

India, Uzbekistan Sign 11 Pacts, Eye Nuke Deal

New Delhi: India and Uzbekistan on Sunday elevated their diplomatic ties to that of comprehensive strategic partnership and agreed to establish a framework for long-term supply of Uranium for India's civil nuclear plants during the bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Tashkent. President Mirziyoyev conferred Mr Modi with Uzbekistan's prestigious 'Oliy Darajali Do'stlik' Order, which the PM dedicated to the enduring bond between India and Uzbekistan saying it is a symbol of the enduring friendship between the two countries and civilisations.

During their wide ranging talks, the two leaders held substantive discussions on bilateral strategic partnership, including trade and investment, innovation and start-up, digital public infrastructure and UPI, defence and security, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, critical minerals, agriculture, education, tourism, agriculture, space and people-to-

people exchanges. Several agreements covering a wide range of areas, including mining, culture, education, tourism, ayurveda, were signed after the talks.

The PM appreciated the progress made in the long-term arrangement for supply of Uranium from Uzbekistan to India and reaffirmed the importance of strengthening cooperation in critical minerals. The leaders agreed to upscale bilateral trade targets from the current \$1 bi of \$5 billion by 2030. To take forward the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in a meaningful manner, the two leaders agreed to set up a Foreign Ministers led mechanism and raise the Inter-Governmental Commission to the ministerial level.

In his opening remarks during the talks Mr Modi said Uzbekistan is at the heart of Central Asia, and at the heart of India's engagement with the region. He said both countries will move forward by setting concrete goals within the framework of the elevated partnership. PM further said that



the two countries are also formalising three sister-city and sister-state arrangements and both countries will establish a Coordination Council at the Foreign Minister level to provide direction to all aspects of bilateral cooperation.

In his opening remarks during the talks President Mirziyoyev said India is making truly outstanding advances in digitalisation, information technology, artificial intelligence, space exploration, and many other fields. Mirziyoyev added that India's voice and influence in global affairs have grown even stronger and he is pleased to see all these achievements.

Following the talks, the two sides witnessed the exchange of MoUs and agreements covering a wide range of areas, including culture, higher education and research, capacity building, archives, economic collaboration, environment, tourism, mining, ayurveda and sister-state relations. A Letter of Intent for the restoration of the Buddhist sites of Fayaz Tepa and Kara Tepa in Uzbekistan was concluded. An MoU for the establishment of an ICCR Sanskrit Chair at the Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies was also finalised. PM announced 100 Lal Bahadur Shastri scholarships for Hindi students in

Tashkent State University.

Later, in their joint statement, the two leaders condemned terrorism, including cross-border terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations, reiterated zero tolerance approach to terrorism and rejected justification of terrorism on any ground whatsoever. Leaders called for concerted actions against terrorist entities and for disrupting terrorism financing networks, safe havens and infrastructure. They stressed that those responsible for terrorism should be held accountable and their perpetrators, their backers, facilitators and affiliates should be brought to justice. The leaders also stressed on the importance of strengthening cooperation in law enforcement, intelligence-sharing, and combating violent extremism, and illicit drug trafficking, organized crime, and cyber threats.

President Mirziyoyev hosted a banquet lunch in honour of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister thanked President Mirziyoyev for his gracious hospitality and invited

him to visit India.

Earlier in the day Mr Modi attended a yoga programme organised by the Yoga Federation of Uzbekistan and later he reached the palace of Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, where he was given a ceremonial welcome. After the talks Mr Modi paid floral tributes to former PM Lal Bahadur Shastri in Tashkent. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the passing away of the former PM. The PM also attended an event in Tashkent University before leaving for Bishkek where he will attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit.

Later in the evening, PM reached Bishkek to participate in the 26th SCO Leadership Summit. PM was received by Mr. Adylbek Kasymaliev, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyz Republic at the airport. The SCO Summit brings together ten Member States, fifteen Partner countries and two observer countries to advance dialogue and cooperation on regional and global issues.

Revanth Reddy likely to meet AICC leadership amid cabinet expansion buzz
Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is likely to visit New Delhi on September 3 amid growing speculation over cabinet expansion and a possible reshuffle. The developments come ahead of the Assembly session and amid controversy involving Minister Konda Surekha.

Hyderabad: After Forest Minister Konda Surekha and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is now expected to meet the AICC leadership in New Delhi to discuss a few issues, including cabinet expansion.

The Chief Minister is likely to fly to New Delhi on September 3. With the State Assembly session scheduled to begin on September 7, his proposed visit has triggered speculation in Gandhi Bhavan about a possible cabinet expansion and reshuffle.

Amid the controversy over allegations made by Konda Surekha's daughter Konda Sushmitha against the Chief Minister, the Forest Minister met AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in Bengaluru. Within days, Bhatti Vikramarka also met the AICC chief.

The TPCC Disciplinary



Committee has already submitted its report on the episode involving the Forest Minister to TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud. It remains unclear whether the report has been forwarded to the AICC leadership for examination.

Against this backdrop, Revanth Reddy's tentative Delhi visit has fuelled speculation that he may discuss the Forest Minister issue with the party high command. At the

same time, several MLAs have been lobbying for cabinet berths and making efforts to secure the high command's approval. A few legislators from the erstwhile Rangareddy and Nizamabad districts have also made repeated visits to New Delhi.

Apart from cabinet expansion, there is strong speculation that the high command may approve a reshuffle of a few portfolios. This has report-

edly left some Ministers worried, particularly after AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal had earlier expressed displeasure over the performance of a few Ministers.

There are currently two vacancies in the State cabinet. If a couple of Ministers are dropped as part of a reshuffle, the government could make way for the induction of up to four MLAs or MLCs.

Meanwhile, Government Advisor K Keshava Rao is learnt to have pitched the name of his daughter and Women's Commission Chairperson Gadwal Vijayalaxmi for a cabinet berth under the BC quota. Vemulawada MLA Aadi Srinivas and MLC Vijayashanthi are also believed to be among the probable from the same community.

ECINET Portal Now Accepts All 11 Supporting Documents



Hyderabad: The Citizen Service Portal (ECINET) now accepts all 11 officially recognised supporting documents online for the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll. Previously, the portal allowed only birth certificates, matriculation or educational certificates and passports.

According to sources, all 11 documents can now be uploaded directly via the ECINET application and the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Telangana SIR portal. The dropdown menu was expanded following representations regarding technical constraints. Earlier, users replying to SIR discrepancy notices could upload only three document types. The platform has now been updated to support all categories digitally, removing bottlenecks for electors.

If a voter has received an SIR notice regarding discrepancies in Telangana, they can upload any of the following valid documents online: birth certificate, Indian passport, Aadhaar card (as per ECI guidelines), school/matriculation or educational certificates, government employee or pensioner ID card/PPO, pre-July 1, 1987 government-issued documents, permanent residence certificate, caste certificate, family register, land or house allotment certificate, and forest rights certificate or NRC records. Physical submission to Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) is not required unless explicitly requested after review.

This development follows a representation submitted by advocates Neha Amreen and Qudsia Tabassum to CEO C. Sudarshan Reddy earlier this week. They sought inclusion of all 11 categories prescribed under the SIR process by the Election Commission of India. "The representation highlighted that limited choice could cause hardship to genuine electors possessing other recognised documents. The change would help electors submit the documents they actually possess and reduce unnecessary procedural difficulties during verification," they noted.

Meanwhile, the CEO directed officials to provide acknowledgement to voters following submission of documents in response to notices. As per a memo issued on August 28, poll officials were instructed to acknowledge the appearance of electors or adult family members in person and submission of documents. The ERO or AERO must issue a signed acknowledgement including EPIC number and details of documents submitted on the day of hearing.

Revanth Plans Cricket Stadium In Future City

HYDERABAD: Preparations are under way to build a world-class cricket stadium on 100 acres of land in Bharat Future City, with a seating capacity to rival that of the 1.32-lakh seater Narendra Modi Stadium in Gujarat. Conceived by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the state-of-the-art facility will be modelled on the England's Lord's and renowned Australian stadiums.

The foundation stone for the project, planned as a joint venture with the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI), will be laid in December. According to CMO sources, once completed the stadium will gain recognition as one of the best in the world. Following the Chief Minister's directive, officials are searching for a location within the Future City



for the stadium. The stadium is planned with a seating capacity exceeding that of the Narendra Modi Stadium in Gujarat. Estimates are being finalised, but construction costs are also expected to surpass those of the Gujarat facility.

Under the joint venture, the BCCI will bear construction and opera-

tional costs, while the state government will allocate the land. Officials are expediting the process to formalise the partnership. Sources said the stadium will benefit from excellent accessibility, with proximity to the Outer Ring Road, the proposed Regional Ring Road, the planned Metro Rail extension to Future City, and Shamshabad airport.

The sports complex will be a key component of the Future City development. The Uppal stadium will be redesigned to accommodate not only cricket but also other sports. Provisions are being made to host football matches and large-scale concerts. With no facility in the city larger than HICC for events, officials are considering plan to convert it for a multipurpose use.



