alcohol and anti-social activities
- Criminal cases against rumour mongers
- Comprehensive police security arrangements in place

Shankarpally Correspondent, August 4: Ahead of the Bonalu celebrations, Shankarpally Circle Inspector Rudrar Kumar has issued a strong warning that strict legal action will be taken against anyone attempting to disrupt public peace or violate the law. He emphasized that Bonalu, one of Telangana's most revered cultural and religious festivals, must be celebrated with devotion, discipline, and full adherence to police regulations.

The CI directed that all processions, religious events, and public gatherings must be conducted only after obtaining the necessary permissions from the police. Unauthorized rallies, traffic obstruction, dangerous stunts, excessive noise, alcohol consumption, and anti-social activities will be dealt with firmly, and offenders will face legal consequences without exception.

Rudrar Kumar also cautioned the public against spreading false information, rumours, or provocative content on social media, warning that criminal cases would be registered against those found responsible. He urged citizens to remain vigilant and immediately report any suspicious activity to the police.

He further stated that comprehensive security arrangements, continuous surveillance, and adequate police deployment have been made across Shankarpally Mandal to ensure that the Bonalu festivities are conducted peacefully, safely, and without any untoward incidents. The CI appealed to devotees, organisers, and the general public to extend full cooperation to the police for the successful and orderly conduct of the festival.



Discipline in office management and better services to the people are the goal

Pending files should be resolved immediately
Visitors should be treated politely
GWMC Commissioner T. Venkanna

Warangal Bureau; Commissioner T. Venkanna has instructed the officials to work effectively in each department of the Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation office with the aim of providing fast and transparent services to the people.

On Tuesday, the Commissioner conducted a surprise inspection of the Inward Section, Pension Section, Public Health, Town Planning, Engineering and other departments at the GWMC headquarters. After thoroughly examining the record management, file status, pending applications and office performance in the respective departments, several suggestions were made to the officials.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner clarified that every application and file should be resolved within the specified time and should not be kept pending unnecessarily. He instructed to take measures from time to time so that people do not face any problems due to delay in resolving files.

He advised that people coming to the office should be treated politely, their problems should be listened to patiently and necessary information should be provided clearly. He said that officers and employees should act responsibly to provide satisfactory services to everyone by giving priority to solving public problems.



He also advised that the office surroundings should always be kept clean, records should be maintained systematically, and steps should be taken to ensure a clean and orderly working environment in each department. The Commissioner clarified that employees should perform their duties effectively by following time management rules and give utmost priority to quality and transparency in office functioning.

The Commissioner was accompanied by Additional Commissioner Isampally Jona, Supervisor Santosh, officers and employees of various departments during this surprise inspection.

Education Should Be Provided to Children in a Pleasant Learning Environment:

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Reading Books Enhances Children's Interest in Learning: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra instructed officials to ensure that children receive education in a pleasant and encouraging learning environment.

On Tuesday, the Collector paid a surprise visit to the Government Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPPS) and the Zilla Parishad High School in Son Mandal.

During his inspection of the MPPS, he reviewed school records and enquired about the number of teachers, student attendance, and the implementation of the mid-day meal programme. He directed the staff to ensure that all students attend school regularly.

The Collector asked students to read English stories aloud and interacted with them by asking questions based on the reading. He appreciated the students who answered correctly and presented them with pens as rewards. He also wrote unfamiliar words on the blackboard and explained their meanings to help improve their understanding.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that encouraging students to read books regularly improves their language skills and subject knowledge. He instructed that every school should dedicate some time each day to reading Telugu and English storybooks. He added that adopting innovative teaching methods would make learning more enjoyable and inspire students to develop a greater interest in education.

Later, the Collector inspected the Zilla Parishad High School and reviewed its functioning with the officials. He directed them to provide all necessary facilities for students and



ensure that nutritious meals are served every day according to the prescribed menu.

Interacting with Class X students, he enquired about the syllabus completed so far. He asked questions from the chapter on Mirrors in the Physics subject and appreciated the students who answered correctly by presenting them with pens.

The Collector said that every subject is closely connected to daily life, and when students relate classroom concepts to real-life situations, they understand the lessons more easily and remember them for a longer time.

District Educational Officer Bhojanna, Tahsildar Santosh, the MPDO, other officials, and school staff participated in the inspection.

Korutla MLA Dr. Kalvakuntla Sanjay conducted a surprise inspection of government schools.

