

MCR TIMS Ready to Offer Advanced Healthcare: Raja Narasimha



Hyderabad: Dr. MCR TIMS is fully ready to provide quality and advanced healthcare services to the people of Telangana. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will inaugurate the hospital soon,

said Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narasimha here on Saturday. He said the State government is committed to strengthening public healthcare infrastructure and ensuring access to world-class medical services for the people. He instructed officials to complete all the remaining work on a war footing.

Kishan Reddy Seeks 50 % of Hyderabad Revenue for City's Development



Hyderabad: Alleging that the Congress government in Telangana is "neglecting" several areas of Hyderabad while focusing on the IT hub, Union Minister G Kishan Reddy on Saturday demanded that at least 50 per cent of the city's revenue be spent on its development. Though Hyderabad contributes 70 per cent of the revenue to the Telangana government, not even five per cent of it is being spent on the city's development, Kishan Reddy, Lok Sabha member from Secunderabad, claimed. Both the previous BRS regime and the present Congress government have focused on IT hub areas like Hitech City, Kondapur, and Madhapur, while neglecting

the "original" Hyderabad areas, such as Sanathnagar, Secunderabad, Musheerabad, Amberpet, and Khairatabad, he alleged. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and Hyderabad Water Works, the main agencies responsible for the city's development, are facing financial problems and are unable to pay their employees' salaries, he told reporters here. "The government is spending Hyderabad's revenue on Hitech City. Therefore, I urge Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who also holds the Municipal portfolio, to spend at least 50 per cent of Hyderabad's revenue on the city's development," Kishan Reddy said.

Jupally Calls BJP's Water Issue a Political Stunt



Hyderabad: Tourism Minister Minister Jupally Krishna Rao has called the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) water issue a political drama and a stunt. He assured that the Congress government will complete all the pending irrigation projects in the erstwhile Mahbubnagar district. The Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift irrigation scheme will be completed 100 per to provide irrigation water to farmers. Rao spoke at the Secretariat Media Center on Friday along with MLAs Madhusudhan Reddy, Veerlapalli Shankar and irrigation department officials. According to Rao, there is a shortage of rain across

the country due to the effect of El Nino. Water management for Jurla, Nettempadu, Bhima and Koilasagar projects is being done as per the plan of irrigation department officials. Due to rains in upper areas, the inflows to Jurla project and other projects is increasing. Accordingly, the officials are releasing water as per the plan. The BJP leaders, who are aware of this in advance, are creating a ruckus at the projects and are trying to spread the word that the officials are releasing water due to their pressure. The BJP, which has been in power for ten years, has neglected these projects that provide irrigation water to lakhs of acres. It ignored the Palamuru irrigation projects, h alleged.

Revanth Plans Telangana Tour With Welfare Outreach

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will undertake district tours from August 10 to 16 to, among others, initiate the distribution of smart ration cards and the launch of development works at the Sammakka-Saralamma temple in Medaram. Notably, he will inaugurate Indiramma houses at a ceremony in a village adopted by his predecessor K. Chandrashekar Rao.

The Chief Minister was scheduled to visit Nalgonda, Yadadri-Bhongir, Sangareddy and Mulugu districts over the week. On August 10, Revanth Reddy will visit the Nagarjunasagar dam and perform Varuna Yagam seeking abundant rainfall amid concerns over deficient monsoon rainfall. The Chief Minister is also expected to review the water situation and irrigation requirements during the visit. On August 13, Revanth Reddy will visit Vasalamarri in Yadadri-Bhongir district



and hand over 143 Indiramma houses to beneficiaries in a mass housewarming ceremony. The village had been adopted by then-Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, who visited it in August 2021, inspected houses in a dilapidated condition and promised to construct 2BHK houses if villagers came forward to demolish their existing houses. Several villagers demolished their houses and began living in temporary accommodation since then. The previous BRS government failed to construct the promised

houses. After assuming office in December 2023, the Congress gave special attention to Vasalamarri and sanctioned Indiramma houses for the affected families. The construction of 143 houses has now been completed and the houses are ready for inauguration. On August 15, the Chief Minister will visit Sangareddy district and formally launch the distribution of 1.05 crore new smart ration cards to beneficiaries across. The government has so far sanc-

tioned 16.32 lakh new ration cards, bringing an additional 61.09 lakh people under the food security net. With the sanction of the new cards, the total number of ration cards in Telangana has risen to 1.05 crore, covering around 3.42 crore beneficiaries. The state government is distributing around 2.16 lakh metric tonnes of fine rice every month to ration card holders. The cards are stated to be secure and tamper-proof to enhance transparency in the public distribution system. On August 16, Revanth Reddy will visit Medaram in Mulugu district and launch the second-phase development works at the famous Sammakka-Saralamma temple. The government has been taking up infrastructure and development works at Medaram with the objective of improving facilities for devotees and strengthening the temple's pilgrimage infrastructure.

Telangana Targets 100 GCCs This Year, Says Sridhar Babu, Urges Industry to Enter Classrooms

Hyderabad: Telangana is aggressively targeting the establishment of 100 global capability centres (GCCs) this year, a move aimed at positioning the state as a hub for high-value innovation and global decision-making. IT & industries minister D. Sridhar Babu announced the ambitious goal at the Future Skills Summit & Awards at T-Works, emphasising that these centres would create vast opportunities in technology, engineering, finance and research sectors. To sustain this growth and ensure a steady pipeline of employable talent, Sridhar Babu asked the corporate sector and industry to enter the classroom. He urged business leaders to move beyond traditional recruitment and become active partners in education by de-



signing curricula, offering internships and mentoring students through live projects. "The classroom and the workplace cannot remain two separate worlds, they must become connected," he stated, stressing that academic institutions must continuously update their programmes based on industry feedback. Highlighting that a degree is merely the foundation, the minister noted that Telangana produces over two lakh graduates annually, yet industry de-

mands practical skills and adaptability. To bridge this gap, the government is transforming 65 government ITIs into advanced technology centres with support from Tata Sons and promoting the Young India Skills University, where industry leaders like Anand Mahindra are central to curriculum design. With approximately 20,000 new opportunities emerging in the banking, financial services and insurance sector and digital infrastructure extending to rural areas, the state aims to decentralise economic growth, Sridhar Babu said. He affirmed that the future belongs to those who combine education with innovation, ensuring every student leaves college not just with a degree, but with the skills to create value.

Ponnam Launches Monsoon Drive to Curb Mosquito-Borne Diseases in Hyderabad



Hyderabad: BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar here on Saturday stated that extensive measures are being taken to prevent mosquito-borne diseases in Hyderabad. As part of the Special Monsoon Drive to be conducted from August 11 to 21, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) programme on measures to be taken to prevent mosquitoes was launched by Prabhakar at the Minister's Quarters here.

Speaking on the occasion, Entomology department officials explained to the Minister the programmes being undertaken to create awareness among the public about mosquito prevention. The Minister inspected various equipment being used for mosquito prevention and enquired with the officials about their usage, functioning and other details. Several programmes are being undertaken as part of preventive measures to control mosquito-borne diseases. Prabhakar stated that as part of protecting the health of Hyderabad residents, the GHMC is conducting door-to-door programmes to create awareness among people about cleanliness of their surroundings. He advised everyone to keep their homes and surroundings clean with a sense of personal responsibility. He urged people to remove stagnant water in and around their homes every Friday as part of the 'Friday-Dryday' programme and take precautions to prevent mosquito larvae from breeding. The Minister said that the government is taking preventive measures to prevent diseases such as dengue, and that people should also cooperate with the government and ensure that water does not stagnate around their homes.

GHMC Launches IEC Drive to Combat Rainy Season Vector-Borne Diseases



Hyderabad:GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan directed health wing entomology staff to intensify field-level activities for prevention of vector-borne diseases in the rainy season. He was speaking at the launch of awareness and information, education and communication (IEC) initiatives developed by the corporation’s Metropolitan Surveillance Unit (MSU)

on Saturday. The campaign focused on dengue prevention, Friday dry day, integrated disease surveillance project (IDSP). The IDSP is an initiative of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). Dog bites, recurring diarrhoea, jaundice etc can be reported to the NCDC via the QR Code on health ministry or NCDC website. Transport minister Ponnam Prabhakar who launched these initiatives, emphasised on citizen participation.

Irrigation Water To Reach Station Ghanpur Farms From Aug. 14: Srihari

WARANGAL: Farmers in Station Ghanpur constituency will receive irrigation water from August 14 as the government steps up measures to address drought-like conditions affecting even rain-fed crops. MLA Kadiyam Srihari said water would be released from the Dharmasagar, Station Ghanpur, Ashwaraopalli, Gandhi Ramaram and Nawabpet reservoirs, among others.

He said water would be released for 15 days based on available storage, followed by a 15-day period to replenish the reservoirs. The “on-and-off” system was necessary as continuous releases were not possible under the prevailing conditions, he said.

Srihari inspected the right canal of the Station Ghanpur reservoir along with irrigation and municipal officials and local representatives. He reviewed the condition of the canal, including silt accumulation, jungle clearance and points where municipal sewage was entering the irrigation channel.