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INDIAN RAILWAYS—BASIC AMENITIES OFF TRACK

A train journey in India is often romanticised by writers for providing a glimpse of stunning diversity, but a closer look at the condition of railway stations and passenger amenities tells a different story. A story of neglect, callousness and inefficiency. Whether it is in cleanliness, hygiene, infrastructure, safety or punctuality, Indian Railways fares poorly. The latest report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) paints a grim picture of the Railways and shows that the country's busiest public spaces continue to fail passengers on the basics. The findings expose systemic gaps in safety, sanitation and service delivery across a network that carries 292.4 crore non-suburban passengers annually through 5,908 stations and over 7,424 daily passenger trains. The audit of 512 stations across all 16 railway zones found that 458 stations, constituting 89%, lacked one or more mandatory Minimum Essential Amenities. Only 54 stations met the prescribed standards. Even premier stations such as New Delhi, Howrah and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus showed serious deficiencies. The Railways presents a curious paradox: while it has excelled in expanding the networks and become much better at building new assets, it continues to be poor at maintaining, operating and managing existing assets to high standards. The most alarming finding of the CAG concerns public health. Drinking water samples from platform taps tested positive for total coliform bacteria, including E. coli, at 49 stations in 2022-23 and 56 stations in 2023-24. Rail Freight

Further, bacteriological tests other than total coliforms were found to be unsatisfactory at eight stations across four zones in 2022-23 and 11 stations across five zones in 2023-24. The auditor also found that chemical testing of drinking water was not conducted by health inspectors at 179 stations across 11 railway zones. At another 77 stations in six zones, the tests were not carried out as frequently as required. As per the prescribed rules, drinking water should be tested twice a year. The fact that unsatisfactory test results were reported at different locations on multiple occasions indicates that the Railways needs to work out a more effective system to ensure provision of safe drinking water to passengers at all stations. Despite significant spending on station cleaning, sanitation remained inadequate at several stations. The Railways must strictly follow the prescribed protocols for inspecting water supply systems and testing drinking water quality. The audit also exposed chronic neglect of passenger facilities. Accessibility remained poor, with deficiencies in ramps, tactile pathways and accessible toilets. Perhaps the most damning finding is that this is not merely a funding problem. Between 36% and 44% of the passenger-amenity budget remained unspent for five consecutive years.

BRS 1,000-day failure campaign rattles Congress government

The Congress government has responded to the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) announcing a special campaign to highlight the government's failures in its first 1,000 days by releasing details of its achievements. Hyderabad: The Congress government has reacted to the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) announcement of a special campaign to highlight the failures of the government during its first 1,000 days by releasing details of its achievements.

Interestingly, the government's response late on Sunday night also brought to the fore a lack of coordination and unanimity within the State Cabinet, with two separate statements highlighting different sets of achievements being issued within a few hours of each other.

On August 24, BRS working president KT Rama Rao announced that the party would launch a special campaign across Telangana from September 1 to highlight what it termed the Congress government's failures in fulfilling its promises to the people.

As part of the week-long campaign, the BRS said it would release a charge sheet against the Congress government. This will be followed by a series of programmes, including State-wide protests over the alleged failure to imple-



ment the six guarantees.

The Congress government responded by listing its achievements.

Initially, Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy released the "1,000 Days of Welfare and Development – Telangana Report Card".

In a statement, he claimed welfare and development had progressed simultaneously, with food security, farmer support, women's empowerment and social justice receiving particular attention.

Uttam Kumar sought to highlight the government's achievements, including providing fine rice to 3.42 crore beneficiaries, waiving farm loans for around 25 lakh farmers and filling nearly 70,000 government jobs.

He said women's welfare was another major focus, with free travel in RTC buses providing greater mobility, independence and savings for households. Under Gruha Jyothi, eligible households were being provided up to 200 units of free electricity, while LPG cylinders were being supplied at Rs 500. The Minister also said Rajiv Aarogyasri health coverage had been enhanced to Rs 10 lakh.

Interestingly, within hours, the Chief Minister's Office issued another statement titled "1,000 Days of People's Governance". It said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had successfully completed the 1,000-day milestone of the People's Government on September 1.

The CMO release listed achievements in economic growth, agriculture and other sectors.

However, the timing and content of the two statements drew attention, with the Civil Supplies Minister and the Chief Minister's Office issuing separate accounts of the government's achievements within a gap of a few hours.

The development has raised questions over coordination and unanimity within the State Cabinet at a time when the government is gearing up to counter the BRS' 1,000-day failure campaign.

Chandrababu Naidu to inaugurate Veligonda Project Phase-1 on Monday

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate Phase-1 of the Veligonda Project on Monday and release 10.7 TMC of Krishna River water into Nallamala Sagar. The project is expected to improve irrigation, drinking water availability and rural livelihoods

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate Phase-1 of the Veligonda Project on Monday and release Krishna River water into Nallamala Sagar, marking a significant development for the drought-prone region.

Lakhs of farmers who have been eagerly waiting to see Krishna waters reach their fields will be thrilled to see the development.

The water will now flow into Veligonda from the backwaters of the Srisailem Reservoir, an official press

release issued on Sunday said.

The chief minister will lift the feeder canal gates and release 10.7 TMC (Thousand Million Cubic) feet of water into Nallamala Sagar.

The NDA coalition government has spent more than Rs.2,400 crore on Veligonda in the past two years, the release said.

The project provides new assurance to farmers in Prakasam and Markapuram districts, while the arrival of Krishna River water is expected to bring fresh



hope to the drought-prone region, it added.

The Veligonda project is also expected to help end the severe fluoride problem in western Prakasam, and difficulties related to irrigation and drinking water will also be eliminated.

An initiative has also been launched to

provide drinking water through taps to every household.

The government said compensation was provided rapidly to families displaced by the project. In three instalments, Rs 768 crore was provided to 6,206 families, while another Rs 169 crore has been announced.

Compensation of Rs 2 lakh each will be provided to those who turned 18 after 2019.

Naidu directed officials to provide sarees, turmeric, kumkum and bangles to honour displaced women.

Fodder will be provided for 30 days to 4,933 cattle belonging to displaced families.

Essential commodity kits containing 25 kg of rice, 1 kg of dal, 1 kg of sugar, 1 litre of cooking oil, 2 kg of onions and 2 kg of potatoes will be provided to 10,000 people.

The government said Naidu will inaugurate the Veligonda Project in the presence of lakhs of farmers and people.

Krishna River water will be diverted from the Srisailem reservoir through gravity, stored in Nallamala Sagar and supplied through main canals for irrigation and drinking water.

Improved irrigation is expected to encourage crop diversification, horticulture, agro-processing and food-processing activities, generate rural employment opportunities, reduce groundwater dependence and help curb migration.

Kishan Reddy Slams BRS, Congress. Over Debt, Graft

Hyderabad: Union coal and mines minister G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday launched a sharp attack on the BRS and Congress, accusing both parties of driving Telangana into a debt trap of Rs 13 lakh crore and turning the state into a "commission raj". He also outlined ambitious railway plans by the Centre for the region during visits to Tandur and Vikarabad.

Addressing a BJP workers' meeting in Tandur, Kishan Reddy said people had witnessed "family loot" during a decade of BRS rule and now face a Congress government that has "fixed a 30 per cent commission rate" on real estate, contracts and building works. "Ministers and MLAs are looting in this manner," he alleged.

He claimed that Telangana, which began with a surplus bud-



get, is now "struggling under Rs 13 lakh crore debt" and in a situation where even retired employees are not getting their retirement benefits. "The state has reached this condition only because of BRS and Congress," he said, urging voters to give the BJP a chance to deliver "good governance".

Kishan Reddy also took on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, asking whether Modi should resign for "suppressing terrorism, building the Ram temple in Ayodhya in a peaceful atmosphere, protecting Muslim women's rights, pro-

viding free rice to the poor and subsidies to farmers". He said the rise of a BC leader as Prime Minister and a "corruption-free" administration was the "thorn in Congress's eye".

Recalling his joining the BJP along with Baddam Bal Reddy and Sarweshwar Reddy in 1980, Kishan Reddy pointed out that the leaders waged a strong fight against Majlis and won Tandur in those days. He expressed confidence that the party would win all three Assembly constituencies in Vikarabad district in the next elections.

Later, at Vikarabad railway station, where he reviewed modernisation works along with Chevella MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, the minister said 42 stations in Telangana are being upgraded to international standards, including Vikarabad, Tandur, Nampally, Secundrabad, Maula Ali and Charlapalli. The Rs 27-crore Vikarabad project, handling 15,000 passengers and 60 trains daily, will be completed by year-end, he said.

He claimed Rs 80,000 crore of railway projects are underway in the state, with 100% electrification achieved and indigenous Kavach systems to be implemented first in Telangana. He also reiterated that Hyderabad will get bullet train connectivity to Bengaluru and Pune in the future.

BRS demands probe into Bhadrachalam MLA's role in aide's job scam



Kothagudem: In the wake of an alleged job scam involving Bhadrachalam MLA Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao's personal assistant (PA), the BRS leaders have demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the possible role of the MLA in the scam.

It might be recalled that the scam came to light after an auto-rickshaw driver Rayala Srinu lodged a complaint with Bhadrachalam police last Friday against the MLA's personal assistant, Korla Kalyan Kumar alleging that the PA duped him of Rs 10 lakh on the pretext of offering a job to his son in Bhadradi Thermal Power Station (BTPS).

Speaking to the media at Bhadrachalam on Sunday, the BRS leaders Ravulapalli Ram Prasad and Mane Ramakrishna said despite allegations that Kalyan collected nearly Rs 10 crore from several job seekers, it raised suspicions among the public about the MLA's silence regarding the matter.

They alleged that a powerful coterie operates behind the MLA, consisting entirely of individuals involved in illicit activities. The MLA's camp office has turned into a hub for Congress leaders to settle disputes and ordinary citizens and aggrieved individuals lack access to voice their concerns to the MLA.

Revanth Reddy admits GST collections rise, employees question delay in pensions, benefits

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has acknowledged a significant increase in Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections, prompting government employees to question why their pensions and other benefits continue to be delayed.

The issue has gained significance after government employees, pensioners and others staged a dharna at Indira Park on Thursday. Under the aegis of the Telangana Government Employees' Joint Action Committee (TGEJAC), "Pension Vidroha Dinam" protests are also proposed across the State on Tuesday.

Since April, GST collections have increased by nearly Rs. 1,000 crore. The State recorded its highest-ever monthly commercial tax collection of Rs. 7,865 crore in July. Telangana is the sec-



ond State after Haryana to achieve this level of monthly collections, a senior official said.

