





Cabinet Approves Rs 759.79 Crore For Amaravati Sangamam At Sakhamuru

VIJAYAWADA: The state Cabinet here on Thursday approved administrative sanction for the construction of Amaravati Sangamam at Sakhamuru in Amaravati at an estimated cost of Rs 759.79 crore.

The project will comprise a state public library, an auditorium and a global institute of good governance. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu presided over the meeting.

Information minister Kolusu Parthasarathy briefed the media on the Cabinet decisions.

The Cabinet also authorised the APCRDA commissioner to undertake a Land Pooling Scheme at the request of farmers for development of an Inner Ring Road. The project includes a new broad-gauge railway line from Errupalem to Namburu through Amaravati with a 100-

metre buffer and widening of grid roads from the capital city boundary to the Inner Ring Road.

The acquisition involves 6,212.50 acres through land pooling, including 974 acres from Kanteeru village in Guntur district and 5,238.50 acres in Tadikonda mandal.

The Cabinet approved the establishment of a new veterinary dispensary at Acchammakunta village in Macherla mandal of Palnadu district. Veterinary staff will be arranged for the facility, which will have an annual operating expenditure of Rs 21.13 lakh.

It also approved extending concurrence to the AP state cooperative marketing federation to mobilise funds through working capital or short-term loans for implementing the support price for Totapuri mangoes during the 2026-27 marketing season.

The Cabinet approved Rs 94 crore for AP MARKFED to directly transfer price deficiency support of Rs 10 per kg through DBT to tobacco farmers for the purchase of 94 million kg of low and off-style tobacco during the current season.

It ratified the action taken by the



district collectors of Krishna, NTR, Guntur and Bapatla districts in granting administrative approval for 78 flood-damage restoration works worth Rs 624.88 lakh.

The Cabinet also approved sanction of 21 regular posts, along with recurring and non-recurring budgetary provisions, for the smooth functioning of the Additional District and Sessions Judge Court at Mangalagiri, following the intervention of education minister Nara Lokesh.

It approved the upgradation of the ESI hospital at Rajamahendravaram from 50 to 100 beds and sanction of the required medical and paramedical staff.

The Cabinet approved the use of bituminous pavements instead of cement-concrete pavements for Type-B, C, D and E roads in Amaravati, subject to recommendations of the Central Road Research Institute in New Delhi.

It approved transfer of 18.20 acres in Survey No 824/20 at Vavil Thota village in Chittoor district to APIIC for an industrial park at Rs 28.75 lakh per acre. Another 50.56 acres in Survey

No 254 and other survey numbers at Pogurupalle village in Chittoor district was approved for transfer to APIIC for an industrial park.

The Cabinet also approved transfer of 20.01 acres in Survey No 90 at Goguladinne village in Markapuram district free of cost to the revenue department for construction of a new integrated collectorate complex and other district offices.

The Cabinet exempted APGENCO's Sileru Complex power stations from the fire precautionary fee payable to the AP Fire Services department for obtaining a fire NOC.

It approved a government guarantee of Rs 950 crore in favour of Power Finance Corporation Limited as security for repayment of the medium-term loan obtained by APTransco from PFC.

The Cabinet approved the draft Andhra Pradesh Poultry Development Policy 2025-2029 to strengthen the poultry sector by reducing production costs for farmers, promoting modern environment-controlled poultry sheds, and

improving disease surveillance, prevention and biosecurity. The policy proposes financial incentives of Rs 657.18 crore under various components and will apply to all districts.

It also approved the revival, restructuring and administrative sanction of 13,252 works at an estimated cost of Rs 4,053.85 crore, with the measure expected to reduce the financial burden on the state exchequer.

The government will procure 4,760 new police vehicles through the AP state police housing corporation. The Cabinet approved a proposal to obtain a Rs 324.20 crore term loan from the SBI-SME Branch at Mangalagiri, backed by a government guarantee, with repayment through instalments or EMI's sanctioned by the government.

India, Belgium Agree To Expand Cooperation In Trade, Defence

India and Belgium on Thursday agreed to significantly expand their cooperation in trade, defence, critical minerals, clean energy and technologies following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's wide-ranging talks with his Belgian counterpart Bart De Wever. In his media statement, Modi highlighted India recording a 7.8 per cent growth rate in the last quarter and said the country's economic rise was a source of confidence and new opportunities for the world.

The Belgian prime minister described the conclusion of the India-European Union free trade pact as a major milestone, and said New Delhi and Brussels are building a relationship that is broad and more strategic than ever before. "Today, the world is passing through a phase of great upheaval. In many parts of the world, situations of conflict persist. Food, fuel or supply chains- uncertainty is affecting every sector," Modi said.



"Even in this challenging environment, India's economy has maintained its momentum. In the last quarter, we have recorded a growth of 7.8 percent," he said. The prime minister said India's growth story is becoming "a source of confidence and new opportunities for the world". Modi once again pitched for resolving the conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia through dialogue and diplomacy. "India and Belgium, both believe in the rule of law, dialogue, and diplomacy. Be it Ukraine or West Asia, we support all efforts for the early end of conflicts and for peace," he said.

The prime minister said

India and Belgium are committed to eradicate every form of terrorism. Modi also listed priorities of the two countries to expand cooperation in areas of high technologies and clean energy. "A clean energy future and reliable supply chain are our shared priorities. An MoU signed today on renewable energy will give new momentum to our sustainability cooperation," he said. "In critical minerals, we have decided to increase cooperation in processing and recycling. In semiconductors, Belgium's expertise and India's scale are complementary to each other," he added.

Rs 330 Crore Plant For Solid Waste Management In Kurnool

A permanent solid waste management project is being taken up in Kurnool city at a cost of `330 crore, Swachha Andhra Corporation chairman K. Pattabhiram said on Wednesday.

Pattabhiram inspected the dumping yard at Gargayapuram and reviewed the progress of the Waste-to-Energy Integrated Solid Waste Management project being executed there. He said a plant would be established on 15 acres with a capacity to process 200 metric tonnes of waste a day.

He also inspected the Joharapuram dumping yard, where nearly 10 lakh metric tonnes of accumulated waste is being remediated through bio-mining. As



part of modern waste management measures, another plant would be established on 9.5 acres at a cost of `8 crore, he said.

Earlier, Pattabhiram, along with minister T.G. Bharath, launched 30 electric autos at Konda Reddy Buruju for door-to-door garbage collection. The electric vehicles have been introduced in place of fuel-powered vehicles and will be used to collect wet and dry waste separately.

Bharath said another 61 electric vehicles would be brought soon. He said road, drainage and park development works were being taken up in Kurnool city at an estimated cost of `140 crore.

Collector Dr A. Siri and municipal commissioner Challa Obulesu were among those present.

Jana Sena's Youth Wing Jai Kottu Launched from Pitapuram

Vijayawada: Jana Sena political affairs committee chairman and civil supplies minister Nadendla Manohar launched the party's youth wing 'Jai Kottu' at a programme at deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan's Pitapuram constituency in Kakinada district on Wednesday.

Kalyan as JS president released an audio message to the party leaders and supporters and later the party's Jai Kottu logo of 'the raised fist' designed on the concept of the 'Cheyyethi Jai Kottu'.

Meanwhile, the Jana Sainiks, Veera Mahilas, youth and the party leaders led by Nadendla Manohar held the birthday celebrations of their party president in a grand manner by cutting the cake. The party's youths from several parts of Kakinada district arrived at Chitrada on motorcycles and took out a huge rally.

Manohar said their party president would always think about the youth and their future and noted that their party evolved from the ideals and wishes of the youth.



Rajanarsimha Hails Bhadrachalam Doctors for Saving 52 Lives after Chloroquine Illness

Hyderabad: Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha congratulated the doctors and staff of Bhadrachalam Area Hospital for responding promptly and saving 52 lives.

Expressing delight over the doctors who immediately responded and provided better medical care to 47 children and five adults who fell ill after taking chloroquine tablets, when they were shifted to Bhadrachalam Area Hospital from Gollaguppa area in Polavaram district of Andhra Pradesh state on Tuesday night, the minister said.

On this occasion, the minister stated that emergency and quality medical services are being provided even in government hospitals in remote forest areas.