Expressing displeasure over the sewage entering the canal, he directed municipal officials to take immediate corrective measures. Irrigation officials were asked to take up desilting and jungle clearance on a war footing and ensure



that water reaches the fields within three days. Srihari also directed officials to prepare proposals for constructing side walls along the canal to ensure water reaches the tail-end ayacut. He asked them to prepare proposals within three months for the construction and modernisation of canals as a permanent solution. The Ghanpur reservoir, constructed with a capacity of 1.5 TMC under the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme, caters to around 2,500 acres of ayacut, he said. However, inadequate canal modernisation has prevented water from reaching the entire command area. Srihari assured farmers that the canal network would be strengthened to ensure irrigation water for two crops in the command area. He also directed officials to redesign the drainage system to prevent municipal sewage and floodwater from entering irrigation canals. He said he was regularly discussing the irrigation situation with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy. He reiterated that irrigation water would be released from all Devadula reservoirs in the constituency from August 14.

Women Must Emerge As Decision-Makers, Not Just Voters: Seethakka

WARANGAL: Women should not remain mere voters but must emerge as decision-makers who shape the future of the country, minister for panchayat raj, rural development and women & child welfare Dr Danasari Anasuya Seethakka said on Saturday. Addressing the Nari Shakti Abhiyan training programme, organised by the Youth Congress in New Delhi, Seethakka stressed the need for greater participation of women in politics and urged young women leaders to take up leadership roles. She said voting rights alone could not ensure political equality for women and called for equal opportunities to contest elections, participate in policymaking and play a role in governance. “The voice of women must be heard strongly from gram panchayats to Parliament,” Seethakka said, adding that greater political participation by women would strengthen democracy and bring greater focus



to social and family-related issues. She also expressed concern over online trolling, personal abuse, obscene comments, misinformation, morphing and threats targeting women in public life. She said digital harassment aimed at silencing women was not merely an individual issue but a challenge to democracy. Seethakka has called upon women to overcome fear, enter electoral politics with confidence and rise to positions where they could take important decisions and contribute to nation-building.

Komatireddy Asks Farmers To Shun Paddy Amid Water Shortage

Nalgonda: Roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy on Saturday directed officials to create awareness among farmers and discourage paddy cultivation in view of the acute shortage of water in the Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir and the low possibility of fresh inflows from upstream due to prevailing El Niño conditions.

Speaking at the district irrigation advisory board meeting at the district Collectorate in Nalgonda, he said the Nagarjuna Sagar project was at dead storage level and that even if water was released from Srisaillam, there would be little scope for providing irrigation to crops. He urged farmers to opt for Irrigated Dry (ID) crops and other crops requiring less water.

Komatireddy said the water currently available in Nagarjuna Sagar was expected to meet drinking water requirements only until June 2027. Even if the reservoir reached its full reservoir level, there would be little possibility of filling tanks, while groundwater levels were also declining, he said.

He said farmers in



Nalgonda had already shifted from paddy to ID crops on around 33,000 acres and set a target of increasing the area to 1.5 lakh acres. He directed officials to intensify efforts to promote water-saving crops, vegetables and horticultural crops and encourage organic farming.

Referring to the overloading of nearly 9,000 transformers in the district, Komatireddy said he would take up the issue with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and ensure that the required electrical equipment was procured.

He reiterated that the Srisaillam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel project would be completed by August 2028 and would provide a permanent solution to Nalgonda’s irrigation problems, including during drought conditions. The combined implementation of the AMRP, SLBC and Brahmana Vellamula projects would provide irrigation to around four lakh acres in the district, he said.

The minister said the Chief Minister had directed officials to spend the required funds to complete the SLBC project. He also assured officials that steps would be taken to sanction 5,000 sprinkler units sought for the district.

MLC Kethavath Shankar Naik, district collector Badugu Chandrasekhar, Nalgonda Municipal Corporation mayor Burri Chaitanya Srinivas Reddy and irrigation department officials attended the meeting.

Revanth Reddy Assures Rs.5,000 Cr for Land Acquisition: Uttam

HYDERABAD: Works on various irrigation projects are expected to get a boost with adequate funds to be released to meet land acquisition, rehabilitation and statutory clearances, irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said on Saturday.

He said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had assured ₹5,000 crore on priority for these purposes and of the promised amount, about ₹2,000 crore has been released.

Speaking during a review of irrigation projects in Karimnagar, Jagtial, Peddapalli, and Rajanna Sircilla districts, Uttam Kumar Reddy directed district collectors and irrigation officials to treat land acquisition, R&R, forest clearances and environmental approvals as priority issues and resolve them on a war footing.

The review was attended by ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao, D. Sridhar Babu, Ponnam Prabhakar and Adluri Laxman Kumar among others.

Among the projects that were discussed at the meeting were Mid Manair Left Canal, the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Reservoir at Pathipaka in Dharmaram mandal of Peddapalli



district which can create a new ayacut of 10,000 acres in addition to and stabilising 2.4 lakh acres under the Kakatiya Main Canal covering Dharmapuri, Choppadandi, Peddapalli, Ramagundam and Manthani constituencies. Also discussed was the Rollavagu project in Beerpur mandal of Jagtial district with plans to increase its storage from 0.250 tmc ft to about 0.949 tmc ft. “Wherever land acquisition, R&R or forest issues are holding up an irrigation project, send the proposals immediately. Funds will be given priority. Our objective is to complete projects and deliver water to the intended ayacut without further delay,” Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

GRMB Meeting: Agitation if Telangana's Water Rights Are Given Up, Warns KTR



Hyderabad:BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao on Saturday warned that the party would launch a major movement for the state’s water rights if the Congress government failed to stop Andhra Pradesh from undermining Telangana’s interests.

Rama Rao, speaking with reporters, questioned why the Congress government agreed to an agenda set by AP for the upcoming meeting of the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB, and demanded explanations from Chief Minister A.

Revanth Reddy and irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy. “Will the CM and the irrigation minister be attending the GRMB meeting? And if so, what do they intended to present on behalf of the people of Telangana,” Rama Rao asked. “If the government has any concern for Telangana, it should boycott the meeting,” Rama Rao contended. He also said that the BRS, once back in power, would scrap the Hyderabad Industrial Lands Transformation Policy (HILTP) and launch statewide campaign to protect public assets. He reiterated his claim that the Congress government is attempting to hand over valuable industrial land in Hyderabad to private interests.

Reduce Paddy Cultivation, Promote Alternative Crops: Collector Ankit

Priority to Drinking Water Amid Rainfall Deficit
Farmers Urged to Choose Crops Based on Water Availability

Bhadradri Kothagudem, August 08: District Collector Ankit directed officials to implement a crop cultivation plan suited to the prevailing rainfall deficit conditions in the district. He called for reducing water-intensive paddy cultivation and promoting alternative crops that require less water.

The Collector reviewed rainfall conditions, water availability, drinking water requirements, tank storage levels, irrigation projects and the extent of crop cultivation at a water management preparedness meeting held at the IDOC office on Saturday.

The district has recorded 455.8 mm of rainfall against the normal 561.4 mm, registering an 18.8% rainfall deficit. Officials informed the Collector that the district has 2,384 minor irrigation tanks, with varying levels of water storage.

The Collector said drinking water must be given the highest priority and directed officials to continuously monitor water availability in villages and urban areas. He instructed departments to make advance arrangements to prevent drinking water shortages in the coming days.

Officials reported that against the seasonal cultivation target of 4,86,048 acres, cultivation has been completed on 4,21,367 acres, achieving 86.69% of the target.

Paddy cultivation, however, has crossed the target substantially. Against the target of 31,500 acres, paddy has been cultivated on 70,652 acres, achieving 224.29%.

Collector Ankit instructed agriculture officials to encourage farmers to shift towards crops such as green gram, black gram, red gram, vegetables and oil palm, which require comparatively less water.



Officials were directed to conduct awareness programmes at the village level and reach farmers at their doorstep, explaining the importance of crop diversification, water conservation and selection of crops according to available water resources.

The district has planned to bring 1,38,198 acres under alternative crops. Subsidised seeds are being supplied to farmers to encourage cultivation of alternative crops.

The Collector also instructed officials to continuously monitor water levels in tanks and irrigation projects, rainfall conditions and drinking water availability, and to take preventive measures wherever necessary.

He emphasised that all departments should work in coordination with the objectives of giving first priority to drinking water, ensuring efficient use of irrigation water, promoting crop diversification and protecting farmers' incomes.

Bhadradri Kothagudem Sub-Collector Mrunal Shreshtha, Irrigation SE Srinivasa Reddy, District Agriculture Officer Baburao, District Horticulture Officer Kishore, CPO Sunitha, Mission Bhagiratha officials, Irrigation Department officials, Agriculture Department officials and representatives of other concerned departments attended the meeting.

New Superintendent Takes Charge at Manuguru Government Hospital

Siddhartha College Faculty and Students Extend Warm Congratulations
Principal Ajay Kumar Hopes for Better Healthcare Services for the People

Manuguru, August 08: Dr. Mudigonda Ramakrishna, who recently assumed charge as the new Superintendent of the 100-Bed Government Hospital in Manuguru, was warmly felicitated by the management, faculty and students of Siddhartha College.