The Chief Minister had disclosed at several meetings that Telangana increased its GST collections by Rs. 2,500 crore in four months through strict implementation of rules and the active participation of employees.

On average, monthly GST

collections, which stood at around Rs. 3,000 crore, have increased to about Rs. 4,000 crore. The rise was mainly due to greater focus on GST filings rather than collections, while several loopholes were also plugged, the official said.

Against this backdrop, government employees are questioning why their benefits are being delayed.

In the past, General Provident Fund (GPF) applications

were processed within a couple of days and the amount was released immediately. However, since the Congress government came to power, GPF applications have allegedly been facing inordinate delays, at times extending beyond a year, a TGEJAC member said.

"If GST collections are increasing steadily, why can't the government release pending DAs, pensions and other benefits?" the TGEJAC member asked.

Employees are demanding that the government continue releasing Rs.2,000 crore every month towards clearing pending pension benefits, as it has done over the past three months.

More than 500 employees retire from service every month, resulting in around Rs. 450 crore to Rs. 500 crore

being added to the pension dues, employees said. They demanded that the government allocate funds every month to address the accumulating arrears.

Meanwhile, senior officials are facing contempt of court cases over delays in implementing orders, with some appearing before courts despite claiming they were not responsible for the delays.

A senior Finance Department official has over 3,000 contempt cases and an arrest warrant was also issued against the officer, according to sources.

Fearing stern action, the officer appeared before the court. Employees and officials pointed out that every such court case also imposes an additional financial burden on the government in the form of legal fees.

Telangana Will Extend Support for Telugu Language, Culture in Mauritius: Bhatti

Hyderabad: The Telangana government will extend all possible support to promote Telugu language, culture, ancient epics and heritage in Mauritius, state Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said on Saturday. A delegation led by Mauritius Minister of Public Service and Administrative Reforms Lutchmanah Raj Pentiah met Vikramarka here, an official release said. Vikramarka said Telangana and Mauritius have shared close and cordial ties for a long time, recalling the common historical and cultural heritage of the two countries and the strong bonds of friendship between their people.

He said Telangana has a special connection with Mauritius through its Telugu language, culture, and traditions, noting that the Telugu community there is an important part of the country's rich and multicultural society. Vikramarka assured that the Telangana government would extend all possible support to take forward the Ram Bhajanam programme being undertaken by the Mauritius government. He said the Telangana government would also provide support in the areas of education, cultural research, arts, language, and cultural development.

The Mauritius minister said that Telugu people living in Mauritius were preserving and promoting their language, culture, and traditions through the Telugu Cultural Centre in the country.



Modi Opens Central Asia Outreach

Starting his two-nation tour to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyz Republic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday reached Tashkent to hold delegation-level talks with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Mr Modi was received by President Mirziyoyev on arrival at the airport.

"Landed in Tashkent to a warm welcome by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Grateful to him for the special gesture. This is my fourth visit to Uzbekistan, reflecting the depth and growing momentum of our bilateral relations," PM wrote on social media platform X upon his arrival in Tashkent. A group of Uzbek and foreign students, along with their professors from an Indian university with a campus in Tashkent, welcomed Mr Modi and sang "Saare Jahan Se Achha" in

his honour.

Shortly after his arrival, PM laid a wreath at the Independence Monument in Yangi Uzbekistan Park. He later attended a dinner hosted in his honour by President Mirziyoyev. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid a wreath at Yangi Uzbekistan Park in Tashkent, honouring Uzbekistan's rich history, heritage and national spirit. The occasion underscored the deep-rooted and longstanding friendship between India and Uzbekistan," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson said.

On Sunday the PM will hold bilateral talks with President Mirziyoyev at the Kuksaroy Presidential Palace. He will then visit the Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial in Tashkent to offer tributes. He also has an engagement at Tashkent State University of

Oriental Studies before emplaning for Kryrgyz Republic for multilateral and bilateral meetings at the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Bishkek.

During his two-day visit to Uzbekistan, Mr Modi will discuss cooperation in trade, investment, digital connectivity, defence, and energy sectors with President Mirziyoyev. In his departure statement, PM said, "I look forward to my discussions with President Mirziyoyev on further deepening our cooperation in trade and investment, digital connectivity, defence, energy, and on advancing our shared visions of 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Yangi Uzbekistan'. Mr Modi said he will also visit the Shastri Memorial and the Mahatma Gandhi Centre at the Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies, a tribute

to the close cultural and people-to-people ties that bind the two countries.

Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan, Ms Smita Pant, said that the agenda for the bilateral talks is extremely comprehensive. "Since his last bilateral visit in 2015, tremendous developments have taken place in many areas of cooperation, including trade and investment. Trade itself has increased by 300%. Investments have increased by more than 700% in Uzbekistan... There will be discussions on development cooperation... Also, cooperation in matters relating to culture, cooperation in the pharmaceutical sector, health, traditional medicines, agriculture, and fintech..." said Ms Pant.

On his visit to Kyrgyz Republic, PM said India has been an active and construc-



tive member of the SCO since 2017. "I look forward to advancing India's vision for the region, anchored in Security, Connectivity and Opportunity, and to working with fellow members for a region free from the scourge of terrorism, separatism and extremism, which continue to threaten peace and stability in our

neighbourhood and beyond. I also look forward to meeting President Zhabarov and other SCO leaders, and to attend the Opening Ceremony of the 6th World Nomad Games, a celebration of the rich living heritage of Central Asia that India holds in deep respect," PM prior to his departure.

"I am confident that this visit will strengthen India's strategic partnerships in Central Asia, deepen our civilisational connect with the region, and advance our shared pursuit of peace, stability and prosperity, values that lie at the heart of India's engagement with the world," he added.

Naidu Says No Tribal Must Live in Poverty

Visakhapatnam: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday underlined that his government's goal is to ensure that no tribal family lives in poverty.

Participating in the Sanjeevani programme at Ganneli in Araku Valley constituency of Alluri Sitarama Raju district, the AP CM pointed out that their government had passed G.O. 3 to ensure that jobs in tribal areas are reserved for locals. But the Supreme Court annulled the GO due to the negligence of previous rulers.

"We will propose an acceptable alternative soon to safeguard employment opportunities for tribal communities in Adivasi areas," Chandrababu Naidu assured addressing a public meeting on the occasion. During the event, he outlined a comprehensive vision for development of tribal areas and highlighted his government's commitment to improving

healthcare, education, and livelihoods.

The Chief Minister reiterated that the state government has developed plans based on five key principles – infrastructure, healthcare, education, employment, and welfare. He pointed out that 900 kilometres of roads have been constructed under the Adivathalli Bata project at an expenditure of ₹1,000 crore. Tap water and rooftop solar facilities would be provided to 160,000 houses. Coffee cultivation would be expanded to another 100,000 acres to create employment opportunities.

Naidu appreciated the increased tourist footfalls in Araku. He pointed out that homestays could provide additional income for tribal families. He said skill development programmes would be launched to train 100,000 youth over three years, enabling them to secure jobs in emerging industries in the



region.

The CM said an emergency lifeline network with 150 vehicles has been created in ASR district to provide medical services in remote areas. He underlined that every tribal child should grow up healthy. He referred to the Tribal Health Infrastructure Mission with an allocation of ₹250 crore for medical facilities. Monthly pensions of ₹10,000 are being

provided to patients with sickle cell disease and thalassemia. The government has signed agreements with IIT Madras to ensure that tribal children can access quality education, including special coaching for competitive exams, such as IIT and NEET. Further, world-class brands will be created to market tribal farmers' products.

Naidu emphasised that

the Sanjeevani programme launched across ASR district will ensure quality medical care for every family in remote tribal areas. He said cell towers are being put up in these areas to improve connectivity. Yoga and meditation programmes are being promoted to strengthen public health. Drone technology is being utilised to transport blood samples from agency areas to major hospitals,

while Talli Bidda Express services are helping pregnant women reach hospitals.

The Chief Minister said mobile medical services will be introduced through ambulances 104, offering 42 types of tests at people's doorsteps. Jan Aushadhi Kendras would soon open in all mandals to provide affordable medicines.

He accused YSRC of damaging the state's systems, manipulating recruitment exams, and undermining the sanctity of temples. He alleged that forced religious conversions had taken place during the previous regime, while public health got compromised due to adulterated liquor.

Naidu contrasted this with Telugu Desam-led government's initiatives, which include large-scale job recruitment through DSC, reforms in liquor policy, and the promotion of alternative

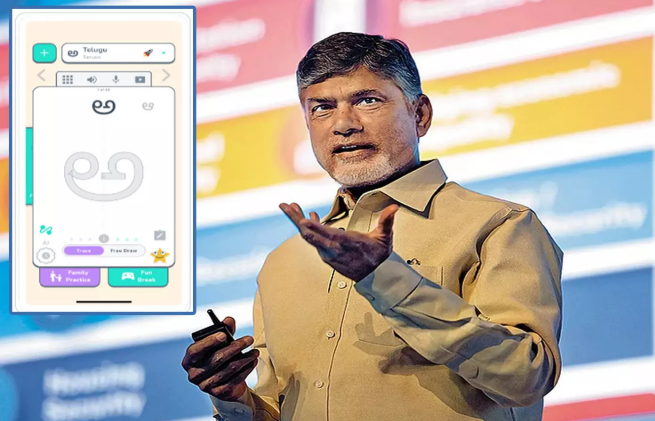
crops, such as coffee and pepper in agency areas.

During his visit, the CM flagged off healthcare vehicles in Ganneli and interacted with Sanjeevani beneficiaries in RK Nagar, Araku. He spoke with pregnant women and families about digital health records. He reviewed drone services that transport blood samples from the Primary Health Centre in Ganneli to the Government General Hospital. He met families that are benefiting from various welfare schemes, including Talliki Vandanam, Annadata Sukhibhava, Stree Shakti, and Auto Driver Service.

