

Centre Conspired Vote Deletion in Non-BJP States: Revanth

Vikarabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy accused the BJP-led Union Government of resorting to a vote-theft conspiracy in non-BJP ruling states in the ongoing SIR. Participating in the local Congress leaders and workers meeting in Kodangal Assembly Constituency today, the Chief Minister warned that the BJP was making attempts to win the next Assembly elections in Telangana state by deleting the votes of the Congress supporters. BJP won Maharashtra, Bihar, and West Bengal elections by removing the votes and is now adopting the same deceitful tactic in Telangana, the CM charged.

CM Revanth Reddy criticized the BJP for targeting SC, ST and Minority voters in the SIR. We will not sit idly and are ready to counter the BJP's move to delete the names of the Congress supporters. The party workers will not tolerate any such attempt.

The Chief Minister alleged that the BJP exploited the ED and CBI to defeat political rivals in the previous



elections. Now, the ruling national party resorted to deleting votes. The CM strongly ob-

jected to the deletion of votes, citing minor errors as a pretext. The BRS was also supporting the BJP in the deletion of votes to defeat the Congress.

CM Revanth Reddy stressed that the responsibility of safeguarding the right to vote lies with all Congress workers and leaders. The Chief Minister called all important leaders to bear the responsibility of protecting the people's votes. The BLAs should coordinate at the village level to ensure that the votes of the poor are not deleted. The mandal-level leaders are also held responsible for checking the deletion of votes indiscriminately.

The CM ordered each leader to take responsibility for four villages and ensure that not a single vote is deleted from any booth. Everyone must remain vigilant and thwart the conspiracies of the BJP and BRS.

CM Revanth Reddy said that Kodangal has gained national recognition and respect because the local people extended all kinds of support to him.

Congress betrayed students, unemployed youth: Ex-Minister Puvvada

Khammam: The BRS youth wing has organised massive rallies across the erstwhile Khammam district against the Congress government's failure to deliver its election promises made to the youth.

In Khammam a protest rally from Khammam Pavilion Grounds to ZP Centre was taken out on Saturday as part of the BRS party's week-long protests exposing the government's negligence in fulfilling the promises during its 1,000-day rule. Former Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar, former MP Nama Nageswara Rao and senior leader Gundala Krishna participated in the protest rally.

Addressing the gathering Ajay Kumar lashed out at the Revanth Reddy government, stating that the Congress party betrayed the students and unemployed youth. Fee reimbursement arrears amounting to thousands of crores of rupees have remained pending for the past three years.

In accordance with the



'Youth Declaration' announced by Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi, the government owes unemployment allowances ranging from Rs 1.20 lakh to Rs 1.30 lakh to each unemployed youth over three years.

The government deceived the youth by failing to announce a job calendar within 100 days and the provision of 2 lakh jobs annually. The government had issued notifications for only 16,000 jobs, while the recruitment processes for all other posts had actually been completed during the previous BRS tenure, Ajay Kumar noted.

In a similar rally taken out from Laxmidevipalli market yard to Ganesh Temple in Kothagudem, BRS parliamentary party leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra stated that no ruler who toyed with the lives of students and youths has ever survived politically.

He recalled how, following protests by thousands of students and youth at Jantar Mantar against the NEET paper leak, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was compelled to step in and have Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resign.

Ravichandra alleged that the Congress government has been neglecting as many as 1,050 gurukuls developed by former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao with the resolve to provide quality English-medium education to all sections of society.

'Chhatron Ki Goonj' not enough, Rahul Gandhi mustface Telangana youth: KTR

Karimnagar: BRS working president KT Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of deceiving unemployed youth and challenging him to visit Telangana to witness the hardships faced by students. Rama Rao accused Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of betraying youth and students by failing to fulfil their electoral promises.

"Rahul Gandhi is changing colours from one State to another. You are talking about 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' across India. I demand you come to Telangana and listen to students' problems. You will hear the real Goonj here," Rama Rao said at a Students and Youth conference here on Saturday.

Questioning Rahul Gandhi over his promise to provide two lakh jobs every year in Telangana, Rama Rao alleged that Congress leaders disappeared after securing votes. "If you do not come, we will come to Delhi," he warned.

Referring to youth protests in Delhi, the BRS working president said the Centre had faced tough times. "The youth, who made even Prime Minister Narendra Modi tremble, have nothing to fear



from this Revanth Reddy," he said.

Rama Rao questioned the Congress government over the status of the job calendar, Youth Commission, unemployment allowance, youth loans, fee reimbursement and reservations for local youth in private-sector employment. "Revanth Reddy should stop making excuses and face the youth and the BRS in the Assembly with answers on every unfulfilled promise," he demanded.

Hits back at Congress, demands Revanth Reddy's resignation

He also countered the Congress' demand for BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao's resignation. The Congress had promised to implement its six guarantees within 100 days of coming to power, but 1,000 days had passed without fulfilling the assurances, he said. Similarly, the

trying to lock horns with KCR. He should bear in mind that he too will meet the same fate as the Congress in 2006," Rama Rao warned.

Slamming the Congress' demand as illogical, Rama Rao said its leaders should resign 420 times for failing to fulfil 420 promises. Referring to the Chief Minister's decision to drop Forest Minister Konda Surekha from the Cabinet, Rama Rao said people would dethrone the Congress government in the next elections.

"The Congress came to power with impractical guarantees and by misleading the youth. Did it offer two lakh jobs in a year, scooters to college-going girls or a monthly honorarium of Rs.4,000?" he asked. The youth responded in the negative.

Rama Rao also criticised Revanth Reddy for his remarks that many engineering students were unable even to file job applications. He said students were instead questioning whether the Chief Minister had the skill to fill his election affidavit.

Rama Rao claimed that Telangana had excelled in several sectors during the 10 years of BRS rule, while the State had witnessed "destruction" since the Congress came to power in 2023.

CHANDRABABU NAIDU ANNOUNCES SEVERAL SOPS TO RESOLVE PENDING ISSUES OF GOVT EMPLOYEES

Amaravati: Stating that employees are an integral part of the government and government will always extend support to them, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu today announced several key decisions to resolve the pending issues of government employees.

The Chief Minister held discussions with leaders of employees' associations today and announced a series of decisions. The employees' union leaders expressed satisfaction over the announcements.

Several Key decisions announced by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu:

- Agreement to constitute the 12th Pay Revision Commission (PRC).
- Payment of two pending Dearness Allowances (DAs) from October 1, 2026.
- Release of DAs due from July 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025.
- Agreement to credit the surrender leave amount



pertaining to 2022 into employees' accounts by the coming Sankranti.

Payment of one additional surrender leave to police personnel during the upcoming Dasara festival.

Additional Quantum of Pension to be implemented from January 2027.

Pensioners above 70 years of age will receive an additional 10 per cent Quantum of pension, while those above 75 years will receive an additional 15 per cent.

Employees Health Scheme (EHS) will be streamlined. From next month onwards, the government will make monthly payments to the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust.

The decisions announced by the Chief Minister will entail an additional annual expenditure of Rs. 2,880 crore to the government exchequer. The Chief Minister reiterated that the government would continue to work towards the welfare and well-being of its employees while taking practical steps to resolve their issues.

Naidu wants 100 per cent literacy in Andhra Pradesh by 2027

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday emphasised that teachers will have to play a crucial role in preparing students for future challenges arising from rapid technological changes. “Artificial intelligence (AI) could provide information. But development can only be led by the human element mainly comprising students,” the CM underlined at the Teachers’ Day celebrations organised by the Andhra Pradesh government.

Naidu called for reforms in education system to keep pace with the evolving technologies. He wanted restructuring of courses from school to higher education in line with the emerging industrial requirements. “Students should be exposed to fields, such as AI, quantum technology, robotics, and data analytics right from an early stage,” he emphasised. The Chief Minister maintained that even though AI is entering various sectors, it cannot replace teachers. He wanted education to be delivered with values, culture, patriotism, and love for nature. He asked teachers to nurture among students leadership qualities, innovation, creativity, and ability to overcome challenges.

Naidu asserted that education should not remain confined to textbooks and classrooms. Students should be provided opportunities for experiential learning. He requested teachers to develop their schools into distinctive brands, where students of



Class VII acquire proficiency in AI. Further, the CM stressed on the need to link education with sports, nature, and healthy practices. Schools should observe every Saturday as “No Bag Day” and undertake activities such as tree plantation, spirituality, yoga, and meditation for students.

Naidu said his government is working towards achieving 100 per cent literacy in Andhra Pradesh by 2027. He pointed out that technologies, such as Clicker and AI Tutor are being used to transform classroom teaching. Referring to teacher recruitment, the Chief Minister said the coalition government’s first signature after assuming office had been to appoint teachers through the Mega DSC. Despite more than 350 petitions filed by YSRC leaders to obstruct the recruitment, state government overcame all hurdles and provided jobs to teachers, he stated. Naidu declared that teachers alone could help India regain its position as “Vishwaguru” by shaping students into future leaders. On the occasion, he visited an exhibition showcasing School Education department initiatives, where Lokesh explained the educational reforms being implemented.

90 Teachers Felicitated on Teachers’ Day in Vizianagaram

Vizianagaram: As many as 90 teachers selected as best teachers at various levels in Vizianagaram district were felicitated at a Teachers’ Day function held here on Saturday.

Minister for MSME Kondapalli Srinivas, who was the chief guest, said teachers played a vital role in shaping future generations and building society. He said a teacher’s greatest achievement was seeing students succeed in life and urged educators to identify every child’s talent and guide them in the right direction.

MLC Gade Srinivasulu Naidu, Vizianagaram MLA Aditi Vijayalakshmi Gajapathi Raju and Nellimarla MLA Lokam Nagamadhavi attended the event.

Collector S. Ramsundar Reddy highlighted the district’s progress in education, noting that Vizianagaram recorded around a 92 per cent pass percentage in the Class 10 examinations this year. He attributed the performance to the collective efforts of teachers and said government schools had proved they could match private institutions in delivering quality education.

The 90 teachers were presented with appreciation certificates. Officials also announced that three teachers from the district had been selected for the State-level Best Teacher Awards to be presented in Amaravati.



