

Govt Approves Polymer Rs 10, Rs 20 Notes for Trials



New Delhi: The government has approved the introduction of one billion polymer banknotes of Rs 10 and Rs 20 for field trials, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), with the recommendation of its central board, had sent a proposal to the government in terms of Section 25 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for introduction of one billion pieces each of Rs 10 and Rs 20 polymer banknotes for field trials and for regular issuance of polymer banknotes in these two denominations after successful completion of field trials, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

"The proposal has been approved by the government. As per the RBI, these polymer banknotes are proposed to be issued along with paper substrate-based banknotes," she said.

The RBI has informed that the procurement process is presently at an initial stage, she said.

Therefore, she said, at this point of time, it would not be possible to practically determine the exact timeframe for introduction of polymer banknotes or the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon.

Replying to another question, Sitharaman said the average retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price

Index (CPI), has declined steadily from 5.4 per cent in 2023-24 to 4.6 per cent in 2024-25 and further to 2.1 per cent in 2025-26.

Owing to the commodity price shock and elevated global energy prices stemming from the West Asia crisis, a seasonal pickup in vegetable prices, and the expected unfavourable El Nino conditions, retail inflation rose to 3.9 per cent in Q1 of 2026-27, she said.

However, she said, it is still below the Reserve Bank of India's inflation target of 4 per cent.

"The 56th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has brought in a two-rate structure with a standard rate of 18 per cent, a merit rate of 5 per cent and a special de-merit rate of 40 per cent for a select few goods and services (but inclusive of earlier compensation cess rate, and hence with no increase in overall tax burden)," she said.

This resulted in rationalisation of rates on many goods and services from 28 per cent to 18 per cent, 18 per cent to 12 or 5 per cent, and from 12 per cent to 5 per cent/nil.

In addition, she said, with a view to reduce input costs, boosting domestic manufacturing, promoting export competitiveness and supporting strategic sectors, the govern-

World-Class Education for Every Child is Government's Goal: Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad: Building houses is easy, but to lay the foundation for dreams, the government needs resolve. With that resolve, Young India Integrated Residential Schools are rapidly taking shape in Telangana.

Putting an end to economic and social inequalities and erasing the lines of caste, religion, region, and family background, the government's goal is to provide world-class education to every child, said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in a post on 'X' here on Tuesday.

These schools, being constructed in every constituency with state-of-the-art facilities, will stand as temples of knowledge that



mold children into tomorrow's scientists, administrators, industrialists, and builders of New India.

As the address for the dreams of poor children and as a symbol of the Telangana model, the Young India Integrated Residential Schools are set to transform the future of generations.

When Will She Be Deputy CM?: AIADMK's Trisha Jibe Sparks Row



Chennai: AIADMK leader R B Udayakumar mocked Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Tuesday asking him when he would make Trisha, who has acted with him in many films, a deputy CM. The remarks come almost a week after Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin was detained for alleged insulting remarks against the actor.

Though there was no official reaction from those whom he targeted, in his viral video the former minister could be heard saying that the TVK government was appointing individuals closely associated with the Chief Minister, specifically producers and technical crew members who worked in his films, to various official government positions.

Udayakumar went on to name the persons appointed as temple trustee, Tamil Nadu government's special representative in New Delhi, personal secretary to CM, head of state film training institute, as government advisors, and sarcastically wondered when Trisha would be appointed as his deputy CM.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' Fervour Across Telangana



HYDERABAD: 'Har Ghar Tiranga' celebrations have begun across Telangana in a patriotic atmosphere, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to hoist the national flag at every home during the Independence Day celebrations.

All Union ministers, MPs and MLAs from the state, along with their family members, joined the initiative and have hoisted the tricolour atop their residences, sharing photographs and videos on social media to encourage participation. They urged citizens to display national pride without

The campaign is being observed through flag hoisting at homes and online posts carrying the hashtag #HarGharTiranga, with selfies uploaded to harghartiranga.com, said Dr Mekala Shilpa Reddy, working convenor of the movement in the state. She said the tricolour symbolises India's unity, progress and glory, while this year's drive also commemorates 150 years of Vande Mataram.

Modi Asks People to Hoist Tricolour

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged people to celebrate Independence Day by hoisting the Tricolour at every home across the country.

In an Instagram post, Modi said, "Come, let us make Har Ghar Tiranga a celebration in every home."

The Prime Minister urged people to celebrate August 15 with pride and honour and pay tribute to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country's independence.

"Come, let us celebrate August 15 with pride and honour, pay tribute to the freedom fighters, and pledge to build a developed India (Viksit Bharat). The Tricolour in every home, the Tricolour in every household, the Tricolour in every heart. Come, let us hoist the Tricolour at every home," Modi said.

The Prime Minister also shared a video of the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting, 'Mangal Milan', held at the GMC Balayogi Auditorium in the Parliament House Complex, where ministers and MPs greeted him by waving the national flag and raising 'Vande Mataram' and



'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' slogans. Modi joined the NDA parliamentarians, holding a national flag and waving it towards the mem-

bers present.

On August 9, Modi had called upon citizens to participate enthusiastically in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement and renew their collective resolve to contribute towards building a 'Viksit Bharat'.

He had said that the Tricolour was a symbol of India's pride and a constant source of inspiration for every citizen to give their best for the nation.

Modi also expressed happiness that this year's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign is dedicated to 'Vande Mataram', as the nation marks the 150th anniversary of the national song.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister had said, "Our Tricolour is our pride and a constant source of inspiration to always give our best for the nation. Let us participate enthusiastically in the #HarGharTiranga movement and renew our collective resolve to contribute towards building a Viksit Bharat. Glad that this year's efforts are dedicated to Vande Mataram and that too at a time when we are marking its 150th anniversary."

CMRF Provides Financial Support to Poor Families
MLA Payam Venkateswarlu Distributes CMRF Cheques Worth
₹4.15 Lakh to Beneficiaries

Manuguru, August 11: Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques worth a total of ₹4.15 lakh to beneficiaries from the Pinapaka constituency at the MLA camp office in Manuguru on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu said the CMRF is providing valuable financial support to poor and middle-class families facing difficulties due to medical expenses. He stated that the financial assistance provided through the CMRF is helping families undergoing treatment and facing financial hardships.

The MLA assured that he would continue to work to-



wards providing better medical services to the people and ensuring necessary government assistance to families facing financial difficulties. He urged eligible beneficiaries to make effective use of government welfare schemes.

Mandal presidents, district-level leaders, sarpanches, deputy sarpanches, ward members, Congress party leaders, public representatives, mandal-level leaders, party workers, beneficiaries and their family members participated in the programme.

Strict Action Against Anti-Social
and Illegal Activities

DSP Ravinder Reddy Leads Cordon and Search Operation in Manuguru
147 Pending Challans Cleared, ₹35,000 Collected; Illegal Liquor Seized

Manuguru, August 11, 2026:As per the directions of Bhadradi Kothagudem District SP Rohit Raju, IPS, a Cordon and Search Operation was conducted in the Shivalingapuram area of Manuguru town in the early hours of Tuesday under the supervision of Manuguru DSP Ravinder Reddy.

As part of the operation, police conducted extensive vehicle checks and paid special attention to pending traffic challans. A total of ₹35,000 was collected towards old pending challans relating to 147 vehicles. Police also registered 13 spot cases against motorists who violated traffic rules.

Three two-wheelers without proper number plates were seized. Police also seized illegally transported and stored liquor worth approximately ₹35,000 and registered cases against the persons concerned.

Awareness on



Cyber Crimes and Drug Abuse

Later, a Community Contact Programme was conducted with residents of Shivalingapuram Colony. Police advised people to remain alert against cyber crimes and exercise caution while responding to phone calls, messages and links received from unknown persons.

DSP Ravinder Reddy explained the harmful effects of drug abuse and urged the youth and public to stay away from narcotic substances. He warned that strict action would be taken against those involved in the illegal transportation, sale or consumption of drugs.

Follow Traffic Rules and Ensure Public Safety

Police advised two-wheeler riders to wear helmets compulsorily, use proper number plates and strictly follow traffic rules to prevent road accidents.

As part of crime prevention measures, residents were advised to install CCTV cameras in residential colonies. Police also urged house owners to verify the complete details and identity of new tenants before renting out their houses.

Public Urged to Share Information with Police

DSP Ravinder Reddy appealed to the public to immediately inform the police if they have any information regarding persons involved in illegal or anti-social activities. He also urged citizens to bring their problems to the notice of the police, assuring that the police would always remain available for the safety and security of the public.

Manuguru DSP Ravinder Reddy, Manuguru CI Nagababu, Yedullabayaram CI Venkateswara Rao, SI C.H. Nagesh, and personnel of the Police TGSP participated in the operation.

Undertake road expansion for the
convenience of the people

Warangal CP N. Shwetha along with District Collector inspects the expansion area

Hanumakonda ; Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai said that road expansion should be undertaken for the convenience of the people.

On Tuesday, the Collector along with City Police Commissioner N. Shwetha visited the field level in the Ramnagar area of Hanumakonda (behind the police headquarters) and inspected the expansion area and made appropriate suggestions to the officials to carry out the work effectively.

Speaking on this occasion, the Collector said that in the context of complaints received that the 15-foot road in the Ramnagar area was causing trouble to motorists and people, and public representatives also expressed the seriousness of the problem, the Collector said that the field level inspection was conducted and the existing road will be widened to 60 feet.

The Collector was accompanied on this visit by Baldia Commissioner T. Venkanna, in-charge city planner Ravinder Radekar, former corporator Chada Swathi, police officials and others.



Jaggareddy Speaking Out of Frustration :
MLA Chinta Prabhakar.

Even Sonia Gandhi's campaign cannot ensure his victory in Sangareddy.

SANGAREDDY, Correspondent : August 11, 2026: Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar launched a strong attack on TPCC Working President T. Jayaprakash Reddy (Jaggareddy), alleging that he was making statements out of political frustration and spreading false information. Addressing a media conference at his camp office here on Monday, Prabhakar said Jaggareddy deserved an "Oscar" for repeatedly making what he termed false claims.

Prabhakar said repeatedly referring to incidents that took place nearly a decade ago reflected Jaggareddy's political decline. Responding to Jaggareddy's claim that he had borrowed 6.5 crore for organising a Rahul Gandhi meeting, he questioned why the people of Sangareddy should be concerned about his personal borrowings.