Ibrahimpattam, August 4 : Jagityala district Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) and Korutla MLA Dr. Kalvakuntla Sanjay made a surprise inspection of Zilla Parishad High School in Ibrahimpattam mandal center. He inspected the facilities, infrastructure, and educational standards provided to the students in the schools and made several suggestions to the concerned authorities. First, the MLA inspected the classrooms, dormitories, kitchen, drinking water facilities, toilets, and cleanliness of the KGBV school and had lunch with the students. He inspected the attendance of students, performance of duties by teachers, and teaching style at the Zilla Parishad High School and learned about the details. On this occasion, the MLA spoke to the students and inquired about their studies, future goals, and problems faced in the



school. He advised them to study with discipline and reach higher positions. He instructed the authorities to take steps to ensure that the students receive clean, nutritious, and quality meals.

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.

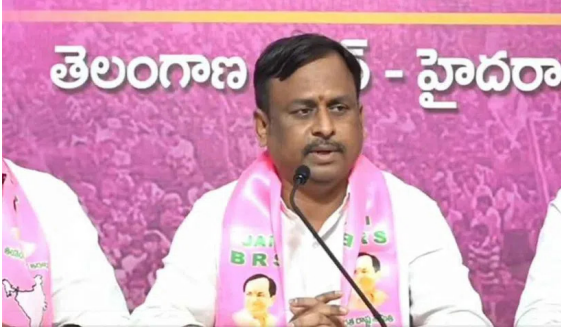
Because of the state's refusal to adopt the DBT model, Telangana lost nearly `250 crore in Central assistance every year during the BRS regime. The state continued to forgo Central funds even after the Congress assumed office, losing assistance during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years. In 2025-26,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



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.



Manasa Varanasi’s Radiant Traditional Look and Rising Career

In this captivating photograph, Manasa Varanasi exudes quiet elegance and warmth. Looking upward with a gentle smile, she wears a black full-sleeve top paired with a traditional beige saree featuring intricate blue and red floral prints and a rich orange border.

A small red bindi and delicate sun-shaped earring complement her long, wavy dark hair as she stands on a lively street, radiating natural beauty and poise. Born on 21 March 1997 in Hyderabad, Manasa Varanasi was a software engineer before entering the world of pageantry. She was crowned Femina Miss India 2020 and represented India at Miss World 2021, reaching the Top 13. She made her acting debut in the Telugu film Devaki Nandana Vasudeva (2024), portraying a challenging triple role as Satya, Radha, and Rukmini.

Her next release, the romantic comedy Couple Friendly (2025-26), opposite Santosh Sobhan, won audiences’ hearts and later streamed on OTT platforms. Currently, she is filming her Tamil debut alongside M. Sasikumar, directed by Manikandan, while exploring more Telugu opportunities. Her journey continues to inspire as she balances grace and ambition.

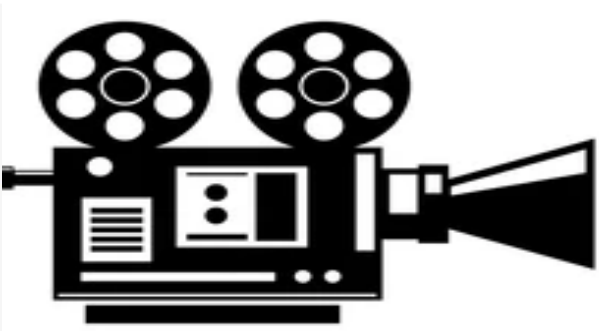
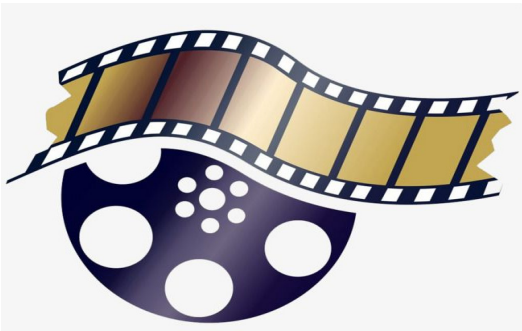
Will Paradise Do The Needful For Industry?

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Finally, the posters of Natural Star Nani’s The Paradise are coming, indicating the arrival of the teaser of the movie on August 6th. Promoting that the film’s 1 minute 35 seconds madness is ready, as people will witness Jadal Zamana, the makers have today come up with a new black and white poster of the movie too. All this is fine, but there is a big task for “The Paradise” to fulfil.

After the blockbuster Sankranthi season where films like Mana Shankara Varaprasad Garu grossed ₹300 crores, and other films did more than ₹100 crores in gross collections, all the buyers, exhibitors and distributors along with the producers are super happy. After that, many films have come, clicked, made money, but all the stakeholders are not happy. Though some movies delivered profits to producers, they are not solid hits, and their success hasn’t boosted the industry big. For that reason, The Paradise should now become that true blockbuster, such that everyone involved will be super happy.