Led by College Principal Vallabhaneni Ajay Kumar, the college faculty and around 100 students visited the hospital and congratulated Dr. Mudigonda Ramakrishna by presenting him with a bouquet and extending their best wishes on his new responsibility.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Ajay Kumar said that the 100-bed government hospital plays a crucial role in providing healthcare services to the people of the Manuguru region. He expressed hope that the hospital would witness further development under the leadership of Dr. Ramakrishna and provide improved and quality medical services to the public.

Request for Support to Students
The college representatives also requested



the new Superintendent to extend cooperation to Siddhartha College students in areas such as awareness about the medical field, understanding hospital services and practical exposure in the future.

They said that such exposure would help students gain a better understanding of healthcare services and develop greater interest in the medical field.

The programme was attended by Siddhartha College faculty members, students, hospital staff and others.

No-Parking Boards Installed, But Traffic Rules Ignored!

Vehicles Parked Recklessly on Both Sides of the Road at Laxmipuram
Locals Demand Strict Action Against Rule Violators

Burgampahad, August 08: Despite the No Parking boards installed by Burgampahad Police, motorists continue to park their vehicles recklessly on both sides of the road in the Laxmipuram industrial corridor, raising concerns over traffic congestion and road safety.

Police authorities installed No Parking boards in the area two days ago as part of measures to prevent accidents and regulate traffic. However, motorists are allegedly ignoring the restrictions and continuing to park vehicles along the roadside.

The indiscriminate parking is causing inconvenience to other road users and may increase the risk of accidents, particularly as the area witnesses regular movement of vehicles due to its industrial activity.

Are Boards Alone Enough?
Local residents say that merely installing No Parking boards will not solve the problem unless strict enforcement is carried out. They urged the police to take appropriate action, including penalties against those who violate traffic regulations.

Residents believe that regular enforcement and action against violators would encourage motorists to follow traffic rules and help reduce traffic congestion in the area.

Locals Seek Immediate Action
People have urged Burgampahad Police to focus on the Laxmipuram area and prevent vehicles from being parked on both sides of the road. They also appealed for effective enforcement to ensure the safety of motorists, workers and pedestrians.

It remains to be seen how Burgampahad Police will respond to the continuing violations and whether strict action will be taken against those ignoring the No Parking restrictions.



Joint Efforts Needed to Protect Farmers' Interests: Pocharam :



Nizamabad, August 08, 2026 : Government Advisor and Banswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy and other legislators called for coordinated efforts by officials and public representatives to protect the interests of farmers across the erstwhile Nizamabad district.

The District Irrigation Advisory Board meeting, chaired by Nizamabad District Collector Bhavesh Mishra, was held at the main conference hall of the Integrated District Offices Complex on Saturday. Government Advisor and Banswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy, Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta, and Armoor MLA Paidi Rakesh Reddy attended the meeting, while Kamareddy Collector Ashish Sangwan participated virtually.

The meeting reviewed water storage levels in major reservoirs, including Nizamsagar, Sriramsagar, Singur, Kaulas Nala, Pocharam and Ramadugu, availability of irrigation water for ayacut areas, alternative crop planning and measures to create awareness among farmers about crop diversification.

Government Advisor Pocharam Srinivas Reddy said that the Irrigation Advisory Board meetings were generally conducted during the Rabi season to plan irrigation supply for Yasangi crops. However, following government directions, the meeting was convened during the Kharif season this year to take precautionary measures in view of the possible impact of El Niño.

He cautioned that rainfall could be deficient in the coming months due to El Niño and urged officials to protect farmers who had already taken up paddy cultivation. Farmers who had not yet sown crops should be encouraged to opt for dry-land crops, vegetables and oil palm through awareness programmes at Rythu Vedikas.

Pocharam said that the paddy nursery had already matured and the ideal time for transplantation had passed in several areas. He stressed that farmers should consider alternative crops and called upon Agriculture, Horticulture, Irrigation and Revenue officials to work in coordination and provide necessary support at the field level.

Nizamabad Collector Bhavesh Mishra said that although the district had received some rainfall recently due to the impact of the cyclone, there was a possibility of deficient rainfall during August and September because of El Niño. Therefore, available water resources must be utilised carefully.

He said paddy had already been cultivated on around 3.96 lakh acres in the district, while another 45,000 acres in command and non-command areas were yet to be sown. Officials were directed to encourage farmers to opt for jowar, maize, vegetables, pulses and oil palm instead of paddy in these areas.

The Collector said oil palm cultivation could be highly beneficial under the prevailing circumstances and instructed agriculture extension officers to create awareness among farmers.

He said the Sriramsagar Reservoir, with a full storage capacity of 80 TMC, currently had

around 40 TMC of water, similar to the corresponding period last year. The extent of water to be released for ayacut cultivation from the reservoir would be decided at the state-level Shivam Committee meeting scheduled for the last week of August.

Regarding Nizamsagar, Bhavesh Mishra said that around 1.15 lakh acres of ayacut falls under Nizamabad district and the reservoir currently has 10.78 TMC of water. This would provide an opportunity to supply irrigation water for around three to four wettings to the ayacut, he said.

Kamareddy Collector Ashish Sangwan said the Singur Reservoir was undergoing repair works and therefore could not be filled to its full capacity. The existing 4.140 TMC of water should primarily be reserved for drinking water requirements of Nizamabad, Kamareddy and Medak districts.

He said the present storage would meet drinking water requirements for around 60 to 90 days and suggested storing up to another 4 TMC of floodwater in Singur whenever sufficient rainfall occurs. This, he said, could help ensure drinking water supply to the three districts for the next five to six months.

Ashish Sangwan also said that Jalasiri programmes were being implemented on a large scale in Kamareddy district to improve groundwater levels. He added that the Kaulas Nala and Pocharam projects had reached full water levels and could supply irrigation water to their designated ayacut areas.

Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. Bhupathi Reddy stressed the need to conserve available water resources and take advance measures to prevent breaches in tanks. As a large number of farmers depend on borewells, he called for extensive implementation of watershed programmes to improve groundwater levels.

Armoor MLA Paidi Rakesh Reddy said that several areas of the Armoor constituency, located at the tail-end of the Nizamsagar ayacut, were not receiving adequate irrigation water due to poor canal connectivity. He said around 40,000 acres were receiving irrigation through the Guptha Lift Irrigation Scheme.

He pointed out that inadequate irrigation facilities had forced many people to migrate to Gulf countries for employment and urged the authorities to ensure irrigation water to the ayacut areas of Armoor, Aloor and Nandipet mandals, either through canals or lift irrigation systems.

Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta urged officials to treat the El Niño situation as a challenge and implement a comprehensive action plan to protect all sections of society from its possible impact.

He said the recent rainfall brought some relief and stressed the need to make full use of the water resources that had become available, without allowing them to go waste.

Nizamabad Market Committee Chairman Muppa Gangareddy, Additional Collector V. Bhujangarao, Trainee Collector Suresh, DRO Geetha, and officials from the Irrigation, Groundwater, Agriculture, Horticulture and other departments attended the meeting.



GITAM Conducts Maths and Science Awareness Programme for Intermediate Students

Sangareddy, Correspondent : August 8, 2026 : GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, School of Science, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, conducted a Mathematics and Science Awareness Programme for intermediate students of MJPTBCWRJC, Sangareddy, and SOE Girls College at Muthangi on Saturday.

The programme aimed to equip students with effective preparation strategies for competitive examinations such as JEE Main, JEE Advanced and EAPCET, while encouraging them to pursue higher education in engineering, mathematics and science.

Faculty members and student volunteers conducted interactive sessions covering examination-oriented concepts, time-saving mathematical shortcuts, scientific problem-solving techniques and career guidance. An engaging quiz competition was also organised to reinforce the concepts learnt by the students. Winners were presented with GITAM-branded water bottles and pens.

Students appreciated the practical tips and simplified techniques that helped enhance their confidence and problem-solving skills for competitive examinations. The programme received an encouraging response from the students.

The outreach programme was conducted under the supervision of faculty coordinators Dr. P. Narasimhaswamy, Dr. Sivareddy Sheri, Dr. P. Jitendra Senapati and Dr. S. Chakravarthy. Students Trishal Sai Valleppalli, Chintalakunta Nithin Kumar, Subhangi Panda, Anushka Prajapati, Pirlamarla Lakshmi Vajra and Talamanchi Manoj Kumar assisted in organising 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.

Bonalu Fervour Grips Hyderabad



Hyderabad: The Old City is set for Bonalu celebrations on Sunday, with prominent temples decked up and the state government making arrangements to offer silk clothes and ‘Bonam’ to the deities as part of the tradition.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said ministers and other leaders would present silk offerings at prominent temples as representatives of the state government. Government departments involved in the arrangements have held coordination meetings with temple authorities.

At Lal Darwaza Sri Simhavahini Mahankali Temple, ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Konda Surekha will participate in the celebrations. Minister Damodara Rajanarsimha will attend the festivities at the Karwan Sri Darbar Maisamma Temple.