He alleged that Jaggareddy was targeting former minister T. Harish Rao out of frustration after he and his wife were not given a place on the Chief Minister's dais during the latter's recent visit to Sangareddy.

On the passport broker case, Prabhakar said Harish Rao had no connec-



tion with it and claimed that the case was registered as part of the legal process following evidence reportedly found during a human trafficking investigation. He advised Jaggareddy not to divert allegations against himself towards others.

Prabhakar also accused Jaggareddy of making false claims over the Sangareddy Medical College. He questioned why the college was not brought to Sangareddy when Jaggareddy claimed to have initiated the proposal during the tenure of former Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy. Prabhakar said the medical college was sanctioned and established following the assurance given by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao during the 2018 election campaign, with the cooperation of Harish Rao.

He further criticised Jaggareddy's stand during the Telangana movement, alleging that he had supported the united Andhra Pradesh position while KCR and Harish Rao fought for statehood.

Prabhakar said that despite losing the 2018 election, he remained accessible to the people and worked for Sangareddy's development, claiming that hundreds of crores of rupees worth of projects were taken up with the support of KCR and Harish Rao.

"Not Rahul Gandhi—even if Sonia Gandhi herself campaigns, Jaggareddy cannot win in Sangareddy," Prabhakar asserted. He challenged Jaggareddy to stop what he called petty politics and instead debate Sangareddy's development.

Kasala Buchireddy also criticised Jaggareddy, alleging that several of his earlier election promises remained unfulfilled and urged him to focus on development rather than political allegations. Former Library Chairman Narhar Reddy, Dr.Srihari, Manohar Goud, kondal reddy, Councillors Rajender Reddy , Lade Mallesham, and Mohammed Zafar, along with Srikanth, Balu, Goverdhan Reddy, Syed Azeem, Mohd Wajid, Mohd Majeed, Akhil, and others attended in this press conference .

Congress Leaders Challenge Chinta Prabhakar
to Open Debate on Development

Sangareddy, Correspondent : August 11, 2026: Congress leaders in the Sangareddy Assembly constituency strongly reacted to the recent remarks made by Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar and challenged him to participate in an open debate on the development of the constituency.

Addressing a media conference, the Congress leaders warned that criticism of TPCC Working President T. Jayaprakash Reddy (Jagga Reddy) would not be tolerated. They alleged that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and former Minister T. Harish Rao had targeted Jagga Reddy politically after the successful Rahul Gandhi public meeting held in Sangareddy in 2017.

The Congress leaders questioned Chinta Prabhakar over several issues allegedly



concerning land transactions, including ceiling land registrations, Dalit lands, alleged encroachments on roads in Sadashivpet and the Malakunta area. They also raised questions about his conduct towards women councillors during his tenure as municipal chairman and demanded answers.

"Tell us where you want the discussion in Sadasipet we are ready to come there. Are you ready for an open debate they challenged the MLA. They further warned that they would expose what they described as the alleged corruption of BRS leaders one issue at a time.

The Congress leaders also highlighted various development works and initiatives which they said were taken up during Jagga Reddy's tenure. These included efforts related to IIT Hyderabad, supply of Manjeera drinking water to households, the four-lane Sangareddy - Lingampally road, establishment of government Polytechnic, Agriculture and PG colleges, and distribution of oxygen cylinders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

They claimed that significant development in the Sangareddy constituency was achieved under Jagga Reddy's leadership and said that his name comes to the minds of people whenever they face difficulties.

Constituency Convenor Cheriya Anjaneyulu, TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, CDC Chairman Ram Reddy, former Municipal Chairman M u n i p a l l e Satyanarayana, Kuna Santosh, Municipal Vice Chairman Hafez Shaik Shafi , Kiran Goud and others attended the meeting.

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra Inspects EVM Warehouse

Nirmal District Correspondent : As part of routine inspections, Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra inspected the EVM warehouse located near the Collectorate on Tuesday.

During the inspection, the Collector examined all the registers and checked the functioning of the CCTV cameras and fire safety system. He directed the police personnel to continuously monitor the CCTV cameras and ensure enhanced security at the EVM warehouse. He also instructed officials to keep a robust fire safety system readily available at all times. District Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, Fire Officer Shivaji, Tahsildar Raju, officials Swathi and others, along with staff, participated in the inspection



Warangal East Congress splits into three

Worked for the party for 30 years but no recognition
Posts are being distributed like movie tickets
District Jana Sena leader Karate Prabhakar



Warangal, Bureau : It is known that senior Congress leader Karate Prabhakar recently resigned after working selflessly for the party for almost 30 years but did not get due respect and recognition. He officially announced his departure from the Congress and joining the Jana Sena party at a press conference held at his residence in Warangal on Tuesday. He severely criticized the fact that the situation of the Congress party in the Warangal East constituency has become split into three for some time now. Speaking on this occasion, Karate Prabhakar said that he has worked hard for the Congress party for the last 30 years and also faced many difficulties when the party was not in power and worked to strengthen the party. However, he expressed his regret that those who worked hard in the Warangal East Congress are currently deprived of proper recognition and respect, and that senior leaders and activists who have worked selflessly for the party for several years, believing in the Congress party, are not respected. He alleged that the party situation has become three-fold, especially in the Warangal East constituency.

Distribution of positions like movie tickets
Janasena leaders Karate Prabhakar alleged that some people are acting without the slightest respect and recognition even if they are given the post of district president by the top leadership. He criticized that the positions that came in the Warangal East constituency are being distributed like movie tickets. He said that he was also pressured in many ways so that he, who believed in the party, could not get the positions, and that those who worked hard for the party were worthless.

Karate Prabhakar confidently said that many leaders and activists of the Congress party from the Warangal East constituency are sure to join the Jana Sena very soon. He clarified that he did not join Jana Sena for Pawan Kalyan, but joined Jana Sena after liking the party's ideology. He said that he joined Jana Sena after liking Pawan Kalyan's vision and ideology of doing good for the poor. Karate Prabhakar told the media that he would work hard and selflessly for the party and the people, no matter what the Jana Sena high command orders.

Agricultural Students Create Awareness on Cleanliness and Hygiene

Nagarkurnool : A Swachh Pakhwada programme was conducted in Goriti and Chegunta villages under the Rural Agricultural Work Experience Programme (RAWEP), organised by the Palem Agricultural College.

As part of the programme, agricultural college students and NSS volunteers undertook sanitation activities in the villages. They visited households and created awareness among residents about cleanliness, personal hygiene, proper waste disposal and environmental protection. Public places and



temple premises were also cleaned. A kitchen garden was established on the school premises by planting various vegetable saplings. Students were educated about kitchen gardening, the importance of nutritious food and the benefits of consuming fresh vegetables. The organisers emphasised that cleanliness should not be limited to a one-day programme but should become a part of everyone's daily life. They called upon students, youth and villagers to work together to make their villages clean, green and healthy. Agricultural College faculty members Dr. Pragathi Kumari and Dr. Bhanushree, Sarpanch Nagamma, school Headmaster Ramashekar Reddy and in-charge David Stephen participated in the programme.

ITDA to Sell 4 Tonnes of Scrap Machinery at Vista Complex

Interested Buyers Can Participate on August 14: ITDA PO B. Rahul Bhadrachalam, August 11:: The Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Bhadrachalam, has announced that damaged and unusable scrap machinery related to coloured stone processing is available for sale at the Vista Complex. ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul informed this in a statement issued on Tuesday.

The Vista Complex, located near the western steps of Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy Temple, has 13 shops under the ITDA Bhadrachalam Project. Of these, approximately 2.50 tonnes of damaged scrap machinery related to coloured stones is available at Shop No. 9, while around 1.50 tonnes of damaged scrap is available at Shop No. 30.

Altogether, approximately 4 tonnes of scrap machinery is available for sale. Interested buyers can attend the Vista Complex at 4:00 PM on August 14 and participate in the purchase process.

For further details, interested persons can contact Chalapathi at 9441507135, the ITDA Project Officer said.

Samsung Announces Vision AI TV Deals for Independence Day Celebration

Samsung's 'Big Celebration, Bigger Screen, Biggest Emotions' Campaign packs Exciting Offers on its Premium TV range

GURUGRAM, India – August 11, 2026 – Samsung India has announced an exciting new campaign titled “Big Celebration, Bigger Screen, Biggest Emotions” to promote its latest large-screen TVs powered by Vision AI technology. The nationwide campaign encourages consumers to upgrade to premium televisions that offer a smarter, more immersive home entertainment experience.

The campaign highlights Samsung's cutting-edge Vision AI innovations, which integrate AI service plat-



forms like Bixby, perplexity, and Microsoft Copilot to deliver a personalised and intelligent viewing experience. These features are available on the latest Micro RGB, OLED, Neo QLED, Mini LED,

and Crystal UHD TVs, bringing the thrill of cinema, sports, and everyday entertainment directly into the living room.

Consumers can enjoy a range of exciting offers on select

Samsung Vision AI Big TVs, including free soundbars worth up to INR 102990, free TVs worth up to INR 529990, cashback of up to 20%, zero down payment, and EMIs up to 36 months. Addition-

ally, the campaign provides value-added benefits such as Samsung TV Plus, Samsung Care+, Samsung Finance+, Samsung Sound+, Samsung Art+, and up to seven years of OS upgrades. The range of Vision AI-powered TVs is available at Samsung retail stores nationwide, on Samsung.com, Flipkart, and Amazon. With this campaign, Samsung aims to make premium home entertainment more accessible across India by combining smart AI features, larger screens, and festive offers.

