

Telangana Govt Orders Probe Into Violence, Abuse of Assembly Speaker

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday ordered a comprehensive inquiry into the chain of incidents involving BRS leaders, including the violence at the Legislative Assembly, derogatory remarks against Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Dalit protests at BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao's Erravalli farmhouse and the subsequent "purification" of roads near the farmhouse.

The Chief Minister alleged that a "conspiracy" was hatched at Chandrashekar Rao's farmhouse ahead of the Assembly's monsoon session to target the Speaker and disrupt the proceedings.

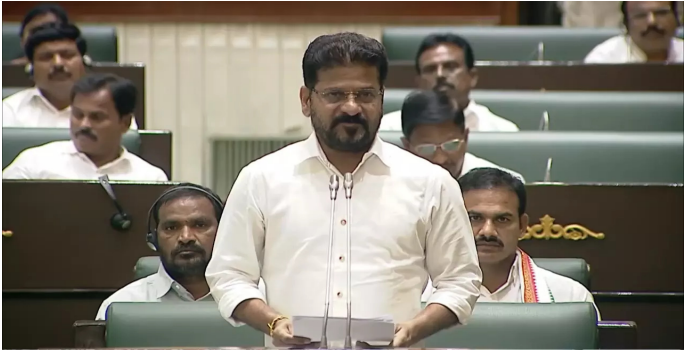
The probe will cover the BRS Legislature Party meeting chaired by the party chief at the farmhouse on September 6, the violence at the Assembly gates, alleged abusive remarks against the Speaker and attacks on police personnel and government employees on September 7, the Dalit protests at Erravalli on September 8 and the alleged purification programme carried out by

BRS workers on September 9.

The inquiry will be headed by Hyderabad City Special Branch joint commissioner of police S.M. Vijay Kumar.

Revanth Reddy said the investigation would establish the roles of those who allegedly planned as well as those who executed them. Criminal cases would be registered against all those found responsible, he warned.

Making a statement in the Assembly, Revanth Reddy alleged that the BRS leadership had deliberately planned to prevent the House from functioning. He said the government had convened the session to discuss public issues, including Section 22A lands, and alleged that the



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BRS feared that a debate on such matters would cause political damage to the party. The Chief Minister said the inquiry would also examine incidents involving inappropriate behaviour towards women

personnel during the BRS protests at Assembly gates. The investigation would also establish the role of those who issued instructions and those who implemented them on the ground.

The controversy escalated after Dalit activists protested near Chandrashekar Rao's farmhouse on September 8, demanding an apology over the abusive remarks against the Speaker and his mother.

Revanth Reddy said the protesters had chosen the Erravalli location because they believed the conspiracy

had been planned there. He maintained that Dalits had conducted a democratic protest by beating drums and raising slogans and had neither entered the farmhouse nor attacked anyone.

The Chief Minister strongly objected to the alleged "purification" of roads near the farmhouse by BRS workers, who reportedly sprinkled turmeric water on roads used by the Dalit protesters. Congress leaders alleged that the act amounted to treating the presence of Dalits in the area as desecration.

BRS women MLAs demand CM apology over assault after Speaker refuses to meet

BRS women legislators P Sabitha Indra Reddy, V Sunitha Laxma Reddy and Kova Lakshmi alleged that male police personnel manhandled them during Monday's Assembly confrontation. They demanded an apology from Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and sought an opportunity to explain their grievances.

Hyderabad: BRS women legislators P Sabitha Indra Reddy, V Sunitha Laxma Reddy and Kova Lakshmi on Wednesday alleged that they were subjected to humiliation and rough handling by male police personnel on the Assembly premises, during the confrontation on Monday. They demanded that the Chief Minister apologise for insulting them and causing mental agony over last three days.

The women MLAs sought an opportunity to meet Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar and explain their grievances, but were denied.

Speaking to the media in the Assembly lobby after the suspension of BRS members, the BRS women legislators said they were left distressed after police allegedly dragged them by hair, saree and physically assaulting them during the confrontation on Monday. They stated that they could have fell and suffered severe injuries, had BRS legislators D Sudheer Reddy and Naveen Kumar Reddy not supported them.

"Male police personnel were deliberately deployed around women legislators, while women police personnel were placed around BRS leaders T Harish Rao and KT



Rama Rao. This is unfortunate and shameful politics of the Congress," said Sabitha Indra Reddy.

The BRS MLAs said the government was willing to speak about a woman constable complaining against their party MLAs, but not willing to discuss the assault on them or at least allow them to express their grievances in the House. They also questioned Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka's remarks on Dalit self-respect, asking whether women's self-respect was not Telangana's self-respect.

The MLAs said BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao had immediately expressed concern over the incident. However, they found fault with fellow women legislators from the ruling Congress, including Minister D Seethakka, for not speaking up in their support.