# India-US Trade Pact To Be Finalised After US Offers Preferential Terms

New Delhi: Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said the details of the bilateral trade agreement (BTA) with the US will be announced once Washington offers preferential terms compared to the country's competitors. "Besides the US, New Zealand free trade agreement (FTA) with the EU — the 27-nation bloc, will come soon," he said.

The minister's comments came amid wide-spread speculation of a delayed free trade deal between the US and India as both the countries announced the finalisation of the framework for the first phase of the pact in February this year. However, changes in the tariff landscape in the US have led to further negotiations between the two coun-



tries on the pact. Goyal also said that India's nine FTAs, spanning economies representing about \$60 trillion of GDP, would provide preferential access to nearly two-thirds of global trade. "Other FTAs that India would conclude over the next few months and couple of years, including those with Canada, Mexico, Chile, Mercosur, SACU (South Africa Customs Union), GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) and Israel, together with efforts to review ASEAN, Korea and Japan

trade deals would give India access to 75 per cent of global trade at a rate lower than its competitors," he said in an event. India has already implemented trade pacts with the UK, Mauritius, Oman, UAE, and Australia. "Trade pact with New Zealand will get live soon and thereafter FTA with EU, the 27-nation bloc, will get live. And as soon as the US is able to give us the preferential rate, in comparison to our competition, we will finalise the BTA and announce the final

details," the minister said. In February, the finalisation of the framework for the first phase of the pact was made public by both India and the US, but changes in the tariff landscape in the US have led to further negotiations between the two countries on the pact. The US has imposed an additional 10 per cent tariff on a number of countries, including India, from July 24. Goyal is expected to visit the US in late September to attend the G-20 Trade Ministerial in Milwaukee and hold bilateral talks with USTR Jamieson Greer, with trade pact issues to figure in the discussions. The two-day ministerial will begin on September 30. The United States holds the 2026 G20 presidency.

# Telangana minister Ponguleti hits back at KTR with corruption allegations

Hyderabad: Telangana's Minister for Revenue and Housing, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, on Thursday hit back at Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS) Working President K. T. Rama Rao after the latter raised questions over his family's foray into the aerospace industry.

Srinivasa Reddy accused the family of Rama Rao of corruption and illegal activities. The minister posted on X his reply to an earlier post by K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), who took a swipe at the launch of Raghava Aerospace & Defence. After CM Anumula brother's aerospace & defence aeraspace, now the Revenue Minister Ponguleti family has entered the aerospace industry. I guess these are the two brilliant companies that will provide the 2 lakh jobs promised by Rahul Gandhi,



posted KTR. Well done, sir, on empowering your CM & Minister's families humongous growth within a short span. Why don't you go ahead and share tips on Get Richie rich quick scheme with the rest of the country's youth, Rahul Ji, taunted the former minister. Srinivasa Reddy hit back with a stinging post, targeting KTR and his family. Kalvakuntla Academy of Corruption — All illegal activities are taught here. Professor: KTR — King of Teaching Robbery Corruption College

Location: Erravelli Farm House, wrote the minister. You've already given the nation a masterclass in paper leaks through Globarena, linked to student suicides in Telangana, followed by the NEET paper leak and suicides nationwide, the Congress leader told KTR. Now, let's move on to the next chapters in your course: How to tap your own sister's and brother-in-law's phones. How to grab lands through Dharani. How to do business with hospitals while serving as Health Minis-

ter — your brother-in-law Harish Rao could take a masterclass here. How to turn Rs 20 crore of party wealth into Rs 1,600 crore and how to loot public money and rise from rubber slippers to a farmhouse empire. Over to you, Professor Drama Rao. The nation is ready for the next lesson, posted Srinivasa Rao. The minister reminded the BRS leader that he had been in business for 30 years, long before entering politics — building a legitimate business from a humble background, creating jobs, and earning every rupee honestly. Yet, honest business seems to be a problem for you. For you, hard work is questionable, legitimate business is suspicious, but corruption, illegal wealth, and the misuse of power are somehow acceptable, the minister added.

# BRS Demands Removal Of Lands From 22A List



The BRS on Thursday staged a dharna at Rekurthy Chowk here, demanding that the government remove lands from the 22A prohibited list in Karimnagar. The protest was part of the party's week-long statewide agitation. BRS activists, farmers and landowners who claimed to be affected by the inclusion of their lands in the list participated in the protest. The protesters said around 6,000 acres in Rekurthy, Sitarampur, Kothapally and Chinthakunta had been included in the 22A list. Participating in the dharna, local MLA Gangula Kamalakhar said the 22A Act was formulated in 1908 and claimed that people had not faced problems with it for the last 115 years. He alleged that the problems began after the Congress came to power in the state. He said people whose lands were on the prohibited list were unable to sell them and were facing difficulties in raising money for the marriage and education of their children. Kamalakhar demanded immediate removal of the lands from the list and said he would raise the issue in the Assembly.

# Make Rahul PM in 2029 Elections, Fulfil YSR's Last Wish

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday called upon Congress leaders and workers to work with renewed determination to make Rahul Gandhi the prime minister in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections, describing it as the fulfilment of former undivided Andhra Pradesh chief minister late Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy's (YSR) aspiration. Revanth Reddy was speaking at the Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy Awards-2026 presentation ceremony held at the Constitution Club in Delhi in the presence of ministers, Congress MPs and senior party leaders. The award was conferred on the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF). Recalling his association with YSR and his political legacy, Revanth Reddy said the late chief minister, after taking oath for a



second term in 2009, had expressed his desire to see Rahul Gandhi become prime minister. He said the country was passing through difficult times and needed a strong leader who could stand by the people. Describing Rahul Gandhi as such a leader, Revanth Reddy appealed to Congress leaders and workers to unite under the leadership of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and work towards the 2029 elec-

tions. The Chief Minister also highlighted YSR's contribution to irrigation development in Telangana, recalling the initiation of projects such as Pranahita-Chevella, the Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme and the SLBC tunnel project. He said Pranahita-Chevella and SLBC, which were launched during YSR's tenure, had subsequently stalled, and asserted that his government would complete these

projects and dedicate them to the people of Telangana. "We will carry forward YSR's ideals in full measure," Revanth Reddy said, stressing the need for Congress leaders and workers to advance the late Chief Minister's development and welfare agenda. The Chief Minister further recalled YSR's decision to provide free electricity to farmers, describing him as the first leader to sign the decision.

# KTR announces Padayatra for Nagarjuna Sagar water, sets 10-day deadline to Congress govt

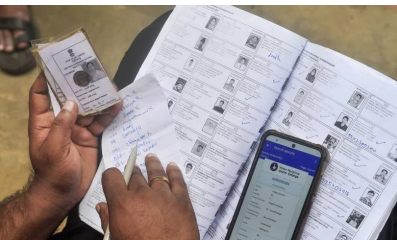


Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao has set September 14 as the deadline for the Congress government to announce a clear schedule for releasing water from the Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal. He announced that if the government failed to respond, he would lead a padayatra from Kodad to Haliya with thousands of farmers. Addressing a farmers' protest in Miryalaguda on Thursday, Rama Rao demanded that the government specify when and how much water would be released through the Left Canal. He said the proposed padayatra would be held drawing inspiration from a similar march undertaken by BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao from Kodad to Haliya in 2003 during the Telangana movement to press for farmers' demands. The BRS working president pointed out that the Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir had around 180 TMCft of water, but the Congress government was deliberately refusing to release even a drop through the Left Canal. He said the government should announce the water-release schedule by September 14, ahead of Vinayaka Chavithi, failing which the BRS would launch the proposed march. He also questioned the government's handling of water availability in the Krishna River basin. He said there was around 537 feet of water in Srisailem and water had reached Nagarjuna Sagar through hydel

power generation. He argued that sufficient water was available to provide irrigation for two crops. Rama Rao accused the Congress government of failing farmers despite making several promises during the elections. He questioned the fate of the Congress's Farmers' Declaration comprising a Rs 2 lakh loan waiver, Rs 15,000 per acre under Rythu Bharosa for farmers and tenant farmers, Rs 12,000 annual assistance for poor agricultural labourers and a Rs 500 bonus per quintal for paddy and cotton. "The Congress government had utterly failed to fulfil its commitments and had withheld Rythu Bandhu payments for three seasons. The government was not even able to ensure adequate urea supplies and provide Rs 500 bonus to farmers," he remarked. The BRS working president targeted Ministers N Uttam Kumar Reddy and Komatireddy Venkat Reddy over the Nagarjuna Sagar issue, alleging that they were ignoring the availability of water despite being responsible for irrigation. He also found fault with the Revanth Reddy government's water-sharing decisions, stating that water was being released towards Andhra Pradesh, while farmers dependent on the Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal were being denied the same. "Is Revanth Reddy paying his Gurudakshina to his mentor N Chandrababu Naidu by ensuring uninterrupted water supply to Andhra Pradesh, at the cost of Telangana farmers?" he asked. Rama Rao said the BRS would continue its agitation until water was released to farmers. He said the party would raise the issue during the Assembly session beginning September 7 and seek answers from the government. "If there is no clarity by Vinayaka Chavithi, we will undertake the Kodad-Haliya padayatra with thousands of farmers," he reiterated, asserting that the BRS would continue its fight until the government was forced to address the irrigation crisis.