Sri Akkanna Madanna Mahankali Mandiram at Haribowli will hold its 78th Bonalu celebrations on Sunday. Maha Abhishekam will be performed early in the morning, followed by Special Alankaram, Archana and Maha Aarthi. Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu will offer silk clothes and prayers to the goddess on behalf of the state government.

Vasanth Rao, one of the organisers at Ujjaini Mahankali Temple at Hanuman Tekdi, said the temple attracts several devotees, including north Indian families.

“The temple attracts a large number of devotees, including many north Indian families. We are the third generation of our family to organise the ‘Palaharam Bandi’ on the festival day. People still fondly recall the grand processions organised during our grandfather’s time,” he said.

Abhishek Adapa, a Bonalu organiser at Begumpet, said young people were increasingly participating in organising the festival.

“We used to celebrate Bonalu in London as part of the Telangana student community. After returning to Hyderabad, we joined other youngsters in organising the festival on a larger scale, involving the entire neighbourhood and promoting harmony and togetherness.”

Over 35,000 Apply for 7,340 Indiramma LIG
Flats; Deadline August 10

Hyderabad: The Indiramma LIG Housing Scheme has received 35,125 applications for 7,340 homes. The last day to apply is August 10. The lottery is scheduled after August 20 and the housing units will be handed over to beneficiaries within a year, said V.P. Gautam, Telangana Housing Board secretary.

He stated that any queries could be clarified on the call center number 040-24603572.

The government is allocating these flats which have market prices ranging from 30 lakh to 58 lakh for 6 lakh per beneficiary.



There is no requirement to submit caste or income certificates when applying for the scheme. If a house is not allotted, the applicant’s deposit fee of 10,000 will be refunded, he said.

While accepting applications from the public, the Housing Board is simultaneously taking action regarding the allocation and construction of the houses. The tender process has been initiated for the construction of ‘Indiramma House’ towers in the respective areas.

Naidu Orders Advance Plans to
Tackle Water Shortage



Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday directed officials to make the Jaladhara-Jalaharathi programme a year-round exercise and take advance measures to prevent drinking water shortages amid fears of a severe El Niño impact.

Reviewing the programme through a video conference from his camp office, Naidu said water conservation, drinking water supply and protection of standing crops should be given top priority.

Officials said 82,865 works had been identified under Jaladhara-Jalaharathi, of which 79,826 had been completed at a sanctioned cost of ₹3,409.35 crore. The works include desilting and restoration of tanks and feeder channels, farm ponds and trenches.

Officials warned that the El Niño impact could be more severe than anticipated, with rainfall expected to be 39 per cent below normal. Against the normal June-December rainfall of 867 mm, only around 525 mm is expected, while August could see a 56 per cent deficit.

Reservoir storage has also declined sharply. Water availability across various basins stands at 563.05 tmc, compared with 825.67 tmc during the corresponding period last year. Groundwater levels are also expected to decline further from August.

Naidu asked officials to conserve water in the Velugodu, Gorakallu, Avuku, Jeedipalli and Cherlopalli reservoirs for drinking purposes and prepare allocations through Nagarjuna Sagar canals to meet drinking water needs in various districts.

“Every drop available must be effectively utilised,” he said, directing officials to maximise reservoir storage and judiciously use available surface and groundwater resources. Areas without assured drinking water supply should be identified and alternative arrange-

ments, including advance deployment of tankers, made, he said.

The Chief Minister also directed officials to protect standing crops by prioritising available water, promote less water-intensive crops and ensure water for industries despite the scarcity. He called for a public awareness campaign on El Niño and water conservation, with collectors asked to continuously monitor ground-level conditions.

Naidu also ordered advance measures to prevent fodder shortages and ensure adequate water and feed for livestock. Districts should prepare action plans to establish Gokulams wherever necessary, he said.

He asked officials to identify tanks and canals that had remained dry for long periods and restore their water supply. The feasibility of micro-basin connectivity to divert surplus water from water-abundant areas to deficit regions should also be examined, he said.

Water resources minister Nimmala Ramanaidu, senior officials of the irrigation, agriculture and panchayat raj departments and district collectors attended the conference.



Certificates Can’t Get You
Jobs, Rahul Tells Youth

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday gave political voice to a generation caught between degrees and disappearing job opportunities, accusing the central government of turning India’s demographic advantage into a crisis of unemployment, paper leaks and stalled recruitment, and saying that the country’s 40 crore youth were being denied the opportunity to realise their potential.

At the rain-soaked KP Ground in Uttar Pradesh’s Prayagraj, a city known as a hub for competitive examination preparation, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi addressed students and civil service aspirants at the Chhatron Ki Goonj programme. He said the country’s 40 crore young people were its “greatest strength”, but alleged that the government had failed to create enough employment opportunities to match their potential.

“Today, education certificates have no meaning in India because they cannot give you a job,” Gandhi said, attacking what he described as “the disconnect between years of education and the prospects of stable employment.”

He said that while India’s youth potential was greater than that of countries such as the US, China and Russia, young people were facing a combination of unemployment, stalled recruitment, examination paper leaks, declining manufacturing and the growing disruption caused by artificial intelligence.

“There are 40 crore energetic young people like you in this country; this is the nation’s strength,” he said. “People talk about China, America and Russia, but all of them pale in comparison to the youth of India and their potential in the 21st century.”

The Congress leader said he wanted to speak about three things — “dard (pain), data and daulat (wealth)” — arguing that India had both the young population and vast quantities of data needed to power a 21st-century economy, but was failing to convert these advantages into jobs and economic security.

Rahul Gandhi cited a figure of only 12 permanent jobs for every 1,000 young people and linked the employment crisis to the decline in manufacturing, difficulties in securing loans and irregularities in competitive examinations.

His remarks came against the backdrop of student protests in several parts of the country over recruitment examinations, paper leaks and delays. Gandhi said young people who had taken to the streets had “lit a light in the darkness” by overcoming their fears and confronting the system.

The Congress leader sought to cast these protests as evidence that students were no longer willing to remain silent. But he also urged them to maintain a non-violent approach.

“We will never resort to hatred or violence. We will change the system with love and affection,” he said.

He also used the issue of data to make a broader argument about the changing nature of the economy. He said India had one of the largest volumes of data consumption in the world and claimed that the average Indian consumed around one gigabyte of data every day.

According to Gandhi, the combination of India’s young population and its data could become the foundation of a new economy. Instead, he alleged, young people were being drawn into social media while being pushed towards insecure gig work.

Referring to platforms such as WhatsApp, Instagram and Facebook, Gandhi said young Indians were encouraged to spend hours consuming and creating online content, while employment opportunities increasingly included delivery and ride-hailing work.

“You can indulge in this 21st-century addiction, but you cannot get a job, you cannot find employment in this country,” he said.

He also flagged the impact of artificial intelligence, saying technological changes could further reshape the job market and make it imperative for the government to create an employment ecosystem capable of absorbing India’s young workforce.

The choice of Prayagraj was significant for the Congress’s campaign. The city is a major centre for competitive examination preparation, with large numbers of students arriving every year in the hope of securing government jobs.

The programme itself was held amid challenging weather conditions. Overnight rain had left parts of KP Ground waterlogged, with muddy patches across the venue. Congress workers used buckets to remove standing water, while JCB machines were deployed to spread limestone and sand, and a road roller was used to level the ground.

**Complete LPG eKYC by August 15 :
Kavitha Indane Dealer Appeals to Consumers**

Morthad, August 08, 2026 : Kavitha Indane Gas Agency dealer Amballa Srinivas has urged all consumers of the agency to complete their eKYC verification by August 15.

In a public appeal, he said that both Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana beneficiaries and regular LPG consumers should complete the eKYC process within the stipulated time to avoid possible difficulties regarding subsidy benefits.

Consumers who fail to complete their eKYC may face difficul-



ties in receiving applicable LPG subsidy benefits in the future and could be required to purchase the 14.2-kg LPG cylinder without subsidy, potentially increasing their financial burden. Amballa Srinivas advised consumers not to postpone the verification until the last date and urged them to complete their eKYC at the earliest. He appealed to all LPG consumers to cooperate with the verification process and ensure that their eKYC is completed before August 15 to avoid unnecessary inconvenience and possible additional expenses.

**Bonalu Festival Celebrated
Grandly at Vijetha Olympiad School**



Nirmal District Correspondent : The Bonalu festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm in advance at Vijetha Olympiad School, located at Road No. 7, Priyadarshini Nagar, in Nirmal district headquarters. Students, teaching and non-teaching staff, Principal and the school management actively participated in the celebrations.

Reflecting the rich culture and traditions of Telangana, students dressed in traditional attire potharajulu, Ammavaru, and enthusiastically took part in the Bonalu festivities. The school premises were filled with a festive atmosphere as students entertained everyone with songs, dances, and various cultural programmes.

Speaking on the occasion, the school management said that the Bonalu festival was organized to create awareness among children about Telangana's festivals, culture, and traditions and to help them understand their significance. They expressed happiness over the enthusiastic participation of the students in the celebrations.