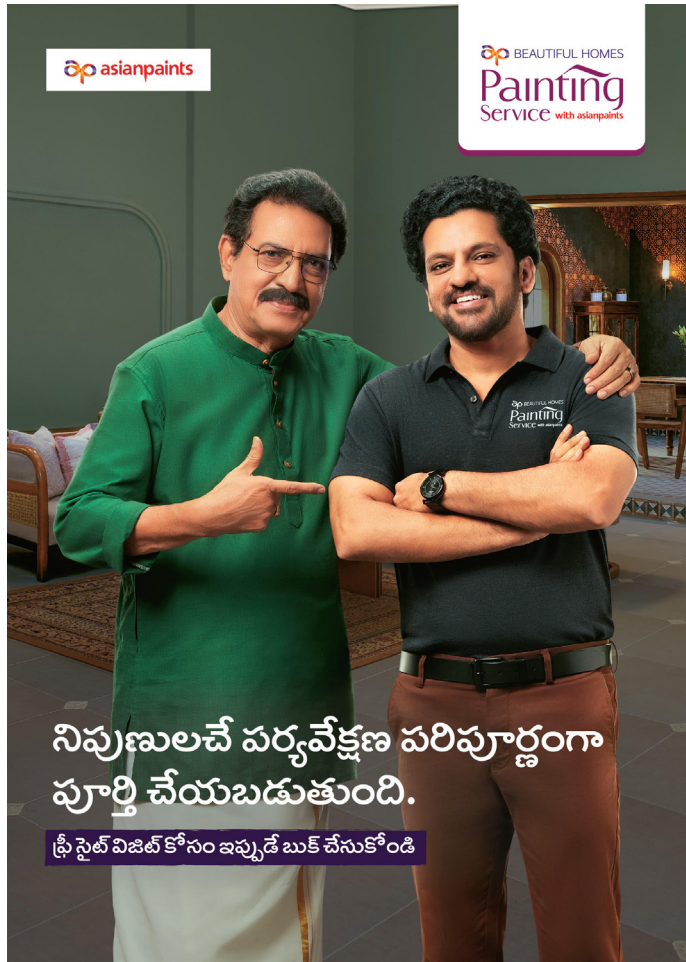
Asian Paints takes the hassle out of home transformation with a new campaign for Beautiful Homes Painting Service

The new campaign brings humour and colour together with a myriad of smart service propositions woven with regional nuances catering to consumers across southern states in India

Hyderabad , August 10, 2026: For homeowners, transforming a house into a dream home is often an exciting milestone. Yet, the painting journey itself can bring uncertainty, from coordinating multiple contractors and ensuring colours turn out as envisioned, to managing timelines, cleanliness, waterproofing concerns, and overall execution quality. While homeowners look forward to the end result, the process often becomes a source of stress and anxiety.

Recognising this key consumer concern, Asian Paints Beautiful Homes Painting Service (BHPS), India's leading organized painting service, is re-defining the home painting experience through its latest campaign crafted specially for consumers across the southern regions of India. The campaign highlights “Beautiful Homes Painting Service” offerings including site inspection, dedicated supervision, personalised colour consultation through the AI Visualizer, 20% money-back guarantee, product scan-enabled warranty, and assured on-time completion, the service delivers a seamless and hassle-free painting experience while helping homeowners achieve high-quality finishes with complete peace of mind.

Conceptualized by Ogilvy India, the campaign comprises a series of films tailored to resonate with audiences across southern India, reflecting local cultural nuances, family dynamics, and everyday homeowner experiences. Built around the central theme of delightful dis-



belief, the films follow a skeptical father who finds it hard to believe that a painting project can be completed so seamlessly, while his son walks him through the hassle-free experience delivered by Beautiful Homes Painting Service.

Through humour, relatable family banter, and culturally rooted storytelling, the films showcase BHPS's key service propositions including site inspection, dedicated supervision, personalised colour consultation through the AI Visualizer, 20% money-back guarantee, product scan-enabled warranty, and assured on-time completion, demonstrating how every stage of the painting journey is managed by Asian Paints experts.

With decades of leadership in the paints and home décor category, Asian Paints has consistently pioneered innovations that simplify the home transformation journey. Beautiful Homes Painting Service extends this legacy by combining trusted products, trained professionals, technology-enabled solutions, and service excellence to deliver a differentiated and professionally managed painting experience for homeowners

across India. Speaking about the campaign, Amit Syngle, MD & CEO, Asian Paints, said, "Home improvement journeys are deeply personal, but they can often be overwhelming due to concerns around quality, execution, timelines and long-term protection. Through Beautiful Homes Painting Service, we have built a comprehensive painting and waterproofing solution that brings together professional expertise, process excellence, on-time completion and trusted warranties under one roof. By combining cutting-edge AI Colour Visualisation with the execution excellence of our service, we are turning room transformation into an effortless and foolproof experience for our customers. This campaign reflects our commitment to making home transformation simpler, more predictable and truly enjoyable, allowing homeowners to focus on the excitement of the outcome."

Commenting on the creative approach, Suresh Nayak, CCO, Ogilvy India, said, "The campaign uses the warmth of family relationships and a distinctly South Indian cultural lens to bring the Beautiful Homes Painting Service proposition to life. By making disbelief the central storytelling device, the films capture the reaction to a painting experience that feels almost too good to be true, while allowing each market to have its own local flavour." Watch the ad films of Asian Paints Beautiful Homes Painting Service in the links below:YT links 1,2,3,4:

India is well positioned to lead the AI revolution, says Pradeep K. Khosla

Artificial intelligence will transform the nature of work rather than eliminate human potential, and India is uniquely positioned to emerge as a global leader in the AI era, said Pradeep K. Khosla, Chancellor, UC San Diego, USA, while addressing the fifth annual convocation of Mahindra University. Drawing parallels with previous technological revolutions, Khosla said every wave of innovation has created new industries and opportunities despite initial fears of job displacement. He urged graduates to embrace AI with confidence and caution, noting that their greatest strengths would remain uniquely human qualities such as curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, integrity and lifelong learning.

Highlighting India's strengths, he pointed to the country's robust digital public infrastructure, thriving startup ecosystem and talented workforce, adding that India's role should extend beyond adopting AI to creating and leading it. He also underscored the importance of global academic partnerships, citing the collaboration between Mahindra University and UC San Diego to establish an Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence as a platform to drive research, innovation, entrepreneurship and talent development.



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INDIA'S INNOVATION CHALLENGE REMAINS

Though India has emerged as one of the world's largest producers of scientific publications and patent filings, it continues to lag behind in research spending relative to the size of its economy. One of the reasons for this poor performance, compared with other major economies, is that R&D spending has traditionally been the exclusive domain of the public sector since independence, and the private industry was largely insulated from innovation. However, a positive shift is happening now. The latest report by the Department of Science and Technology on India's research profile reveals a major milestone. For the first time in the country's history, private industry's share of the Gross Expenditure on Research and Development (GERD) stood at 51.8% in 2023-24, overtaking the combined spending of the central and State governments. This significant jump from 45.5% in 2021-22 is a welcome development. According to the Economic Survey 2025-26, India's GERD stands at roughly 0.64% of GDP — a figure that has been virtually stagnant for more than a decade and is dwarfed by those of Israel (5%), South Korea (4.8–4.9%), the United States (3.5%), Japan (3.3%), and China (2.4%). The R&D spending hovered in the range of 0.6% to 0.85% for nearly 20 years despite India's economy growing several-fold. The optics of private industry crossing the 50% threshold are encouraging, and they do bring India structurally closer to advanced economies where business enterprise typically funds 70–80% of national R&D. South Asians & Diaspora

While the private sector's rising R&D share is a positive and necessary correction to India's historically state-dominated research funding model, it is by itself not sufficient to close the technology gap with the countries it wants to compete with. India crossing the 50% mark in private contribution while spending less than 1% of GDP on R&D is a very different achievement from the US or China doing so while spending 2.5-3.5% of GDP. Understandably, private R&D follows sectors that promise near-term commercial returns: generic and specialty pharmaceuticals, IT services and software products, automotive components and EVs, and consumer-facing digital technologies. These sectors are undoubtedly important for boosting exports and generating employment, but they are not fully aligned with the areas most consequential for India's strategic autonomy and long-term economic security: semiconductor fabrication, advanced materials, critical minerals processing, defence and aerospace systems, foundational AI models, and clean energy storage. A large share of private R&D is concentrated in a narrow set of sectors. Decades of a protected, import-substituting economy, followed by a services- and IT-outsourcing-led growth model, meant Indian firms could compete and profit without deep in-house research — unlike Korean or Chinese firms, which were pushed by export-oriented industrial policy. Also, public research institutions and private industry have historically operated in separate silos, with limited co-funded research or faculty-industry mobility, unlike the tightly integrated innovation ecosystems of the US or Germany.

Lok Sabha Passes Bill to Rename Kerala as Keralam



Select Deccan Chronicle Now Lok Sabha passes Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 seeking to change the state's name to Keralam

Trump Took Secret Flight out of Turkey Amid Iran Assassination Threat

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump secretly flew out of Turkey last month on a smaller plane than previously known due to an assassination threat from Iran, the Washington Post reported Monday. According to an anonymous US official who spoke to the Post, Trump boarded an Air Force One jet in Ankara on July 8, but then moved into a catering container attached to the plane. The container then ferried him to a smaller C-32A aircraft that flew him to Britain, while media and some officials were led to believe Trump was still on the bigger jet.

The Iranian threat had previously been reported by US media as the reason that Trump did not fly out of Turkey aboard the new Boeing 747-8, gifted to the United States by Qatar, which he had used to fly into the country. Trump, who was in Ankara for a NATO summit, said at the time he would be taking the older Boeing 747 so that members of the US military at an airbase in Britain could tour the new plane.

However, several US media outlets, including the New York Times, reported that a threat from Iranian proxy forces had prompted the switch. Journalists on the old plane out of Ankara were also told to keep their window blinds down - a step normally reserved for war zones -- furthering suspicions of security concerns. The plane swap prompted renewed scrutiny of the Qatar-gifted jet, which the Times reported did not have the same security features as the older jet, including anti-missile defenses.

Qatar's royal family donated the luxury airliner last year after Trump complained about the state of the two aging Boeing 747 jets that had served as Air Force One since 1990. The plane was then rapidly retrofitted and flew Trump for the first time on July 1, to North Dakota. Just days later, he



took it on its first overseas trip to Turkey. When queried by AFP about the Washington Post report, the White House sent a statement defending the new plane's safety.

"The new Air Force One is a state-of-the-art aircraft that has been fitted with high-level security protocols that ensure the safety of the President and his staff," Communications Director Steven Cheung said in the statement. "As the President has said recently, there are many enemies of America who have their sights on him, and we use every tool at our disposal to address those threats." The same statement had been used by the White House last month when questions about the aircraft's safety first surfaced. Video in the Washington Post's report shows a catering truck lowering from the older Air Force One jet, minutes after Trump walked up stairs into the plane. The catering vehicle can then be seen transiting in the distance to the smaller C-32A aircraft. After both planes landed in the United Kingdom, Trump was videotaped coming down the steps from the larger jet, before making his way to the new retrofitted Air Force One. It was unclear how he had made the transfer back to the larger plane, the Post said.