Congress, Left Misleading Public on GDP Growth: Lanka Dinakar

Visakhapatnam: Lanka Dinakar, chairman, Twenty Points Programme (Viksit Bharat – Swarna Andhra Pradesh) Implementation, criticised Congress leaders, Left sympathisers and those opposed to the Narendra Modi government for creating confusion among the public over GDP statistics. Addressing a press conference in Visakhapatnam on Saturday, Dinakar said combining the old 2011–12 GDP series with the new 2022–23 series to portray the official 7.8 per cent GDP growth as 2.6 per cent was political propaganda intended to mislead the public.

“Growth must be calculated on the basis of a single GDP series, a single base year, a consistent methodology, and comparable prices,” Dinakar said. He said taking the 2025–26 figures from the 2011–12 series and the 2026–27 figures from the 2022–23 series, and presenting the difference between them as “actual GDP growth,” was not scientifically valid.

He said the selection of 2022–23 as the new base year was not a political decision, but a recommendation made by the advisory committee on National Accounts Statistics after examining various years. He said the committee considered factors such as the implementation of GST, the impact of Covid-19 and the post-Covid recovery before treating 2022–23 as a relatively normal year.

Dinakar said there had been significant changes in India’s economy between 2011–12 and 2026, with progress in manufacturing, the digital economy, e-commerce, financial services, infrastructure, technology and formalisation of businesses.



Naidu Orders Speedy Trials In SC, ST Atrocity Cases

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to expedite investigation and trial of cases registered under the SC / ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. “Ensure that the guilty are punished at the earliest,” the CM underlined, while stressing on the need to prevent misuse of the law. Chairing a state-level high-power committee meeting on implementation of the SC / ST Act and welfare of SCs and STs at his Camp Office on Saturday, Naidu wanted a special study into relatively high number of atrocity cases against SCs and STs in Guntur, Anantapur, East Godavari and Prakasam districts.

The Chief Minister asked officials to analyse the nature and reasons for the cases, apart from the time taken for their disposal. He expressed displeasure that 131 district-level meetings have not been held to resolve the grassroots problems faced by SC and ST communities. Referring to the Justice Punnayya Commission report submitted about 25 years ago, Naidu ordered a comprehensive study comparing the socio-economic conditions prevailing then and the situation now.



He wanted all departments to coordinate towards ensuring the economic empowerment of SCs and STs and building up their confidence levels. He wanted officials to pay special attention to education of SC and ST students so that they can compete for admission into premier institutions, such as IITs and IIMs.

The CM alleged that some political parties are creating controversy over the government’s initiatives to prevent SC and ST students from pursuing higher education and progressing in life. He pointed out that the government is spending substantial amounts on SC and ST development. He called for effective utilisation of programmes, such as P4 and MBK 10-20. He asked public representatives to give priority to the advancement of SCs and STs.

Naidu directed the SC and ST finance corporations to launch large-scale employment generation programmes. In tribal agency areas, he said, incomes could be raised through commercial crops, such as coffee, and better utilisation of forest produce. He directed implementation of Net Zero policy in SC and ST hostels to transform them environmentally sustainable and self-reliant campuses with regard to health, infrastructure and education. He said skill development among SC and ST youth should enable them to secure jobs both locally and abroad. The Chief Minister accused the previous government of weakening SC and ST corporations, while the coalition government has now revived them after assuming office. Those who attended the meeting included ministers D.B.V. Swamy, V. Anitha and G. Sandhyarani, MPs Krishna Prasad and D. Prasad, and MLAs from SC and ST constituencies.

Teaching Profession Is A Responsibility, Social Service: Collectors

NELLORE/ONGOLE/TIRUPATI/CHITTOOR: Teaching is a responsibility and a form of social service rather than merely a job, collectors of Nellore, Prakasam, Tirupati and Chittoor districts said at Teachers’ Day celebrations held across the districts on Saturday.

Nellore collector Himanshu Shukla said teachers played a crucial role in shaping the future of students and society. He said a good teacher could transform not only a student’s life but also the future of a family, society and the nation. He urged teachers to identify and nurture individual talents while adapting to digital education and emerging technologies without losing the human touch.

Prakasam collector P. Rajababu said teachers were guides who turned ideas into



action and played a vital role in the overall development of individuals. He attributed the district’s fourth position in the recent Class X examinations to focused teaching and urged teachers to work with greater commitment.

Tirupati collector Dr S. Venkateswar highlighted the state government’s education reforms, including rationalisation of teacher deployment, parent-teacher meetings and initiatives to encourage aca-

ademic and extracurricular excellence. He stressed that every child should attend school and receive quality education.

Chittoor collector Sumit Kumar said teaching was a powerful force capable of transforming society. He urged teachers to impart values, discipline and social responsibility along with academic knowledge and serve as role models for students.

MLCs, MPs and other public representatives also stressed the need for value-based education and greater focus on students’ overall development.

As part of the celebrations, 58 best teachers were honoured in Nellore, 72 in Prakasam, 65 in Tirupati and 74 in Chittoor with awards, mementoes and certificates in recognition of their services.

Andhra Pradesh CM Naidu announces salary relief for government employees

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday took several key decisions to resolve the pending salary-related issues of government employees, including agreeing to constitute the 12th Pay Revision Commission

(PRC), which will cost the exchequer Rs 2,880 crore per annum.

The Chief Minister’s decisions came in the wake of government employees’ unions demanding the resolution of pending issues, including the PRC and Dearness Allowance (DA).

“CM Naidu announced several sops to resolve pending issues of government employees... Agreement to constitute the 12th PRC. Payment of two pending DAs from October 1, 2026. Release of DAs due from July 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025,” an official release said.

Likewise, Naidu agreed to credit the surrender leave amount pertaining to 2022 to employees’ accounts by the coming Sankranti festival.

Payment of one additional surrender leave to police personnel during the upcoming Dasara festival will also be made, he said,

adding that an additional quantum of pension will be implemented from January 2027.

The TDP supremo promised to pay an additional 10 per cent pension to pensioners above 70 years of age and 15 per cent to those over 75 years, the release said.

Similarly, the Chief Minister assured that the Employees Health Scheme (EHS) would be streamlined, promising that from October onwards, the government would make monthly payments to the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust.

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ister will entail an additional annual expenditure of Rs 2,880 crore to the government exchequer. The CM reiterated that the government would continue to work towards the welfare and well-being of its employees while taking practical steps to resolve their issues,” the release said.

Revanth Reddy claims 1,000 days of good governance at Nakrekal meet

Nalgonda: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday claimed that the Congress government had delivered 1,000 days of good governance and questioned the BRS' demand for his resignation over the failure to fulfil promises made to the people.

He asked people to compare the 10-year rule of the BRS with the Congress government's 1,000 days in office. The BRS government had failed to implement the crop loan waiver, and farmers should bear this in mind, he said at a public meeting in Nakrekal.

Without naming the opposition parties, Revanth Reddy continued his intemperate language towards their leaders. "My culture is stopping me from punishing the opposition leaders and that's why they are roaming freely and making false allegations against me," he stated.

The Chief Minister maintained that opposition parties were instigating auto drivers to demand the abolition of free bus



travel for women. Listing the welfare and development programmes being implemented for women, he challenged the opposition to a debate in the Assembly or anywhere in the State.

Revanth Reddy also claimed that 72,000 government jobs had been provided to unemployed youth within one year. He said the government was addressing the concerns of farmers, women and unemployed youth.

He directed party leaders to organise a public meeting in Rajanna Sircilla by the end of this month, followed by another in Siddipet next month. He asserted that the Congress flag would be hoisted in both constituencies. "The Congress will be back to power with a thumping majority in the 2029 elections," Revanth Reddy claimed.

Interestingly, Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy hogged the limelight at the meeting. Amid speculation over a possible Cabinet expansion, Rajgopal Reddy attended a public meeting addressed by the Chief Minister after a long gap. When Revanth Reddy announced his name on stage, the gathering responded with cheers and whistles.

Gundu Sudharani Takes Charge as KUDA Chairperson

Warangal: Gundu Sudharani assumed charge as chairperson of the Kakatiya Urban Development Authority (Kuda) at the Kuda office in Hanamkonda on Saturday in the presence of Kuda vice-chairman and Hanumakonda district collector Chahat Bajpai, MLAs Nayini Rajender Reddy, Kadiyam Srihari and Revoori Prakash Reddy, among others.

After assuming office, Sudharani said she would work diligently to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to her as Kuda chairperson. She thanked Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, ministers, MLAs and other public representatives for giving her the opportunity.



She said planned urban development within the Kuda limits would be given priority. Steps would be taken to strengthen infrastructure in line with the growing needs of the city and provide better civic amenities to residents, she added.

Sudharani emphasised the need for elected representatives and officials to work in coordination to advance development programmes. With the cooperation of all stakeholders, she said she would strive to further develop Warangal city and the wider Kuda jurisdiction.

Later, the MLAs and the collector congratulated Sudharani by presenting her bouquets and saplings.

Harish Rao questions Congress claims on 24-hour power supply to farmers

Former Minister T Harish Rao questioned the Congress government's claim of providing 24-hour power supply to farmers after inspecting a sub-station in Siddipet. He said its log book showed power was supplied for only 10 hours and 15 minutes on September 3.

Siddipet: Exposing the false claims of Congress government on 24-hour power supply to farming sector, Former Minister T Harish Rao, who inspected a sub-station at Gambeerpur in Dubbak mandal, found that the Transco had supplied a 10-hour power on September 3 from this particular sub station. After checking the log book at the sub-station in the presence of farmers and local leaders, he said that the electricity department could supply power for only 10 hours 15 minutes on Friday.

Speaking to news reporters after inspecting the substation, he said that the Congress came to power by promising 24-hour power supply to the farming sector. However, he said that they could not continue what the former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao did during the rule.

Challenging R&B Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, who said BRS was just supplying a 20-hour power supply, Rao asked Komatireddy to inspect any substation in Nalgonda if he really wanted to commit to the promises made. Stating that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy came to power to bring back Congress rule, he said that the State was reeling under serious short supply of power like they suffered during Congress rule before 2014.