# Telangana SIR likely to be extended by three weeks

Hyderabad: The ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is likely to be extended by a minimum of three weeks in the State. The Election Commission of India (ECI) is shortly expected to issue an order extending the deadline. According to Telangana Chief Electoral Office sources, the State government recently wrote to the ECI seeking an extension of the SIR process. "The ECI sought a response from us and we gave our feedback. Mostly, the SIR process will be extended by three weeks, with final electoral roll publication scheduled for the last week of November," sources said. As per the current schedule, claims and objections on the draft electoral roll can be filed up to September 16, while the notice phase and disposal of claims and objections will continue up to October 15. The final electoral roll publication is scheduled for October 19. In a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner of India Gyanesh Kumar, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had said a one-month window for claims and objections would not suffice and sought an extension by four weeks. In addition, he sought three to four weeks for each elector who was served a notice to reply and produce papers. Meanwhile, Telangana CEO C Sudarshan Reddy directed officials to speed up the process of hearing and disposing of notices issued as part of the SIR of electoral rolls, with the aim of ensuring an accurate voter list.







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A TURNING POINT IN SOCIAL MEDIA HISTORY

The Meta's \$18 billion settlement marks a belated recognition that harm can be embedded not merely in how social media is used, but in how it is designed

Safeguarding children from the potential harms of the social media platforms is one of the biggest challenges for parents and nations alike. Driven by algorithms, the addictive content keeps teenagers glued to their gadgets in an endless consumption loop. Those fighting for the cause of child safety and strict social media regulation now have something to celebrate. A landmark settlement has been reached in the United States under which the social media giant Meta will pay \$18 billion to end a lawsuit over claims that its platforms have caused immense harm to children with addictive content. This is a big victory for those demanding accountability from social media companies for the harmful effects that their algorithm-based content is causing to the teenagers. The settlement may well be a major turning point for the internet industry and could bring fundamental changes to the way young people experience social media in future. The trial stemmed from a lawsuit filed in 2023 by 29 US states, including California and New York, in which they claim numerous violations of federal and state privacy laws for children. Not only did the states seek billions of dollars from Meta, they demanded it make changes to Instagram and Facebook, including ending “like” counts and infinite scroll. The case is widely seen as the largest consumer protection lawsuit in American history”. Apart from paying the penalties, Meta has agreed to limit how long teenagers can spend on its platforms and to bans on features that stoke mental health issues, striking at the heart of the company’s business of engagement for advertising.Exploring Media De-grees

The settlement marks a belated recognition that harm can be embedded not merely in how social media is used, but in how it is designed. Infinite scrolling, personalised recommendations, notifications, likes and other engagement tools are designed to capture attention and keep users returning. The question, therefore, is not simply whether children spend too much time online, but whether platforms are permitted to engineer compulsive engagement in the first place. Meta’s proposed safeguards — including daily limits, overnight restrictions and changes to features that encourage constant engagement — are a step forward. But the settlement leaves the company’s advertising-driven business model largely intact. India can draw lessons from the settlement. While blanket ban is no solution, there is a need for a digital regulation that will make social media platforms accountable for foreseeable harms arising from product design. Behavioural advertising aimed at minors should face strict restrictions. There is much more to be done in the fight to make technology platforms safe. Modifying recommendation algorithms to focus more on users’ long-term interests than their short-term behavior remains a central challenge. As important as the time a child spends on an app is, what they are shown is just as important. Traditionally, social-media platforms’ business models have been predicated on maximising users’ time and attention.

Konda Surekha hits back at Revanth Reddy after Cabinet exit, alleges conspiracy

Minutes after being dropped from the Telangana Cabinet, Konda Surekha hit back at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, alleging a conspiracy involving his brothers, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and others. She also accused the government of politically and administratively marginalising her.

Hyderabad: Minutes after Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that Forest Minister Konda Surekha would be dropped from his Cabinet, she hit back, charging that a conspiracy had been hatched against her by the Chief Minister’s brothers and a few others, including Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.

“There is Kondal Reddy, Tirupati Reddy, Rajya Sabha MP Vem Narender Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and others behind the conspiracy,” Surekha alleged.

Explaining why she was being targeted, Surekha said the Revenue Minister had been partial towards her ever since he was appointed in-charge of the erstwhile Warangal district.

Speaking to a news channel, she termed the high command’s approval to drop her from the Cabinet ‘unfortunate’. She said there was no need for the party high command to hatch conspiracies against her.

“The Chief Minister had blackmailed the AICC leadership and said he would quit if action was not taken against me,” Surekha maintained.

The Forest Minister also wrote letters to AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and other AICC leaders, seeking their intervention and justice over what she described as political and administrative suppression in the State Cabinet.

Surekha charged that she was being politically and administratively marginalised as a BC Minister under the Chief Minister. “Several decisions concerning my departments are being taken through direct instructions from the Chief Minister’s Office without consulting me,” she said in the letter.

She said she had no regrets over the outcome as she had not committed any mistake. On her future course of action, Surekha said she would consult her supporters before taking a decision.

The turmoil in the State Cabinet followed allegations by the Forest Minister’s daughter, Konda Sushmitha, that the Chief Minister had offered prime land to his brother’s shell company at a throwaway price.



Since then, a few Congress MLAs and MLCs had demanded action against Surekha and wanted her to at least condemn her daughter’s comments.

“How can I be held responsible for my daughter’s comments?” Surekha asked. Referring to Sushmitha, she said she was an adult and had every right to express her views, adding that the remarks represented the opinion of an individual.

Surekha also questioned why similar standards were not being applied elsewhere, referring to a BJP MP from the former Minister D Srinivas’s family.

She further claimed that many MLAs and leaders working under the Chief Minister were unhappy and appealed to them to speak openly about the hardships they were facing.

“Today it happened with me and it could happen with you (leaders) as well. You don’t get time to meet or submit a representation regarding any work. Even if it is received, there is no assurance that the work will be sanctioned,” she said.

The Warangal East MLA also suggested that the Congress should conduct a ground-level survey to assess the government’s performance.

“As the government failed to fulfil the promises made to the people, there is a lot of opposition. To cover up these failures, there is a need to deliver the promises,” Surekha said.

Congress synonymous with deceit, fraud: former Minister Puvvada

Former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its promises to farmers and the public. He challenged Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao to prove that a 100 per cent crop loan waiver was implemented.



Khammam/Bhupalpally: Former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar lashed out at the Congress government, stating that it had failed miserably to fulfil the promises made to farmers and the public since assuming power.

While alleging that the Congress party was synonymous with deceit and fraud, the BRS leader challenged Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao to prove that a 100 per cent loan waiver had been implemented in any village in the district.

He addressed a farmers’ meeting

in Koyachelaka village of Raghunadhapalem mandal in the district on Thursday as part of the BRS’s ongoing week-long protests against the government’s failures during its 1,000-day rule.

Ajay Kumar noted that the Congress party had promised a full loan waiver of up to Rs 2 lakh within 100 days of coming to power, but instead imposed budget cuts and implemented only a partial waiver.

Stating that a majority of farmers across the State had not received the crop loan waiver, he demanded Agriculture Minister Nageswara Rao and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy provide an explanation regarding the issue.

Meanwhile, in Kothagudem, former Municipal chairperson Kapu Seethalakshmi led a protest in front of the RDO office demanding the implementation of GO No. 76 to grant housing pattas to the residents of Kothagudem town. She also wanted the government to issue possession certificates to the people of the Ramavaram area.