Hyderabad Metro expansion stalled while Centre clears Vizag, Vijayawada DPRs

Hyderabad: In yet another instance of what Telangana sees as discrimination by the BJP-led Central government, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has approved the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Metro rail projects in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada, while Hyderabad's Metro expansion proposals continue to remain pending.

MoHUA has reportedly cleared the DPRs for the two Andhra Pradesh cities and forwarded them to the Union Finance Ministry for financial appraisal.

The Andhra Pradesh government has proposed a combined Metro rail network of nearly 84 km in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada at an estimated cost of Rs 21,616 crore. The projects will be implemented under a joint venture model, with the Centre and State contributing 20 per cent each. The remaining 60 per cent will be raised through loans from financial institutions.

Though the approval of the Andhra Pradesh projects has no direct bearing on Hyderabad Metro, it has renewed questions over the Centre's delay in clearing the expansion proposals submitted by Telangana. The State government has been waiting for approval for its Metro Phase II plans for a considerable period. The takeover of the existing Metro Phase I by the State government has also been delayed.

Despite repeated requests from the Telangana government, the Central government continues to delay the approvals, citing different reasons. This is leaving the Metro commuters in Hyderabad fuming.

Hyderabad Metro currently operates a 69.2-km network across three corridors. In 2021, the previous BRS government submitted a DPR for Phase II, covering a 26-km stretch from BHEL to Lakdikapul and a 5-km



extension from LB Nagar to Nagole. It also proposed a Mass Rapid Transit System for Kokapet and the Warangal Neo Metro.

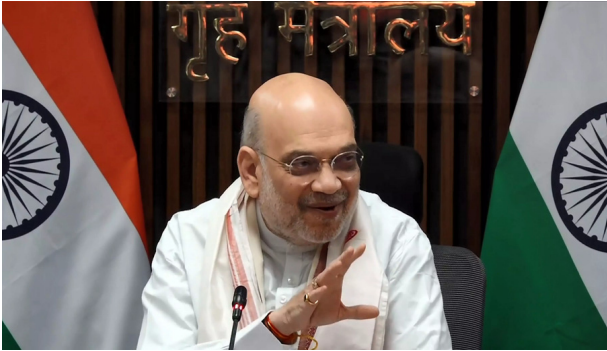
The BRS government repeatedly urged the Centre to approve the proposals. However, the Centre rejected Telangana's Phase II proposal in 2023, citing lower Peak Hour Peak Direction Traffic (PHPDT) and insufficient projected ridership.

After the Congress government came to power in December 2023, it proposed seven routes covering 122 km under Phase II-A and three more routes under Phase II-B. However, these proposals have not secured approval so far.

The State government's efforts to take over Metro Phase I have also made little progress. It has been a month since the Centre agreed to entrust SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS) with the valuation and financial assessment of Phase I. The agency may also examine the financing structure for Phase II.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy wrote to union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on July 4, urging him to assign the task to SBICAPS and finalise the Terms of Reference at the earliest.

Amit Shah to Speak on Student Protest Today



New Delhi: Amid mounting Opposition pressure and no end in sight to the deadlock in Parliament, Union home minister Amit Shah is expected to make a statement in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday on the recent police action against the protesting students at Jantar Mantar. Union parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday said that the government is ready for a detailed discussion in Parliament on students' protest and accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of "running away" from a debate.

Earlier in the day, a face-off between the ruling NDA and the opposition INDIA bloc MPs came face-to-face at Parliament's main gate "Makar Dwar". Security personnel formed a cordon between the ruling and the Opposition MPs as they staged protests and raised counter-slogans over "brutal" police action on job aspirants in Jharkhand and issues surrounding the alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the Opposition is not changing the goalpost. He asserted that the Opposition's stand has been consistent from the beginning, including the demand that Shah must make a statement on police brutalities against students. The Congress president also said that the students' protest in Jharkhand is a "separate issue".

Speaking to the media in the Parliament House complex, Rijiju said that the government is willing to go beyond a statement and hold a full-fledged discussion on the issue. "Rahul Gandhi has been saying from the beginning that the Union home minister should make a statement. We are saying, why just a statement? We will have a full discussion. A statement is only a formal written document. We are ready to go beyond a statement and have a full-fledged discussion for the entire day, or even for two days, and give answers to every single point," he said, adding that a detailed discussion will bring clarity on all aspects related to students' protest.

"The protest has several aspects. If we discuss it in detail, everything will come out in the open and the truth will become clear," the Union parliamentary affairs minister said, adding that the NDA MPs have also urged Rahul Gandhi not to "run away" from the debate. "It is unfortunate that the Congress has again run away from a discussion. Today, our NDA colleagues also demanded that Rahul Gandhi should not run away. But he ran away again today," he said.

The minister said that the government made the offer on Monday. "Yesterday, we had said that the government is ready for a detailed discussion on whatever incidents took place during the students' protest. We kept the answers ready, and the Union home minister was also ready. But they (the Opposition) did not allow the discussion to take place."

Before the start of the day's proceedings, members of both the ruling and the Opposition parties came face to face in the Parliament house complex. The MPs raised slogans against each other with just a group of security men, arms interlocked, standing in between them.

A heated exchange also took place between Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and BJP MP from Surat Mukesh Dalal. "Why has Mr Gandhi not visited Jharkhand yet?" he asked.

Vadra tried to counter Dalal, but he kept shouting, "Jharkhand kyun nahi gaye? (Why didn't he go to Jharkhand?)"

"Rahul Ji Jharkhand ke chhatro se mile bhi hain. (Gandhi has even met the students from Jharkhand)," she replied before walking away.

Moments later, Vadra told journalists that she had noticed ruling party MPs holding a protest for the first time. "At least we have forced them (the government) to do this. Now he (Shah) should come and give a statement."

While the Opposition has two demands for which they were holding placards that the home minister explain the police crackdown on student protesters in Delhi and a discussion on the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya on the floor of the House.

While the Opposition MPs are pressing ahead with their demands for the Union home minister to explain the police crackdown on student protesters in Delhi and a discussion on the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya on the floor of the House, the ruling NDA MPs held a protest against the alleged police action on job aspirants in Jharkhand and Rahul Gandhi's stand on the issue. The ruling MPs marched from the Parliament library to Makar Dwar and raised slogans such as "Rahul Gandhi Jawab Do" and "Rahul Gandhi Bhago Mat".

Speaking to reporters during the protest, BJP national spokesperson and MP Sambit Patra asked Gandhi to explain his position on the police action against Jharkhand students' protest. "Gandhi, isn't your party a part of the Jharkhand government? Is it not a fact that barbaric scenes were witnessed in Jharkhand on Monday? The way lathis were used on children, the way students and girl students were mistreated and the way the police showed brutality against them -- who is accountable for this?" Dr Patra asked.

Make Khelo India Games a Memorable Event: CM Revanth Directs Officials

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed officials to make the Khelo India Youth Games 2026, which the state will host in Hyderabad in December, a prestigious and memorable sporting event reflecting the true spirit of sportsmanship. The Chief Minister, along with Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari, reviewed arrangements for the national-level sporting event and stressed the need for comprehensive preparations well in advance.

Revanth Reddy directed officials to assess the condition of stadiums and other sporting infrastructure and undertake permanent improvements to bring them up to the standards required for hosting the competitions. He assured that the state government was ready to provide the necessary funds for infrastructure development. Since athletes from different states would participate in the games, he



called for arrangements that would provide them with quality sporting facilities and a conducive environment.

The Chief Minister also directed officials to begin preparations for the opening and closing ceremonies, including identifying and inviting prominent guests, leading sportspersons, and film personalities to participate in the programmes. He asked officials to clearly divide responsibilities relating to infrastructure, conduct of sporting events,

and facilities for athletes and guests so that each department could take ownership of its assigned tasks.

He suggested involving Arjuna Award-winning sportspersons from Telangana, members of the Telangana Sports Hub Board, representatives of the Olympic Association, and national-level sports bodies in the organisation of the games. He instructed officials to prepare a detailed plan immediately to ensure their effective participation. As competitions in

20 sporting disciplines are proposed to be held as part of the Khelo India Youth Games, the Chief Minister asked officials to identify suitable venues for each discipline and make arrangements accordingly. He emphasised that the games should be conducted in a manner that showcases Telangana's sporting capabilities while upholding the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.

The Chief Minister also stressed that preparations for the December event should be taken up in mission mode to ensure that all infrastructure, logistical, and hospitality arrangements were completed well before the competitions.

CM's adviser K. Ramakrishna Rao, Sports Authority of Telangana Chairman Shiva Sena Reddy, Sports Department Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, and SATG Managing Director Sonibala Devi were present.

Telangana Cabinet Meeting On Aug 14 To Approve Expansion Of Welfare Scheme, New Land Pooling Policy

HYDERABAD: The Cabinet, scheduled to meet on August 14, and is expected to decide on expansion of welfare schemes, a new land pooling policy for mobilising resources for infrastructure and development projects, and the proposed special session of the Legislature.

Official sources said the Cabinet was likely to approve the land pooling policy, which is aimed at replacing the forced land acquisition process with a more participatory model. Under the proposed policy, landowners would receive 60 per cent of fully developed plots in return for pooling their land, while government agencies such as the HMDA and TGICC would retain the remaining 40 per cent. The government intends to use its share for resource mobilisation



and execution of infrastructure and development projects.

The Cabinet is also expected to finalise the schedule for convening a one-day special session of the Legislature to pass a resolution seeking reduction in the minimum age for contesting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections from 25 to 21 years. The resolution is also likely to seek reduction in the

minimum age for contesting Rajya Sabha and Legislative Council elec-

tions from 30 to 25 years.

As Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is expected to undertake a three-week overseas tour covering the UK, the US, China and Germany from August 20 to September 10, the special session is likely to be convened on August 17 or 18.

On the welfare front, the Cabinet is expected to approve sanctioning pensions for another 2.25 lakh beneficiaries. The government is also likely to extend the Gruha Jyothi scheme, under

which up to 200 units of electricity are supplied free of cost, to an additional three to four lakh families. Under the Mahalakshmi scheme, another five lakh families are expected to be brought under the subsidised LPG cylinder scheme, under which beneficiaries get a cylinder for an effective price of ₹500.