Demanding Revanth Reddy o answer to 40 lakh farmers, who had agriculture connections, Rao said that the Chief Minister should answer the people on their failure in providing power. Later, Harish Rao also addressed at "rythu polikeka" protest programme organised by Dubbak MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy at Habsipur in Dubbak, Rao said that the Congress government could not lift water from Kaleshwaram to this year enforcing the drought on farmers. He said that the Congress government could not take up an inch of canal work.



Governor Unveils Higher Education Renewal Journal

Hyderabad:How universities can renew their academic systems, respond to technological and global changes, and strengthen research and innovation constitutes the latest issue of the Telangana Journal of Higher Education (TJHE), released by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday.

The Volume 2, Issue 1 (January-June 2026) issue, titled "Universities in the Twenty-First Century: Renewal, Reforms and Roadmaps," is an international, peer-reviewed biannual journal published by the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE). It focuses on contemporary issues and emerging developments in higher education.

Releasing the journal, Shukla said academic platforms such as TJHE give scholars, teachers, researchers and policymakers an opportunity to deliberate on emerging challenges, exchange knowledge and explore innovative approaches to advance higher education.

The Governor appreciated TGCHE chairman Prof. V. Balakista Reddy and his team for promoting research, academic



scholarship and informed discourse through the journal. He also appreciated the council's initiatives to strengthen research culture and academic excellence in Telangana.

Shukla expressed the hope that TJHE would contribute to "evidence-based research and policy dialogue" and emerge as a significant scholarly platform for higher education in Telangana and beyond.

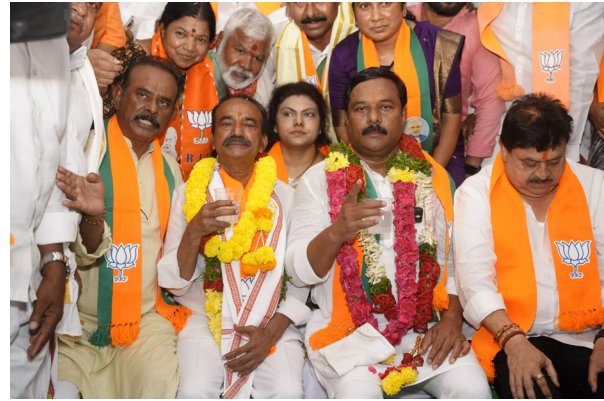
Reddy said the journal reflected TGCHE's commitment to strengthening research culture, promoting academic excellence and facilitating meaningful policy dialogue in higher education. TGCHE secretary Prof. Sriram Venkatesh was also present.

Reddy also briefed the Governor about the Research Education Advancement Conclave in Hyderabad (REACH Conclave), scheduled for September 26. The conclave will bring higher education institutions and other stakeholders together to discuss research, innovation, collaboration and the future of higher education. According to TGCHE, the conclave aims to strengthen the state's higher education, research and innovation ecosystem.

BJP Demands Judicial Probe Into 22A Land Listings

HYDERABAD: The Telangana BJP staged a maha dharna demanding a judicial inquiry by a High Court judge into the Section 22A listings that placed farmers' and private land in the prohibited category under the Bhu-Bharathi portal. The party alleged that thousands of crores in land deals were diverted to benami firms of revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, leaving lakhs of landowners unable to sell property or secure loans.

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy charged the Congress with turning Telangana into a "Revanth Reddy-Rahul Gandhi private limited real estate company" to fund political expenses. He alleged that patta lands with house permissions and utilities were being pushed into the prohibited list



to aid "land mafia" and criticised the sale of housing board sites, park lands and endowment properties under auctions.

Kishan Reddy claimed the Congress regime was collecting 30 per cent commissions to remove lands from the list, and said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was coordinating with collectors on "which lands to sell". He warned that BJP would recover every rupee and restore justice to affected farmers, workers and students.

BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao said the Bhu-Bharathi

system had worsened hardships for farmers and the middle class by arbitrarily tagging homes and agricultural lands as prohibited. He alleged that the earlier BRS regime took 15 per cent commissions, while the present government was collecting 30 per cent, collapsing the revenue system and denying people credit.

Rao said nearly 50 lakh people were suffering as they could not sell land or obtain loans for education and marriages. He demanded a judicial inquiry, criticised the Assembly session being limited to two days,

and warned that BJP would fight "from the streets to the Assembly" until all affected lands were removed from the 22A list.

Party leaders including A.V.N. Reddy, Etala Rajender, D.K. Aruna, Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, Raghunandan Rao, Godam Nagesh, Dr K. Laxman, Bandaru Dattatreya, MLAs, MLCs and Kisan Morcha president Basva Lakshmi Narasiah joined the protest.

BJP floor leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy accused Srinivas Reddy of quid pro quo in land transactions to benefit his companies. He said the prohibited list had expanded from 16 lakh acres to 80 lakh acres, covering apartments, colonies and cultivated lands, and announced that BJP MPs, MLAs and MLCs would observe a fast before intensifying the agitation.

K. Venkat Reddy Skips CM's Meet, Fuels Cabinet Rumours

Nalgonda:Roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy's absence from a public meeting attended by Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy has fuelled rumours about his possible removal from the cabinet.

Venkat Reddy, who joined the Chief Minister for the inauguration of a 100-bed area hospital and laying of a foundation stone, skipped the public meeting citing important work in Hyderabad. His absence has become a talking point in political circles.

In contrast, Munugode MLA and Venkat Reddy's brother Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy attended the public meeting, moved closely with the Chief Minister on the dais and felicitated him. Raj Gopal Reddy has been lobbying for a Cabinet berth for two years and has openly expressed dissatisfaction over the party high command's failure to fulfil its promise to him.

Raj Gopal Reddy arrived in Nakrekal with a large convoy of vehicles, apparently mobilising supporters from Munugode. Whenever the Chief Minister mentioned Raj Gopal Reddy's name, the venue reverberated with cheers from his supporters, indicating that he had brought a sizeable following to showcase his strength. The political developments at the meeting lent weight to speculation that Raj Gopal Reddy may secure a ministerial post in the forthcoming Cabinet expansion, possibly at the expense of his brother.





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NEPAL, A VICTIM OF FRAGILE ECOLOGY

Nepal's devastating floods, triggered by glacial collapse, present a poignant irony. The tiny Himalayan nation has been paying a disproportionate price for global warming, though it has not contributed significantly to the crisis. It is particularly vulnerable to natural disasters because of its fragile ecology, while the climate change crisis, caused by greenhouse gas emissions and human activities, has further worsened the situation. This is despite the fact that Nepal produces less than 0.1% of global emissions. The August 26 floods have left a trail of death and destruction, with the search still on for missing persons and the death toll rising by the day. It is estimated that the country, already reeling under an economic crisis and political instability, would need \$4-5 billion for reconstruction. This is equivalent to one-tenth of a national economy that depends on remittances and tourism. Without help from countries like India and China, it cannot recover from the catastrophe. Climate change is altering the geology of glaciers, permafrost, and glacial lakes across the Himalayas, creating potential ticking time bombs. The latest tragedy has underscored the need for international cooperation to handle crises of such magnitude. India, China and other countries, along with international universities, research institutions and hazard-monitoring agencies, should become permanent partners. In an eloquent write-up, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor explained how the Nepal floods came as a devastating reminder of the fragile, interconnected ecological reality of Himalayan Asia and called for establishing an institutionalised tripartite mechanism among India, Nepal and China dedicated exclusively to ecological protection, real-time hydrological information-sharing, and joint climate adaptation efforts.

Arguing that designing such an institutional framework requires a clear-eyed assessment of the region's historical track record regarding ecological transparency, he rightly pointed out that cooperation between upper-riparian and lower-riparian states in the Himalaya has historically been uneven, reactive, and constrained by national security secrecy. Both India and Nepal have repeatedly voiced dissatisfaction with the quality, frequency, and timeliness of hydrological and geological data shared by China. The mounting toll of the floods is a grim reminder of the region's precarity. It underscores how a disturbance in higher altitudes can swiftly become a downstream catastrophe. Landslides, avalanches, and erratic rainfall can trigger cascading events. Several studies, including Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, have documented the retreat of glaciers in the rapidly warming Himalaya. The meltwater accumulates in glacial lakes, which can suddenly burst, sending enormous volumes of water and debris down narrow valleys. Over the years, Beijing's approach to sharing hydrological data during the monsoon season has been governed largely by transactional, bilateral MoUs rather than automatic, open-data commitments. Lower-riparian nations have often been left in the dark during critical moments. Even existing bilateral mechanisms between India and Nepal have frequently suffered from inadequate instrumentation in remote high-altitude zones, and a lack of an integrated early-warning architecture.

PRC, Increment Resolution in Two Years: Revanth Assures Teachers

Vikarabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, speaking at a Teachers' Day event held at the Government Junior College in Kodangal in the district, assured teachers that if they cooperate for two years, his government will resolve all their pending issues, including PRC (Pay Revision Commission) and increments.

He affirmed that the State Government will introduce a new Education Policy soon. Stating that the government was taking big initiatives to provide quality education, skill upgradation and innovation, the Chief Minister called upon the entire teaching community to dedicate to strengthen the education system in accordance with the goals set by the state government.

The CM asserted that Teachers are the ones who lay the foundation for students' futures and commended the teaching community for dedicating their invaluable time to the students' future.

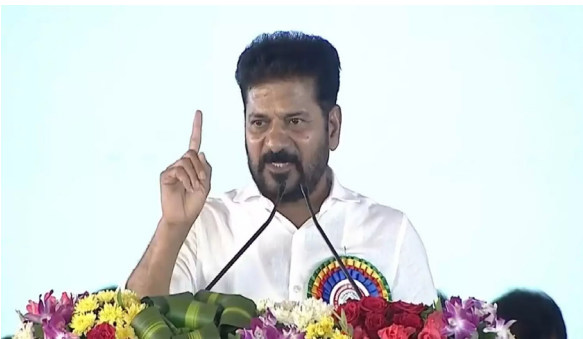
The Chief Minister urged the teachers to work hard with a resolve to make Telangana a role model for the country in providing quality education in the next 2 years. "Let us mould Telangana into a guiding force for the nation's education system. The good work we are doing deserves to be discussed at the national level"

Being an Education Minister also, the CM appealed to the teachers to stop protests as the government is ready to resolve the pending issues. "No need for the teachers to take to the streets. I am moving forward with the intention of effectively resolving the teachers' issues".