Speaking at a gate meeting organised by TBGKS at SCCL’s KTK-1 Incline in the Bhupalpally area, former MLA Gandra Venkata Ramana Reddy and TBGKS State president Miriyala Raji Reddy stated that the future of Singareni has become precarious under Congress governance.

Over the past three years, the SCCL authorities convened only a couple of Medical Board meetings. Only a few of the hundreds of workers suffering from health issues were medically invalidated. The government was plotting to dilute the dependent job scheme reintroduced by the previous BRS regime, they alleged.

BRS demands 6,000 Indiramma houses in Secunderabad Cantonment

BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank demanded immediate construction of 6,000 Indiramma houses on eight acres in Survey No. 157/1 in Secunderabad Cantonment constituency. He led a protest at the site, accusing the Congress government of failing to fulfil its housing promise.

Hyderabad: BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank demanded immediate construction of 6,000 Indiramma houses on eight acres in Survey No. 157/1 in the Secunderabad Cantonment constituency. He led a protest by party leaders at the site, displaying placards and raising slogans against the Congress government over its failure to implement its housing promise.

Addressing the gathering, Krishank said the Congress government was bringing disrepute to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by announcing schemes in her name without implementing them. He said the Congress government had completed 1,000 days in office but failed to fulfil its promises.

He accused the government of pursuing land dealings for commissions using government land, while farmers, women, youth and employees faced difficulties under its rule. He reiterated that the BRS would continue to raise the government’s failures and fight until welfare benefits reached all eligible people.



India Ready to Offer ‘Any Help’ to End Ukraine-Russia War: Jaishankar



Kyiv: India is ready to extend “any help in any manner” to end the Ukraine-Russia war, which is now in its fifth year, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday as he held wide-ranging talks with his Ukrainian counterpart Andrii Sybiha in Kyiv. “India has consistently maintained that this is not an era of war, and that solutions will not emerge from the battlefield,” he said in a joint press statement alongside Sybiha after their talks.

Jaishankar recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi just two days ago declared that endless war must now give way to the end of war during a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Bishkek on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit. “Every passing day of conflict only means more deaths and more destruction. Understandably, it is for the parties involved to find a way. But, if India can be of any help in any manner, we are ready,” he said.

India has been consistently calling for ending the Russia-Ukraine conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. “In consonance with Prime Minister Modi’s call for an end to war, my visit has a focus on the prospects of dialogue and diplomacy. I will be taking back the views and positions shared today by the Ukrainian side,” he added. Jaishankar later called on President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and apprised him of his discussions with the Ukrainian counterpart on deepening bilateral cooperation.

“Our conversation centered on approaches to end the ongoing conflict,” said the minister, who had earlier mentioned that he would convey the greetings and good wishes of PM Modi to the President. Earlier, the Ukrainian foreign minister welcomed PM Modi’s call to move from an endless war towards an end to the war, saying his country “stands ready for diplomacy.” “India is a global power and we welcome Prime Minister Modi’s call to move from an endless war towards an end to the war,” Sybiha said in a post on X.

Jaishankar, who arrived here amid escalating hostilities between Moscow and Kyiv, said his trip has a “bilateral purpose”. “But more important, it takes place in the larger context of the war that has been underway since 2022. Only two days ago, an Indian national was also killed in an attack in Kyiv. We join in mourning every life lost and convey our deepest sympathy to every affected family,” he said. India has also been concerned over a series of attacks on merchant ships in the Black Sea in the last few weeks. Recalling his multiple interactions with the Ukrainian minister in the last few months, Jaishankar said, “Our conversation today was very free and very open.” “There were also some specific aspects of this conflict that came up in our discussions. Prominent among them was attacks on commercial shipping. Indian seafarers man ships of many flags and have been among the unfortunate casualties,” he said. He said the impact on shipping is also significantly affecting many nations of the Global South in a variety of ways, leading to fuel, fertiliser and food shortages. “So we exchanged views on these and related matters.” He also mentioned India’s contribution to humanitarian relief and assistance to Ukraine, including the supply of 19 consignments of humanitarian assistance. On the bilateral front, Jaishankar said the trade between the two countries spans a wide range of sectors, from pharmaceuticals, food & agriculture and fertilisers to machinery, chemicals and consumer goods. “Understandably, in the last four years, this trade has seen some disruption due to the war situation and logistical challenges. At the same time, there has been a visible resilience, and some new possibilities have emerged,” he said, adding that they will address the challenges. “We are very much aware that Ukraine has deep strengths and capabilities. India too is developing at a rapid pace. And some of these notable areas of progress are in digital capabilities, innovation and startups. The world of AI offers new openings in health, education, agriculture, even in governance,” he said. Jaishankar invited Sybiha to visit India at his convenience for the next meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission. “A pleasure to meet with FM @andrii\_sybiha of Ukraine here in Kyiv. Thank him and his team for the hospitality extended. Was updated on the recent developments in the ongoing conflict and peace negotiations,” Jaishankar later said in a post on X. “Conveyed the need to ensure the safety & security of commercial shipping and seafarers. Also discussed ways to further strengthen our bilateral relationship, including in the fields of education, health, agriculture, digital, innovation, diplomatic training and development cooperation,” he added. He also said that education has been another longstanding area of activity, noting that there are many Indian students currently studying in Ukraine. In his post on X, Sybiha welcomed Jaishankar to Kyiv for “the first-ever dedicated bilateral visit of an Indian External Affairs Minister to Ukraine.” “This historic moment takes place amid escalating Russian attacks against our cities, port infrastructure, and civil shipping. Our capital is constantly under attack, and I appreciate my colleague’s brave visit,” he added.



# Quit drugs and choose a healthy life

## Warangal CP launches modern addiction treatment facility

Warangal : A new modern facility has been set up in collaboration with Eagle Force to rehabilitate the youth who are addicted to drugs and are throwing their future into darkness. Addiction to alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs has become a major social problem that is seriously affecting the youth as well as their families today. Strict action is being taken under the auspices of the Drugs Control Team at the Commissionerate level against the illegal trafficking, storage and sale of drugs. At the same time, not only punishing the youth addicted to drugs, but also taking steps to stop them from becoming addicts. Under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan program, G.O. M.S. An Addiction Treatment Facility has been set up at MGM Hospital as per 4, 10 2 2026. With the initiative of Warangal Police Commissioner, with the cooperation of MGM Hospital officials and staff, the Addiction Treatment Facility Center has been upgraded with more modern facilities. A central special Addiction Treatment Facility ward has been set up and the bed scheme has been increased from 10 minutes to 20 minutes. Iron grills, CCTV surveillance, and a clean and safe environment have been set up for the safety of patients. Recreational facilities like carrom board and chess have also been provided for the mental peace of the victims. Medical treat-



ment, counseling, and addiction treatment services are provided to the victims under the supervision of experienced doctors. The main objective of this center is to transform drug-addicted youth into normal, healthy and responsible citizens. Parents who find their children or family members addicted to drugs are urged to immediately contact the Warangal Police Commissionerate. Those who need de-addiction treatment can contact the MGM center and get the necessary services as there is no way to completely get rid of drug addiction with proper treatment, counseling and the support of family members. For the necessary help, you can also contact the nearest police officers and MGM psychiatric staff. Quit drugs and choose a healthy life. **"Treatment can change a life."** For any help, information or guidance related to drug addiction, contact 87125 84473, 87126 85299. The program was attended by East Zone DCP Ankit Kumar, MGM Superintendent Dr. Ram Kumar Reddy, R.M.O Ashwani Kumar, S. B in-charge ACP Madhusudhan, Drugs Control Team Inspector Sai Ram, R.I. Shiva Keshavulu, Eagle Team Inspector Ravinder, IT Core Inspector Kiran Kumar, Eagle Team S. I. Srikanth, R. S. Ilu Purna Chandra Reddy, Manoj Reddy, Nagaraju, police officials, MGM Hospital officials and staff.