Grand Bonalu Celebrations of Baddi Pochamma at Sri Chaitanya School

Vemulawada, August 8: Bonalu festival was celebrated grandly by students and teachers at Sri Chaitanya School in Vemulawada town.

On this occasion, students carried traditional Bonam pots and dressed as Pothurajus, attracting everyone. The festive atmosphere was created with traditional dances amidst drum and music beats. AGM Mudrakola Raju of Sri Chaitanya School said the event was organized to introduce Telangana culture and traditions to the future generations. He thanked the school management for conducting the program. Coordinators Sunil Kumar, Mamatha, Principal Sudheeshi Kumari, Dean Anjaiah, In-charges Arun Kumar, Pravalika, Harish, Arun, Admin Officer Akunoori Sudheer, PETs Sudhakar, Maruthi, Kavitha and teaching staff participated.



**Project Water to be Utilized Scientifically and
Systematically Keeping Future Needs in Mind**

Nirmal District Correspondent : Farmers Can Earn Higher Profits through Dryland and Alternative Crops: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra said that steps are being taken to utilize the water available in the district's projects scientifically and systematically, keeping future requirements in mind.

Speaking to the media after an Irrigation Advisory Meeting held at the Collectorate conference hall on Saturday evening, the Collector said the meeting discussed the water levels in various projects, availability of irrigation water, crop cultivation and crop diversification in the district.

The Collector said that although the district has received adequate rainfall so far, some mandals have recorded around a 20 per cent rainfall deficit. As there is a possibility of drought-like conditions due to the impact of El Niño in the coming days, advance measures are being taken for effective irrigation water management, he said.

He stated that the water



currently available in the projects would be utilized considering future requirements and possible rainfall deficits. He said the Sri Ram Sagar Project (SRSP) could provide irrigation water to around 35,000 acres in the district, while the Kadem Project could cater to around 6,000 acres.

The Collector said awareness was being created among farmers through Gram Sabhas regarding the prevailing situation. As there is still time to take up short-duration crops, Agriculture Department officials are encouraging farmers to cultivate dryland and alternative crops such as red gram (pigeon pea). He said red gram cultivation is profitable for farmers and revealed that the area under red gram cultivation in the district has been increased from 6,000 acres to 10,000 acres this year.

He advised farmers to opt for crops requiring less water, as groundwater availability may decline during drought conditions, affecting borewells. Following crop diversification practices would not only reduce water consumption but also help increase farmers' incomes, he said.

The Collector said the area under oil palm cultivation in the district is increasing significantly and that farmers have so far submitted Demand Drafts (DDs) covering around 2,500

acres. Under the Telangana Jalasiri scheme, farm ponds are being encouraged to improve groundwater levels. While the target for this year is to construct 2,026 farm ponds, farmers have already come forward for the construction of around 3,000 farm ponds, which is encouraging, he said.

Earlier, during the Irrigation Advisory Meeting attended by Agricultural Market Committee chairpersons, public representatives and officials from various departments, the Collector discussed project water levels, irrigation water management, future requirements, promotion of dryland crops and cultivation of alternative crops.

Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, Irrigation Department SE Rajendra Prasad, District Agriculture Officer Anji Prasad, Horticulture Officer Ramana, representatives of print and electronic media, and other officials attended the press conference. I can also make this into a short 150-word English news report suitable for newspaper publication.

**Singareni Makes Elaborate Arrangements for 80th
Independence Day Celebrations**

GM Durgam Ramachander Directs Officials to Ensure Grand and Well-Organized Celebrations

Manuguru, August 08 : Manuguru Area General Manager Durgam Ramachander directed officials to make elaborate arrangements for conducting the 80th Independence Day celebrations in a grand and spectacular manner.

A preparatory meeting was held on Saturday at the Manuguru Area General Manager's office with senior area officials to review the arrangements for the Independence Day celebrations. Speaking on the occasion, GM Durgam Ramachander instructed the officials to complete all arrangements in coordination for the celebrations to be held on August 15 at the GM Office premises and PV Colony Community Hall under the aegis of Singareni.

He said that Singareni employees, their family members and a large number of students from various schools would at-



tend the celebrations and participate in cultural programmes. He directed the officials to decorate the venues attractively with mango-leaf festoons, tricolour flags and other decorative arrangements.

He also instructed the officials to complete all arrangements for the hoisting of the National Flag and ensure that adequate facilities such as seating arrangements, drinking water, sanitation, electricity and other basic amenities are provided to avoid any inconvenience to the participants.

The GM reviewed arrangements relating to cultural programmes, National Flag hoisting, security and other

aspects, and directed every department to complete the responsibilities assigned to them in coordination.

The meeting was attended by SO to GM D. Venkatarama Rao, Agent Kondapuram Venu Madhav, AGM (Personnel) S. Ramesh, AGM (IE) C.H. Rambabu, Area Engineer V. Madan Naik, DGM (Civil) G. Shiva Prasad, DGM (Survey) L. Dayakar, DGM (Area Workshop) T. Srikanth, Dy. CMO M. Jyothirmayi, MVTC Manager Nageswara Rao, ASO Raman Pathak, Environmental Officer J. Srinivasa Rao, Finance Manager P. Ramesh, Area Security Officer K. Srinivas, Dy. PM B. Shyam Prasad, Senior Personnel Officers K. Srinivas and V. Rameswara Rao, along with other senior area officials.

Ramraj Cotton opens new showroom in Kacheguda

Hyderabad: Ramraj Cotton, known for its traditional white dhowls and local fabrics, has opened a new showroom in Kacheguda. It has further expanded its retail outlets in Hyderabad, making cotton fabrics more accessible to the consumers of this region. The showroom was inaugurated by Lions District Governor Shri Suresh Jagnani. Shyam Mandir Pujari Shri Ram Charan Maharaj lit the traditional lamp. Owner Shri Kunal Goyal made the first purchase at the showroom.

Ramaraj Cotton offers its customers a wide range of traditional and contemporary fabrics made from the finest cotton fabrics through this new showroom. Customers can buy a wide range of Dhoti here like bordered Dhoti, wrinkle-free Dhoti, fragrance-free Dhoti, embroidered Dhoti, Mylkan Dhoti, Panchakacham Dhoti, silk Dhoti. Also, this store offers cotton shirts, embroidered shirts, linen shirts, designer shirts, silk shirts, Dhoti-shirt pairs in various colors and styles. Apart from Dhoti and shirts, this showroom also has belts, handkerchiefs, socks, towels, men's, women's and children's underwear and clothes. Women have cotton, silk sarees, leggings and other types. A comprehensive



range of traditional and daily wear is available.

Ramz Cotton Culturener, Founder and Chairman Shri K.R. Nagarajan said, "Our new showroom in Kacheguda will further strengthen our retail presence in Telangana. There is a strong demand for traditional wear in Hyderabad. We are happy to offer a wide range of Ramraj Cotton Dhoti, Shirts and Traditional Wear to the customers in this region. Our aim is to make authentic, comfortable and quality traditional wear easily accessible. Similarly, we will build a strong retail network across the country. We are committed to expanding into new markets and bringing India's rich textile traditions to more customers."

We hope that this new showroom will serve customers in Kacheguda and nearby areas. Ramraj hopes to provide them with a convenient location to offer a wide range of cotton traditional and modern local wear.

Rs. 5 thousand crores on priority basis for Land Acquisition (LA), Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (R&R) related to irrigation projects:
Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy made the announcement.



Jagityala August 8 To-day Freedom : Irrigation Projects Land Acquisition (LA), Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (R&R) related to Irrigation Projects on Priority Basis Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttamkumar Reddy held a review meeting

with the Collectors of four districts and senior officials of the Irrigation Department. District Collector B Satya Prasad participated in this review meeting. Speaking in this meeting, Minister Uttamkumar Reddy said that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has

promised to provide Rs. 5 thousand crores on priority basis for Land Acquisition (LA), Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (R&R) related to Irrigation Projects across the State. He said that Rs. 2 thousand crores have already been released and the re-

maining Rs. 3 thousand crores are in the process of being released. He made it clear that no irrigation project that is nearing completion should be stalled due to lack of funds. Uttamkumar Reddy gave directions to the officials in a

comprehensive review conducted on Saturday on the ongoing irrigation projects in Karimnagar, Jagtial, Peddapalli and Rajanna Sircilla districts. Agriculture Minister and District In-charge Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, Transport Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, Social Welfare and Tribal Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar, public representatives, collectors of four districts and senior officials of the Irrigation Department participated in the review.