CM Revanth Reddy assured that he would take the responsibility of resolving every small issue of the teachers. The Chief Minister warned the teachers not to fall into the trap of opposition parties. "Give me two years. I will resolve your issues based on financial feasibility. It is not a good sign for the state if teachers take to the streets. If your issues are not resolved in 2 years, teachers will have freedom to give marks in the election exam" .

The CM slammed the previous BRS government for ruining the state economy with an 8.50 lakh crore mounting debt burden on the state exchequer. The last government raised the retirement age to 60 without paying retirement benefits. When the retired employees were facing a lot of trouble, the BRS leaders were sleeping in their farmhouse. The people's government has already paid ₹6,000 crore towards retirement benefits in just 2 years.

CM Revanth Reddy urged the teachers not to change their opinion about the government, which has been working for their welfare. We implemented the PRC immediately upon coming to power and are now demanding another PRC. "We are addressing the teachers' grievances by establishing an Education Commission and also working towards formulating an education policy.



The Chief Minister criticized the KCR government for devastating the education system during the ten-year rule. "Let us steer the devastated education system towards progress, and the responsibility lies in teachers' hands. We want to impart education to students from nursery to Class 12, and then teach them skills".

The CM praised the teachers for moving the Telangana State from the 28th position to the 17th after the people's government assumed office. This was made possible through the hard work of teachers. Student enrollment in government schools has also increased by 88,000 over the past two years. The Chief Minister attributed the success to the people of Telangana state.

CM Revanth Reddy emphasized that the government education system—from nursery to Class 12—should be strengthened on par with the private sector.

The Chief Minister warned that the opposition parties were spreading false propaganda on polytechnic colleges and trying to blackmail the government. "We are ready to resolve the issues as the government's doors are always open. Let us all rededicate ourselves to strengthening public education"

Further, the CM said that Polytechnic colleges recorded 95 per cent admissions, which is a testament to Telangana advancing rapidly in technical education. CM Revanth Reddy reiterated that the government is firmly committed to fostering education, jobs, and employment opportunities alongside welfare and development.

The Chief Minister highlighted the measures taken to strengthen the education sector, which included the appointment of competent individuals as Vice-Chancellors of universities to shape the students' future, filling 10,006 teacher posts through DSC within 55 days, giving promotions to 25,950 teachers, transferring 34,706 teachers without a single dispute, and also resolving the issue regarding GO 317. The state government was also sending teachers to foreign countries on a study tour and presenting awards to 123 teachers who excelled in the service, the CM said.

Free Eco-Friendly Ganesha Workshop for Kids in Nallagandla; Limited Seats

Hyderabad: The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation and Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS) are jointly organising a hands-on eco-friendly Ganesha idol-making workshop for children aged 6–16 years. The workshop will be held on September 5 from 10 am to 12 noon at Ashoka Vanam Rock Garden in Nallagandla. The main aim of this is to promote creativity, environmental responsibility and sustainable festive celebrations among children. Participants will get an opportunity to make their own Ganesha idols using natural and eco-friendly materials. There is no entry fee and all required materials will be provided. However, registrations are limited.



Khairatabad Ganesh idol: 69-foot eco-friendly Panchamukha Ganapati taking shape

Hyderabad: More than 150 artisans from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Tamil Nadu are working on a 69-foot-tall, eco-friendly Panchamukha Sankatahara Maha Ganapati idol at Khairatabad for the coming Vinayaka Chaturthi festivities.

Khairatabad Ganesh Utsava Committee Convener G Sandeep Raj said the idol is being made entirely from eco-friendly materials using 30 tonnes of natural river clay transported from Rajasthan. "The water-soluble clay, sourced mainly from Banas river banks near Nathdwara, is blended with 20 tonnes of locally available sand from Hyderabad to make a paste," he said.

Odisha-based clay idol specialist Joga Rao, who is leading the sculpting, said the clay's smooth texture allows artisans to shape Lord Ganesha's trunk, ears and crown without extensive filtering. Rao has worked with the committee for five years and helped produce its tallest idol.

More than 25 tonnes of steel, including mesh sourced from Secunderabad, form the standing idol,



- from Rajasthan
- 20 tonnes of locally available sand
- 25 tonnes of steel
- 70 bundles of dried paddy straw
- Water based and organic colours for finish
- Idol to be ready by September 12

which has five heads, six hands and a trunk, and is blessed by a five-headed serpent.

Over 70 bundles of dried paddy straw from Yadadri district were layered over the metal mesh to strengthen the structure for transportation to Hussain Sagar Lake, Sandeep said.

More than 25 painters worked around the clock for three days, using water-based and organic colours to complete the idol.

The Panchamukha Sankatahara Maha Ganapati idol will be ready to open to the general public by September 12, an Utsava Committee member said.

Khairatabad Ganesh Idol: 69 feet in height 30 tonnes of natural river clay



India Rises From 'Fragile Five': PM

New Delhi: Sprinkling his address liberally with Gen Z-friendly phrases such as "OG", and referring to the 'Dhurandhar' Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to Delhi University's Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) 13 years after his last speech there which gained immense traction and asserted that that India was not only growing at 7.8 per cent but also creating employment opportunities despite wars and disruptions. This demonstrated the country's strength, Modi said, and added said that those responsible for pushing the economy into the "Fragile Five" in 2014 could not digest it.

Addressing the SRCC centenary celebrations, Modi, frequently referring to his speech of 2013 as then Gujarat Chief Minister, also said that those who once spread terror have been silenced. Today if Pakistan commits any misdeed, the Indian Army would strike back on their own soil. He said from Jammu and Kashmir to the Northeast, there is peace and Naxalism has been dismantled.

Praising the SRCC's alumni, Modi said: "If I put it in your language, the alumni here are the OGs." He also said: "Dhurandhar na ho lekin dhoom machai hei (They may not be the stalwarts, but they have made a splash)".

Recalling that the country was struggling on every front in 2013, Modi said corruption, terrorism and inflation were unchecked, but India was now far more secure economically and socially.

However, some people's frustration was increasing after seeing this, he said. "For such people, I had given a homoeopathy dose from the Red Fort (during Independence Day address)... 'dimagi Naxal'.

"When I said 'dimagi Naxal', all such people came to the forefront and started criticising me. People who were promoting dimagi Naxalism, their true colour can be witnessed by the people," he said.

The Prime Minister said the world was at that time worried about India's policy paralysis before the 2014 polls, but today was talking about India's policy dynamism.

Modi said that in other words, India is not only growing, but also creating employment opportunities. "They once called us the 'Fragile Five'. Today, they are talking about India as the fastest-growing major economy," he said.

"In 2013, when I came to SRCC, I presented a vision. Whatever I said back then was my conviction... I gave the example of a glass filled with water. Some people see the glass as half full... It was a time when the country was lacking hope. So I said, 'I see the glass as fully filled'," he said. "Those who saw the glass as half empty in 2013, when I had visited the SRCC, still chose to see it the same way today.

"India's 7.8 per cent growth has also come at a time when the war in West Asia is ongoing and when disruptions related to trade have persisted. Achieving such growth during that time demonstrates India's strength," he said, referring to GDP growth rate for April-June quarter.

He said that in the past six years, the country had faced many challenges, be it Covid or the conflicts in West Asia, and every time, it was said that PM Modi would not be able to survive these challenges. "But India has such immense capability that the wishes of those who want to see India fail are repeatedly being left unfulfilled," he said.

Modi said that 13 years ago, the seniors of the present generation of students could not dream of doing many things, but today, the current generation is dreaming big because India has created the eco-system to achieve those dreams.

"I am happy that you are all ambitious. Ambition comes from the environment around you. Today, you talk about start-ups, becoming entrepreneurs and bringing innovation to agriculture," he said.

Outside the campus, the prime minister said, the students will find two types of people—"those who positively transform the power of society into the power of the nation and the others who turn into angry uncles (naraz fufa) as soon as any work begins".

He said such "negative people's favourite activity is to oppose every task and they have just one dialogue – Why do we need this'."

The Prime Minister said in 2013, when he talked about 'Make in India', people in that ecosystem thought it was not possible, and they still mock 'Make in India'.

"But now, you are witnessing the brand value of Make in India. Today, every person has a smartphone. Made in India smartphones are reaching every corner of the world. In 2014, India used to import mobile phones. Today, India is exporting mobile phones worth more than ₹2.5 lakh crore," he said.

Modi said India will have its own space station, and everyone will witness that day too. "When India one day hosts such Olympics that the world will be left in awe. These are not mere words; these are resolutions, and work is underway in the country to turn these resolutions into reality," he said.

Insult to former Kuda Chairperson

Kuda officials who did not organize the farewell program
New Chairperson takes oath in a hurry
Former Kuda Chairperson avoids taking oath
Discussion in district Congress circles that all the old TDP lead-
ers have united
Is it an insult to the leaders who have been holding the party for
years?

Achcha Congress..Green Congress political controversy is inten-
sifying in the district of Warangal

Warangal : The re-
cent issue in the state
Congress is that the
Achcha Congress..
Green Congress is in
line with the campaign
of some leaders. The
actions of key leaders
who have newly joined
the party are in line
with the air of the lead-
ers who have come to
the party. The old
cadre is getting angry
that the support of key
leaders in the high
command is also for
them.