The government currently provides monthly pensions to around 41 lakh beneficiaries.

The Cabinet is also expected to approve calling for tenders for construction of Indiramma Towers to provide flats for LIG categories in Hyderabad Core Urban Region. The Cabinet is also expected to take key decisions on launching Musi rejuvenation works and Gandhi Sarovar project works.

Govt Distributes Plots to Pharma City Land Oustees

Hyderabad: The state government has begun distributing developed plots measuring 121 square yards each to farmers whose land was acquired for the Hyderabad Pharma City project during the previous BRS regime, in addition to the compensation already paid to them. In the first phase, registration documents for the plots were handed over to 387 farmers on Tuesday, who had surrendered less than five acres each. The Congress government has decided to utilise the acquired land for developing Bharat Future City.

The then-BRS government had decided to acquire 19,333 acres of assigned and patta land for Pharma City, of which more than 7,800 acres were acquired in Nakkarta Medipalli, Nanaknagar, Tadiparthi and Kurmida of Yacharam mandal in Rangareddy district. Farmers of assigned patta land were initially paid ₹8 lakh per acre, while those in occupation of government land received ₹7.7 lakh per acre.

Private patta landowners were paid more than ₹35 lakh per acre in instalments, beginning at ₹12.5 lakh.

Following protests against the Pharma City project, the government decided to allot developed plots measuring 121 square yards for every acre surrendered by farmers who had received compensa-



tion. A 620-acre mega venture was developed in Panjaguda of Mirakhanpet revenue village limits, where plots were allotted through a lottery and possession shown to beneficiaries. Though the TGIC registered the plots at its own cost last year, the registration documents were not handed over during the BRS government tenure.

More than 1,100 patta farmers from the four villages had surrendered their land holding. Some had purchased land years earlier for around ₹4.5 lakh per acre and agreed to surrender it after being assured compensation of ₹12.5 lakh per acre. Farmers recently brought the delay in handing over registration documents to the government's notice. However, distribution of documents to assigned-land farmers is likely to be delayed further following allegations of irregularities. Certificates were issued to 5,720 assigned and patta farmers and plots were registered according to allotted numbers. Subsequently, the government identified more than 250 suspected fake beneficiaries among those claiming assigned land.

Allegations included around 120 cases in Nakkarta Medipalli, 80 in Nanaknagar, 60 in Tadiparthi and more than 90 in Kurmida, with some suspected beneficiaries allegedly receiving certificates and compensation.

FCRA Bill Headed To JPC Amid Opposition Onslaught

New Delhi: The government is considering sending the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament for further examination, while the Congress and some other opposition parties have demanded its withdrawal.

The Congress and the TMC were among the parties that raised the issue during the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of the Rajya Sabha, though it was not part of the agenda. They asked when the FCRA Bill would be taken up in the House, to which the government responded that a decision would be taken in due course, sources said on Tuesday.

DMK leaders Tiruchi Siva and P. Wilson later said the party wanted the Bill to be withdrawn completely. The party also voiced its stand during the BAC meeting.

Government sources said it was considering sending the Bill to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament and that a motion might be brought in the Lok Sabha in this regard on Wednesday.

The opposition parties, which have raised strong objections to the FCRA Bill, allege that it targets minorities, as certain provisions would choke legitimate funding for Christian NGOs and minority-run social welfare and educational institutions.

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma and leading Christian organisations had earlier urged the Centre to refer the contentious Bill to a joint committee of Parliament for detailed examination. Lalduhoma and representatives of Christian organisations had met home minister Amit Shah and expressed their concerns over the proposed legislation.

DMK MP Wilson also led a delegation of Church leaders to Union home minister Amit Shah, seeking the withdrawal of the amendment Bill and the repeal of Section 15 of the existing law. DMK chief M.K. Stalin also urged the Centre to withdraw the FCRA Bill.

The Bill seeks to create a designated authority to manage and dispose of assets if an organisation loses its FCRA licence. It was introduced in the Lok Sabha on March 25 this year and proposes tighter government oversight of non-governmental organisations and foreign funding in the country. However, the government has made it clear that the proposed legislation is not religion-specific and is aimed at regulating foreign contributions.

Voicing strong concerns over the proposed amendment Bill, Congress leader K C Venugopal had alleged that it targeted minorities and NGOs and said the Opposition would not allow it to be passed. "Even if Amit Shah comes to pass this anti-people Bill, there is no doubt that he will have



to face strong protests in Parliament. This Bill is unconstitutional and anti-people. We will not allow such an anti-people and unconstitutional Bill to be passed," Venugopal had said.

Some US lawmakers from both the Democratic and Republican parties, including Senator James Risch, who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, have voiced concerns over the planned changes to the FCRA, saying they could adversely affect Christian organisations and other civil society groups. India, however, rejected the criticism, describing the legislation as an internal matter.

External affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the proposed changes to the FCRA were an internal legislative matter for India, while India's Ambassador to the US Vinay Mohan Kwatra said the amendments were aimed at bringing in greater transparency and required organisations to receive money through a laid-down process.

In a series of posts on X, Kwatra said on Sunday that regulating foreign financial flows in public and political spaces was a sovereign step driven by national security concerns. He cited similar laws enacted by the US and other countries for this purpose.

"The US has had FARA (Foreign Agents Registration Act) since 1938 and FATCA (Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act) since 2010. Australia legislated in 2018, Canada in 2024. The UK's scheme came into force in July 2025. The EU is legislating now," he added.

The meeting of the Business Advisory Committee of the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday was chaired by Chairman C P Radhakrishnan and attended by parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijju, Leader of the House J P Nadda, and opposition leaders, including Jairam Ramesh (Congress), Tiruchi Siva (DMK) and Sasmit Patra (BJD).

During the meeting, the BAC allotted two hours for 'The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026', three hours for 'The National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026', and 1.5 hours for 'The Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026'.

One-Way Traffic Around KBR Park From Aug 18

Hyderabad: The one-way traffic system around the KBR Park stretch will come into force from August 18, with traffic police expecting commuters to take about a week to adjust to the new routes and diversions. The arrangement is being introduced in view of the ongoing H-CITI works, under which seven underpasses and seven flyovers are being constructed in and around the corridor.

Police identified six major junctions crucial to managing the revised movement: Agrasen Chowk, Cancer Hospital, Jubilee Checkpost, Road No. 45, Filmnagar and the NTR Bhavan/KBR Park entrance. Police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said the diversions would ease congestion and make east-west movement smoother and safer. "Reducing congestion would also help bring down vehicular pollution and reduce the amount of time commuters spend on the road, effectively giving them more time with their families," he said.



Two pilot trials were conducted earlier — on April 5 for three hours and on June 21 for six hours — during which traffic flow, junction performance, lane discipline and congestion points were monitored. Joint CP D. Joel Davis said around 110 pillars would come up in and around the stretch as part of the flyover and underpass construction, with 15 identified along the KBR stretch where the median width will be minimised to provide more carriageway space.

DCP Kajal Singh said signage boards indicating the revised movement would be installed shortly. A broad board stating "Diversion Soon" has already been put up. Google Maps and MapmyIndia have been informed, and the revised diversions are

expected to appear on the apps from the implementation date.

Sajjanar said two drones would be deployed to identify congestion and provide real-time inputs to traffic personnel. Wrong-side driving and speeding would be strictly monitored. Traffic cops will be deployed round-the-clock along the stretch for the next two years during construction. "All stakeholders, including GHMC, TGSPDCL, HMWSSB and other agencies, are working together on the arrangements," Sajjanar said. Residents along the corridor have also been informed.

Traffic police will install lane markings, lane changers and signage at strategic points. Emergency vehicles, including ambulances and fire tenders,

will be given unobstructed passage through Lane II, with personnel assisting them. Sajjanar noted that ten major hospitals are located along the corridor and urged commuters to make way for ambulances.

The traffic situation will be continuously monitored, with adjustments made depending on real-time conditions. The Integrated Command and Control Centre, CCTV network, drone inputs and field personnel will be used for monitoring. Motorists have been advised against wrong-side driving, illegal parking and obstructive parking, particularly on bends or locations that could block emergency movement. Officials urged commuters to follow only official Hyderabad traffic police updates.

A grand Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra



Metpally, August 11 Today Freedom : Bharatiya Janata Party Jagtial District Metpally Town Branch President Dhonikela Naveen organized the Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra in the town on a grand scale. On this occasion, about 2,000 students participated and organized a Tiranga rally with a huge 500-meter national flag. BJP Jagtial District President Dr. Rachakonda Yadagiri Babu, BJP State Executive Committee members Dr. Anup Rao and Pudari Aruna participated as the chief guests of this program. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said that the main purpose of the Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra is to further enhance the feelings of national unity, nationalism and patriotism among the people. It was stated that this program was organized on the call of the BJP State Party and on the orders of Nizamabad Parliament Member Dharmapuri Arvind. With a large number of students participating with the national flag, a patriotic atmosphere prevailed in Metpally town. The rally was filled with slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai", "Vande Mataram", and "Jai Hind".

Amgen to Set Up Research and Innovation Centre at Hyderabad's Genome Valley

Major boost to Telangana's Life Sciences sector; new opportunities for skilled professionals

Hyderabad, August 11, 2026: In a major boost to Telangana's rapidly growing Life Sciences sector, global biotechnology company Amgen is set to partner with the Telangana government to establish a Research and Innovation Centre at Genome Valley in Hyderabad.

The proposed centre is expected to bring advanced research and innovation activities to Hyderabad while creating new opportunities for highly skilled professionals. Amgen's decision to expand its presence in Hyderabad is being seen as a strong endorsement of the city's talent pool, world-class infrastructure and rapidly developing Life Sciences ecosystem.

The Telangana government said it remains committed to supporting global Life Sciences companies that choose to expand



their operations in the state and creating more high-quality employment opportunities for the youth.

Hyderabad Strengthens Global Life Sciences Position

Hyderabad has emerged as a major global hub for pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, research and innovation. The establishment of Amgen's new research centre at Genome Valley is expected to further strengthen the city's position on the global Life Sciences map.