Naidu informed farmers that Godavari water will be brought to Anakapalli through the Polavaram Left Canal on September 2 and reaffirmed his government's commitment to development and welfare.

CM Naidu Lauds Language App That Teaches Children To Learn Mother Tongue

Amaravati: On the occasion of Telugu Bhasha Dinotsavam (Telugu Language Day), on Saturday, a new educational app named Coolphabets was launched with the goal of helping children learn to read and write Indian languages, including Telugu. Announcing the launch, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu recalled the famous words of the Vijayanagara king Sri Krishnadevarayalu - "Desa bhashalandu Telugu lessa" which means among all the languages of the land, Telugu is supreme, noting that the sentiment behind those words remains just as relevant today. He stressed that Telugu



must not merely survive in everyday conversation but must stay vibrantly alive in written form, passed down through generations of readers and writers.

Speaking about the need for such an initiative, he observed that today's digital-first generation of children is growing increasingly distant from reading and handwriting in Telugu. He also emphasized that a love for the language and the script must be cultivated from early childhood if the Telugu lipi (script) is to continue shining in the hands of future generations.

"I congratulate Kollu Ranjith, Venkat Yeleti and their team. It is heartening that the app is being released on the occasion of Telugu Language Day. It is delightful that the app has been designed to examine children's handwriting with AI technology and provide necessary guidance. Technology should not distance us from our language... it should bring us closer.

Expedite Identification and Welfare Measures for Telangana Activists: Revanth to Officials

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday directed officials to expedite the process of identifying Telangana statehood activists and implementing welfare measures for them and their families. He was speaking during a meeting with a committee constituted by the government to identify the activists submitted a report on its consultations and recommendations.

The committee, headed by Dr K. Keshava Rao, briefed Revanth Reddy on the classification of Telangana movement activists and their major demands. The Chief Minister examined the report and responded positively to the requests made by the activists.

Among the demands placed before the government were allotment of 250-square-yard residential plots, Cheyutha pensions, health cards, free travel in TGSRTC buses and formal recognition for government employees who participated in the Telangana movement.

Revanth Reddy reiterated that it was the responsibility of the government to honour the contribution of those who had sacrificed their lives, careers and future for achieving statehood for Telangana and to extend support to their families. He directed the committee to complete the identification and welfare exer-



cise without any delay and at the earliest.

The Chief Minister also instructed senior officials to extend administrative support to the committee in carrying out the identification process. This includes developing an official web portal, receiving applications digitally, coordinating the exercise at the district level and providing the necessary administrative and technical resources.

The committee said it had recently conducted extensive consultations at the Amaraveerula Smarak (Amaradeepam) with more than 13,000 Telangana movement activists, besides representatives of various joint action committees, people's organisations, poets, artists and women activists. Details of the consultations, a draft classification of activists and their key demands were presented to the Chief Minister.

The meeting was attended by committee members, who included MLC Prof. M. Kodandaram, committee executive member Mothe Shobhan Reddy and former MLC S. Ramulu Naik. Rajya Sabha member Vem Narender Reddy, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, CMO principal secretary V. Seshadri and senior officials were present.

Minor Irrigation Revival - Farmers Commission Submits Report To CM

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday called on the Telangana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Commission to focus on issues such as crop diversification, increasing horticultural cultivation, and setting up farmer producer organizations.

Revanth Reddy was speaking with the commission members, who called on him on Saturday and submitted a report on minor irrigation that it had prepared. Commission chairman M. Kodanda Reddy briefed the Chief Minister on the recommendations in the report on ways and means to strengthen minor irrigation sources, and on their effective use in agriculture.



Among the recommendations were to re-establish a dedicated minor irrigation system with technical units to enhance water-use efficiency, set up command area-based management systems connecting minor and major irrigation resources, and the enactment of a special minor irrigation law for protection of tanks.

Kodanda Reddy, commission members Ramulu Naik, Ram Reddy Gopal Reddy, Gangadhar, and M. Bhavani Reddy were present.

A key suggestion was the need for immediate identification of full tank level (FTL) boundaries of tanks, removal of encroachments, and restoration of all minor irrigation tanks which, the

commission said, was essential for water security, agricultural stabilisation that in turn could contribute to rural livelihoods.

The Chief Minister expressed satisfaction at the group's work on the various programmes the commission took up in the last two years, and recommendations on various subjects it submitted to the government.

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Pethia said Mauritius regarded Telangana as a trusted partner and expressed interest in collaboration in capacity building and modern administrative practices. He sought Telangana's support in enhancing the capabilities of



Mauritius government employees through training and knowledge-sharing initiatives.

The Mauritius Minister also expressed his government's interest in working with the MCRHRD, Young India Skills University and other educational and skill-development institutions in Telangana.

Sridhar Babu said Telangana was ready to extend its cooperation to Mauritius across sectors. He said the State government attached importance to international partnerships and knowledge exchange, particularly in areas where Telangana has developed expertise.

He also invited Pethia to participate in the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2026, to be organised by the State government on December 7 and 8.

MLA Kadiyam Srihari opposes GO 97, expresses concerns over polytechnics merger

Jangaon: Government Polytechnic Colleges' students, who were up in arms against the Congress government's efforts to merge the colleges with Young India Skill University (YISU), received support from unlikely quarters as Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari opposed GO 97.

It might be noted that the government released GO 97 recently to move government polytechnics along with ITIs under the newly formed Skill, Human Capital and Knowledge Training Initiatives (SHAKTI) Department, linking them to the YISU under a public-private partnership (PPP) model. Students across the State opposed it.

The MLA Srihari, speaking at a programme at Station Ghanpur on Saturday, urged the Congress government to revoke GO 97. He said as a former Education Minister, he wanted polytechnic education to remain integrated with engineering education and it should not be brought under the purview of the Labour and Employment Department.

The proposed move to bring polytechnic education under the Labour and Employment Department has created unnecessary apprehensions among students, who



were worried that they would end up as labourers if the government proceeds with its move.

Although the government's intentions were good, the students view themselves as future engineers destined for white-collar jobs, not roles associated with the labour sector. Their perspective was also valid and that was why the government should desist from merging polytechnic colleges with YISU, Srihari noted.

The MLA asked chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to look into the matter and withdraw the GO 97 keeping the future of the polytechnic students. He suggested that the committee constituted by the government to address the issue should consider continuing polytechnic college under the technical

education stream with an option for lateral entry into engineering colleges.

Across the country, polytechnic colleges operate under the AICTE; it would be beneficial if the same system was followed in Telangana as well. The students were currently harbouring misconceptions and were anxious and there was a need to clear up these misunderstandings, he added.

GSLV-F17 To Launch EOS-05 On September 4

NELLORE: India is set to mark another milestone in its space programme with the launch of GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05, the country's first-ever imaging satellite designed to operate from geosynchronous orbit, on September 4.

The GSLV-F17/EOS-05 mission is scheduled for 2.55 am from the Second Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The launch vehicle will place EOS-05 into a Sub-Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (Sub-GTO).

EOS-05 is a state-of-the-art Earth observation spacecraft designed to capture detailed images of the Earth and provide data for monitoring and other applications that require regular observation of the land and environment.

GSLV-F17 will be the 19th flight of India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV). The mission will use a four-metre-diameter, ogive-shaped composite payload fairing to protect the satellite during its ascent.

EOS-05 is described as India's first imaging satellite designed to operate from geosynchronous orbit. It is a replacement for GISAT-1A, which was lost in a launch failure in 2021.

The mission will be closely watched following two successive PSLV mission failures in 2025 and



early 2026. ISRO had temporarily paused launches to investigate the causes of the setbacks involving the launch vehicle. The failures had raised concerns, making the GSLV-F17/EOS-05 mission particularly significant as the space agency seeks to reinforce confidence in its launch programme.

The satellite is expected to strengthen India's capabilities in Earth imaging, monitoring and other applications requiring advanced observation data.

The mission marks another significant step in India's expanding space-based Earth observation programme and its efforts to deploy increasingly advanced satellite systems for national applications.

Remove 22A restrictions or BRS will gherao Sangareddy Collectorate: Harish Rao

Hyderabad: The Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) has warned that it would lay siege to the Sangareddy Collectorate if properties placed in the prohibited category under Section 22A were not removed from the list.

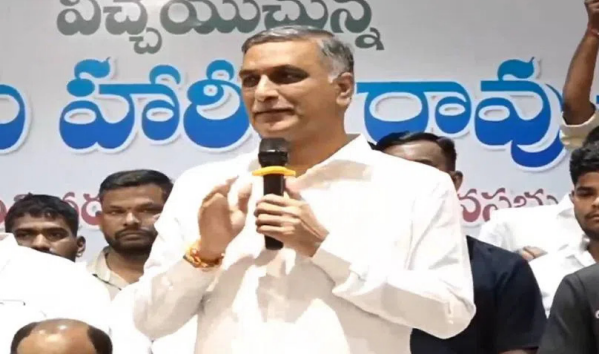
BRS Deputy Floor Leader T Harish Rao on Saturday met families affected by the 22A issue at GMR Function Hall in Patancheru constituency.

The affected families said their decades-old properties had suddenly been included in the 22A prohibited list, preventing registrations and causing serious difficulties. Some also alleged that officials were demanding money to resolve their problems.

Addressing the gathering, Harish Rao alleged that nearly one lakh houses in Patancheru constituency had been included in the 22A list.

More than 50,565 acres across five mandals had been included in the prohibited list, he said. The affected areas included around 12,432 acres in Gummadidala, 3,200 acres in Ameenpur, 8,300 acres in Ramachandrapuram, 12,300 acres in Patancheru and 13,900 acres in Jinnaram, he stated.