The political contro-
versy of ‘Achcha Con-
gress’.. Green Con-
gress’ is getting worse
in the joint Warangal
District Congress.
Recently, after the
term of Inugala
Venkatram Reddy as
the chairman of Kuda
ended, there were al-
legations that no one
was given complete
information, and the
appointment of former
mayor Gundu
Sudharani as the new
chairperson of Kuda
and the hasty swear-
ing-in of her has now
become a topic of dis-
cussion in the district
Congress. Especially,
there is a lot of criti-
cism over the fact that
at least a farewell pro-
gram was not organ-
ized for former chair-
man Inugala
Venkatram Reddy.
Moreover, Venkatram
Reddy’s absence
from the swearing-in
of the new chairper-
son has gained politi-
cal significance. Al-
though the change of
post is a normal pro-
cess, the manner in
which it was followed
has opened up a new
debate in party circles.

Where is the pri-
ority for the old
cadre?

It is reported that



there is already dissat-
isfaction within the
party ranks that lead-
ers who have worked
for years with the Con-
gress despite not be-
ing in power are being
left with disappoint-
ment in terms of po-
sitions and recognition.
On the other hand,
there are opinions that
leaders who joined the
Congress from other
parties after the Con-
gress came to power
in the state are getting
key opportunities one
after another. It is re-
ported that old Con-
gress leaders are up-
set as the same issue
has come to the fore
regarding the post of
chairman. It seems
that some leaders are
commenting that if the
criticism that those
who have worked hard
for the party are being
given a big seat and
newcomers are being
given a big seat, it is
likely to have an im-
pact on future politics.

Party divided
into two factions in
the district

Some leaders are
alleging that the party
is divided into two fac-
tions in the unified
Warangal district. The
discussion that sev-
eral leaders who pre-
viously worked in the
TDP are now acting
as one faction in the
Congress has re-
cently gained momen-
tum. Allegations are
being made from an-
other faction in the
Congress that they
have the support of
several key leaders in



the high command,
and that is why their
words are given prior-
ity in terms of party
posts and government
nominated posts.
Some leaders are
analyzing the develop-
ments taking place in
the distribution of
posts from this per-
spective.

The ‘Achcha Con-
gress’.. Green Con-
gress’ controversy
seems to be intensify-
ing as the campaign
that the new leaders
who have joined the
party are increasing
and the dissatisfaction
that the leaders who
have been in the Con-
gress since the begin-
ning are losing impor-
tance are coming to-
gether. The political
equations that em-
erged during the
change of chairman
and the former
chairman’s stay away
from the program
have also added
strength to this dis-
cussion. It is reported
that some Congress
leaders are getting ir-
ritated as the behavior
of key leaders seems
to be in line with the
campaign. There is
also a view that it is
a loss to bring internal
differences into open
discussion at a time
when the party needs
to be strengthened.
Will the joint Warangal
Congress party further
widen the gap be-
tween the old and new
leaders? This has be-
come an interesting
topic in current politi-
cal circles.

Women’s Economic Empowerment is
Government’s Goal : Minister Seethakka

Nagarkurnool: The
State government is
implementing several
programmes to en-
sure that women
achieve economic
self-reliance and be-
come financially inde-
pendent, Panchayat
Raj, Rural Develop-
ment and Women and
Child Welfare Minister
Dr Danasari Anasuya
Seethakka said on
Saturday.

Seethakka, along
with Excise, Tourism
and Cultural Affairs
Minister Jupally
Krishna Rao,
Nagarkurnool MP
Mallu Ravi and District
Collector Hemanta
Keshav Patil, laid foun-
dation stones for vari-
ous development
works, including road
and solar power
projects, in
Peddakothapally and
Kollapur mandals.
Later, addressing a
public meeting held at
Raja Bungalow in
Kollapur on the occa-
sion of the completion
of 1,000 days of the
Praja Palana govern-
ment, she said
women’s self-help
groups were being
strengthened by pro-
viding them with busi-
ness and self-employ-
ment opportunities in-
stead of limiting them
to savings and credit
activities.

She said SHG
members were being
entrusted with the
stitching and supply of
uniforms for
Anganwadi children
and school students,



thereby creating regu-
lar employment oppor-
tunities. Through
paddy procurement
activities undertaken
by women’s groups,
they earned around
Rs.2.53 crore as com-
mission income dur-
ing the Kharif season,
she said. The
government’s objec-
tive was to ensure that
every woman became
part of some business
or self-employment
activity.

The government
was also providing
opportunities for
women’s groups to
establish solar power
units. By using the
electricity generated
and selling the surplus
power, SHGs could
potentially earn be-
tween Rs.3 lakh and
Rs.5 lakh a month,
she said. She added
that Indira Mahila
Shakti Bhavans were
being constructed to
provide dedicated fa-
cilities for women’s
groups. A building and
district office were be-
ing constructed at the
district headquarters
at a cost of around
Rs.6 crore.

Seethakka said the
Congress government
had introduced free
bus travel for women
within 48 hours of as-
suming office. She
stressed that women
should move beyond
household responsi-
bilities and actively
participate in eco-
nomic activities while
also advancing in so-
cial and political
spheres.

Minister Jupally
Krishna Rao said the
government was com-
mitted to the compre-
hensive development
of the Kollapur As-
sembly constituency.
Around Rs.500 crore
had been sanctioned
for the development of
roads under the
Roads and Buildings
and Panchayat Raj
departments, with an-
other Rs.100 crore
being proposed for
road works, he said.
Around Rs.50 crore
was being spent on
strengthening the
power supply system
in the constituency.

He said an Inte-
grated School was
being established at
Jetpole to benefit

around 2,500 stu-
dents, with an esti-
mated construction
cost of Rs.200 crore.
The works would be
completed before the
next academic year,
he said. The govern-
ment was also sup-
porting women’s
groups through inter-
est-free loans, solar
units and RTC buses
to create sustainable
income opportunities.

Jupally said steps
were being taken to
develop tourism po-
tential in Kollapur and
to construct cultural
buildings and sports
stadia at the mandal
level. Under the
Indiramma housing
scheme, eligible poor
families were being
provided financial as-
sistance of up to Rs.5
lakh per house, he
said.

He also stressed
the need to create
awareness among
people, particularly
youth, about drug
abuse and other so-
cial issues through
cultural programmes.
He advised people to
maintain financial dis-

cipline, control unnec-
essary expenditure
and cultivate the habit
of saving. He also
urged people to focus
on preventive
healthcare and make
time for exercise, yoga
and meditation. Youth
and women should
use mobile phones
and social media for
education, skill devel-
opment, employment
and business opportu-
nities, rather than
merely for entertain-
ment, he said.

Later, the ministers
and MP distributed
cheques for Rs.175
crore in interest-free
loans to women’s self-
help groups in the
Kollapur constituency.
Sheep and country
chicken chicks were
also distributed to
members of women’s
groups in various
mandals.

A cultural play on
the theme “Do not fall
into debt by spending
extravagantly”, pre-
sented under the
Telangana Cultural
Department on the in-
structions of Minister
Jupally Krishna Rao,
received appreciation
from the audience.

District Collector
Hemanta Keshav
Patil, Additional Col-
lector Deva Sahayam,
RDO Bansilal,
Kollapur Municipal
Chairperson Reddy
Jyothi, officials from
various departments
and public representa-
tives were among
those who attended
the programme

Teachers Are the Architects of an Equitable Society

Teachers should constantly encourage students and guide them towards the right path
Practical knowledge should be given priority in the AI era
— District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra said that teach-
ers play a crucial role in shaping students’ futures by
providing them with knowledge and skills, along with
the strength and confidence to face life’s challenges.
He described teachers as the architects of an equi-
table society and urged them to constantly encourage
students and guide them towards a positive and rig-
teous path.

The Collector attended the National Teachers’ Day
celebrations held at the Collectorate conference hall
on Saturday evening as the chief guest. The
programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial
lamp and floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli
Radhakrishnan. The Vande Mataram and Telangana
State songs were also sung on the occasion.

Speaking at the event, the Collector said that in the
present era of Artificial Intelligence (AI), practical knowl-
edge is as important as academic knowledge. He ad-
vised students not to limit themselves to studying text-
books merely to score marks in examinations, but to
develop the ability to apply what they learn to real-life
situations. He noted that skilled human resources are
the key driving force behind the development of lead-
ing technology companies across the world, and that
teachers’ teaching and guidance lay the foundation for
such skills.

The Collector stressed the need to develop reading
habits among students. He encouraged teachers to
motivate students to read books and explore knowl-
edge resources on various subjects and topics. He said
teaching should focus on developing social awareness,
an inquisitive mindset, learning abilities and practical
thinking among students.

He urged teachers to continuously monitor, encour-
age and guide students so that they do not fall into bad
habits and instead follow the right path. He said teach-
ers have the responsibility of removing the darkness in
society through education and lighting the lamp of
knowledge.



The Collector appreciated the significant increase in student
enrolment in government educational institutions in the district
this year and the improvement in examination results. He called
upon teachers to continue working with the same dedication and
take the district further ahead in the field of education.

Later, the Collector congratulated the teachers selected for
the Best Teacher Awards on the occasion of National Teachers’
Day. He presented them with mementoes and certificates of ap-
preciation and felicitated them with shawls. He expressed his
wishes for them to achieve greater recognition and excellence at
the state and national levels as well.

District Education Officer Bhojann, DRO Ramesh Rathod,
District Intermediate Education Officer Parashuram, BC and SC
Welfare Department officials Srinivas and Dayanand, Govern-
ment Degree College Principal Sudhakar, representatives of vari-
ous teachers’ associations, teachers, officials and staff mem-
bers attended the programme.

Recognition for Distinguished Services
in Education.. Barla Srinivas Honoured as
District Best Teacher

From Kalwacharla to the District Level.. A Rare Honour
for Barla Srinivas

Peddapalli Correspondent September 05:

Peddapalli Barla Srinivas, Headmaster of
Krishnaveni Talent School in Kalwacharla vil-
lage of Ramagiri Mandal, has been selected
as the District-Level Best Teacher at the
Teachers’ Day Celebrations–2026 held at the
Peddapalli district headquarters.He was se-
lected in recognition of his distinguished ser-
vices in the field of education and for provid-
ing modern, corporate-level education to stu-
dents from rural backgrounds while encour-
aging creativity and developing new skills among them.On the occa-
sion, Peddapalli District Collector Sri Koya Sri Harsha and District Edu-
cation Officer Sharada felicitated Barla Srinivas with a shawl and pre-
sented him with a memento.Government Recognised Schools Asso-
ciation State Vice-President Yadagiri Goud, District Honorary President
Anja Reddy, District President Kandi Ravinder Reddy, Ramagundam
President A. Sammi Rao, Secretary Kotha Srinivas Reddy, School Cor-
respondent Chandupatla Tirupati Reddy, Directors Sridhar Babu and
Ranjith Reddy, along with the teaching staff and students, expressed
happiness over Barla Srinivas being selected as the District Best Teacher
and congratulated him on the achievement.