The initiative is also likely to encourage advanced research, technological innovation and skill devel-

opment, providing a wider platform for talented professionals and young researchers in Telangana.

More Quality Jobs for Telangana Youth

The expansion of global Life Sciences companies in Telangana is expected to generate high-value employment opportunities and strengthen the state's knowledge-based economy.

The government reiterated its commitment to providing a supportive ecosystem for international Life Sciences companies and ensuring that the growing investments translate into better career opportunities for the state's youth. The proposed Amgen centre is being viewed as another significant milestone in Telangana's journey towards becoming a leading global destination for Life Sciences research and innovation.

Public Issues Must Be Resolved on Priority, Development Works Should Be Speeded Up

MLA Payam Venkateswarlu Reviews Development and Welfare Activities with Public Representatives

Manuguru, August 11 : Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu has directed public representatives to give top priority to resolving public issues and accelerating development works across the constituency. He emphasized that government welfare schemes must reach every eligible family without any delay.

On Tuesday, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu conducted separate review meetings with public representatives of Pinapaka and Manuguru mandals at his camp office in Manuguru. The morning session was held with representatives from Pinapaka mandal, followed by a meeting with representatives from Manuguru mandal in the afternoon.

During the meetings, the MLA reviewed the progress of ongoing development works and the implementation of various government welfare schemes at the village level. He sought detailed information on whether eligible beneficiaries were receiving the benefits intended for them.

MLA Reviews Village-Wise Public Issues

Sarpanches, deputy



sarpanches, ward members, MPTCs, mandal-level representatives and local leaders brought several issues from their respective villages to the MLA's notice.

The MLA enquired about drinking water supply, internal roads, CC roads, drainage, street lighting, sanitation, electricity, irrigation facilities, schools, Anganwadi centres, government buildings and other basic infrastructure requirements.

He also reviewed the status of ongoing CC road, drainage, drinking water supply, panchayat building, community hall, school and other infrastructure works.

Welfare Schemes Must Reach Every Eligible Family

MLA Payam Venkateswarlu instructed public representatives to ensure that not a single eligible family is left out of government welfare schemes.

He stressed the need to identify problems related to Indiramma Houses, farmer welfare, pensions, ration, women's welfare, education and healthcare and bring them to the notice of the concerned officials for immediate resolution.

He further asked public representatives to create awareness among people about government schemes and collect details of eligible beneficiaries who are yet to receive the benefits.

Quality and Speed in Development Works

The MLA directed officials and public representatives to ensure that sanctioned development works are completed quickly and made available to the public. He made it clear that there should be no compromise on the quality of works.

He said development priorities should be decided based on the actual needs of the people. The MLA assured that if public repre-

sentatives bring urgent issues to his notice, he would coordinate with the concerned departments and take steps for their resolution.

Coordination Between Public Representatives and Officials

Payam Venkateswarlu said public representatives should act as a bridge between the government and the people. Sarpanches, ward members, MPTCs, mandal leaders and party workers should remain accessible to the public and regularly identify their problems.

He stressed that effective coordination from the village level to the mandal level is essential for the overall development of the constituency.

The MLA reiterated that equal priority would be given to every village in Pinapaka and Manuguru mandals in providing basic infrastructure, resolving public issues and ensuring effective implementation of welfare schemes.

Public representatives, party leaders and workers from the respective mandals participated in the review meetings.

Provide Accurate Information for Preparation of Census Handbook: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra



Nirmal District:Correspondent : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to provide department-wise relevant information for the preparation of the District Census Handbook.

The District Collector held a meeting with officials concerned at the conference hall of the Collectorate on Tuesday evening to discuss the preparation of the District Census Handbook.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Bhavesh Mishra said that accurate information regarding the district's population, literacy, geographical conditions, education, healthcare, infrastructure, sanitation, and details available with various government departments should be collected meticulously.

He stated that the Census Handbook would serve as an important reference for the comprehensive development of the district in the future, effective implementation of government welfare schemes, and planning related to geographical and cultural aspects.

Officials from the Planning, Revenue, Panchayat Raj, Education, Medical and Health, and other departments were instructed to coordinate with one another and submit their reports within the stipulated deadline. He emphasized that there should be no scope for errors in the collection of data.

The Collector further directed officials to include the collected information in the final report only after conducting field-level verification.

Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, CPO Ganga Reddy, RDO Devadas, along with other officials and staff, attended the meeting.

Invitation for Vacancies at Hatnoora Gurukul College

Hatnoora: The Principal of Telangana Social Welfare Boys' Gurukul College, D. Shankar, announced that admissions are open to fill the remaining vacant seats in the Intermediate First Year CEC group at the college located in Hatnoora, Sangareddy district. A total of 26 seats will be filled across various categories. The principal stated that only English medium students who passed their exams in March 2026 are eligible for these admissions.

Therefore, eligible students are advised to contact the college principal by August 13, 2026, along with their original certificates (T.C., Bonafide, Caste, and Income certificates) and Xerox copies of their parents' Aadhaar cards.

Bonalu Festival Celebrated Grandly at Ekalavya School

kalwakurthy constituency reporter, August 11 : Bonalu festival was celebrated grandly at Ekalavya School in Gundala village of Veldanda Mandal under the guidance of Principal Suman Kumar.

As part of the celebrations, a Bonam was offered at the Yellamma Temple in Gundala village. Principal Suman Kumar



explained to the students the importance of Bonalu, which is celebrated during the month of Ashada. He explained that the word "Bonam" comes from the word "Bhojanam",

meaning food. He also explained the importance of the traditional offerings, such as rice cooked with jaggery, and the use of neem leaves in Bonalu from both traditional and



scientific perspectives.

The cultural programmes performed by the students were very attractive and entertained everyone. Principal

Suman Kumar, teachers Bhaskar, Anisha, Dharmender, Anusha and Mallika, and the students participated in the programme

Team Speed post record 746/8 in HCA B-Division league

Team Speed slammed a record-breaking 746/8 in 90 overs against City College Old Boys in the HCA B-Division two-day league cricket championship. Advith Reddy 256, Koushik Reddy 171 and Vimal Dev 119 powered the remarkable total on Monday

Hyderabad: Advith Reddy (256, 148b, 33×4, 12×6), Koushik Reddy (171, 133b, 18×4, 6×6) and Vimal Dev (119, 98b, 12×4, 4×6) helped Team Speed score a record-breaking 746 for eight in 90 overs against City College Old Boys on the first day of the HCA B-Division two-day league cricket championship here on Monday.

In other B-Division league matches, T. Aaron Paul (207 n.o., 172b, 33×4) for Mahmood CC, Mohd Ahmed Shakeer (207 n.o., 208b, 25×4, 4×6) for Postal and Narra Chandra (238 n.o., 240b, 25×4, 10×6) for Warangal also batted well.

The scores:

A-Division two-day league: Combined District 1 215 in 58.4 overs (Ganesh Gadugu 90, C. Srinath Yadav 61, Nishant Saranu 3/49, Rishab Baslas 3/33, Sacheit Binrajka 3/71) vs EMCC 138/3 in 28 overs (P. Aman Rao 73 batting, A. Avanish Rao 36).

Deccan Wanderers 351 in 80.1 overs (Harshit Choudhary 41, R Sai Sharan 31, S. Dheeraj 161, Divesh Singh 69, Ammaar Ayub 3/68) vs Cambridge XI 14/0 in 2 overs.

Budding Star 2660 in 79.4 overs (Jai Ram Kashyap 114, Pranav Vara 40, PVM Manikumar Reddy 43, Sri Harsha 4/68) vs Balaaji 14/2 in 5.4 overs.

Evergreen 317 in 64.4 overs (Sai Vikas Reddy 64, Mayank Gupta 63, Ilyaan Sathani 87, Vishal Sharma 4/98, Danny Derek Prince 3/53) vs SBI 45/4 in 13.1 overs.

Hyderabad Bottling 194 in 52.5 overs (Prajwal Koudipally 105, Ruthik Yadav 53, Tanay Thyagarajann 5/48) lost to Sporting XI 195/3 in 29.1 overs (Anvith Reddy 53, A. Varun Goud 86).

MP Colts 397/9 dec in 78 overs (Rahul Radhesh 167, Mickil Jaiswal 53, C. Advait Reddy 30, C. Hitesh Yadav 46, M. Roshan 34, Abdul Ela Al Qureshi 5/88) vs Gemini Friends 20/0 in 6 overs.

Imperial 459 in 85.2 overs (C. Siddharth Rao 52, VVS Sarvajit 37, G. Rahul Singh 57, Aryan Krishna 53, S. Loknath Naik 130, Manish Singh 61, Y. Chaitanya Krishna 4/93).

R Dayanand 350 in 76 overs (T. Ravi Teja 34, Kunal Daswani 34, MS Karthikeya 57, Prithvi Reddy 32, M. Dheeraj Rao 49 n.o., S. Abdur Rahman 6/52) vs Combined District II 17/2 in 6 overs.

Jai Hanuman 192 in 44.3 overs (M Abhirath Reddy 44, Shanmukha Ashwin 45, BK Ranganath 32, K. Yajwan Kumar 3/69, G. Sai Akshat Goud 3/31) vs SCRSA 152/7 in 30 overs (Sarthak Bharadwaj 32).

Deccan Chronicle 269 in 61.3 overs (Ashesh Singh 32, Ali Kachchhi 35, Murugan Abhishek 101, CV Milind 61, Wafi Kachchhi 3/30) vs UBI 6/0 in 1.3 overs.

B-Division two-day league: Deccan Blues 307/10 in 69.5 overs (K Yogendhar Reddy 106, Kolan Karthik Reddy 94, Aryan Reddy 3/59) vs Green Turf 102/2 in 24 overs (Rishanth Reddy 59).

Sri Chakra 209 in 56.3 overs (Dhruv Kumar 47, Kalpanesh Sen 4/49) vs Osmania University 87/3 in 20 overs (Surya Kiran Yadav 33, Hayyan Arif 33).

Deccan Arsenal 429/8 in 90 overs (R. Prudishwar 45, T. Rajveer 63, M. Manoj Kumar 150, P. Aryan 104, S. Ritvik 3/58) vs Khalsa.

hetan Anand CA 419/9 in 82 overs (Mohd Samad 30, Dacha Bhuvan 112, P. Akshit 110, Dheeraj Pranav 79, SK Sathvik 33, NC Arjun 4/92) vs Cheerful Chums.