BRS MLAs Suspended For The Rest Of The Monsoon Session

Hyderabad: Members of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) were suspended from the Telangana Legislative Assembly on Wednesday. Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar announced that the BRS MLAs would remain suspended for the rest of the ongoing session. The third day of the Monsoon Sessions of the Legislative Assembly got off to a noisy start again, with the opposition BRS leaders coming towards the Speaker's well, leading to chaotic scenes and disrupting the session.

BRS Working President K T Rama Rao gave an adjournment motion seeking debate on the alleged high-handedness of police against the party's women MLAs two days ago and the alleged comments of some ruling Congress members wishing death of BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao.

The BRS members refused to return to their



seats despite repeated pleas by Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Legislative Affairs Minister D Sridhar Babu. Vikramarka said he and other Congress leaders wished Chandrasekhar Rao a healthy and long life.

Subsequently Legislative Affairs Minister Sridhar Babu moved a motion calling for the BRS members to be removed from the House. Acting on the motion, the Speaker suspended a total of 20 MLAs, including senior leaders K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), Harish Rao, Anil Yadav, Jagadish Reddy, Kaushik Reddy, Madhavaram Krishna Rao, Kova Lakshmi, Konikanti Manik Rao, Chinta Prabhakar, Prabhakar Reddy, Vemula Prashanth Reddy, Marri Rajashekar Reddy, Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, Sabitha Indra Reddy, Sanjay, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Devireddy Sudheer Reddy, Vakiti Sunita Lakshmareddy, Kaleru Venkatesh, Vijayudu, and K.P. Vivekananda.

Following the suspensions, the Assembly was adjourned for a tea break.

GOVT COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING PEOPLE'S LAND RIGHTS: CM NAIDU

BR Ambedkar Konaseema: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday said that the NDA coalition government was committed to ensuring people's rights over their own land and resolving long-pending land disputes, while asserting that governance should reach people and improve their lives. Addressing the "Mee Bhoomi-Mee Hakku" programme at Panduvaripeta village, P. Gannavaram constituency in BR Ambedkar Konaseema district, the CM said the government was giving high priority to water and land as they were vital for people's lives and livelihoods.

"If water is life, land is livelihood. That is why the NDA coalition government is giving high priority to both these programmes," he said.

The chief minister said that despite the severe impact of El Nino on the state, more than 1,000 TMC of water from the Godavari river had flowed into the sea, adding that its utilisation could have brought tremendous benefits to the people.

Naidu said he meets people every month on the first day while distributing pensions under the "Pedala Sevalo" programme and that the government was working through Public-Private-People Partnership (P4) to improve their living standards as part of its social responsibility.

"We have to develop, create wealth and raise living



standards so that everyone can live with dignity. The government is working towards this," he said.

The CM said the government was working towards a garbage-free Andhra Pradesh every third Saturday under the "Swachh (clean) Andhra-Swarna (golden) Andhra" programme, while also seeking to convert waste into wealth and promote a circular economy.

Turning to land-related issues, Naidu alleged that the previous YSRCP government between 2019 and 2024 had tampered with and destroyed land records and introduced the Land Titling Act in an attempt to grab people's lands. The NDA

government after coming to power, repealed the Act, he said.

Naidu alleged that photographs of previous (YSRCP) rulers had been placed on Pattadar Passbooks (land documents) relating to lands given by ancestors and even on survey stones, including expensive granite stones.

He further alleged that lands and properties of people disliked by the previous rulers were placed on a prohibited list, causing hardship to them.

The government was therefore conducting a comprehensive re-survey and issuing Pattadar Passbooks bearing the Rajamudra, with security features such as e-KYC, QR codes and blockchain technology to prevent irregularities, he added.

Naidu said the introduction of auto-mutation had benefited 1.2 lakh families, while 16 lakh acres had been freed from restrictions and 224 land issues that had remained pending for decades had been resolved.

He said the government had also settled a 120-year-old land dispute and resolved long-pending land issues in places including Shettipalli, Vatticherukuru, Kalidindi, Kangundi and Mudinepalli.

The chief minister said steps had been taken to remove these difficulties, resolve the dispute and benefit 1,410 people by taking action concerning 56.37 acres of land.

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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.

BRS seeks Governor's intervention, anticipating threat to KCR's life

A BRS delegation led by KT Rama Rao met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Wednesday and sought his intervention over alleged police manhandling of legislators, restrictions on Assembly entry and an alleged attack on K Chandrashekhar Rao's residence. The Governor assured them he would examine the issues.

Hyderabad: The BRS sought Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla's intervention into the atrocities of the Congress government, including the assault on BRS legislators and women MLAs, restrictions on their entry into the legislature and the attack on the party chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's residence, posing threat to his life. He responded positively, assuring the BRS delegation that he would have the issues raised by it investigated.