These are the days when reviews will be average, social media talk will be bland, but still the producers say that films collected more than ₹70-200 crores. However, The Paradise should get both positive reviews, blockbuster openings and terrific word of mouth thereafter, resulting in hefty collections. The whole of the industry is currently hoping that the September 24th-releasing film will do that needful.



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Jailer 2: Superstar Rajni Banks On 8 Cameos

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Films that have Superstar Rajnikanth these days are being loaded up with a lot of cameos and star cast these days. Even in the recent “Coolie”, we have seen the likes of Nagarjuna, Shruti Haasan, Soubin Shahir doing character roles, while Aamir Khan and Upendra have done cameos.

Talk about his last blockbuster, Jailer, there are lots of cameos inside the film, including those of Shivrajkumar and Mohanlal. Now that Jailer 2 is coming, there is a lot of talk going on about these cameos.

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Jailer 2 features an explosive, star-studded lineup of guest stars, and nearly eight stars are said to have done cameos. The confirmed names that have popped up so far are the likes of Vijay Sethupathi, Hrithik Roshan, Mohanlal and Shivarajkumar.

Back then, the names of Shah Rukh Khan and Nandamuri Balakrishna were also heard strongly, but those two have dropped the idea of doing this cameo. The likes of Vidya Balan and Mithun Chakraborty are also there in the film, and they are doing full-fledged roles but not cameos.

Anyway, it looks like if it is a Rajnikanth film, it has to have lots of cameos to entertain the audience rather than the superstar alone. Well, this has more become Avengers like theme, where all other superheroes from the Marvel universe obviously join the film.

Alias Rukmini gives one more reason to fall in love with Nithiin - Nani

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Nani on his Unanimous productions banner has owed to present good films and post Court, he announced Alias Rukmini as their second film. Nithiin is set to enchant audiences in the film as Krishna and it is a heart-touching love story. The movie was formally launched with a traditional pooja ceremony and title glimpse is getting huge positive response.

At the event, Nani expressed his excitement for the film. He stated, "Many times we fell in love with Nithiin in films like Jayam, Ishq, and Gunde Jaari Gallanthayyinde. We are very confident we are giving one more reason to fall in love with Nithiin with Alias Rukmini. This is a beautiful love story." He noted that the unique backdrop makes it a truly memorable project.

Nithiin shared the same enthusiasm for the collaboration during the event. He remarked, "Presented by Nani and produced by Deepthi Ganta, under the direction of Murali Kanth, this is going to be a very special film in my career. I thank Nani for bringing such a wonderful script



to me." He confidently added that the film will make the entire team proud.

Each and every technician, from director Murali Kanth, composer Vijai Bulganin and producer Deepthi Ganta have expressed their confidence in the movie becoming a special one. The shoot of the movie will commence pretty soon.

Why is Korean Kanakaraju a Jackpot and a Big Test for Varun Tej?

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Varun Tej is hoping to make a strong comeback with his upcoming film Korean Kanakaraju. The actor has been waiting for a solid hit after facing several box office failures in recent years. Because of this, many people in the film industry believe this movie is a very important one for his career.

According to trade reports, the makers have invested around Rs. 38 crore in the film. Out of this amount, nearly Rs. 26 crore has already been recovered through non-theatrical rights. These include digital streaming, satellite, and other rights. This means the movie now needs around Rs. 12 crore from its theatrical run to recover the remaining investment.

Trade experts feel that this target is not very difficult. If the film receives positive reviews and good word of mouth from audiences, earning Rs. 12 crore at the box of-



fice may not be a big challenge. Because of this, many believe the film has a good chance of becoming a successful project.

The censor board has given Korean Kanakaraju a U/A certificate. The movie has a runtime of 2 hours and 36 minutes, which is considered suitable for a horror-comedy entertainer. Fans are also excited because the film's premiere shows are expected to begin from August 6, creating early buzz before its wider release.

However, the biggest focus is on Varun Tej himself. The actor has been struggling to deliver a successful film for quite some time. His recent movies failed to impress both audiences and at the

box office. As a result, expectations from Korean Kanakaraju are very high.

If the film becomes a hit, it could give Varun Tej the comeback he has been waiting for and restore confidence among fans and filmmakers. A successful movie could also open the door to more exciting projects in the future.

On the other hand, if the film fails despite its favorable financial position and positive pre-release buzz, it may become another setback in the actor's career. That is why many people are calling Korean Kanakaraju one of the most crucial films for Varun Tej. Now, all eyes are on the audience's response, which will decide whether this horror-comedy becomes the comeback blockbuster the actor needs.