Massive Congress Bike Rally in Nirmal to Mark 1,000 Days of Praja Palana

Nirmal District Correspondent : A massive bike rally was organized by the Congress party in Nirmal district headquarters as part of the celebrations marking 1,000 days of Praja Palana (people’s governance). The rally was held with the objective of taking the welfare and development programmes being implemented by the Telangana Congress government under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to the people. A large number of Congress leaders, youth, and party workers participated in the rally.

The programme was attended by Nirmal District Congress Party President and Khanapur MLA Vedma Bhojju Patel, Nirmal Constituency Congress Party In-charge Kuchadi Srihari Rao, Mudhol Constituency In-charge Narayana Patel, former MLA Vital Reddy, and others as chief guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Kuchadi Srihari Rao said that after coming to power, the Congress government had undertaken several programmes aimed at the welfare of the people and the development of farmers, women, youth, and the poor. He said that the welfare schemes implemented during the 1,000 days of Praja Palana were



reaching the people. Srihari Rao urged people to compare the promises made by the previous BRS government during its ten-year rule with the programmes implemented by the present Congress government during its 1,000 days in office. He said the Congress government was fulfilling its electoral promises in a phased manner while giving priority to public welfare. “Congress Will Return to Power Again in the 2028 Elections” – Kuchadi Srihari Rao Congress leaders and party workers participated in the rally in large numbers on motorcycles and took the government’s welfare programmes to the people. The rally continued through Nirmal town in an enthusiastic atmosphere.

Minister Jupally’s Visit Arrangements Must Be Completed Meticulously: Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Correspondent : As District In-charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao is scheduled to visit Basara on Sunday and participate in the inauguration of various development works, District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to complete all arrangements for the visit in a foolproof manner.

On Saturday, the District Collector inspected the arrangements for the minister’s visit at the field level in Basara. He reviewed the arrangements at the Sri Gnana Saraswathi Temple and surrounding areas of the Godavari River and sought details from the concerned officials.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector instructed officials to complete all arrangements well in advance according to the programme schedule to avoid any inconvenience during the minister’s visit. He directed officials to pay special attention to parking, security, traffic regulation, sanitation, drinking water and electricity arrangements. He emphasized that officials of all concerned departments should work in coordination to make the minister’s visit successful and ensure that there were no lapses in the arrangements.

Later, District Collector Bhavesh Mishra inspected the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process at the Bhainsa Tahsildar’s office. He directed officials to complete the issuance of notices and subsequent procedures within the stipulated deadlines. He also instructed officials



to provide voters with the necessary information regarding the SIR process, clarify their doubts and extend full cooperation.

During the inspection, the Collector personally interacted with several voters, enquired about their doubts regarding the SIR process and clarified their concerns.

Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, Irrigation and R&B Executive Engineers Anil and Subhash, Horticulture Officer Ramana, Basara Temple EO Anjana Devi, Tahsildars Pavan Chandra and Shashi Bhushan, along with other officials and staff, participated in the programmes.

Orphan Girl from Tabitha Ashram Secures MBBS Seat Collector Koya Sriharsha’s Encouragement Helps Her Take a Major Step Towards Medical Education

Peddapalli Correspondant September 5:: V. Sandhya, an orphan girl who has been studying at Tabitha Ashram since Class 1, has secured an MBBS seat in a government medical college in Bhupalapally district, bringing pride to the institution. Sandhya scored an impressive 955 marks in Intermediate and aspired to pursue medical education. Recognising her potential and determination, Peddapalli District Collector Koya Sriharsha took special interest in supporting her goal and arranged online NEET coaching for her. While staying at Tabitha Ashram, Sandhya made effective use of the online coaching and worked hard with determination. Her efforts paid off as she secured an MBBS seat in the government medical college. Collector Koya Sriharsha congratulated Sandhya on her achievement and appreciated her dedication to education despite growing up under the care of the ashram. He said her success was a matter of great happiness and assured her of continued encouragement and support until she successfully completes her MBBS course. The Collector advised other children studying at Tabitha Ashram to take inspiration from Sandhya and strive for excellence in education. He said the government machinery would extend the necessary support for their educational development. Officials said Sandhya’s achievement would serve as an inspiration to other children at the ashram and demonstrated that talented students can achieve their goals with proper encouragement, guidance and determination. Relevant officials and others participated in the programme.



Casteism on Kharge: B’lore Cops File Zero FIR Against UT BJP Leaders

Bengaluru: The Vidhana Soudha Police in Bengaluru have registered a zero FIR against Uttarakhand BJP members and others over an alleged “purification ritual” conducted at Ramlila Ground in Haldwani after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge addressed a rally there.

The FIR was registered on August 31 following a complaint filed by T R Ramappa, former vice-chairman of the ST Department of the Indian National Congress. According to the complaint, Kharge, who is also the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, addressed a public rally at Ramlila Ground in Haldwani, Nainital district, on August 8.

The complainant described the gathering as a peaceful and lawful democratic assembly.

It was alleged that on August 10, BJP members and functionaries conducted a “purification ritual” or “Shuddhikkaran” at the same venue.

The complainant alleged that the ritual was intended to convey that Kharge’s presence had rendered the venue “impure” because he belongs to a Scheduled Caste community.

The complaint termed the act an insult and an offence under laws dealing with untouchability.

The complaint also named Uttarakhand BJP president Mahendra Bhatt for allegedly defending and justifying the ritual after it came under criticism.

Police have registered the case under Sections 7(1)(c), 7(1)(d) and 7(1)(e) of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, Section 3(1)(u) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and Section 196(1)(b) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, which deals with promoting enmity between different groups.

As the case has been registered as a zero FIR, it can be lodged at any police station irrespective of jurisdiction.

The Vidhana Soudha Police said the FIR will be transferred to the jurisdictional police station in Haldwani, Uttarakhand, for further investigation.



tion. The Bengaluru Police will not investigate the case, the officer said, adding that similar FIRs have been registered in at least eight places across the country in connection with the incident.

The development has triggered a political confrontation between the Congress and the BJP.

Kharge had raised the issue in the Rajya Sabha on August 13 and later wrote to the Leader of the House, JP Nadda, questioning the delay in registering an FIR over the incident.

In his letter, Kharge said the “purification” at the venue where he had addressed the rally was contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and human values, and linked the practice to untouchability.

He also drew a parallel with Dr B R Ambedkar’s Mahad Satyagraha of 1927, to secure the right of untouchables to access drinking water from the public Chawdar Tank in Mahad, Maharashtra.

Meanwhile, Haldwani Police had earlier registered an FIR against Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi based on a complaint alleging that he had given a casteist interpretation to what the organisers described as a routine religious ritual.

The Congress has termed the FIR against Rahul Gandhi an attempt to divert attention from the issue of the alleged purification ritual.

Students are suffering due to delay in release of fee reimbursement : T Harish Rao

Former Minister T Harish Rao alleged that delays in fee reimbursement had forced colleges to withhold certificates, leaving students unable to pursue postgraduate courses. He also criticised the government over college closures, Skill University plans and alleged police action against protesting students

Siddipet: Former Minister T Harish Rao said that many students could not join post graduation courses since the colleges have refused to issue certificates even after completing the degree, B-Tech, B-Pharmacy and other graduation courses. Since the Congress government failed to release any funds towards fee reimbursement during the last three years, Rao said that colleges have refused to issue certificates to students.

Stating that some pharmacy students had approached him when a private college management denied them certificates, the former minister said that the management said that they could not pay the salaries of the faculty due to delay in issuing funds. When he tried to convince them to issue certificates to students, the former minister said that they will be forced to close down the institutes if the government continued to ignore.

Rao, who participated in a protest organised by students in Siddipet town over the delay in release of fee reimbursement, said that the BRS government led by K Chandrashekhara Rao had



released the funds from time to time when the state was reeling under serious financial crisis during the Covid-19. He said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s ignorance had put the students at the risk of losing an academic year.

Due to the ignorance of the government, the former minister said that over 300 degree colleges were closed down including five colleges in Siddipet. Opposing the government’s move to merge polytechnic education in Skill University, he said that the students would lose many opportunities since the Skill University is being set up in PPP mode. Rao also warned that he would not tolerate if police behaved violently with the students whenever they organised protests.

BRS MLA Warns Minister Ponguleti At Pro-test Programme

HANAMKONDA: Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy has warned minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy for the latter’s remarks against BRS chief and former chief minister K. Chandrasekhara Rao.

“Minister Ponguleti should speak carefully. Otherwise, we will deal with you. Telangana is KCR’s stronghold,” Kaushik Reddy declared while addressing a “Vantavarpu” protest rally organised by the opposition BRS party at the Kamalapur mandal headquarters in Hanamkonda district on Friday.

The MLA charged that the Congress had promised to implement its Six Guarantees within 100 days, but had failed to fulfil them even after completing 1,000 days in office.

Kaushik Reddy alleged that attempts are being made to loot properties worth ₹2,000 crore at Vattinagulapally in Hyderabad. He accused the Congress government of blackmailing people by placing one lakh acres in Hyderabad on the blacklist.

The BRS MLA declared that Congress will not secure even single-digit seats in the next assembly elections and most of its contestants would lose their election deposits



US Open 2026 Day 7: Zverev, Rybakina headline third-round action

Alexander Zverev and Elena Rybakina headline Day 7 of the US Open 2026 as the third round continues in New York. Coco Gauff, Iga Swiatek, Naomi Osaka and Taylor Fritz are also in action, while Yuki Bhambri begins his doubles campaign

New York: Men’s singles top seed Alexander Zverev and women’s second seed Elena Rybakina will headline an action-packed Day 7 at the US Open 2026.