# Anganwadi Centres Should Provide a Pleasant Environment for Children

Nirmal : Special Focus Should Be Given to the Overall Development of Children: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to ensure all necessary basic infrastructure and special facilities at Anganwadi centres so that children attending there can spend their time in a pleasant and child-friendly environment. On Thursday, the Collector conducted a surprise inspection of an Anganwadi centre in Ratnapur Kandli village of Nirmal Rural Mandal. During the inspection, he examined the records and enquired with the staff about the services being provided to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children. The Collector instructed officials and staff to take special initiatives to enrol all children from villages in Anganwadi centres. He suggested decorating the centres with colourful toys, paintings, alphabets and educational charts to attract children and providing education through play-based activities. He also advised the staff to provide nutritious food every day and conduct activities such as games and rhymes to support the



physical and mental development of children. He directed officials to regularly record details such as the children's health condition, height and weight. **Special Focus on SAM and MAM Children** The Collector stressed that the details of children belonging to the SAM and MAM categories should be properly recorded and that additional nutritious food should be provided to children suffering from malnutrition. He directed officials to ensure that all government welfare and nutritional services are provided on time to every pregnant woman and lactating mother. During the inspection, the Collector interacted affectionately with the children. He asked them their names and about their studies and advised them to attend the Anganwadi centre regularly. He encouraged the children to recite rhymes and read numbers, and distributed chocolates to them as a token of appreciation. District Welfare Officer Vinutha, Health Department officials Pavan Kumar, Soumya, Nayana Reddy, Ramesh and Ali, Sarpanch Harish, Deputy Sarpanch Bhoomesh, Anganwadi staff and others participated in the programme.

# Krishna Ashtami Celebrations Held Grandly at Krishnaveni Talent School

Peddapalli Correspondant September 3: Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations were held grandly at Krishnaveni Talent School in Kalvacherla village of Ramagiri Mandal. The celebrations were organized in a colourful manner at Sai Ram Gardens in Pannur and Sai Pragathi Vidyanikethan in Begumpet. As part of the celebrations, school students dressed up as Lord Krishna and Gopikas and entertained the gathering with songs, dances and cultural performances. The little Krishnas and Gopikas, along with the traditional Uriyadi (pot-breaking) event, were the special attractions of the celebrations. Correspondent Chandupatla Tirupathi Reddy, Principal Barla Srinivas, Directors Sridhar Babu and Ranjith Reddy, teachers, students and parents participated in the celebrations.



# Arvind Dharmapuri Named to Joint Committee :

New Delhi, September 03, 2026 : Nizamabad Member of Parliament Arvind Dharmapuri has been appointed as a member of the Joint Committee constituted to examine the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026. According to an official bulletin released by the Lok Sabha on Thursday, Arvind Dharmapuri's name has been included among the members of the Joint Committee. The committee comprises a total of 31 members drawn from both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. Expressing his gratitude over the appointment, Arvind Dharmapuri said that he was honoured to have been entrusted with an important responsibility in the country's parliamentary democratic system. He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for placing their confidence in him and giving him the opportunity to serve on the Joint Committee. The Nizamabad MP stated that the committee would undertake a comprehensive exami-



nation and discussion of the proposed legislation, keeping in view crucial aspects such as national interest, national security and transparency. Arvind Dharmapuri assured that he would discharge his responsibilities in the Joint Committee sincerely and effectively. He further said that he would continue to uphold the trust placed in him by the people of Nizamabad and work with greater responsibility in Parliament on issues concerning the people as well as matters related to the nation's interests.

# Meeting Held at Bhainsa Municipal Office on Lok Kalyan Mela

Nirmal District : A meeting regarding the Lok Kalyan Mela, being implemented to provide financial support and strengthen the economic condition of street vendors, was held at the Bhainsa Municipal Office on Thursday. District Lead Bank Manager Ram Gopal attended the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, he said that a special PM SVANidhi campaign and Lok Kalyan Mela Mahotsav is being conducted across the country from September 1 to 30, 2026. As part of the campaign, special programmes are being organized across all municipalities in the district and at various bank branches with the objective of providing bank loans to eligible street vendors. He stated that the SVANidhi scheme provided by the government would greatly help street vendors expand their businesses and achieve financial self-reliance. He urged every eligible street vendor to make the best use of the Lok Kalyan



Mela. Officials Kumar, Naresh Babu, Priyam Jeet Singh, Tirupati, and others participated in the programme.

# Grand Sri Krishna Janmashtami Celebrations at Vijetha OlymPiad School

Nirmal District : Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations were held grandly in advance on Thursday at Vijetha Olym Piad School, located at Road No. 7, Priyadarshini Nagar, Nirmal town. Students of the school participated enthusiastically in the celebrations. The little ones dressed up beautifully as Lord Sri Krishna and Gopikas, attracting everyone's attention. The students presented various cultural programmes depicting episodes from the childhood of Lord Sri Krishna. Their dances and songs in traditional attire entertained the audience. A festive atmosphere prevailed on the school premises. The school management stated that the main objective of the programme was to create awareness among students about Indian culture and traditions and to explain the significance of festivals. The school headmaster, teachers, and students participated enthusias-



tically in the celebrations and made the event a grand success.

# Food Safety Inspections Held in Jukkal :

Jukkal, September 03, 2026 : Food Safety Officer Vikram conducted inspections at grocery stores, distribution outlets, bakeries and sweet shops in Jukkal town on Thursday and warned of strict action against food business establishments violating food safety regulations. During the inspections, several food business establishments were found operating without valid FSSAI licences. The officer also identified violations of labelling regulations on certain food products, including the absence of essential details such as the manufacturing date and FSSAI number. The concerned traders and business operators were instructed to strictly comply with the prescribed food safety regulations. Inspections at several bakeries also revealed unhygienic conditions. Improvement notices were issued to the respective bakery managements, directing them to maintain proper cleanliness and hygiene standards. Speaking on the occasion, Food Safety Officer Vikram said that all food business operators must obtain the mandatory FSSAI licence and strictly maintain hygiene standards during the preparation, storage and sale of food products. He further instructed business establishments to ensure that packaged food products clearly display mandatory information, including the manufacturing date, expiry date and FSSAI licence number. Vikram stated that inspections of food business establishments would continue across the district with the objective of ensuring that the public receives safe and quality food. Strict legal action will be taken against establishments found violating food safety norms, he warned. He added that inspections would be intensified in the coming days and appealed to all food business operators to follow the instructions of the authorities, maintain proper hygiene and provide safe and quality food products to consumers.

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# IndianOil Co-hosts MC<sup>2</sup>+ IGNITE, India's Flagship Energy Innovation Accelerator, at CSIR-NCL Pune



Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IndianOil), together with the Venture Center and CSIR–National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL), today co-hosted the Pune outreach of MC<sup>2</sup>+ IG-

NITE - India's flagship energy innovation accelerator - at the NCL Main Auditorium. The programme, “Advancing Energy Innovations,” held under the aegis of the MC<sup>2</sup> Foundation with guidance from the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, brought together the country's energy majors, research institutions, deep-tech founders and the scientific community. Delivering the keynote, Padma Vibhushan Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, FRS, termed the initiative “timely and truly path-breaking.” Invoking Einstein's equation, he described how the country's energy majors are pooling laboratories, assets, mentoring, capital and market access behind India's innovators, and called on founders to bring complete solutions- carrying India from “Make in India” to “Innovate in India” and, ultimately, “Own in India.” Addressing the gathering, Shri A. S. Sahney, Chairman, IndianOil, said: “Global energy

demand is set to rise sharply in the coming years, and India's growth may well outpace the world's. Yet only a small share of India's start-up capital has so far reached the energy sector. Through MC<sup>2</sup>+ IGNITE, we are opening IndianOil's infrastructure to founders — a place to test, to fail safely, and to validate solutions beyond bench scale — so that promising technologies do not stall in the valley of death.” IndianOil'scollaboration with CSIR-NCL will focus on hydrogen and mobility. The first accelerator of the MC<sup>2</sup> Foundation, MC<sup>2</sup>+ IGNITE will select up to 30 deep-tech start-ups across seven energy-transition themes - spanning hydrogen & mobility, AI-driven subsurface intelligence, next-generation drilling, bioenergy and compressed bio-gas, refinery process intensification, digital asset management and an open theme. Each selected venture is offered up to ₹50 lakh in convertible funding, with the strongest receiving an additional ₹1.5 crore at Demo Day, with no priced round required and founders retaining com-



plete ownership of their intellectual property. The programme is implemented by IIT Madras, with incubation nodes including IIT Kanpur, the Venture Center, C-CAMP and IIMA Ventures. Dr. Premnath Venugopalan, Director, Venture Center, welcomed the gathering and highlighted its newly launched Centre of Excellence on clean energy and green hydrogen, framing the event as an occasion to spark new collaborations rather than merely showcase start-ups. The programme also featured expert talks by Dr. Ashish Lele, Director, CSIR-NCL, and Dr. Madhukar Garg, Advisor, MC<sup>2</sup> Foundation; sessions on the capabilities and problem statements of India's oil & gas companies by Dr. Umish Srivastava, Executive Director I/c (R&D), IndianOil, and on the green-hydrogen ecosystem by Shri Radhey Shyam, National Green Hydrogen Mission (MNRE); and a Showcase of Energy Innovators. The event concluded with the exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding between the MC<sup>2</sup> Foundation and the Venture Center, formalising Venture Center as an on-ground MC<sup>2</sup> node.