Jai Bhagwathi 262 in 82.1 overs (Ashish Sawariya 122, Puneth Sai M 98, M. Naveen Reddy 5/53) vs Karimnagar District.



Advith Reddy

T. Aaron Paul

S Dheeraj



V Nishanth Kumar

M Manoj Kumar

Shiva Ramakrishna

P Lalith Aditya Reddy

Hyderabad Titans 314 in 89.5 overs (Shiva Ramakrishna Terli 115, Sri Harsha 49, Raghav Patel 41, Tanish Bathula 31, Arjun Choudhary 4/52) vs Gouds XI.

Ensconse 212 in 70.1 overs (Abhyudaya Pratap 49, A. Praneeth 38, Keshav Upadhyay 35, Md. Azharuddin 32, Dev Mehta 3/44, M. Taha Sajid 3/26) vs Kosaraju 72/1 in 15 overs (Rishith Rao 40 batting).

Apex 331 in 76.2 overs (J. Rithik 62, K. Satya Karthik 67, KVS Rahul 55, Vignesh Agarwal 36, K. Karthik 3/71, Subham 4/60) vs WMCC 16/0 in 12 overs.

Rakesh XI 433/8 in 90 overs (K. Shivsainav 95, Midun Mote 150, K. Shreyas 53 n.o., K. Anudeep 3/70) vs Khammam District.

Classic 189 in 55.4 overs (Janmesh Singh 40, Namann Dayala 32, Pranay Aheer 42, Md Muqeethuddin 6/47) beat Mahbubnagar District 91/0 in 18.4 overs (P. Pranav Reddy 5/48, Atharva Sunkari 5/42).

Elegant 125 in 30.5 overs (R. Pranav Adithyam 5/31) lost to MP Blues 128/3 in 23.5 overs (SM Tanuj 55 n.o., Md Aadish Salmani 3/27).

Telangana 146 in 36 overs (Aarav Dhariwal 35, Shashank Sonthalia 5/44) lost to New Blues 149/2 in 26.2 overs (B. Pranav 72 n.o., Syed Abubaker 52).

Zinda Tilismath 174 in 52.4 overs (Y. Nishanth Reddy 55, Jonna Manideep 50, SM Hussain Sayeed 3/25) lost to Sportive 177/4 in 33.4 overs (Karan Kumar Pattanayak 86, Nanavath Rakesh 36 n.o., G. Chaitra Sandeep 3/55).

Medak District 165 in 43.2 overs (Lohith Pasham 44, Rathod Rahul Nayak 30, D. Sai Rithwik 3/35) beat Manchester 143 in 52.4 overs (Rithvik Goud 41, B. Hishanth 4/38, K. Sridhar 3/10).

Nizamabad District 187 in 51 overs (Dama Ajith 34, Vikranth 32, C. Ruthwik 34, P. Sainath 3/49) lost to Nalgonda District 190/5 in 41.1 overs (Jashwanth Kanneboina 124).

Future Star 445 in 88.1 overs (M Sai Pratheek 140, P. Lalith Aditya 5/82) vs Concorde 3/2 in 5 overs.

Secunderabad Nawabs 159 in 41.3 overs (Rithvik Rudra Nishangi 85, Dheeraj Reddy 30, Darsh Kumar 5/73) lost to Megacity 160/8 in 39 overs (Trishul Gupta 46, Rakesh Sekhar 32, Md. Basheer 5/62).

Mahmood 508/4 in 90 overs (RBS Bala Trivikram 75, V. Nishanth Kumar 113, T. Aaron Paul 207 n.o., N. Chetan Reddy 43 n.o.) vs Raju CC.

Team Speed 746/8 in 90 overs (Advith Reddy 256, Koushik Reddy 171, Vimal Dev 119, Kaushik 5/119, Nihal Reddy 3/127) vs CCOB.

MCC 314 in 86.3 overs (V. Samhith 94, Snehodeep Mitra 86, Sanyasi Shiven 62, Ankit Agarwal 5/37) vs Sayi Satya 37/4 in 10 overs.

PKMCC 180 in 56.1 overs (T. Deekshith 51, Abhay G Nair 40, Naman Choudhary 4/39, Devesh Jain 3/25) vs Hyderabad Blues 89/3 in 30 overs (Naman Choudhary 37, Adrith Reddy 33 batting).

Adilabad District 234 in 47.5 overs (Ade Santosh 48, M Adeeb Ahmed 75, D. Mohan Lal 4/63) vs Galaxy 140/7 in 44 overs (Pranay Mathews 4/42).

Hyderabad union 102 in 44 overs (SSVV Nanda Kumar 4/25, Dhruva Advait 4/22) vs Vijay Hanuman 103/6 in 24.1 overs (P. Satya Srikar 4/28).

Brothers XI 152 in 49.2 overs (Vasu Dev Sahoo 40, B. Varshit Reddy 33, Vamshi Krishna Nunnagoppula 6/47) lost to Agarwal Seniors 156/1 in 37.1 overs (Praneeth Kumar 76, Nykith Reddy 56).

Beema 106 in 40 overs (Darshith Patel 44, Gopala Varun 5/28) lost to Continental 110/3 in 14.4 overs (Mohd Mosiq Uddin 58).

Postal 480/4 dec in 76 overs (Mohd Ahmed Shakeer 207 n.o., N Jyothi Krishna 166, Nishanth Yadav 39) vs Venus Cybertech.

Warangal District 432/7 in 90 overs (Narra Chandra 238 n.o., M Devendar 73, J Pardhipan 45) vs Visaka.

Oxford Blues 473/10 in 82.4 overs (G. Parthiv Varma 138, PNV Sreekar 44, Mithul Gardas 46, Avula Nikhsith 114, N. Shiv Kumar 53, L. Shashank 3/65, Prudhvi Raj Chouhan 4/111).

Saleemnagar 101 in 37 overs (P. Varun 4/33, Riyansh Sharma 4/8) lost to Ours 104/0 in 10 overs (Samanyu 50, Koushik 48).



FIH Women’s World Cup will be ours, says Hockey captain Salima Tete

Indian women’s hockey captain Salima Tete expressed confidence that India will win the upcoming FIH Women’s World Cup, citing momentum from their Nations Cup victory. She emphasised smart, attacking hockey, team unity, and the energy of young players as key strengths, while acknowledging nerves but stressing belief in her squad’s ability to bring home a medal.Send Money Overseas

Hyderabad: Indian women’s hockey team captain Salima Tete says this time the FIH Women’s World Cup will be India’s, stressing that the team will play smart, attacking hockey to bring back the medal.

Speaking to JioStar, Tete, who feels that the momentum is with the Indian team having won the FIH Nations Cup, says that they will look to carry that confidence into the World Cup campaign.

“As a captain, my role is to support every player on the pitch. Whether we are losing or winning, I stand with the team. This time, the FIH Hockey World Cup will be ours. We will play smart, attacking hockey and bring back a medal. I have full belief in my team. We have the ability to do it. I am very excited, especially since this is my second World Cup,” Tete said.

“Every player dreams of playing in a World Cup and winning a medal. Our last tournament in New Zealand, the FIH Nations Cup, was a great success. We won it and brought home a medal. So this time, in the World Cup, our goal is the same. Every match counts, and we will treat each one with equal importance. We are determined to play our best hockey and bring back the gold medal,” the star player said.

On the energy and positivity the young players bring to the team, Tete said: “When the junior players come into the team, they bring a lot of energy. They always tell us, ‘Didi, we have to push hard, we have to play good hockey, and we need that medal.’ Hearing that from them gives us all a lot of positivity. We have many young players like Sakshi Rana, Ishika, and Rutuja Dadaso Pisal.”

“They are eager and hungry to perform on the big stage. From my side, I always tell them to play freely and enjoy the game. It’s not their job to carry the pressure. The seniors are there to handle that. I want them to focus on their game and express themselves on the pitch. When they play with freedom, they perform better. That helps the team as a whole,” she said.

On the team’s mindset and her role as captain, Tete said that: “Playing in the World Cup is every player’s dream. It’s a huge opportunity for



us. Just like the FIH Nations Cup and the FIH Pro League, top teams will be competing. With the Asian Games also approaching, we know we will face strong teams. Our pool in the World Cup is challenging, and we are preparing for tough matches. Our goal is to go into every match with a clear plan and a winning mindset. I feel nervous too, and that’s normal.

“Every player goes through it. But whenever I step onto the pitch, I tell myself that I must play for my team, support every player, and take responsibility. Whether we are winning or losing, I stand with the team. I want to be a role model who lifts the team up. If someone makes a mistake, it’s fine. We learn and improve. I want to bring positivity and energy to the group. We are doing well, but we can do even better. My focus is to stay excited and give my full support to the team,” she explained.

On the motivation from the team’s goalkeepers, the Indian captain said: “We have some excellent goalkeepers who constantly lift our spirits. When they say, ‘You push forward, we will defend the back,’ it really fires us up. They give us the confidence to attack freely, knowing they will take care of the defence.”Send Money Overseas

“That kind of support allows us to play with freedom and express ourselves on the pitch. When you know your goalkeeper has your back, you play without fear. And if we play with fear, we can’t perform at our best. We are ready to fight for every ball and give our all in every match. We believe in ourselves, and I have complete faith that this team can make the country feel proud,” Tete said.

Sarfراز Likely To Replace Injured Sai Sudharsan in SL Test Series: Report

New Delhi: India batter Sarfazar Khan is likely to replace injured Sai Sudharsan in the upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka, according to BCCI sources. Sudharsan is understood to have sustained an injury, which could rule him out of the forthcoming series. According to the source, Sarfazar is likely to be brought into the squad as his replacement. The final decision on the squad is expected to be taken by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

"Sarfazar Khan is likely to replace injured Sai Sudharsan in the upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka," a BCCI source told ANI. Sudharsan has been undergoing rehabilitation at the Centre of Excellence (COE) in Bengaluru and has also participated in batting and fielding drills. However, the batter was unlikely to regain full fitness in time for the opening Test against Sri Lanka, scheduled to begin in Galle on August 15.