Zverev will face 25th seed Alejandro Tabilo in his third-round match, while Rybakina will take on Ukraine’s unseeded Yuliia Starodubtseva for a place in the pre-quarters as attention turns to the stars in New York.

Eyes will be on the top-seeded German Zverev as he heads into the third round after two five-setters, which have kept him on the court for nine hours and 26 minutes. The World No.2 has not lost to Tabilo in his two previous meetings with the Chilean, but given his previous two gruelling contests, an upset is not out of the question.

Meanwhile, Rybakina continues her quest for her maiden Flushing Meadows title and the World No.1 spot, both of which are currently held by Aryna Sabalenka. Rybakina has cruised past her opponents in her first two rounds and has lost her serve only once. She will look to avenge her loss to Starodubtseva from the French Open 2026 round 2, which was the only meeting between these two.

There will be much more in the pipeline in New York on Day 7 as the pre-quarterfinals approach. Fourth seed and home favourite Coco Gauff will face Cristina Bucsa in round 3, while 2022 champion Iga Swiatek will take on Marie Bouzkova for a place in the round of 16. Naomi Osaka, a two-time champion in New York, will resume her quest as she takes on Belgium’s Elise Mertens in round 3.

In the men’s singles, American star Taylor Fritz will face Francisco Cerundolo in round 3, while



fifth-seeded Flavio Cobolli will take on 28th-seeded Alexander Blockx for a place in the round of 16.

For India, Yuki Bhambri will kick off his campaign in the men’s doubles, partnering New Zealand’s Michael Venus for the clash against Ryan Seggerman and Patrik Trhac of the USA. Send Money Overseas

Check the schedule for Day 7:

Arthur Ashe Stadium
Starts at 9:00 PM IST

Men’s Singles (Round 3): [9] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs. [24] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)

Women’s Singles (Round 3) [Not before 11:00 PM IST]: Cristina Bucsa (ESP) vs. [4] Coco Gauff (USA)

Starts at 4:30 AM IST (Sun, Sept 6)

Women’s Singles (Round 3): [14] Iva Jovic (USA) vs. [17] Alexandra Eala (PHI)

Men’s Singles (Round 3): [1] Alexander Zverev (GER) vs. [25] Alejandro Tabilo (CHI)

Louis Armstrong Stadium
Starts at 8:30 PM IST

Women’s Singles (Round 3): [24] Anastasia Potapova (AUT) vs. [10] Amanda Anisimova (USA)

Men’s Singles (Round 3): [28] Alexander Blockx (BEL) vs. [5] Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

Starts at 4:30 AM IST (Sun, Sept 6)

Women’s Singles (Round 3): [13] Naomi Osaka (JPN) vs. [23] Elise Mertens (BEL)

Men’s Singles (Round 3): [17] Jakub Mensik (CZE) vs. [14] Learner Tien (USA)

Grandstand
Starts at 8:30 PM IST

Women’s Singles (Round 3): [22] Madison Keys (USA) vs. Qinwen Zheng (CHN)

Women’s Singles (Round 3): [8] Iga Swiatek (POL) vs. [25] Marie Bouzkova (CZE)

Men’s Singles (Round 3): Michael Zheng (USA) vs. Arthur Gea (FRA)

Women’s Singles (Round 3) [Not before 2:30 AM IST, Sun, Sept 6]: Yuliia Starodubtseva (UKR) vs. [2] Elena Rybakina (KAZ)

Stadium 17
Women’s Singles (Round 3): [5] Mirra Andreeva vs. Nikola Bartunkova (CZE)

Men’s Singles (Round 3): Karen Khachanov vs. Benjamin Bonzi (FRA)

Men’s Singles (Round 3) [Not before 2:00 AM IST, Sun, Sept 6]: [31] Zizou Bergs (BEL) vs. Botic van de Zandschulp (NED)

Court 5
Men’s Singles (Round 3): [21] Luciano Darderi (ITA) vs. Dane Sweeny (AUS)

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Court 11
Men’s Doubles, 1st Round – Yuki Bhambri/Michael Venus (NZL) vs Ryan Seggerman (USA)/Patrik Trhac (USA) – 8:30 p.m.

Serena and Venus Williams Lose in Their Return to US Open Doubles

New York: Serena and Venus Williams are out of the U.S. Open women’s doubles after losing in a match tiebreaker.

The sisters blew a 5-0 lead in the 10-point tiebreaker and lost 6-3, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (10-7) on Friday night to Hao-Ching Chan and Maya Joint.

It was the first U.S. Open match since 2022 at the Grand Slam tournament the sisters won twice. They pulled out the second set in a tiebreaker, battled back from 4-1 down in the third set to tie it, but then faltered late.

Serena came back to tennis this year at 44. Venus has continued to play on tour at 46.

Perhaps it was their



ages, could have been Serena’s long layoff, or maybe it was nerves. But both double-faulted during the tiebreaker after they had played so brilliantly late in the third set and then in the first few points of the tiebreaker.

Serena ended up losing to Joint for the second time this summer. She fell to the Australian in three sets at Wimbledon in her return to singles play, and she and Venus then had to pull out of their doubles match after Serena hurt her knee.

That delayed their return until New York, where they won in 1999 and 2009 and are now 27-8 in their 10 appearances.



‘Always special feeling at Chepauk’: Tilak Varma excited for Duleep Trophy final

South Zone captain Tilak Varma is excited to play the Duleep Trophy final against East Zone at Chennai’s MA Chidambaram Stadium. Recalling fond memories at Chepauk, including his T20 World Cup performance, Tilak said he is eagerly awaiting the crowd

Chennai: South Zone captain Tilak Varma said it was a “really special” feeling to be at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai for the Duleep Trophy final against East Zone as he looks to guide his team to the title.

Tilak heaped praise on the crowd at Chepauk, highlighting his “good memories” at the venue.

“We have got great memories here, and the ground has been very historic. When you come to Chennai, the first thing that always comes to mind is Mahibhai. And at the same time, I have got very good memories here,” Tilak said in a video posted by BCCI Domestic.

“The Chennai crowd, they really support me well. Whether I was playing for Mumbai Indians or for India, the crowd has shown me great love. So that is a good sign



for me,” he added. Send Money Overseas

Tilak can look back on his time at Chepauk with good memories. It was at this very ground that he scored a blistering 16-ball 44 in the T20 World Cup 2026 Super Eight clash against Zimbabwe, which rejuvenated his campaign.

“And I have got good memories here in the World Cup against Zimbabwe. I think I would say that is my comeback match. From there, I was feeling slightly low in the first two games.

“But from here, when I charged up against Zimbabwe, I

was on a different level in my batting and in my confidence as well. In one India match, my jersey number is 72, and I have scored 72 here, and I have won the game. It was against England,” he added.

He highlighted that playing the Duleep Trophy final in front of an expected strong crowd would be really special, as the teams played their previous match without fans at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) ground in Bengaluru.

“So I have got a few memories here. It always feels special to me when I am in Chepauk. It is really

special playing in the Duleep Trophy final.

“We have missed playing in front of the crowd in the last game. But again, now playing the final in Chepauk, I am expecting that there will be a lot of crowd. So it will be really special because I always wait for that crowd when I come to Chennai.

“I love that crowd. They give that love to me as well. I am really waiting for that,” he concluded.

East Zone will take on South Zone in the final of the prestigious Duleep Trophy from Sunday, with the title at stake.

East Zone are looking for their first Duleep Trophy title since 2012-13, when they defeated Central Zone in the final to lift their second trophy. South Zone have been far more successful, having won 12 titles, with their last coming in 2023.

Afghanistan T20Is: Srikanth questions India’s full-strength squad, urges youngsters’ inclusion

Former India captain Krishnamachari Srikanth has criticised India’s full-strength squad for the Afghanistan T20I series, saying selectors should have used the opportunity to test youngsters. He also questioned the match-fitness of returning players Jasprit Bumrah, Harshit Rana and others.

New Delhi: Former India captain Krishnamachari Srikanth believes the upcoming T20I series against Afghanistan should have been used to expand India’s pool of young players rather than rely on established names, arguing that recent defeats may have influenced the selectors to prioritise results over experimentation.

India are scheduled to face Afghanistan in a three-match T20I series in Delhi from September 13, with the squad also set to form the core of the team for the Asian Games in Japan later this month. The selection has brought Jasprit Bumrah, Harshit Rana, Nitish Kumar Reddy and Washington Sundar back into the mix despite questions surrounding their match fitness.

For Srikanth, the bigger concern is not the quality of the players picked but what their selection indicates about India’s approach to a series that could have offered opportunities to youngsters.

“After the series losses in Ireland and England, the selectors have decided not to take a chance and picked a full-strength squad for Afghanistan. They are going all guns blazing, but this is a mistake. It’s against teams like Afghanistan that you should try out youngsters. Instead, you’ve picked a full-strength squad out of fear,” Srikanth said on his YouTube channel.



India’s recent T20I results appear to have shaped that thinking. The side endured a difficult overseas stretch under Shreyas Iyer, losing all six completed matches in Ireland and England. A second-string Indian team subsequently responded with a 3-0 series sweep of Zimbabwe in July.

Srikanth feels the response to those setbacks has been excessive, with the Afghanistan squad resembling the group selected for the England assignment.

“It feels like a desperation move after the Ireland and England losses. But this squad is almost the same as the one they picked for England.”

The former captain also turned his attention to the fitness status of four returning players. Rather than questioning their credentials, he argued that competitive readiness cannot be established solely through training at the Bengaluru Centre of Excellence.

“These four have not proved match-fitness. So on what basis are they subject to fitness? Just because you prove your fitness at the Bengaluru CoE, are you fit? That’s how Harshit Rana went to England, and then what happened to him there? So match-fitness is important,” opined Srikanth.

Rana and Reddy, in particular, remain players Srikanth rates highly in the shortest format. His objection, he stressed, is about the timing of their selection rather than their ability.