# Esri India Launches GeoSARAL, an Indigenous GIS Software

Hyderabad, September 03, 2026: Esri India, the market leader in Geographic Information System (GIS) software, location intelligence, and mapping solutions in India, today announced the launch of GeoSARAL, a Linux-based desktop GIS software. With sustained investments in technology, talent, and innovation over the years, localization has been a key focus for Esri India. The intent is to develop solutions that address the requirements arising from the rapid adoption of geospatial technologies in India. GeoSARAL is a result of this continued focus and efforts by the Esri India team. Professional GIS users in organizations use ArcGIS Pro for advanced analysis, 3D, network analysis, and complex cartography. At the same time, there are users who need a desktop GIS for simple tasks like mapping, visualization, querying and editing. GeoSARAL is the product for them. It was conceptualized in



response to the growing demand from Esri India's large ArcGIS user base across enterprise and government sectors for a lightweight, Linux-based desktop GIS. GeoSARAL is also supported on Win-



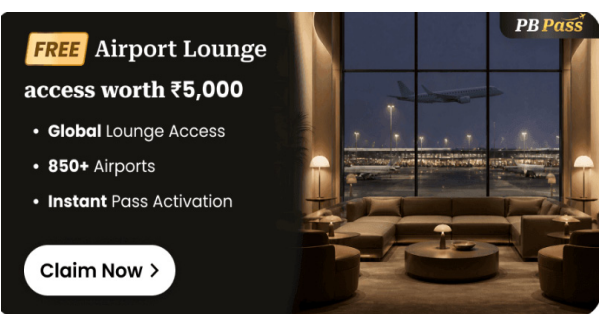
dows, with Android support coming soon. Agendra Kumar, Managing Director, Esri India, said, “Innovation with customer needs in mind has been at the heart of our technology journey. The launch of GeoSARAL is a significant milestone. Initial users of GeoSARAL are very appreciative to have a cost-effective Linux-based desktop GIS software for mapping, visualization, editing, and querying. It works effectively

within ArcGIS environments for these tasks, addressing the simple GIS needs of some users, while others work with more advanced ArcGIS Pro capabilities. GeoSARAL is supported on both Linux and Windows, with support for Android on its way.” GeoSARAL co-exists with users' current ArcGIS infrastructure and can leverage the rich content from Indo ArcGIS Living Atlas. It lets users view, manage, and analyze GIS data and basemaps stored locally, even without an internet connection. It is designed to seamlessly integrate with the existing ArcGIS ecosystems and provides enterprise grade security. As geospatial technology becomes increasingly important in governance, infrastructure, agriculture, defence, utilities, urban development, natural resource management, disaster management, and other critical sectors, local development will play an important role in addressing the country's unique requirements while strengthening domestic technology capabilities. GeoSARAL is a step in this direction, contributing to India's journey towards greater technological self-reliance.

## Paisabazaarannounces unlimited airport lounge access with PB Pass

- All customers who take a new credit card through Paisabazaar would be eligible for PB Pass
- PB Pass provides access to 1,800+ airport lounges and travel experiences across more than 800 domestic and international airports

Hyderabad, September 2: Paisabazaar, India's leading marketplace for financial products and largest free credit score platform, announced today its PB Pass programme would provide consumers unlimited airport lounge access for one year in a limited-time offer.



All consumers who take a new credit card through the Paisabazaar platform during the offer period would be eligible for PB Pass. The complimentary pass gets unlocked when they make the first payment of the credit card through the Paisabazaar app. PB Pass, launched by Paisabazaar in association with Collinson International, provides access to a global network of 1,800+ airport lounges and travel experiences across more than 800 domestic and international airports, powered by LoungeKey. The network also includes travel experiences such as dining outlets, spas and sleep pods. Customers can access the LoungeKey network through a simple QR code-based journey, without the need for additional memberships or registrations. Santosh Agarwal, CEO, Paisabazaar, said: “At Paisabazaar, we are constantly looking for ways to create greater value for our customers. Airport lounge access is among the most sought-after benefits for credit card users, and through PB Pass' unlimited access, we are giving eligible customers the freedom to enjoy lounge and travel experiences throughout the year, without worrying about visit limits. We believe this will make travel experience more rewarding for consumers.” While airport lounge access remains one of the most valued benefits associated with credit cards, access is often subject to card-specific eligibility criteria, spending thresholds and number of complimentary visits. With unlimited access, PB Pass gives customers greater flexibility to enjoy airport lounges and travel experiences throughout the year, without worrying about visit caps. The limited period offer is designed to provide greater value and flexibility to customers, enabling them to access airport lounges and travel experiences multiple times during the validity period, without being restricted by capping.

## NEW GOVERNING BODY TAKES CHARGE AT SRI HANUMAN TEMPLE TRUST BOARD

Hyderabad, September 2nd : The newly appointed governing body members of the Sri Hanuman Temple Trust Board at Nampally Goods Shed on Wednesday pledged to make every effort to develop the temple and provide better facilities to devotees. The swearing-in ceremony of the new governing body was held on the temple pre-

mises. Challapalli Sri Ramachandramurthy assumed charge as the chairman of the temple committee, while Praveen Pillai, Pilli Gurumurthy, Katepaga Anil Babu and Kandikanti Sandhyarani took charge as members. Speaking on the occasion, the governing body members said they would take all necessary steps to ensure that devotees do



not face any inconvenience while visiting the temple. They also said that several programmes would be organised to promote spiritual awareness and foster a spirit of devotion among people.

The members said they would bring issues concerning the development of the temple to the notice of the government and seek its support for further improvement of the facilities. They expressed

their gratitude to senior Congress leader Feroz Khan, Endowments Department Deputy Commissioner Vinod and Assistant Commissioner Krishna for giving them an opportunity to serve as members of the governing body. Endowments Department Inspector Surekha administered the oath of office to the newly appointed governing body members.

## Audi India opens bookings for the all-new Audi Q3

Online bookings can be made through the Audi India website [www.audi.in](http://www.audi.in), the ‘myAudi Connect’ application, or at an Audi India dealership

Mumbai, 02 September 2026: Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, today opened bookings for the all-new Audi Q3 in India. The SUV can be booked with an initial booking amount of INR 1,00,000, via the Audi India website, on the ‘myAudi connect’ application or at Audi India dealerships. Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Brand Director, Audi India, said, “Today marks an exciting milestone as we open bookings for the all-new Audi Q3. The all-new Audi Q3 brings together everything today's Audi customer is looking for — a striking and progressive design, sophisticated technology, dynamic performance and everyday versatility. It is unmistakably Audi, yet more expressive, more intuitive and more connected to the way our customers live today. We have seen strong interest in the all-new Q3, and the opening of bookings is an important moment for us as we continue to strengthen our SUV portfolio.” The new Audi Q3 brings together expressive design, confident



performance and everyday versatility, further strengthening its position in Audi's Q range. Powered by a punchy 2.0-litre petrol engine, the all-new Audi Q3 will sport Audi's legendary quattro all-wheel drive amongst several other segment-first features.



BRS sets September 7 deadline to Congress government to withdraw GO 97

Hyderabad: The BRS on Thursday demanded that the Congress government withdraw GO 97 by September 7, failing which it would step up the agitation and corner the government during the upcoming Assembly and Council sessions.

The party extended support to the polytechnic students staging a dharna at Indira Park.