Korutla Srinivasula Seva Sanstha Mega Blood Donation Camp



Korutla, August 8 Today Freedom: Under the auspices of Telangana Srinivasula Seva Sanstha in Korutla town, Jagtial district, nearly 25 blood donors donated blood in a blood donation camp at Korutla Town Government Area Hospital and proved that it is our minimum duty to help those in danger of death. Special thanks to all of them under the auspices of Telangana Srinivasula Seva Sanstha. Special thanks to Korutla Town Circle Inspector Lakshminarayana and Sub-Inspector Shyam Raju who attended the program as the chief guests. When we were told to organize a voluntary blood donation camp on the second Saturday of every month under the auspices of the Telangana Srinivasula Seva Sanstha, we first came forward to donate blood from our own Korutla, and to the doctors and staff of the government area hospital who made arrangements beyond expectations and made the blood donation program a success. We expressed our heartfelt gratitude to Prati Okka Srinivas, the founding chairman of the Telangana Srinivasula Seva Sanstha, and to the blood donors from Korutla who came forward to donate blood

Sensation in Warangal East politics

Senior Congress leader Karate Prabhakar joins Jana Sena
Scarf in presence of Pawan Kalyan - Congress in Warangal East is shocked
Leaders of other parties across Telangana join Jana Sena

Warangal, Bureau; Operation "Power" has started in Telangana state. Jana Sena is sure to create a sensation in state politics. Megastar Chiranjeevi Fans Association State President, Karate Prabhakar, a close aide of Megastar Chiranjeevi, and senior Congress leader from Warangal East constituency, joined the Jana Sena party on Saturday. At a program held in Hyderabad, Jana Sena charioteer and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan officially joined the party by donning the Jana Sena scarf.

Who is Karate Prabhakar?
Karate Prabhakar has been a key figure in the Congress party in Warangal East constituency for two decades. One of the leaders who is personally very close to Megastar Chiranjeevi. He has worked with Chiranjeevi since he entered politics. There is a good rapport between Chiranjeevi fans and Congress workers in Warangal district. Karate is popular among the youth. He is also known for his many social service programs. He played an important role in the victory of the Congress party in the last assembly elections held in Warangal East constituency.

Janasena Theertham in the pres-



ence of Pawan Kalyan
Pawan Kalyan attended the induction program held in Hyderabad on Saturday as the chief guest. Pawan Kalyan himself invited Karate Prabhakar to join the party by covering him with the Janasena scarf. On this occasion, Pawan said, "Leaders who fight on public issues are the strength of Jana Sena. The arrival of seniors like Karate Prabhakar is auspicious for the party." Later, Karate Prabhakar said that he will work for the people and the future of the youth under the leadership of Pawan Kalyan. I agree with the principles of Jana Sena."

Shock to Congress - Joinings across Telangana
With the joining of Karate Prabhakar, the Warangal East Congress seems to have received a big shock. He played a key role in the last elections. Along with him, leaders and leaders from

other parties from many districts across Telangana have also joined Jana Sena. Former councilors and mandal leaders from Khammam, Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar and Adilabad districts have wrapped their shawls in the presence of Pawan. Jana Sena leaders say that Jana Sena is gaining momentum in Telangana and that youth and fans are coming towards the party in large numbers in the name of Pawan Kalyan.

Political Analysis
Influence in Warangal East With the addition of Karate Prabhakar, Jana Sena has gained strength in Warangal East. Political analysts and senior leaders believe that the votes of Mega fans are likely to shift towards Jana Sena.

Chiru - Pawan's family politics
The fact that a close friend of Megastar has joined Pawan's party has gained political importance.

Expansion of Jana Sena in Telangana
The arrival of leaders from other parties before the local body elections is a matter of interest for Jana Sena. With the joining of Karate Prabhakar, a close friend of Megastar, in Jana Sena, a new discussion has started in Telangana politics. It has become interesting to see what strategy Jana Sena will implement in the upcoming elections in Warangal East constituency.

Tribal Culture is Our Pride.. Development is Our Responsibility

MLA Payam Venkateshwarlu Extends Greetings on World Tribal Day

Manuguru, August 08: On the occasion of World Tribal Day, Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateshwarlu extended his heartfelt greetings to the tribal people. He conveyed his special wishes to the tribal brothers and sisters who have preserved their culture, traditions, customs and languages for generations and continue to serve as an inspiration to society.

MLA Payam Venkateshwarlu stated that the contribution of tribal communities towards the protection of forests, nature and the environment is highly commendable, as they have made nature an integral part of their way of life. He assured that he would continue working for the rights, self-respect, development, education, healthcare, employment and welfare of tribal communities.

The MLA said that ensuring government welfare schemes reach every tribal family remains one of his primary objectives. He emphasized that tribal culture is our pride, tribal traditions are our heritage, and the development of tribal communities is everyone's responsibility.

He wished that every tribal family live with happiness, good health and prosperity and move forward on the path of development. He once again extended his warm greetings to all tribal communities on the occasion of World Tribal Day. If you want, I can also make this into a shorter, more viral English newspaper version suitable for a news channel poster.



Beyond building wealth: Why retirement planning must also focus on income

By Anurag Gupta

An acronym FIRE (Financial Independence, Retire Early) has been dominating boardroom conversations, social feeds, and casual wealth discussions across India in recent times. Everyone is hunting for that singular, magical number: the grand corpus that promises a life of security and comfort in their retirement years, when they are done hustling hard. The focus on that aspirational corpus is understandable. Of course, the final number will depend a lot on each one's lifestyle, health and other needs. It is tangible and easy to track. But it is also incomplete.

Retirement is not a single event that ends when the corpus is reached. It is a phase that can stretch across two, sometimes three decades. What matters through those years is not simply how large the accumulated pool is, but how reliably it can be converted into income, month after month, without running dry. The real question retirees face is not "how much have I saved," but "how long will this last, and will it be enough." This is the mindset shift retirement planning in India needs: from a fixation on target corpus to a focus on cash flow security. A large corpus sitting in the wrong instru-

ments, or drawn down without a plan, can still leave a retiree anxious and exposed. A well-structured income stream builds the kind of financial confidence that lets people enjoy their later years instead of worrying about outliving their money. Awareness among Indians about retirement planning has significantly improved over the past few years. Yet, it has not translated into adequate preparedness. As per a recent industry report on retirement readiness, only around 37% of respondents had accumulated even a quarter of their own target retirement corpus, and seven in ten still believed that a Rs.

1-crore corpus would be sufficient, a figure likely to fall well short given rising costs and longer lifespans. [1] The research also found that barely a third of respondents were confident their savings would last more than ten years into retirement. This gap between intention and action is where much of the country's retirement risk rests. **Inflation does not pause for retirement** A number that looks comfortable today can look very different fifteen years from now. Inflation steadily chips away at purchasing power, and over a retirement lasting two to three decades, even moderate inflation



compounds into significant erosion of real income. A fixed pension or a flat annual withdrawal may cover expenses comfortably in the early years and fall visibly short later, precisely when healthcare costs tend to rise. This is why retirement income should ideally carry the potential to grow over time, rather than re-

main static from day one. **Need of the hour -- liquidity alongside income** Life after sixty is rarely as predictable as a spreadsheet suggests. Medical emergencies, family obligations, or simply a change in lifestyle needs can arise without warning. A retirement plan built entirely around locked-in, fixed payouts leaves little room to respond. The more resilient approach balances steady, dependable income with a degree of liquidity and flexibility, so that funds remain accessible when circumstances genuinely demand it. For many retirees,

financial planning is not only about their own comfort but also about what they leave behind. Legacy planning has grown in importance as families think about passing on wealth in a structured way, without compromising their own income security. A steady lifetime income and a meaningful legacy are not mutually exclusive, but achieving both requires deliberate planning rather than an afterthought. **Where retirement planning is headed** Retirement planning is moving away from siloed products that address only one need, savings or income or protection, and towards integrated

approaches that bring together wealth creation, sustainable income, protection against inflation, liquidity for emergencies, and legacy planning within a single, coherent framework. The real measure of retirement readiness was never going to be the size of the number on a statement. It is whether that wealth can be turned into an income that lasts as long as retirement itself and also adapts as life evolves. That shift in thinking, from accumulation to sustained income, is the one every Indian saving for retirement today would do well to make.



Sai Sudharsan ruled out of Galle Test, doubtful for Colombo game

India batter Sai Sudharsan has been ruled out of the first Test against Sri Lanka due to a right big toe injury, while his availability for the second match is also doubtful. Devdutt Padikkal could replace him in the playing XI.Exploring Travel Maps



Colombo: In a significant blow to India’s batting plans, left-handed batter B. Sai Sudharsan has been ruled out of the opening Test against Sri Lanka, starting on August 15 in Galle, due to a right big toe injury.

At the same time, there are severe doubts over the availability of Sudharsan, who has been doing his rehab at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru, for the second and final match of the series, to be played in Colombo from August 23 to 27.

“Sai has been definitely ruled out of the first Test as he needs more time to fully recover from the pain in his right big toe. The medical team is monitoring his progress closely, and a decision on his inclusion for the second Test will be taken later, though he’s more of a touch-and-go for it,” said a source familiar with the matter to IANS on Saturday.

IANS understands that Sudharsan has been progressing well in recovering from a stress reaction on his right foot and began batting as well as fielding and conditioning exercises. But the pain in the metatarsal of the big toe on

his right foot after doing his skill work and exercises has been a cause of concern for the medical team.