He alleged that the 22A issue was affecting several parts of Hyderabad and its surrounding districts.



Harish Rao questioned the reported removal of properties belonging to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy from the 22A list.

"When the issue about their properties was also in the prohibited list, they were removed overnight without any application. If their properties can be removed without applications, why are ordinary people being forced to run from office to office?" he asked.

He also questioned the government's claim that 98 per cent of the properties had already been removed from the prohibited list.

Robust Arrangements for NEET-PG 2026 Examination

Candidates to be allowed into examination centres only between 7:30 AM and 8:45 AM: Collector Koya Sriharsha

Peddapalli Correspondent, August 29: District Collector Koya Sriharsha has directed officials to make foolproof arrangements for the smooth and successful conduct of the NEET-PG 2026 examination in Peddapalli district. On Saturday, the Collector, along with DCP Ram Reddy, inspected the arrangements at three examination centres — Mother Teresa Engineering College at Peddakalva in Peddapalli mandal, Trinity Engineering College near Bandarikutta in Peddapalli, and JNTU Engineering College at Centenary Colony in Ramagiri mandal. Speaking on the occasion, Collector Koya Sriharsha said the NEET-PG 2026 examination would be conducted on August 30 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Candidates would be permitted to enter the examination halls only between 7:30 AM and 8:45 AM. He advised candidates to bring an original photo identity card along with the original Permanent/Provisional MBBS Qualification Certificate and a self-attested photocopy of the certificate. He also instructed candidates to take a colour, back-to-back printout of the admit card on a single A4-size sheet as prescribed. Ensure uninterrupted power and medical facilities: The Collector directed TGNPDCL officials to take advance measures to ensure uninterrupted power supply at all examination centres. He instructed the DMHO to arrange health assistants and ensure that necessary medical facilities were readily available at the centres. Police officials were directed to make adequate security arrangements around the examination centres and ensure that no untoward incidents occurred. CCTV surveillance and mobile jammers: The Collector said CCTV surveillance and mobile jammers would be installed at the examination centres. Every candidate would undergo HHMD screening and manual body frisking. He directed officials to strictly follow the prescribed procedures during registration, including Aadhaar authentication, photograph capture, left-thumb impression, face comparison and barcode scanning. Electronic gadgets, watches, jewellery and shoes would not be permitted inside the examination centres, he clarified. Two flying squads deployed: Two flying squads have been constituted in the district to monitor the examination, the Collector said. The question paper would consist of five time-bound sections, with 42 minutes allotted for each section. Water bottles would be provided to candidates, while rough sheets and pens would not be provided. He further stated that candidates would not be permitted bio-breaks after registration is completed before the commencement of the examination. The Collector directed all concerned officials to work in close coordination and ensure the successful conduct of the examination. He instructed examination officials and staff to strictly follow all prescribed guidelines and ensure that candidates face no inconvenience. He also directed officials to keep all necessary infrastructure and basic amenities ready at the examination centres and take all precautionary measures to prevent any lapses in the examination process. Peddapalli RDO Gangaiah, Tahsildar Rajayya, Sultanabad Tahsildar Basheeruddin, Ramagiri Tahsildar Suman, examination centre administrators and officials from various departments were present.

AAP Demands Demolition of Alleged Illegal D-Mart Construction on Government Land in Sofinagar

Nirmal District: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has demanded the demolition of the alleged illegal construction of a D-Mart commercial building on government land in Survey No. 256 at Sofinagar, within Nirmal town limits.

AAP Telangana Joint Secretary Syed Haider approached the Telangana Lokayukta in Hyderabad, alleging that a D-Mart commercial complex had been illegally constructed on government land worth crores of rupees. The complaint was filed as Complaint No. 412/2026/B1.

Responding to the complaint and the documents submitted by Syed Haider, the Lokayukta directed the district administration to conduct a comprehensive inquiry and submit a detailed report. Accordingly, the Nirmal District Collector's office issued an official letter (Notice No. E/52/2024-1, dated August 11, 2026) to the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) and the Nirmal Urban Tahsildar, directing them to submit a detailed inquiry report by September 8, 2026.

Speaking to the media, Syed Haider alleged that the land had earlier been recorded as government land by the Collector, but that subsequent corrections were made in the records allegedly favouring private interests. He claimed to possess documents and evidence supporting his allegations.

He further alleged that some Revenue and Municipal officials had colluded with private individuals, made changes to land records and facilitated permissions for the construction of the commercial complex.

Syed Haider demanded that the government immediately take possession of the land in Survey No. 256, demolish the D-Mart building if it is found to have been constructed illegally, and initiate criminal and legal action against officials and others found responsible.

He stated that the AAP would continue its legal and public fight until the alleged government land is reclaimed and the illegal construction is removed. He also appealed to the people of Nirmal to support the party's efforts.



Will Extend Full Support for Padmashali Sangam Development - Whip, MLA Aadi Srinivas

Vemulawada, August 29: The newly elected executive body of the Vemulawada Town Padmashali Sangam paid a courtesy visit to Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Shri Aadi Srinivas. On this occasion, they felicitated him with a shawl. Congratulating the new committee, MLA Aadi Srinivas assured that he would extend his full cooperation for the development of the Padmashali Sangam. He stated that the government is committed to the development of community associations. Association President Rampally Venkataramana, Vice Presidents Nagula Vishnu Prasad, Nadigatla Bhikshapati,



Vasam Bhoomesh, General Secretary Tatikonda Raju, Kukkula Balaraju along with secretaries, honorary presidents, advisors, assistant secretaries, directors and community elders participated in the program.

Speed Up Special Intensive Revision Process: CEO Sudarshan Reddy All Pending Notices Must Be Served Immediately; Complaints and Objections to Be Enquired Into Within the Stipulated Time

BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM, AUGUST 29: State Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy has directed officials to further speed up the Special Intensive Revision process of electoral rolls and complete all related activities transparently within the stipulated time.

Reviewing the progress of the programme through a video conference from Hyderabad on Saturday along with senior officials, Sudarshan Reddy interacted with Collectors, District Election Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers of all districts across the State.

He issued key instructions regarding the service of notices, pending cases, enquiries and disposal of complaints and objections.

The Chief Electoral Officer directed officials to ensure that all pending notices are served on the concerned persons without delay. He instructed them to take up enquiries after the completion of the stipulated seven-day period from the date of service of the notice.

Complaints and objections should be enquired into and disposed of within the prescribed time, while all

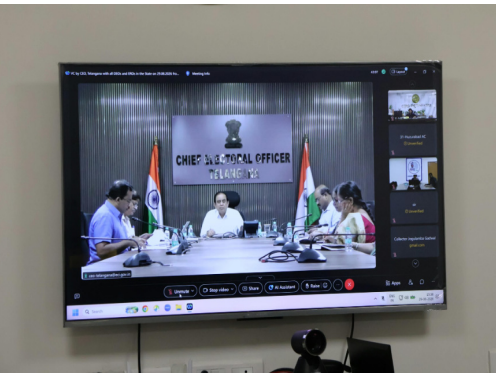


relevant records must be examined promptly, he said.

Sudarshan Reddy also instructed officials to make the lists of anomalies and unmapped voters available to the agents of recognised political parties. He stressed the need for extensive awareness campaigns to clearly inform the public about the documents and supporting evidence required while submitting claims and objections.

The current status of claims and objections should be updated daily on the notice board, he said, adding that transparency and accountability must be maintained at every stage of the revision process.

Officials were also directed to provide necessary training to Assistant Electoral Registration Officers appointed for the Special Intensive Revision process and hold meetings with representatives of



recognised political parties to further expedite the programme.

Swift Action in the District: Collector Ankit

Bhadradi Kothagudem District Collector Ankit said that notices had been issued to voters identified under anomalies and unmapped categories in the district and the relevant details had been updated in the application.

He said the enquiry process relating to the notices was being completed and necessary steps were being taken to resolve the issues.

Collector Ankit assured that the Special Intensive Revision process would be conducted transparently in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India and completed within the stipulated timeframe. Election staff and other concerned officials participated in the review meeting.

Nizamabad Celebrates Major Dhyan Chand Jayanti with Sports Events :

Nizamabad, August 29, 2026 : The District Youth and Sports Department organised Major Dhyan Chand Jayanti celebrations with great enthusiasm in Nizamabad under the leadership of District Youth and Sports Officer B. Pavan Kumar. The programme was held to commemorate the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, one of India's greatest hockey legends, and to promote the importance of sports among the younger generation.



District Olympic Association General Secretary Bobbili Narsaiah, Handball Association General Secretary Mohammed Yaseen, retired Physical Education Teacher and former SGF General Secretary A. Mohan, national-level hockey player Sai Vineeth, kabaddi player Meesala Prashanth, Suresh, Ganga Das and other sports department personnel and representatives of various sports associations participated in the programme.

The celebrations began with a special prayer ceremony at the portrait of Major Dhyan Chand. The participating athletes were later administered a sports pledge, reaffirming their commitment to discipline, sportsmanship and dedication to their respective disciplines.

Addressing the gathering, Bobbili Narsaiah advised young sportspersons to concentrate on regular training and continuous improvement. He said athletes should utilise every opportunity to develop their skills and aim for participation in national and international competitions. He also emphasised that consistent practice and determination are essential for achieving success in sports.

The programme also featured felicitation of sportspersons and personalities who made significant contributions to the field. A. Mohan, who recently retired as a Physical Education Teacher and had earlier served as SGF General Secretary, was honoured for his long and dedicated service to physical education and sports development.

Hockey player Sai Vineeth was felicitated for secur-

ing employment through the sports quota, while young athletes who represented at the national level were also recognised. Saanvi Reddy of St. Jude's School was honoured for participating in national-level kabaddi, while Manvi of Presidency School and Ayaz of Integral School were felicitated for their participation in national-level handball competitions.