Sudharsan also did not take the flight when the Indian team departed for Sri Lanka and thus missed the ongoing three-day warm-up match against Sri Lanka Cricket XI in Colombo, which began on Friday (August 8). Meanwhile, Indian skipper Shubman Gill also sustained an injury to his right ring finger during a practice session ahead of the first Sri Lanka Test. BCCI posted on X, "Update: Captain Shubman Gill sustained an impact injury to his right ring finger during India's practice on Thursday. As a precautionary measure, he will not take the field on Day 1 of the warm-up game against SLC XI. The BCCI



Medical Team is monitoring his progress. KL Rahul will lead the team in Gill's absence."

On the other hand, seamer Jasprit Bumrah was also ruled out of the series as he has not fully recovered from the left knee injury he sustained during the ODI series against England. The Men's Selection Committee has included Aquib Nabi in the squad as Bumrah's replacement. India are also grappling with multiple injury concerns ahead of the series, with Harshit Rana and Nitish Kumar Reddy sidelined due to hamstring and quadriceps injuries, respectively.

Washington Sundar has been ruled out of the opening Test with a hamstring issue, while Akash Deep remains unavailable as he continues his recovery from stress reactions in his back. The series will form part of the ongoing ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 cycle. Led by Shubman Gill, India are currently fifth in the World Test Championship standings, having registered four wins and four losses in nine matches, with a Points Percentage (PCT) of 48.150.

Rukmini Vasanth joins Nivin Pauly for new Malayalam film ‘NP51’

Rukmini Vasanth has begun work on her next Malayalam film, tentatively titled ‘NP51’, with Nivin Pauly. The actress shared a glimpse of the project on Instagram as she awaits the release of Yash-starrer ‘Toxic’, directed by Geetu Mohandas.



Mumbai: Ahead of the release of Yash starrer ‘Toxic’, actress Rukmini Vasanth has already started working on her next project.

On Tuesday, Rukmini took to her official Instagram handle and posted a picture of herself with the clapperboard for her forthcoming untitled Mollywood drama, named ‘NP51’ for now.

She will be seen sharing screen space with Malayalam star Nivin Pauly in the film backed by acclaimed filmmaker-producer Martin Prakkat, best known for ‘Charlie’ and ‘Nayattu’.

Expressing her excitement for her new cinematic journey, Rukmini wrote on the photo-sharing app, “And so it begins (white heart emoji) #NP51. There’s something very special about finding yourself in a place you’ve admired from afar for so long. To now be a small part of it feels like a very special first for me. So grateful for this one (Raising hands emoji) (sic).”

Nashid, who was one of the writers of ‘Jaya Jaya Jaya Jaya Hey’, is directing ‘NP51’.

Actress Anupama Parameswaran reacted to Rukmini’s post with the comment, “Yayyyyy”, along with a fire emoji.

In the meantime, Rukmini is also waiting for the release of ‘Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups’, in which she will be starring alongside Yash, Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Tara Sutaria, and Huma Qureshi.

The recently released trailer of ‘Toxic’ has added to the buzz for the already hyped drama. It gives a peek into the complex relationship between Raya and his son Ticket (Both roles played by Yash). These two are also surrounded by a web of relationships and rivalries.

Made under the direction of Geetu Mohandas, ‘Toxic’ has been jointly produced by KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations

After being pushed several times, ‘Toxic’ is finally expected to get a theatrical release on 26 August this year.

Rukmini’s promising lineup further includes ‘Dragon’, alongside Jr NTR. The action thriller has been made under the direction of Prashanth Neel.

Sundeep Kishan, Ugandhar Muni’s Karikaala FL: Adventurous

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A completely different Sundeep Kishan is set to surprise in Karikaala, the latest pan-India socio-fantasy from director Ugandhar Muni. Produced by Mahidhar Reddy and Rajashekhar Annabhimoju under the Shining Pictures banner, the film has revealed its title and an eye-catching first look that promises an unforgettable spectacle.

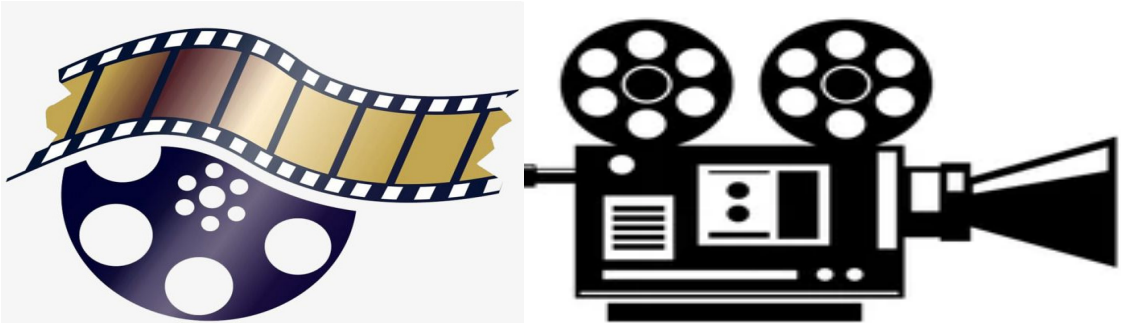
The first look poster showcases Sundeep Kishan in a first-of-its-kind look. Clad as a legendary warrior, he rides fearlessly through an enchanted forest while a mighty lion runs alongside him, creating an image that captures courage, fantasy, and grandeur in a single frame.

One of the biggest highlights is the actor’s remarkable transformation. Sporting an entirely fresh appearance and costume, Sundeep Kishan steps far outside his comfort zone, embracing a role that demands physical intensity and a commanding screen presence.

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The ambitious project with music by Srircharan Pakala is being mounted as a multilingual release in Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi. The makers have announced that the story will be told across two films, with Chapter 1 arriving worldwide on July 2, 2027, followed by Chapter 2 on October 28, 2027.

The powerful title, distinctive first look, and ambitious two-part announcement have already sparked curiosity among movie lovers.



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Allari Naresh's RUM Teaser: A COMPLETE ENTERTAINER

Allari Naresh after few different films is back with a complete entertainer in his style, Ramba Urvasi Menaka. The movie first single got good response and now, the makers have unveiled the teaser that promises a full-on comical ride. The movie is slated for 4th September release and Chandra Mohan is directing it.

The teaser starts off with Naresh VK introducing a magical book that opens the key to bring down Ramba, Urvasi and Menaka to the earth. From a young age, Allari Naresh keeps trying but Indra stops these angels from going to earth. Finally, they do arrive and what happens next is the story.

Allari Naresh is in his elements and his energy is phenomenal. After a long time, he is back with such a thorough entertainer, and he delivered a great performance. His looks, his energy, his body language and comical timing all are on spot promising a hilarious ride in the theatres.

Naresh VK, Rashi Singh as Ramba, Vishnu Priya as Urvasi , Prisha Singh as Menaka,



Srinivasa Reddy, Vennela Kishore as Indra are good in their roles. Surbhi is playing the leading lady and the production values are perfect for the story. Director handled the fun elements with good command and teaser increases curiosity to watch the film on big screens. Razesh Danda and Prasad Nimmakayala are producing the film without any compromise. Prestigious Annapurna Studios is distributing the film in Telugu States.

No Ticket Hike for Vishwanath & Sons

Suriya’s upcoming Telugu film Vishwanath & Sons is getting strong attention ahead of its theatrical release. The film is scheduled to hit screens on August 14 and is already creating a positive buzz among movie lovers. Directed by Venky Atluri, the movie promises to be a complete family entertainer.

The film has gained good attention through its songs and trailer. The promotional content has given audiences an idea about the kind of movie they can expect. The trailer includes family emotions, romance, comedy and drama. These elements make the film look suitable for audiences of different age groups.

Suriya is playing the lead role in the movie and his presence has become one of the major attractions. His performance in



the promotional material has received a good response. Mamitha Baiju is also playing an important role and brings a fresh energy to the film. Her presence has added more interest among young audiences.

The pre-release promotions are also helping the movie. Suriya’s speech at the recent event received a warm response from fans. The actor spoke about the movie with confidence and made the event more entertaining. The Telugu pre-release event in Hyderabad is also expected to increase the excitement around the film.

One of the biggest positive points for Vishwanath & Sons is the decision to release the movie without increasing ticket prices. The makers have decided against a ticket price hike, which could help attract more family audiences to theatres.

Family entertainers usually depend heavily on strong theatri-

cal footfalls. Keeping ticket prices at normal levels can make it easier for families to watch the movie together. This decision is already getting positive attention from moviegoers.

The film is produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas. Srikara Studios is presenting the movie.

With good songs, an appealing trailer, popular actors and strong promotional activity, Vishwanath & Sons is entering its release week with positive expectations. The combination of family content and no ticket hike could work well for the movie.

Now, all eyes are on August 14. If the film connects well with family audiences, Vishwanath & Sons could become one of the notable entertainers of the season.

Which Trailer Looks Best in Recent Times?

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The past few days have been exciting for movie lovers as several much-awaited films released their teasers and trailers. Big projects like Ramayana, Toxic, The Paradise, and Vishwanath & Sons have created strong buzz among audiences. Each film has a different story, style and star cast. But the big question is: Which trailer is the best among them?

Ramayana has received huge attention because of its grand scale. The film stars Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi and Yash in important roles. The trailer has impressed viewers with its visuals, locations and large-scale presentation. Compared to the teaser, the trailer has received a better response. However, some viewers feel that the film depends heavily on visual effects. The real challenge for director Nitesh Tiwari will be to balance the spectacular visuals with strong emotions and devotion.

Toxic is another film that has created a lot of discussion. Yash plays the lead role in this action-packed movie. The trailer shows a dark and violent world with the actor in an intense role. Yash’s screen presence is one of the biggest highlights. At the same time,



some viewers have noticed similarities with the style of films like KGF and Animal. Still, the trailer has helped reduce some of the negative talk that followed the teaser.

The Paradise, starring Nani, is one of the most awaited Telugu films. The makers made changes to Nani’s dubbing after receiving feedback. However, the teaser was very fast and left many viewers with questions about the story. This has increased curiosity, but some fans are still waiting for clearer information about the film.

Vishwanath & Sons offers something different. The film appears to focus on family emotions, relationships and romance. Director Venky Atluri’s treatment has made the project interesting and created curiosity among movie lovers.

So, which trailer is the best? There is no clear winner yet. Ramayana stands out for scale, Toxic for action, The Paradise for mystery, and Vishwanath & Sons for emotions. Each film has its own strength, and audiences will finally decide the winner after the movies hit theatres.