In seven Tests, Sudharsan has scored 383 runs at an average of 31.91. In his absence, left-handed batter Devdutt Padikkal can be a straight like-for-like replacement after slamming a century on Day Two of the ongoing warm-up game against Sri Lanka Cricket XI at the NCC Ground in Colombo.Exploring Travel Maps

Padikkal got to his century in 121 deliveries, including hitting 14 fours before he was retired out. Though a definitive word on Sudharsan’s replacement in the Test team is yet to come, the Ajit Agarkar-led selection panel could send Ruturaj Gaikwad to Sri Lanka.

Gaikwad was in Sri Lanka in June-July as vice-captain of the India ‘A’ team, winning a 50-over tri-series before making scores of 22, 1 and 13 not out in the red-ball games in Galle. Previously, ace fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah was ruled out of the two-game series due to a left knee injury, with Auqib Nabi named as his replacement.

Jemimah’s hamstring injury puts Women’s T20 Asia Cup participation in doubt

London: India batter Jemimah Rodrigues has been ruled out of the remainder of The Hundred due to a hamstring injury, which also places her participation in the upcoming Women’s T20 Asia Cup in serious jeopardy.

Playing for Southern Brave in the 100-ball competition, Jemimah made 143 runs in six innings at an average of 35.75 and a strike rate of 131.19, before the hamstring injury cut short her time in the competition. The franchise has now signed Australian all-rounder Charli Knott as her replacement for the rest of the tournament.

“We can confirm that due to an injury suffered by Jemimah Rodrigues, we’ve signed Charli Knott as our injury replacement for the remainder of The Hundred. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Jemi,” the franchise announced in an official statement on Saturday.

The side is in second spot in the competition with 20 points and just behind table-toppers Trent Rockets. With the Women’s T20 Asia Cup set to happen from August 28 to September 13 in Dubai, Jemimah’s availability for the continental event will depend entirely on how quickly she responds to treatment for her hamstring.

Over the years, Jemimah, who has played



an important role in India’s victory in the ICC Women’s ODI World Cup in 2025, has been a vital cog in India’s batting order with her ability to manipulate pace and spin and accelerate during the middle overs. India will get its Women’s T20 Asia Cup Group A campaign underway on August 30 against Thailand, before taking on Hong Kong and arch-rivals Pakistan on September 3 and 5 respectively.Geographic Reference

All matches of the competition will be played at the Dubai International Stadium. India have been the most successful team in the competition’s history with four ODI and three T20I format triumphs. If Jemimah is not fit in time, then wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia might get a call-up to the Indian team as her replacement.

Ashmita Chaliha, Rakshitha Sree set up all-Indian Korea Masters semifinal

Ashmita Chaliha and Rakshitha Sree S.R. recorded impressive victories over higher-ranked opponents to set up an all-Indian women’s singles semifinal at the Korea Masters in Asan. India’s men’s doubles challenge ended after Pruthvi K. Roy and Krishna Prasad G. lost in the quarterfinalsStudying World History

Hyderabad: The experienced Ashmita Chaliha and youngster Rakshitha Sree SR upset their higher ranked opponents to set up an All-Indian women’s singles semifinals in the Korea Masters badminton tournament in Asan on Friday.India news headlines

Ashmita packed off top seed Hina Akechi of Japan 20-22, 21-15, 21-19 while Rakshitha got the better of Chinese Taipei Open champion Tanvi Sharma 18-21, 21-19, 21-18 in another gruelling quarterfinal clash.

Ashmita and Rakshitha, who both ended up playing for over an hour in the quarterfinals, will now face each other in the last four round with the winner likely to take on fourth seed Han Qian Xi of China or the unseeded Kim Ga Ram of South Korea.Discovering City Tours

It was however an end of the road for the men’s doubles combination of Pruthvi K Roy and Krishna Prasad G as they went down 21-7, 21-8 against Malaysia’s Man Wei Chong and Soh Wooi Yik in the quarterfinals.

Travis Head backs himself to continue as Australia’s Test opener



Sydney: Australia’s dynamic left-handed batter Travis Head has admitted that opening the batting does not come naturally to him in the traditional sense, but said he is comfortable continuing at the top of the Test order after his remarkable success in the Ashes last year.

Head, who was on Friday honoured with the prestigious Allan Border Medal as Australia’s cricketer of the year, had previously opened only in conditions-specific situations in India and Sri Lanka and has been a mainstay at the top of Australia’s white-ball sides. However, his promotion to open in place of the injured Usman Khawaja in the second innings of the Perth Test last November changed the course of his Test career.

The left-hander produced a stunning 123 off 83 balls at Perth, helping Australia secure a two-day victory over England. He followed it with centuries in Adelaide and Sydney, finishing the Ashes

series with 629 runs. The impact of his performances has now extended well beyond that series, with Head appearing set to retain his place as Australia’s Test opener during an intense upcoming schedule that could see the team play 20 Tests, or 21 if it reaches the World Test Championship final. Reflecting on his role at the top of the order, Head acknowledged that his first-class career does not fit the traditional profile of an opening batter in Australian cricket.Geographic Reference

“I don’t know exact stats, but what have I played: 170, 180 first-class games. I might have opened in ten of them. I think it would suggest that I’m not an opening batter, a true opening batter, in terms of what Australian cricket is known for, I guess. Guys that have come through the grades opening the batting and played state cricket opening batting, and played Test cricket as opening batters,” Head told Cricinfo.

“I think my game is conducive to playing well. I feel like I can do a role at the top. I’m at the top, but it’s not that true opening batter, if that makes sense. I know that I’ve still got to work continuously hard at the new ball. I know I’m going to make mistakes. That’s okay. I’m very comfortable with where my game’s at,” he added.

Head’s success at the top also formed a major part of a memorable 2025/26 international season, in which he scored 1,437 runs across 30 matches in all three formats.

Sharad Kumar hails India’s best-ever Commonwealth Games para campaign

New Delhi: Paris Paralympics silver-winning high-jumper Sharad Kumar on Friday said the country’s para-athletes are delivering path-breaking results despite comparatively less funding as he lauded their best ever Commonwealth Games performance in Glasgow recently.World news coverage

India’s para-sports contingent secured seven medals (three gold, two silver, and two bronze) for the country’s most successful para campaign in the history of the Commonwealth Games.

“The amount of money being put into para sports is comparatively less than other sports, and yet we are delivering tremendous results. When para-athletes perform, sports show that anybody can win,” Kumar said on the sidelines of the Indo-French initiative ‘Para Elan – Sab Ka Maidan’ — a student outreach programme to promote French language in the national capital.

“This is the first time that para sports have won gold medals at the Commonwealth Games. Because of that, our ranking went from 23rd to fourth. You realise the last two gold medals were what helped us break into the top four,” he said of India’s final standing after winning 39 medals overall.

Kumar said India’s para-athletes have consistently punched above their weight despite comparatively lower investment in the sector.

Para-sports has been a part of the country’s flagship target Olympic Podium Scheme since its inception in 2014 but the number of athletes on TOPS roster has increased substantially in recent years.

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former world number one, who also has a bronze from the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

French Ambassador to India Thierry Mathou, who was also present at Friday’s event, said para sport is a powerful tool for social change.

The French Institute in India (IFI), under the Embassy of France, in collaboration with the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), inaugurated the initiative at Thyagaraj Stadium, bringing together students from schools across Delhi for adaptive sports demonstrations and interactive sessions with para-athletes.

The programme is part of the three-year initiative, inaugurated in April, which aims to reach more than 10,000 students across India through awareness campaigns and school engagement programmes centred on inclusion and para sports.World news coverage

Mathou said the initiative was built around promoting diversity through both language and sport.

“Sport is an exceptional way to communicate, exchange views and interact, and the Paralympics are a way to learn from others. Teaching French, talking about diversity, promoting differences and doing sports is our ambition,” he added.

World T20 Continent Cup: Cricket Legends to Shine in Hong Kong

India-based Atherra Sports will be organising the World T20 Continent Cup, a thrilling new international T20 tournament that promises to bring together some of the world’s most celebrated retired cricketers. Sandeep Kumar, the media executive, speaking exclusively, said, “Scheduled for mid-December 2026 in Hong Kong, the week-long spectacle will feature four continental teams battling for glory in nine high-octane matches, culminating in a grand final to crown the inaugural champion”.

“The event is set to be more than just a tournament—it will be a festival of cricketing nostalgia, giving fans a chance to relive the brilliance of their heroes in a competitive yet celebratory environment”. With Hong Kong as the host city, the event also underscores the growing global footprint of cricket beyond its traditional strongholds. The World T20 Continent Cup will feature four continental squads: Asia Warriors, Europe Champions, Africa Lions, and North America Eagles. Each team will showcase retired international stars, ensuring fans witness a blend of experience, flair, and cricketing charisma.

“The tournament highlights include four continental teams, nine matches, and a grand final to crown the champion, all set against the vibrant backdrop of Hong Kong”, he added. The Asia Warriors have already confirmed a star-studded lineup. The squad includes Sri Lankan



stalwarts Upul Tharanga, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Dilhara Lokuetigge, Nishala Gamage, and Lahiru Thirimanna. From Bangladesh, Rubel Hossain, Mahmudullah Riyadh, and Imrul Kayes bring their firepower, while Pakistan is represented by Muhammad Imran Khan, Iftikhar Ahmed, and Shoaib Masood. Afghanistan’s Samiullah Shinwari and Oman’s Suraj Kumar add further diversity, while India contributes with Abhimanyu Mithun, Shikhar Dhawan, and Rahul Sharma.