The celebrations reflected the department's efforts to encourage young talent and motivate athletes to pursue higher levels of achievement. The organisers said that recognising successful sportspersons would inspire other youngsters to take up sports seriously and work towards representing the district, State and country.

DYSO B. Pavan Kumar thanked Physical Education Teachers, coaches, sports association office-bearers, staff and athletes for their cooperation and support in making the Major Dhyan Chand Jayanti celebrations a success.

Prasad Reddy provided financial assistance to the victim's family

Zaheerabad August: It is known that a couple from Bedampet village died in a road accident near Sajjapur in Kohir mandal of Sangareddy district. Congress leader Prasad Reddy expressed shock over this tragic incident. He visited the village on and met the family members and expressed his deepest condolences. He provided financial assistance of Rs 50,000 to the victim's family. He gave courage to the victim's family. Prasad Reddy assured that he would stand by them. Bedampet Sarpanch Dayanand, Municipal Councilor Sirisha, former Sarpanch Sudhakar, Deputy sarpanch Maisayya and others were present at the event.



Bhadrachalam Gears Up for Godavari Pushkarams 2027

**Construction of Pushkaram Ghats Begins
Works to Be Taken Up in Three Phases at a Cost of Rs. 49 Crore
All Works to Be Completed by March Next Year
Special Arrangements Planned for Devotees
Collector Ankit and MLA Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao Participate in Bhoomi Puja**

BHADRACHALAM: Bhadrachalam is gearing up for the Godavari Pushkarams to be held in 2027. As part of the preparations to provide better facilities to devotees, construction works for Pushkaram ghats commenced on Saturday along the Godavari riverfront.

Bhadradri Kothagudem District Collector Ankit and Bhadrachalam MLADr. Tellam Venkat Rao participated as chief guests in the special Bhoomi Puja organised to mark the beginning of the works.

Vedic rituals were performed by priests in the presence of the Collector and MLA. Following the prayers, earthwork was formally commenced with the help of a JCB.

Rs. 49 Crore for Three Phases

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Ankit said that works for the Godavari Pushkarams 2027 would be taken up in three phases. The State Government has sanctioned Rs. 46.65 crore for the first phase, Rs. 1.75 crore for the second phase and Rs. 60 lakh for the third phase.

He said that the total works would be carried out at an estimated cost of around Rs. 49 crore and all Pushkaram-related works would be completed by March next year.

Works to Be Extended to Several Areas

The Collector said that Pushkaram ghat works would first be taken up in Bhadrachalam, followed by Parnasala in Dummugudem Mandal and Mothe Pattinagar area in Burgampadu Mandal.

Subsequently, works would also be undertaken at Chinnaravigudem, Ramanujavaram and Ramachandrapuram areas in Mulugu district.

No Inconvenience to Devotees

Bhadrachalam MLA Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao said that the Godavari Pushkarams would be held in June and July 2027 along the Telangana-Andhra Pradesh border areas. He directed officials to complete all works in a coordinated manner so that devotees would not face any inconvenience.

He said Pushkaram ghat works would also be taken up in border areas such as Wazeedu and Venkatapuram.

The MLA instructed officials to make comprehensive arrangements including bathing ghats, toilets, drinking water and other basic amenities for the convenience of devotees.



Special Focus on Katt Road Service Road

Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao directed the Roads and Buildings Department officials to prepare a comprehensive plan and take necessary steps to ensure a full-fledged service road in the Bhadrachalam Katt Road area.

He said advance measures should be taken to ensure smooth movement of the large number of devotees expected to visit Bhadrachalam during the Pushkarams.

Rs. 351 Crore Temple Development Works

The MLA said development and renovation works at the Bhadrachalam Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy Temple are currently being carried out with Rs. 351 crore sanctioned by the State Government.

He said Collector Ankit and concerned officials were regularly reviewing the progress of the temple works and taking steps to speed them up.

He called upon officials and staff of all departments to work in coordination and complete the Godavari Pushkaram works within the stipulated time.

“The Telangana Government is giving special attention to the development of Bhadrachalam and the facilities for devotees. We will protect Bhadrachalam like the apple of our eye and ensure its comprehensive development,” MLA Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao said.

Temple Executive Officer Damodar Rao, former MLC Balasani Lakshminarayana, Irrigation Chief Engineer Srinivas Reddy, Superintending Engineer Maheshwara Rao, Deputy Engineer Bhagyaraj Rathod, Executive Engineer Jani, Bhadrachalam Sarpanch Punem Krishna, Panchayat Executive Officer Srinivas, Tahsildar Ravi, Ward Member Subba Rao, local representatives Bhogala Srinivas Reddy and Budagam Srinivas, Assistant Executive Engineer Raviteja and others participated in the programme

BJP Demands Immediate Release of Pending Student Fee Reimbursement, Scholarships

Nagar Kurnool : BJP Nagar Kurnool district president Vemula Narender Rao demanded the immediate release of pending fee reimbursement and scholarship funds for students. A one-day hunger strike was organised at the district headquarters under his leadership with the slogan “Fee Dues – BJP Fight.”

Speaking on the occasion, Narender Rao alleged that nearly ₹15,000 crore in fee reimbursement dues were pending across Telangana, causing hardship to students and affecting their higher education and employment opportunities. He alleged that colleges were withholding original certificates due to pending fee payments and urged the government to clear the dues immediately.

He also criticised the State government for failing to clear fee reimbursement dues for OBC and EBC students and urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to focus on students' future. He demanded that colleges be in-



structed not to withhold certificates and that a regular calendar be introduced for timely release of scholarships.

Narender Rao warned that the BJP would intensify its agitation across colleges and villages if the government failed to clear the pending dues. BJP leaders and activists, including Nagender Goud, Dhannoju Naresh Chary, Jetty Venkatesh, Padma Yadav, Chandrakala, Pramod Kumar and others, participated in the protest.

SIR Review : Commissioner Directs Staff to Ensure Error-Free Voter Notice Process :

Nizamabad August 29, 2026 : As part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Hon'ble Commissioner S.Dilip Kumar conducted a detailed field-level inspection in Divisions 29, 30, 31 and 54 on Saturday.

During the inspection, the Commissioner reviewed the implementation of various SIR activities, particularly the distribution and receipt of notices issued to voters. The Commissioner instructed the concerned election personnel to ensure that notices reach the re-



spective voters properly and that the receiving process is carried out systematically.

The Commissioner also reviewed the online data-entry process relating to the notices received from voters and directed the staff to enter all details accurately and without any errors or delays. Special emphasis was placed on maintaining proper records and ensuring transparency throughout the process.

The Commissioner further directed the election officials to coordinate effectively and complete all election-related activities strictly in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and procedures. The staff were advised to remain vigilant and ensure that the SIR exercise is completed efficiently and smoothly.

FAST-TRACKED WORKS FOR GODAVARI PUSHKARAMS

**Special Focus on Bhadrachalam and Other Pushkar Ghats
All Facilities to Be Ready for Devotees: Collector Ankit**

B H A D R A D R I KOTHAGUDEM DISTRICT, AUGUST 29: With the Godavari Pushkarams scheduled to be held in June-July 2027, the Bhadradri Kothagudem district administration has stepped up preparations to ensure smooth and convenient arrangements for devotees. District Collector Ankit said that immediate steps are being taken to begin infrastructure and facility development works at various Pushkar Ghats across the district.

The preparations for the prestigious Godavari Pushkarams were reviewed through a video conference held on Saturday from Hyderabad by Endowments Department Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramaiyer and Commissioner Hanumantha Rao with Collectors of the concerned districts.

As the government is planning to organise the Godavari Pushkarams on a grand scale similar to the Kumbh Mela, officials were directed to make extensive arrangements at all Pushkar Ghats. The approved works are to be launched immediately in the presence of Ministers and other public representatives.



It was also suggested that an experienced senior officer be appointed as a Special Officer to monitor the Pushkaram works. In cases where land acquisition is required, proposals should be submitted without delay. With only about ten months remaining for the mega religious event, officials were instructed to speed up all infrastructure works and complete them within the stipulated time.

Weekly reviews will be conducted to monitor the progress of the works, and regular reports will have to be submitted to the government.

Participating in the video conference from the Collectorate, Collector Ankit said special attention is being given to the Bhadrachalam Pushkar Kshetram, where a huge influx of devotees is expected. He said works will be taken up immediately under the coordination of the Endowments, Irrigation, Panchayat Raj and Roads and Buildings departments.

The Collector further stated that field-level inspections are also being carried out for the development of Pushkar Ghats at Parnasala and Mothapatti Nagar in the Godavari river basin areas of the district.

As a large number of devotees, along with VIPs and VVIPs, are expected to attend the Pushkarams, comprehensive arrangements will be made for vehicle parking, better road connectivity, emergency exit routes and other essential facilities.

Collector Ankit directed the officials to accord top priority to approach roads leading to the Pushkar Ghats, repairs and strengthening of the ghats, and other infrastructure works required for the safe and smooth movement of devotees.

The Bhadradri Kothagudem administration is gearing up to make the 2027 Godavari Pushkarams a grand and memorable event, with devotees' safety and convenience as the top priority.

Financial Discipline Key to a Bright Future for Singareni

**GM (Finance & Accounts) N. Chakravarthy Visits Manuguru Area
Calls for Collective Efforts to Increase Production and Productivity
Grand Felicitation Held for Chakravarthy Ahead of His Retirement**

MANUGURU: Singareni will have a brighter and stronger future only when everyone works with financial discipline, said N. Chakravarthy, General Manager (Finance & Accounts), during his visit to the Manuguru Area.

On his arrival at the GM Office, In-charge General Manager D. Venkata Rama Rao extended a warm welcome and felicitated him with a shawl.