Speaking on the occasion, BRS deputy floor leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav said over one lakh students had been protesting for 20 days but the government had failed to respond. He stated that GO 97 threatened the future of polytechnic students and was intended to shift polytechnic colleges to the Young India Skill University, paving the way for their privatisation and possible acquisition of their assets.

"If the government does not revoke GO 97, we will siege the Chief Minister's residence," the former Minister declared. He alleged that the government was conspiring to hand over or mortgage college properties to private individuals. He also questioned the move to close ITIs under the Labour Department and bring polytechnic colleges under its jurisdiction.

He ridiculed the State government's decision to constitute another committee to look into the demands of the agitating polytechnic students as hilarious. Referring to the recent Gen Z protests that led to a Union minister's resignation, he called on polytechnic students to draw inspiration from the movement and continue their fight.

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan, who joined the protest, tore up a copy of GO 97 and accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of playing with the lives of polytechnic students. He said the order stemmed from recommendations made by the State Education Commission headed by Aakunuri Murali and questioned why polytechnic education was being linked to the Skill University.

SCO Must Work Unitedly to Dismantle Terror Ecosystem: PM Modi

Bishkek: The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) must work unitedly to dismantle the entire ecosystem of terrorism as well as its financing, and there can't be any room for double standards in combating the menace, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday. In his address at the annual SCO summit in this Kyrgyz capital city, the prime minister also said that all wars and conflicts in the world must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy as no solution can be found on battlefields.

Modi also stressed that connectivity projects must respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, remarks seen as an oblique reference to China's Belt and Road Initiative. The prime minister's comments on the need for dealing with terrorism assumed significance as they came amid New Delhi's relentless efforts to corner Pakistan on cross-border



terrorist activities. We must dismantle the entire ecosystem of terrorism as well as its financing, he said.

We must speak in one voice that there can be no place for double standards in dealing with terrorism, Modi added. The prime minister also said that there can be no solution to wars and conflicts on battle field and they must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. He also said that India supports all efforts that connect markets, facilitate trade, and open new pathways for development. At the same time, Modi added that efforts towards connectivity must respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries. For India, SCO is a confluence of great civilisation, culture and ideas, he said. Three main pillars of India's vision for SCO are security, connectivity and opportunity, Modi noted.

Congress hits out at Uttarakhand govt over FIR against Rahul Gandhi in Haldwani

Congress leaders have strongly criticised the Uttarakhand government after an FIR was filed against Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi in Haldwani over his remarks on a "purification ritual" conducted following a rally by party president Mallikarjun Kharge.

New Delhi: Congress leaders on Tuesday hit out at the Uttarakhand government over an FIR registered against Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, alleging that the action was politically motivated and aimed at intimidating the Congress.

An FIR has been registered against Congress MP and LoP Rahul Gandhi at the Kotwali police station in Haldwani, Uttarakhand. The case was filed following his remarks concerning a "purification ritual" conducted at the Ramlila Ground in Haldwani following a rally by Congress party President Mallikarjun Kharge.

LoP Gandhi had called the incident a crime and demanded that the Centre must register an FIR.

Reacting to the development of an FIR being filed against LoP Gandhi in Uttarakhand, Punjab Congress Committee Working President, Raj Kumar Verka, accused the authorities of attempting to intimidate the Congress.

"I think they are trying to intimidate the Congress, but the Congress is not afraid.. It is their agenda to end the Constitution of the country and bring Manusmriti. This is not going to happen. We will not tolerate this..." Verka told IANS.

Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge said the FIR should instead have been filed against those who carried out the alleged purification exercise.

"It's all politically motivated. Instead of filing an FIR against the people



who carried out the purification exercise and went around the entire town, shouting from the rooftops that they had purified the place because a Dalit leader had spoken there, you are filing a case against a person who called out this illegal act and questioned how the Constitution is being breached," Kharge said in Bidar, Karnataka.

In Patna, Bihar Minister Kumar Shailendra accused the Opposition of lacking an agenda and said Rahul Gandhi was its "main face".

"We are talking about the entire Opposition, with Rahul Gandhi being the main face of it. They have no agenda and no inclination to work. They have done such things in the past as well. When the House is in session and so much time and resources are invested, they walk out, and when they don't want the House to function, they demand a special session..." he said.

Meanwhile, Haryana Congress MP Karamvir Singh Boudh criticised the FIR, saying the country would be governed by the Constitution and not Manusmriti.

"...The country will be governed by the Constitution, not Manusmriti. Today, when a senior leader comes forward to raise his voice for the poor, Dalits, Backward Classes, tribals and women, highlighting the atrocities, discrimination and untouchability they have faced for centuries you file an FIR. You conduct a purification ritual two days after an event in Haldwani following a rally by our respected party president Mallikarjun Kharge at Ramlila Ground. When a senior leader raises the issue of the humiliation of Dalits, you want to stop him by filing an FIR. This is absolutely unacceptable..." Boudh said.

Haryana Leader of the Opposition Bhupendra Singh Hooda said neither LoP Gandhi nor Congress leaders were afraid of the FIR.

"We are not afraid of such things. Neither Rahul Gandhi nor we are afraid. Rahul Gandhi had demanded that an FIR be filed over what happened in Haldwani, where our National President Kharge ji held a public meeting and some BJP workers carried out a purification ritual. It was a legitimate demand because the Constitution should not be violated. But instead, they filed an FIR against Rahul Gandhi..." Hooda said.

The FIR against LoP Gandhi was registered at Haldwani Kotwali over his remarks on the "purification ritual".

Revanth In Delhi To Get Surekha, Chinna Sacked

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has reportedly mounted pressure on the Congress high command to take action against minister Konda Surekha and Planning Board vice-chairman G. Chinna Reddy, seeking their removal for indulging in public indiscipline and making baseless and derogatory remarks against him, his family members and the Congress leadership.

Revanth Reddy, who reached Delhi on Tuesday afternoon, met AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal at his residence and is learnt to have made a strong case for implementing the recommendations of the state party disciplinary committee which had inquired into the controversy and recommended the removal of Surekha and Chinna Reddy.

Interestingly, Revanth Reddy drove to Venugopal's residence without his usual convoy and security and was not accompanied any party leader. This was despite the presence in Delhi of ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Tummala Nageswara Rao and Danasari 'Seethakka' Anasuya and TPCC



president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud.

According to party sources, Revanth Reddy told Venugopal that the high command could no longer afford to take a lenient view of repeated instances of public indiscipline by senior leaders. He reportedly recalled that the party had adopted a soft approach towards Surekha, her husband Konda Murali and their daughter Sushmita when they made derogatory remarks against him and the party in October last year.

The high command had then reportedly let off the Konda family with a warning after they assured the leadership that such incidents would not be repeated. Revanth Reddy is learnt to have pointed out that they had not kept up the assurances and that the Konda leaders had continued to

by senior leaders holding Cabinet rank would weaken the party's electoral prospects and strengthen the Opposition narrative.

The Chief Minister reportedly made it clear that public display of indiscipline that damaged the Congress should not be tolerated, regardless of how senior or influential the leader concerned may be. He is learnt to have sought stern action against Surekha and Chinna Reddy in line with the Disciplinary Committee's recommendations.

The high command has reportedly entrusted Venugopal with the task of gathering feedback from the Chief Minister and senior Telangana leaders before taking a final call. Venugopal has consequently begun one-on-one consultations with key leaders on the Disciplinary Committee report.

Surekha, who also reached Delhi on Tuesday, is likely to meet Venugopal and put forward her version of the developments. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka will reach Delhi on Wednesday morning.

Revanth Reddy's Global Knowledge Hub Vision Gains Support from Top World Universities

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy expressed happiness that his vision to transform Hyderabad into a Global Knowledge Hub has received support from some of the world's leading educational institutions.

"My biggest passion and contribution to youth will be skills, sports and education, making them highly qualified for any global challenge. University of London, UK, and North-Eastern University, Boston, USA, are going to set up offshore campuses in Hyderabad," he said. Harvard University, and some of its schools, are keenly interested in offering select programs and courses in the state. "Our meetings with Oxford University, Cambridge University, SOAS(London), Imperial College, London Business School (LBS), London School of Economics have all yielded positive outcomes," he said. Similarly the meetings with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and several other Ivy League and American schools have been positive and the youth in Telangana will all be able to get education from such global institutions of excellence right here



in Hyderabad.