Additional signings are expected to complete the 20-member squad. With cricketing legends from across continents, the World T20 Continent Cup promises to deliver nostalgia, entertainment, and competitive spirit in equal measure. Fans in Hong Kong and worldwide will be treated to a unique celebration of the sport, where retired heroes return to the field to showcase their enduring talent and passion for the game.



Anupama Parameswaran Turns Heads in a Colourful Saree

Anupama Parameswaran in a vibrant multi-coloured saree, smiling brightly with curly hair and traditional jewellery. The ethnic look perfectly embodies festive desi charm.

This radiant photograph captures actress Anupama Parameswaran in a vibrant multi-coloured saree, smiling brightly with curly hair and traditional jewellery. The ethnic look perfectly embodies festive desi charm.

Born on 18 February 1996 in Irinjalakuda, Kerala, Anupama made her acting debut in the 2015 Malayalam blockbuster Premam as Mary George, a role that brought her instant fame. She soon expanded into Telugu with AAa (2016) and Tamil with Kodi (2016).

Her notable films include Sathamamam Bhavati, Vunnadhi Okate Zindagi, Karthikeya 2, Tillu Square (2024), Dragon (2025), and Paradhya (2025). She continues to work across Malayalam, Telugu, and Tamil cinema.

After Flops, Sreeleela's Next Big Career Move?

With young actress Sreeleela reportedly set to share screen space with Superstar Rajinikanth in his upcoming film Dharman, the spotlight has once again fallen on a growing trend—leading Telugu actresses are increasingly eyeing Kollywood to broaden their careers. Sreeleela's last big ticket release 'Ustaad Bhagat Singh' crashed at the box office.

"If the deal materialises, it will be a huge opportunity for Sreeleela to strengthen her presence in Tamil cinema," says a producer. "After facing mixed fortunes in Telugu, actresses like Pooja Hegde, Krithi Shetty and Vaishnavi Chaitanya have also shifted their focus towards Kollywood. While the remuneration may be lower, Tamil cinema offers them a chance to revive their careers, reach a wider audience and work with some of the biggest stars."

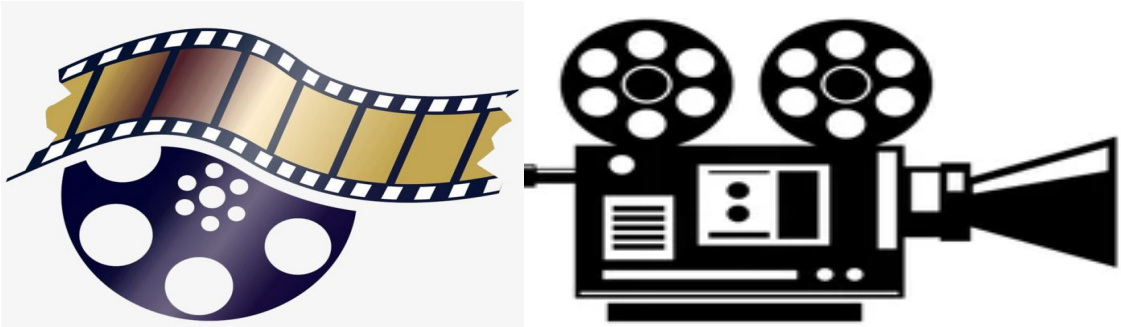
According to industry insiders, remuneration is one of the biggest differences between the two industries. "Top Telugu actresses like Sreeleela and Pooja Hegde can command close to Rs 2.5 crore per film in Tollywood. In Tamil cinema, however, they often have to settle for less than Rs 1.5 crore because production houses there are generally more budget-conscious," the producer explains.

But is this migration a sign that opportunities in Tollywood are drying up?

Producer Vishnu Induri, who has worked extensively in both Telugu and Tamil cinema, disagrees. "I don't think actresses are moving because they lack opportunities in Telugu," he says. "Many of them have enough time in their schedules and are simply looking to expand their brand across multiple industries. There's nothing wrong with that. Today's actors cannot afford to remain confined to a single language."

He believes multilingual careers have become essential in the evolving Indian film industry. "Young actresses need to establish themselves in multiple markets if they want longevity. Telugu cinema has gained nationwide recognition, and actresses who make a mark here naturally attract offers from Tamil and Hindi filmmakers. This is a positive phase where they can build a pan-Indian identity."

According to Vishnu, talent remains the biggest factor behind this trend. "These actresses bring glamour, acting ability and strong screen presence. Tamil filmmakers are naturally interested in casting them opposite the new generation of stars. Expanding into Kollywood is not about leaving Tollywood behind—it's about creating more opportunities and building a bigger career," he concludes.



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Korean Kanagaraju Opens with Rs 3 Crore Share in AP/TG?

Despite a string of flops, young actor Varun Tej has managed to draw decent openings for his latest horror-fantasy comedy Korean Kanagaraju in the two Telugu states.

"The film has garnered around Rs 3 crore share on day one including premier show collections and still has a long way to go," says a leading exhibitor. "The film generated some buzz before its release and there were decent crowds at several theatres, although only a few centres reported houseful shows."

According to the exhibitor, the comedy appears to be the film's biggest strength, while the fantasy elements have received a more mixed response. "Audiences are lapping up comedian Satya's one-liners and antics. He has almost stolen the show," he adds.

Varun Tej was looking for a strong comeback after films such as Operation Valentine and Matka, and chose a horror-comedy to bounce back into the reckoning. "The film is largely set in Seoul, Korea, and the ghost story offers some



good visuals," the exhibitor points out.

Directed by Merlapaka Gandhi, Korean Kanagaraju blends ghostly elements with comedy and is set against the backdrop of Penukonda in Rayalaseema. The film has reportedly been sold for around Rs 17 crore in the two Telugu states.

"Now, the collections need to hold well over the next few days. The weekend will be crucial in determining whether the film can recover its investment," he concludes.

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Nani's most crazy project, The Paradise, has ignited unprecedented buzz with a record breaking chartbuster like Aaya Sher. Anirudh Ravichander is scoring music for the film and he delivered an all-time mass banger for Telugu Cinema. Now, the movie teaser has been unveiled by the makers and it is spectacular.

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Director Srikanth Odela has envisioned a massive clash of titans like never before. The raw emotion, bloody visuals and incredible action leave a lasting impact. His visuals and story setting is phenomenal. He is able to bring out another side of Nani and it gives instant goosebumps. The blade thread "Dishti" scene is ultimate mad moment that would make masses go berserk.

The BGM by Anirudh Ravichander and production values of Sudhakar Cherukuri are masterclass. The makers have been promising a bloody actioner and it is one of its kind. The movie is releasing on 24th September worldwide and makers confirm it will be even more explosive in theatres. Kayadu Lohar, Mohan Babu, Sampooranesh Babu, Raghav Juyal are playing prominent roles in this epic actioner.



Avika Gor hospitalised with dengue, husband reveals health update

Mumbai: Actress Avika Gor has been hospitalised after being diagnosed with dengue. Her husband, Milind Chandwani, took to his social media account on Friday night to share her health update, followed by revealing his wife's sheer dedication to her craft. He revealed that Avika continued shooting and fulfilling her professional commitments despite battling a high fever of 103-104 degrees for nearly five days.

Sharing a video on his social media account, Milind revealed that Avika was admitted to the hospital the previous night after her health deteriorated.

"So, Avika has been admitted to the hospital since last night. She has been suffering from 103-104 degrees fever for the last five days," he said.

Milind went on to praise Avika's unwavering commitment to her work. He shared that despite running a high fever, the actress first completed a two-day project shoot, which wrapped up in a single day because of her fine skills.

He revealed that after returning home and taking medicines during a brief break, she travelled to Delhi for an advertisement shoot as she did not want producers to incur losses due to postponement. He also clarified that she travelled to Delhi only after taking tests to ensure she had not caught any virus, which thankfully she hadn't.



He further said, "I told her many times that producers will understand. Postpone it. Tell them that you cannot make it. But she said someone's time will go, someone's money will go. I want to do as much as I can," Milind said, adding that he has always admired her respect for her craft and for other people's time and resources.

Calling Avika's work ethic inspiring, he added, "I have never understood where someone gets so much love for their work, so much respect for their craft. I don't think many people in this industry do this."

Milind also urged fans to keep the actress in their prayers as she recovers. Towards the end of the video, he pointed out the irony of the situation, as he noted that while Avika was battling a high fever, her new

song titled Bukhaar was also scheduled for release the same day.

"So please support her because she won't be able to share much today. Let's promote the song on her behalf. I am proud of you, Avika," he concluded.

Avika later shared glimpses from her hospital bed on her social media account. In one post, she was seen smiling and flashing a victory sign, writing, "The only thing that's keeping me excited today other than my platelet counts... #Bukhaar releasing tonight at 6!!! P.S. Dengue SUCKS!!" Another picture showed her hand with an IV drip attached as she continued treatment.