Speaking on the occasion, Chakravarthy said that it had been a matter of great satisfaction for him to serve Singareni in various capacities throughout his long and distinguished career. He said he had contributed to the growth and development of the organisation while discharging responsibilities in different positions. Currently serving as GM (Finance & Accounts), he informed that he would retire at the end of this month.

He said financial discipline was extremely important for ensuring a bright future for Singareni. The organisation's financial resources should be utilised efficiently, keeping its long-term interests in mind, while unnecessary expenditure should be strictly controlled, he said.

Chakravarthy called upon every employee and officer to discharge their duties responsibly and give top priority to disciplined financial management.

He further stressed that employees, trade union leaders and officers should move forward collectively with a common goal for the overall development of the Manuguru Area. Through mutual cooperation and coordination, efforts should be intensified to further increase production and productivity, he said.

Only through unity and collective efforts can the Manuguru Area be taken further on the path



of development and Singareni be elevated to greater heights, he added.

In-charge General Manager D. Venkata Rama Rao praised N. Chakravarthy for his dedicated and distinguished services to Singareni while serving in various capacities. He said Chakravarthy's experience, commitment and contribution, particularly in financial matters, were highly commendable.

He conveyed his best wishes to Chakravarthy on his retirement after rendering long and valuable services to the organisation.

Officials and employees wished Chakravarthy a healthy, happy and peaceful retired life with his family. On the occasion, he was grandly felicitated in recognition of his long-standing and distinguished services to Singareni.

AGM (IED) C.H. Rambabu, AGM (Personnel) S. Ramesh, Area Engineer V. Madhan Naik, Manuguru Open Cast Project Officer E. Srinivas, Quality Department Officer Naga Ramesh, DGM (Survey) L. Dayakar, DGM (Civil) G. Siva Prasad, Finance Manager P. Ramesh, along with officials and employees from various departments, participated in the programme

Neeraj Chopra ruled out of Asian Games with ankle ligament tear

Two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra has been ruled out of the Asian Games after suffering a ligament tear in his ankle during training. Chopra, who recently recorded a season-best throw in Lausanne, will also miss the Diamond League Final.

New Delhi: India's two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra on Saturday announced that he has suffered ligament tear in his ankle during training, ruling him out of the upcoming Asian Games. Stream History Documentaries

Chopra said in a social media post that he sustained the injury shortly after producing a season-best throw in Lausanne.

"After a period of hard work, I finally felt I was gaining the momentum I had been looking for with a Season's Best throw in Lausanne," Chopra said.

"Unfortunately, shortly after, I sustained a ligament tear in my ankle during training. After discussions with my doctor and team,



we've decided that I will sit out the rest of this season. It's disappointing, especially because I felt close to finding my rhythm. But as they say, setbacks are a part of the journey." "My focus now is on recovering well and coming back even stronger," he added.

Chopra's withdrawal from the season also means he will miss the Diamond League Final, for which he had qualified.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi reveals how he became East Zone's surprise wicket-taker in Duleep Trophy

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi impressed with the ball in his Duleep Trophy 2026 debut for East Zone, taking two wickets in three overs. The 15-year-old batter enjoyed his bowling stint and called himself a "wicket-taker" after the team's emphatic win.

New Delhi: 15-year-old sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi opened up about his recent bowling burst in the opening match of the Duleep Trophy 2026 for East Zone after the tormenting batter switched to a bowling role with perfection, taking two wickets in a three-over spell against North East Zone.

The teenage sensation discussed his switch of hats during the match and shared how he felt when bowling and taking two wickets in the second innings of the game, which his team won by an innings and 210 runs on Tuesday.

"If you ask any batter, they always enjoy bowling. A batter always enjoys bowling and a bowler always enjoys batting equally," Sooryavanshi said in a video posted by BCCI Domestic.

Sooryavanshi, who was appointed vice-captain of the zonal side and deputy to Ishan Kishan, opened up about the skipper's decision to bowl him and described himself as a "wicket-taker".

"Opponent team's wickets weren't falling, so I was asked to bowl two or three overs. Ishan Bhaiya felt like he was taking a risk, but he didn't knew that I am a wicket-taker," he added.

In the second innings, the Bihar star bowled just three overs but made a significant impact by taking two wickets in a single over. The 15-year-old, who bowls occasional left-arm spin, got Kishan Lyngdoh caught in deep covers with a ball that tempted the batter to go



aerial. Three balls later, he claimed another wicket when he nicked behind Southpaw Imliwati Lemtur, allowing Kishan to secure a sharp catch behind.

Sooryavanshi spoke on what he had in his mind while bowling the spell. "I had only one thing in my mind: that even if I take five wickets, I'm only going to get to bowl three overs only. So (the plan) was to bowl as well as I can and target one spot only and finish my spell well."

The Rajasthan Royals batter, who now has four First Class wickets, did not set the stage alight with the bat in his usual style, as he was dismissed for just eight in the only innings his team batted. However, he enjoyed making an impact with the ball.

"It was a lot of fun because batting didn't go so well in the match. So, contributing with the ball was great. And of course, when a batter takes a wicket, there's no greater enjoyment than that, so it was a lot of fun!" he concluded.

Sooryavanshi's side has reached the semifinals of the red-ball tournament and will face South Zone in the second semifinal at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Ground 2 in Bengaluru. The match will begin at 9:30 AM on Sunday. The final will begin on September 6.

IND vs SL: Dinusha's Ton Helps Sri Lanka To a Draw in 2nd Test, India Win Series 1-0

Colombo: Sonal Dinusha continued his excellent run of form to score his third century of the series and help Sri Lanka draw the second Test against India on the fifth and final day here on Thursday. India, who won the two-match series 1-0 after their big victory in the first Test in Galle last week, were hoping for an encore here after taking a healthy first-innings lead of 213 runs, but Dinusha (133 not out) came in their way yet again and helped the home team to a draw after stretching their overall lead to 216 runs.

Sri Lanka were 429/9 when both teams agreed to call off the match. Dinusha, who had scored 103 in the first innings of this game and a maiden hundred in the series opener in Galle last week, forged a seventh-wicket partnership of



112 runs with Keshara Nuwantha (46) to lead the home team's resistance in the second innings after they were forced to enforce follow-on on the fourth day. Resuming at the overnight score of 229 for six, an in-form Dinush and Keshara Nuwantha frustrated the Indians with their resilient batting on a fifth day pitch after conceding the big lead to India. For India, Manav Suthar returned figures of 3/121 in 41 overs and Ravindra Jadeja ended with 3/94 in 38.3 overs. Brief Scores: India: 503/9 declared. Sri Lanka: 290 all out and 429/9 in 154 overs (Sonal Dinusha 133 not out, Pasindu Sooriyabandara 92, Kamindu Mendis 55; Manav Suthar 3/121, Ravindra Jadeja 3/94).

SPORTS



Hockey India Announces Cash Reward For Women's Team After 5th Place WC Finish

New Delhi: Hockey India on Friday announced a cash award of Rs 50 lakh for the Indian Women's Hockey Team in recognition of their historic fifth-place finish at the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup, Belgium and Netherlands 2026.

Salima Tete's side sealed the milestone with a 3-1 win over World No. 5 Germany in the 5th/6th place classification match in Amstelveen on Thursday, marking India's best result at the tournament since they finished fourth at the inaugural edition in 1974, according to Hockey India, according to a Hockey India.

The team went through the campaign with just one defeat, holding higher-ranked sides China, England and Australia to draws and recording a 6-1 win over South Africa, before completing their run under Chief Coach Sjoerd Marijne with the win over Germany. Congratulating the team on the achievement, Hockey India President Padma Dilip Tirkey said, "This is a historic result for Indian women's hockey. To finish fifth at a World Cup after 52 years is a testament to the hard work, resilience and fighting



spirit this team has shown throughout the tournament. On behalf of Hockey India, I am pleased to announce a cash award of Rs 50 lakh for the team as a token of our appreciation, and I hope this inspires the players to keep raising the bar." Reflecting the President's sentiments, Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh said, "Salima and her team have done the country proud with a campaign that saw them compete with, and hold their own against, some of the best sides in the world.

This announcement is our way of recognising their commitment and hard work, and we hope it further motivates the team as they turn their focus towards the Asian Games." India entered the 5th/6th place classification match after losing only one game in the tournament, to the Netherlands. They also managed draws against higher-ranked teams, China, Australia and England. Germany dominated large parts of the first half, keeping India's attacking unit under pressure.

Both teams failed to break the deadlock in the opening two quarters, with Germany creating more chances and earning penalty corners, but India's goalkeeper Bichu Devi and the defence stood firm. India showed greater attacking intent after the half-time break and turned the match around with a brilliant display in the third quarter. Ishika Chaudhary opened the scoring in the 43rd minute with a superb reverse-lift finish after making a strong run into the circle. India soon doubled their lead when they earned their first penalty corner of the match. Navneet Kaur converted the opportunity in the 44th minute to make it 2-0. Navneet continued her impressive performance and scored her second goal in the 47th minute, calmly lifting the ball past the goalkeeper to give India a three-goal cushion.

Germany reduced the deficit through Lynn Krings in the 59th minute after converting a rebound, but India held their nerve in the final moments to secure a 3-1 victory. Goalkeeper Savita Punia also played a crucial role, making important saves, including a penalty corner stop in the final quarter, to help India close out the match.

Asian Games Chiefs Say Room For Everyone Amid Accommodation Crunch

Tokyo: Asian Games organisers said Friday that all participants at next month's event would have a place to stay after numbers ballooned to more than 17,000, raising fears of a bed shortage. About 15,000 athletes and officials were initially expected at the Games, which are being held in Nagoya and the wider Aichi area from September 19 to October 4. That was already more than the Olympics, but the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) last week put the number at 17,000 -- 11,000 athletes and 6,000 officials.