A BRS delegation led by the party working president KT Rama Rao called on the Governor at Lok Bhavan on Wednesday, and submitted a representation, explaining how its legislators were stopped on the road, prevented from entering the Assembly and also assaulted, despite their rights as elected representatives.

Speaking to mediapersons after the meeting, Rama Rao said the party had complained how police manhandled BRS members during their protest and women legislators were particularly targeted. He said photographs and other evidence related to the attack, including the alleged pulling of V Sunitha Laxma Reddy's saree and dragging P Sabitha Indra Reddy by hair, were submitted to the Governor.

He said police complaints by the BRS against personnel involved in the incident were ignored, while the party was being blamed for the confrontation. He also accused the government of preventing BRS members from entering the Assembly and Council despite the High Court's directions. Read Political News

The BRS working president stated that the ruling Congress was using the issue of the Speaker by attributing remarks to the Council members that they had not made and portraying an alleged insult as an actual incident. He said



the BRS had great respect for Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, but accused the Congress of repeatedly invoking his identity as a Dalit Speaker for political purposes.

The delegation also complained to the Governor about the alleged attack by the Congress legislators on Opposition leader and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's residence, posing a threat to his life. The BRS leaders pointed to the alleged campaign seeking Chandrashekhar Rao's death and held Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directly responsible for the entire episode.

Rama Rao said the delegation had also brought to the Governor's notice AI-generated photographs and videos allegedly released by the ruling Congress, targeting to insult the BRS leaders. He warned that the BRS would pursue

legal action against those using false images and complaints.

He said the Governor had assured the delegation that he would look into every issue raised by it, including matters concerning the legislature and incidents outside it. He hoped that the Governor would intervene in the ongoing atrocities and ensure justice. If justice was not secured in Telangana, he said the BRS will approach the National Commission for Women and also explore other options.

The BRS legislators also briefed Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on the alleged failure of the Congress government to fulfil its promises during its 1,000-day rule and the hardships faced by farmers, unemployed students and youth. The delegation also highlighted the agitation by polytechnic students and their demands.

India Condemns Houthi Attacks on Saudi Arabia

New Delhi: India on Wednesday condemned the latest wave of attacks carried out by Houthi militants on oil installations in Saudi Arabia, and said the strikes undermined regional security. The Iran-backed Houthi militant group targeted Saudi oil facilities and some other civilian infrastructure on Tuesday, triggering widespread apprehensions about further escalation in the West Asia conflict. India condemned the attacks on Saudi sovereign territory, especially the targeting of civilian and



economic facilities, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

He added that such attacks that undermined regional security and stability and threatened freedom of navigation in the Bab-el-Mandeb were "unacceptable". Jaiswal was responding to a media query. The attacks on Saudi oil facilities came amid the US ramping up its economic sanctions against Iran. The Houthis have been majorly operating from Yemen.

AAP Questions Addition Of Raghav Chadha's Name To Delhi Voter List

The Aam Aadmi Party on Tuesday questioned how BJP MP Raghav Chadha's name was added to Delhi's draft electoral roll after the list showed 746 voters and sought an explanation from the Election Commission on the process followed. AAP Delhi unit chief Saurabh Bharadwaj said Chadha's name appeared as the 747th voter in the Rajinder Nagar electoral roll, despite the draft roll published on August 31 showing 746 voters.

Responding to the allegations, Chadha took a jibe at the AAP, saying he appeared to be "haunting Arvind Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party" and that its leadership was behaving "like a bitter ex who has just been dumped". Chadha said he had followed the applicable Election Commission guidelines and procedures and availed the prescribed remedies. "The facts are simple and straightforward. I have followed all applicable ECI guidelines and procedures and availed the prescribed remedies," Chadha said in a statement. Bharadwaj said the entry showed the name of Raghav Chadha, son of Sunil Chadha, aged 37, with serial number 747 in the electoral roll for the area.

The AAP leader also referred to Chadha's statement on September 3 that he would get his name registered as a voter in Punjab after it was deleted from the state's draft electoral roll. "If the Election Commission explains this process, we can also tell the same process to the 47 lakh people whose names have been deleted from the draft electoral roll and who are trying to get their names added," Bharadwaj said.



The AAP leader said the party had compared the draft electoral roll available on the EC's website with the subsequent entry showing Chadha as voter number 747. Bharadwaj also raised questions over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise and said the same procedure should be available to all voters. AAP national media in-charge Anurag Dhanda said the EC should clarify whether Chadha's vote had been transferred from Punjab to Delhi and whether his EPIC number was the same as the one in Punjab.