“This is not a question of ability. Harshit Rana has proved to be a very good bowler in T20s, and Nitish Kumar Reddy is brilliant in the short format. But why pick them without match-fitness being proven is the question,” Srikanth said.

‘Lust Stories 3’ to stream on Netflix from September 18

‘Lust Stories 3’ will premiere on Netflix on September 18, featuring four short films directed by Vikramaditya Motwane, Kiran Rao, Shakun Batra and Vishal Bhardwaj. The anthology explores love, lust, relationships, intimacy and repressed desire through contemporary perspectives

Mumbai: The third instalment of Netflix’s popular anthology franchise “Lust Stories”, featuring four short films from filmmakers Vikramaditya Motwane, Kiran Rao, Shakun Batra and Vishal Bhardwaj, will premiere on September 18, the streamer announced on Saturday.

Produced by RSVP and Flying Unicorn Entertainment, “Lust Stories 3” will explore stories of love, lust, relationships and repressed desire through deeply personal and contemporary lenses, Netflix said in a statement.

The anthology boasts an ensemble cast comprising Radhika Apte, Konkona Sen Sharma, Aditi Rao Hydari, Radhika Madan, Sana Thampi, Vijay Varma, Abhishek Banerjee, Siddharth, Ali Fazal and Gurfateh Pirzada.

Ruchikaa Kapoor Sheikh, director, original films, Netflix India, said the franchise has endured because of its ability to reinvent itself with every instalment.Download Interactive Maps

“What gives ‘Lust Stories’ its enduring appeal is its ability to reinvent itself. Each chapter begins with a shared human impulse and arrives at a completely different emotional truth. Here, desire opens a window into power, vulnerability, agency, compromise, and the things people struggle to say aloud,” she said.

The four filmmakers bring distinct perspectives to the theme while allowing audiences to interpret the relationships through the lens of their own experiences, Kapoor Sheikh added.

Ronnie Screwvala, producer at RSVP, said the anthology has evolved with every edition while reflecting the changing nuances of relationships and modern intimacy.

“With every edition, ‘Lust Stories’ has challenged conventions by bringing together exceptional filmmakers to tell deeply human stories. Over the years, the anthology has continued to evolve, reflecting the changing nuances of relationships and the many shades of modern intimacy,” he said.

Ashi Dua, producer at Flying Unicorn Entertainment, said the stories are different in tone and perspective but are united by their honesty and vulnerability.

The franchise began with “Lust Stories” in 2018, which brought together Anurag Kashyap, Zoya Akhtar, Dibakar Banerjee and Karan Johar to direct four short films exploring themes of love, intimacy and desire.

The anthology went on to earn international recognition and was nominated for the International Emmy Awards.

Its sequel, “Lust Stories 2”, was released on Netflix in 2023 and featured films directed by R Balki, Konkona Sen Sharma, Amit Ravindernath Sharma and Sujoy Ghosh.

“Lust Stories 3” has been written by Kiran Rao, Tanaji Dasgupta, Avinash Sampath, Sumukhi Suresh, Shakun Batra, Sameeha Sabnis, Ashwathi Namboodiri, Nitesh Bhatia, Utkarshini Vashishtha and Vishal Bhardwaj.



Venkatesh, Kalyan Ram shoot dance number for Anil Ravipudi’s January 12 Vidudala

Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram have shot a dance number for Anil Ravipudi’s upcoming entertainer January 12 Vidudala in Mysuru. Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty were also spotted at the shoot, while the film continues progressing at a brisk pace.

Hyderabad: The unit of director Anil Ravipudi’s eagerly awaited entertainer, ‘January 12 Vidudala’, featuring actors Venkatesh and Nandamuri Kalyan Ram in the lead, has now shot a foot-tapping dance number in Mysuru.Download Interactive Maps

Sources close to the unit of the film said that all four lead actors — Venkatesh, Kalyan Ram, Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty were spotted at the shooting spot in Mysuru.

Actor Sriraman, who is also part of the film, too took to his X timeline to share his delight about being in a song choreographed by Brinda master after eight years.

Shine Screens, the production house producing the film, had taken to its social media timelines to announce the title announcement video. The title announcement video began on a nostalgic note, paying tribute to legendary filmmaker EVV Satyanarayana with a hilarious reference to popular comedy sequence from Appula Appa Rao. EVV remains one of the biggest inspirations for Anil Ravipudi, and the filmmaker once again showcased his admiration for the veteran director in his own unique style. The tribute seamlessly led to the title reveal, setting the comic tone for what followed.

The video featured Venkatesh, Kalyan Ram, Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty approaching Anil Ravipudi and asking him about the title of their film. Without any hesitation, the director replies, “Janu-



ary 12 Vidudala.” The actors, however, are left confused and quickly clarify that they are asking for the title, not the release date. What follows is a hilarious exchange filled with confusion and witty banter, before he finally reveals that January 12 Vidudala is indeed the official title of the movie.

Only a few days ago, the makers had released the first look of actor Venkatesh as Lt. Colonel Venkat Reddy in the film. The first look was revealed on the occasion of the star completing 40 glorious years in the film industry.

The poster showed Venkatesh in an Indian Army camouflage uniform, sporting sunglasses and a scarf, standing beside a rugged SUV. His composed stance and intense styling establish the image of a strict military officer.Download Interactive Maps

The poster identified Venkatesh as Lt. Colonel Venkat Reddy, serving in the Indian Army and specialising in counter-terrorism and hostage nego-

tiation. The Army insignia and crossed-swords emblem in the backdrop reinforced the military setting.

The combination of Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram is expected to be a major attraction, as their contrasting personalities and lively camaraderie are set to bring an exciting dimension to Anil Ravipudi’s trademark brand of entertainment.

Produced by Sahu Garapati under the Shine Screens banner, the film is being presented by Suresh Productions Archana, and Zee Studios.

Sources say that work on the much-awaited film was progressing at a brisk pace and that the prestigious project was shaping up as a grand-scale entertainer.

Keerthy Suresh stars opposite Venkatesh in the film, while Krithi Shetty is paired with Kalyan Ram. The film brings together an accomplished technical team, with GV Prakash Kumar composing its music, Sameer Reddy handling cinematography, Tammiraju taking care of the editing, and AS Prakash designing the production. S Krishna serves as the executive producer.

Mohanlal’s L367 officially titled ‘Operation Ganga’

Chennai: The makers of Malayalam superstar Mohanlal’s upcoming film, tentatively being referred to as L367 and directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, on Saturday announced that the film had now been officially titled ‘Operation Ganga’

‘Operation Ganga’ refers to India’s evacuation mission launched to bring back Indian citizens, including thousands of students, who were stranded in Ukraine following the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war.

‘Operation Ganga’, which has the tagline ‘A Nation’s Promise’ will be a film on one of the most daring and intriguing operations on international borders by India.

Apart from Malayalam superstar Mohanlal, the film will also feature Bollywood star Arjun Rampal, actress Bhagyashri Borse, and actors Parthiban & Adil Hussain in pivotal roles.

The film is directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, who is best known for having directed the devotional blockbuster ‘Meppadiyan’.

‘Operation Ganga’ also boasts of an extraordinarily talented technical team. The technical crew includes cinematographer Miroslaw Kuba Brozek, known for having shot the blockbusters ‘Pushpa 1’ and ‘Pushpa 2’ and production designer Rajeevan, who is best known for having worked in critically acclaimed films such as ‘GOAT’, ‘Meiyazhagan’, ‘Amaran’ and ‘Kathanar’. The film will have its stunts choreographed by action director Sea Young Oh, known for his work in ‘Dhurandhar’ and ‘Kill’. Music composer Shashwat Sachdev, following the success of the pan-Indian film ‘Dhurandhar’, is scoring the music for ‘Operation Ganga’.

Produced by Gokulam Gopalan under the banner of Sree Gokulam Movies, Operation Ganga’s crew also includes editor Shameer Mohammed and sound designer Bishwadeep Chatterjee, best known for his work in ‘Dhurandhar’, ‘Uri’, ‘3 Idiots’ and ‘Padmaavat’.

VFX for the film will be overseen by K. V. Sanjit. ‘Lokah’ Costume Director Melvy J will be in-charge of costume design for this film and makeup will be by Ronex Xavier.

The film is produced by Gokulam Gopalan, with Baiju Gopalan and V. C. Praveen as co-producers and Krishnamoorthy as executive producer.



Actresses Can Be Powerful Villains Too, Says Hemanth Madhukar

Malayalam actress Swaswika Vijay recently took on a character with negative shades in Irumudi and won appreciation for her performance as a ruthless teacher who sends shivers down the spines of students at her school. Director Hemanth Madhukar believes roles like these can open up exciting possibilities for actresses.

“Why can’t actresses take up roles with dark shades?” asks Hemanth Madhukar, who believes women are equally capable of portraying a wide range of characters. “Swaswika’s character came as a surprise and shocked the audience. That is the difference when a male and female actor portrays such a character, as you least expect a woman to behave in such a way,” he says.

He feels actresses like Ramya Krishnan in Padayappa and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan in Ponniyin Selvan have already raised the bar for women in negative roles and encouraged younger actresses to explore similar characters.

“When a top actress takes such a role to the next level, more actresses are encouraged to give it a shot. Tamil actresses like Sriya Reddy in Pogaru and also in ‘Salaar’ and ‘OG. Similarly, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar rocked in Telugu films such as Krack and Veera Simha Reddy have shown that women can convinc-



ingly play powerful antagonistic roles and hold their own against stars like Ravi Teja and Balakrishna,” he points out.

Although big-star films often continue to favour male villains, filmmakers have occasionally given actresses the opportunity to take on negative roles, and those choices have worked remarkably well.

Telugu actresses such as Anasuya Bharadwaj in the Pushpa franchise and Lakshmi Manchu in Anaganaga Oka Dheerudu have also demonstrated how such characters can expand an actress’s range.

“Playing only romantic leads or feel-good characters can limit an actress’s talent. Grey and dark roles allow women to bring a different perspective to the story. In Pushpa, Anasuya’s dominating character, who controls her husband and also his smuggling business, added a completely different dimension, and the audience lapped it up,” he concludes.