There is no dedicated athletes' village, organisers instead relying on a cruise ship, temporary wooden containers and hotels. In March, the OCA added teqball and padel to the sporting programme. Organising committee president Hideaki Omura said earlier this week that they had "neither the manpower nor the budget to make the necessary arrangements" for extra participants. "If they still wish to come, they will have to make their own arrangements," said Omura, who also serves as the governor of Aichi Prefecture.

A joint statement from the organising committee and the OCA said accommodation had been found. "All the 17,000+ athletes and officials that are registered for the Asian Games before the closing of Entry by Name in July have been



provided with Games-appropriate accommodation," the statement said. "Unless there are exceptional circumstances, no further registrations have been or will be permitted."

A statement issued only in the name of the organising committee also on Friday said that the number of participants "fluctuates daily" and had not yet been finalised. They also acknowledged that "it is now anticipated that the number of delegation members will exceed 15,000". Organisers have opted for temporary athlete accommodation to cut costs, hiring the Italian cruise ship Costa Serena for the event.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 athletes will stay on the ship, while a further 2,000 athletes and officials will stay in the shipping container-style huts. The rest will be in hotels, including in Tokyo, where swimming, diving and equestrian events will take place. The local organising committee said reports that they were looking to reduce the number of participants were not true. Instead, they said, "certain team officials would arrange their own accommodation". Officials are confident that the plan will not be disrupted by Japan's typhoon season, which is usually in full swing in September-October. "The final preparations are all on track and progressing smoothly ahead of what promises to be the most spectacular Asian Games held for generations," the organising committee and the OCA said in a joint statement.



CINEMA

Ravi Teja's Irumudi Creates Box Office Storm in Three Days

Ravi Teja's latest film Irumudi is making a strong impact at the box office. The intense crime thriller has received a big response from audiences since its release. In just three days, the film has achieved impressive numbers and is showing strong signs of becoming one of Ravi Teja's biggest hits.

The movie has reportedly collected more than Rs. 75 crore gross worldwide in its opening weekend. The strong response has continued across different locations. From multiplexes to smaller theatres, many shows are seeing good occupancy. Due to the high demand, more theatres are also being added in some areas.

The film is also performing well in the overseas market. Irumudi has crossed the \$1 million mark in North America, which is a major achievement for Ravi Teja. It is reportedly the first film starring the Mass Maharaja to reach this milestone in the region.

Another major highlight is the film's quick recovery of its investment. According to the makers, Irumudi crossed its breakeven target within two days. This has brought relief and happiness to distributors and exhibitors. The fast recovery has also increased expectations about the film's total theatrical run.

The movie has attracted audiences with its different combination of crime drama, emotions and Ayyappa Deeksha-related elements. Ravi



Teja's energetic performance is one of the main attractions of the film. His screen presence has once again impressed his fans and regular movie audiences.

Director Shiva Nirvana has presented the story with an intense treatment. The emotional portions and crime elements have helped the film connect with viewers. The positive word of mouth is also helping the movie maintain its momentum after the opening days.

The film has started its weekdays with encouraging numbers as well. Reports suggest that Irumudi recorded more than 15,000 hourly ticket sales on Monday, showing that audience interest has not dropped sharply.

Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, Irumudi is now looking at a long and profitable theatrical journey. If the same trend continues during the coming days, the film could finish as one of the biggest blockbusters in Ravi Teja's career.

Salman Khan Film Faces Rs. 6 Lakh Opening

Salman Khan is one of the biggest stars in Bollywood, and even a small appearance by him usually creates a lot of attention. However, his latest cameo in the Saudi Arabian film 7 Dogs has reportedly received a very weak response in India. According to online reports, the film has collected around Rs. 10 lakh so far. Some reports claim that the actual collection could be even lower, at around Rs. 6 lakh.

The film became a talking point when its trailer revealed special appearances by Salman Khan and Sanjay Dutt. Many expected their presence to bring more attention to the movie in India. But the reported box office numbers have been far below expectations.

The response has also started discussions among movie fans. Some feel that a film



featuring two popular Indian stars should have created more excitement. Others have pointed out that several Hollywood films have earned strong collections in India without the presence of Bollywood stars. Compared with those numbers, the reported performance of 7 Dogs looks very small.

Salman Khan's fans are particularly disappointed because they hoped the film would create some buzz around his upcoming projects. His next major film is expected to arrive during Eid 2027 and is being directed by Vamshi Paidipally. Fans are now hoping that this film will bring back the excitement around the superstar.

Some fans have also questioned Salman's decision

to appear in 7 Dogs. They feel that his popularity could have been used more effectively in a project with stronger reach among Indian audiences. His cameo in a major Bollywood film could have created much bigger box office attention.

At the same time, it is too early to judge the impact of this cameo on Salman's career. A guest appearance in another film does not always affect a star's market value. What matters more is the quality and success of his upcoming main projects.

For now, all eyes are on Salman's next film. If the movie has strong content, good promotions and an exciting story, the reported low collection of 7 Dogs may quickly become a forgotten topic.

Zombie Reddy 2 Glimpse Promises a Bigger Zombie World

The glimpse gives a clear idea that the sequel will be much bigger than the first film. One of the interesting points is that the video proudly says that artificial intelligence was not used in making it.

Teja Sajja is once again ready to entertain audiences with a different kind of film. The actor has already earned recognition across India with his superhero films. Now, he is returning to the popular Zombie Reddy franchise with its sequel, Zombie Reddy 2: NXT LVL. The makers recently released the title glimpse on the occasion of Teja Sajja's birthday.

The glimpse gives a clear idea that the sequel will be much bigger than the first film. One of the interesting points is that the video proudly says that artificial intelligence was not used in making it. This has attracted attention because the makers have tried to create the visuals in their own creative style.

The glimpse is presented in a reverse format, which makes it more interesting to watch. It opens with a zombie falling down and then takes viewers into a huge action sequence. The story slowly moves backward and shows how the situation becomes dangerous for the hero.

One of the major highlights is the action around the hero's car. The protagonist faces a large number of zombies and has to fight his way through the dangerous situation. The sequence finally reaches the famous Charminar in Hyderabad. Teja Sajja is seen standing on a vehicle with a bat in his hand as he prepares to fight the zombie crowd.

The visuals suggest that the film will have more action, bigger scale and a larger zombie world. Teja Sajja also continues with his familiar glasses look, but his character appears to be facing much more serious challenges this time.

Zombie Reddy 2: NXT LVL is directed by Suparn S Varma and created by



Prasanth Varma. TG Vishwa Prasad and Krithi Prasad are producing the project. Real Star Upendra is also part of the film, while Shanaya Kapoor is making her Bollywood debut with the movie.

Gowra Hari is composing the music. The film is planned for release in multiple languages and is expected to reach international audiences in 2027. With its unusual presentation, zombie action and bigger scale, the glimpse has created curiosity about what Zombie Reddy 2 will offer.



Ashika Ranganath's Pastel Saree Look Is Pure Elegance

The light pastel fabric with intricate green and pink motifs, paired with a matching sleeveless blouse, bangles, and traditional jewellery, highlights her natural elegance and poised charm.

Ashika Ranganath stands by a large window overlooking lush greenery, gently adjusting the flowing pallu of her delicate floral-printed saree. The light pastel fabric with intricate green and pink motifs, paired with a matching sleeveless blouse, bangles, and traditional jewellery, highlights her natural elegance and poised charm.

Born on 5 August 1996 in Tumkur, Karnataka, Ashika Ranganath entered the film industry after emerging as runner-up in the Clean & Clear Fresh Face contest. She made her acting debut in the Kannada romantic film Crazy Boy (2016) opposite Dilip Prakash, earning a SIIMA nomination for Best Debut Actress.

She rose to prominence with roles in Mugulu Nage (2017), Raambo 2 (2018), and Madhagaja (2021), winning the SIIMA Award for Best Actress – Kannada for the latter. She later earned another SIIMA Best Actress award for O2 (2024). Expanding beyond Kannada cinema, she debuted in Telugu with Amigos (2023) and appeared in Naa Saami Ranga (2024) opposite Nagarjuna, while also working in Tamil films such as Pattathu Arasan and Miss You.

Her recent films and upcoming projects include the multi-starrer Gatha Vaibhava, Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignapathi with Ravi Teja, Vishwambhara alongside Chiranjeevi, and Sardar 2 with Karthi, solidifying her place as a rising star across South Indian cinema.

Vishwambhara Creates More Questions Than Answers

At the same time, expectations were high for Vishwambhara. The movie has been in the news for a long time, and fans have been waiting for an official release date.

Chiranjeevi fans had mixed feelings on his birthday this year. The special day brought a big surprise with the title announcement and glimpse of his upcoming movie Kaaka. However, the update on Vishwambhara left many fans disappointed.

Kaaka is being directed by Bobby Kolli and presents Chiranjeevi in a new look. The makers also announced that the movie will arrive in theatres on January 13, 2027. This gave fans a reason to celebrate and made the birthday event more exciting.

At the same time, expectations were high for Vishwambhara. The movie has been in the news for a long time, and fans have been waiting for an official release date. The film was earlier planned for January 2025, but it was postponed. Since then, there have been several reports about its new release plans.

On Chiranjeevi's birthday, the Vishwambhara team released a new poster and also shared the original soundtrack update. Many fans expected the makers to use the special occasion to finally announce the theatrical release date. But the latest update did not mention any date.

This has once again created disappointment among Mega fans. There are reports in the industry that October 16, 2026, could be the release date of Vishwambhara. The date is also being shown on some ticketing and movie-related platforms. However, the makers have not officially confirmed it yet.

Vishwambhara is directed by Vassishta and marks his second movie as a director. Trisha Krishnan is playing the female lead in the fantasy adventure. UV Creations is producing the film on a large scale.

The movie has already created strong expectations because of its grand visuals, fantasy world and Chiranjeevi's presence. Fans are hoping that the makers will soon give a clear update about the release.