"Educational courses, certification programs, shared research, setting up centres of excellence, offering programs for professionals of different walks of life, our pioneering efforts will make Hyderabad a global educational powerhouse," he said.



# Buzz: Nikhil To Lock Horns With Devarakonda

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The latest update is that Nikhil wants to jump into the Dasara race by locking Octo-ber 15th as the release date. Already, another period film, Vijay De var a k o n d a ' s Ranabali also locked the Dasara date only,



as Mythri Movie Makers has recently announced that they are hitting cinemas on the 16th. All these days, with Superstar Rajnikanth's Jailer 2 locking the 15th, many thought that the Telugu slot would be locked by Megastar Chiranjeevi's Vishwambhara and hence no other movie an-nounced their dates for Dasara.

Now that Vijay Deverakonda and Nikhil, both coming up with similar films, are on Dasara eve, some are thinking that even Naga Vamsi might push their #AK47 to Dasara, as that will be the only family film in the race at the Telugu box office. However, that call will be taken only after Jailer 2 jumps out of the race. Because Jailer 2 itself is a big competition, even at the Telugu box office, for all the films that are hitting cin-emas.

# Kayadu Fans Upset With Big Telugu Film

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leased in a day, features Keerthy Suresh. So when will a song featuring Kayadu be released? Currently, she's seen only in the teaser, but the makers haven't given any special attention to her, and that's wonder-ing her fans.

While fans are upset that Kayadu's con-tent is not coming out, with just one month ahead for the film's release, the makers are sure that when they release the song featuring Nani and Kayadu, it's going to be a stunner of sorts. At the same time, Nani is yet to start the promotions of the movie, while there is only 30 days away for the release.

# Suriya's Vishwanath & Sons Emerges as a Big Winner in Telugu States?

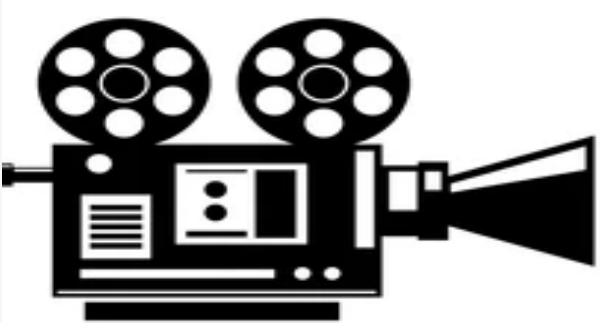
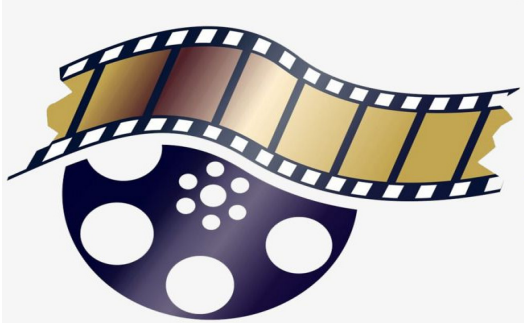
Despite stiff competition from Irumudi and Toxic, Tamil star Suriya's latest film Vishwanath & Sons is reportedly performing strongly across several centres in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

According to a distributor, the film has already registered around Rs 30 crore share in the Telugu states, which is being described as a major achievement for Suriya's Telugu market. "The film has collected around Rs 54 crore gross in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. For a Suriya-starrer, these are very encouraging numbers," he says.

The distributor feels the film's mature romantic theme has struck a chord with Telugu audiences and continues to attract crowds even after its initial run. "Suriya's splendid performance, Mamitha Baiju's bubbly character and their chemistry on screen have connected well with Gen Z audiences in Telugu states. At the same time, some viewers felt the bold theme could have been handled in a more effective manner," he points out.

Nevertheless, Vishwanath & Sons appears to have given Suriya's Telugu mar-ket a significant boost. His previous release, Veerabhaduru, reportedly collected around Rs 13 crore share in the Telugu states, while the latest film has set a new benchmark.

"Suriya is back with a bang in the Telugu states. He has once again proved that he has a strong following here and can pull crowds among the masses," the distributor concludes.



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# Dharmasthala Constituency Trailer Out: Senior Actors Shine In Powerful Political Drama

The upcoming Telugu political enter-tainer Dharmasthala Constituency is get-ting ready for its worldwide theatrical re-lease on September 4. The film is pro-duced by Merum Bhaskar under the ban-ner of Moving Dreams India Private Lim-ited and is directed by debutant filmmaker Jai Gnan Prabha Thota. A grand trailer launch event was held in Hyderabad, where the cast and crew shared their ex-periences about the movie.

The trailer showcased intense political drama with senior actors Sai Kumar and Suman powerful dialogues. Also, Nataraj, Vithika Sheru presence added another interesting layer for the film. The trailer promises an intensive political drama awakening positive thoughts in society.

The film features Suman, Saikumar, Nataraj, Vithika Sheru, Varun Sandesh, Raja Ravindra, Rajeev Kanakala, Kalakeya Prabhakar, Prithvi, Shiv and oth-ers in important roles. The trailer and the teams words at the event have created curiosity among movie lovers.

Art director Bhargavachari Noundla said that the film has come out well and requested audiences to watch it in the-atres. Music director Mahaveer Elender revealed that the movie has five songs, all written by popular lyricist Chandrabose. He especially mentioned the song Aarambham, saying it reflects the main idea of the story through its lyrics.

Producer Merum Bhaskar explained that the team completed the entire shoot,



including patchwork, within 45 days. He praised director Jai Gnan Prabha for his clear vision and said the final output has given the team confidence.

Actress Vithika Sheru revealed that she was impressed by the songs before listening to the complete story. She liked her character be-cause it was different from her earlier roles. She also said that her return to films after a break became more special because of this project.

Director Jai Gnan Prabha thanked the en-tire cast and crew for supporting his first film. He said every character has importance in the story and promised that the movie will keep audiences engaged. He also praised Chandrabose and Mahaveer Elender for their contribution to the songs.

Actor Nataraj appreciated the directors work

# Mahendragiri Varahi Trailer: Exquisite Visual Thriller

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Sumanth starrer Mahendragiri Varahi has been in production for more than one and a half year as the makers have been crafting a honest epic on a big scale. Santhossh Jagarlapudi is directing the film and Madhu Kalipu, Laxman are producing it on a lavish scale. The movie glimpse, teaser have created good buzz and team decided to promote in a unique manner by installing Varahi idols outside theatres.

Now, the makers have released the long awaited trailer and it is mind-blowing and exquisite. With a story that deals with goddess Varahi's curse on a King's Lineage, the movie dwells deep into the mysterious circum-stances of how the curse started and how can Sumanth overcome it as he is hell bent on finding the way out.

Aishwarya Rajesh impresses in a prominent role as Goddess and her screen presence suits perfectly. Sidhu Jonnalagadda in a cameo appearance appears in a crucial role and his portions seem to be high-light of the film. Sumanth's commendable performance, honesty and body language carry the entire story on his shoulders.

Santhossh's visual storytelling is intriguing and the trailer cut is per-fect. Without revealing the entire story, it balances the mystery behind the subject while revealing the interesting teases. Visuals, production values, technical aspects and BGM by Anup Rubens elevates the expe-rience brilliantly. Mahendragiri Varahi is releasing on 11th September with a promise to deliver memorable cinematic experience.



# Thorough entertainer Anumanam Pakshi release date confirmed

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Rag Mayur stars in the upcoming comedy entertainer Anumana Pakshi. Di-rected by Vimal Krishna, widely known for his work as the writer-director of the blockbuster DJ Tillu, the film promises a highly entertaining and chaotic ride.

The makers have officially locked the worldwide theatrical release date to bring this unique story to the audiences. Fans and movie lovers can mark their calen-dars as the film is set to hit the big screens on September 18th.

The newly unveiled release date poster presents a quirky and intriguing vibe. It showcases the protagonist in traditional attire holding a rifle, standing next to a chalkboard filled with humorous existential questions and everyday doubts.

Backed by Rajiv Chilaka, the project features a lively musical score composed by Sricharan Pakala. Living up to its tagline "One Boy. Billion Thoughts. Zero Chill," the film guarantees a fun-filled cinematic experience.