BJP Rajya Sabha MP from Punjab Chadha's name has been added to the voters list of Delhi's Rajinder Nagar Assembly constituency, which is currently being revised under the ongoing SIR of the national capital's electoral rolls, poll officials said on Tuesday. AAP leaders, at a press conference, raised the issue and alleged that Chadha's name was included in the electoral rolls of the Rajinder Nagar constituency without following the due procedure.

Woman stages protest outside Telangana Assembly, alleges police harassment

A woman from Suryapet staged a protest outside the Telangana Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, alleging police harassment and restrictions on lorries carrying bricks. She claimed the restrictions were affecting brick suppliers and sought government intervention. Police later shifted her to a station.

Hyderabad: Mild commotion prevailed outside the Telangana Legislative Assembly for some time on Wednesday when a woman from Suryapet staged a protest alleging harassment by the police.

The woman claimed that police personnel were preventing lorries carrying bricks from entering the city, stopping them from parking and selling their loads.

She alleged that the restrictions were causing hardship to brick suppliers and demanded that the authorities intervene. Book Walking Tours

Police personnel deployed near the Assembly intervened and whisked the woman away from the spot before shifting her to a nearby police station.



AP CM Vows To Resolve Land Disputes, Issue Error-Free Pattadar Passbooks by March

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday said all land disputes would be resolved and error-free pattadar passbooks issued by the end of March to provide justice to people.

Addressing people during the 'Mee Bhoomi-Mee Hakku' programme at Panduvaripeta village in Ambajipeta mandal of the Dr BR Ambedkar Konaseema district, Naidu said, "I feel fortunate to visit Konaseema area for the second time in the recent past where one finds lush green coconut plantations and crops and the Godavari river."

"The people in the area are honest. Despite the El Nino im-

pact with shortage of rainfall, the Konaseema area is full of greenery. From Godavari river, nearly 1,000 tmc-ft of water has been discharged into the sea this season."

Naidu explained the government's efforts to reach out to people through several programmes in all assembly constituencies, with the CM visiting people four times a month.

He stressed the administration's role in formulating policies to provide justice to people.

Naidu said, "Myself, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi formed an NDA and are making all efforts to reconstruct the state, which was de-



stroyed during the five-year reign of the previous YSRC government."

The CM listed programmes including the 'Pedala Sevalo' to distribute social security pensions to the poor on the first day of every month, the P-4 to improve the living standards of the poor, and the 'Swachh Andhra - Swarna Andhra' on the third Saturday to make AP free from garbage, create wealth from waste and promote a circular economy.

On the fourth Saturday, the government takes up the Sanjeevini programme to provide healthcare and generate digital health cards.

Naidu advocated population growth, reversing his earlier campaign for small families, and said children were a wealth. He called upon couples to have more children.

He criticised the

previous YSRC regime over anomalies in the land resurvey and said some land parcels had been placed under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908, and included in the prohibited list, preventing registration.

The government, he said, had abolished the Land Titling Act soon after assuming power; and criticised the previous government for putting the then chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's photograph on pattadar passbooks and granite survey stones.

The CM said the government had replaced these with the state emblem on pattadar passbooks, withdrawn land parcels from the 22-A list and introduced eKYC, QR codes and blockchain technology to make land ownership more secure and prevent copying or tampering.

"Some 36 lakh pattadar passbooks had been issued so far," he said, and promised that the remaining 56 lakh would be issued to beneficiaries without errors by March end.

Naidu said the government had withdrawn 16 lakh acres of land from 22-A and resolved 22 land issues that had been pending for decades.

Earlier, the CM laid the foundation for modernisation of the power grid of APEPDCL and unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion.

Centre to Adopt Andhra's 10 % Broken-rice Model for PDS Nationwide: Manohar



Amaravati/New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister N Manohar said the Centre will adopt the Andhra Pradesh's policy of limiting broken rice in supplies under the public distribution system to 10 percent across the country, starting next month.

The minister, who was on a two-day visit to Delhi, said the state had successfully implemented the policy as a pilot project with the objective of increasing rice consumption and the Centre's decision to adopt the approach nationwide was a matter of pride for Andhra Pradesh.

"We successfully implemented in the state, as a pilot project, the policy of reducing the quantity of broken rice in the rice supplied to people through fair price shops to 10 percent, with the expectation that this would increase rice consumption. The Centre is going to issue orders from next month to implement this policy across all states under the public distribution system," said Manohar in an official press release late on Tuesday.

According to him, the move would mark a major change in the 30-year-old PDS rice distribution system and that the approach adopted by Andhra Pradesh would help further strengthen the public distribution system.

Manohar also said the NDA coalition government was regularly reviewing prices of essential commodities in the open market and taking measures to ensure their availability at affordable rates.

He said onion prices have increased in the open market owing to El Nino conditions and other factors, and the government was working to provide relief

to consumers during such periods.

"Officials of the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) have responded positively to making onions available to the people of the state at a subsidised price of Rs 32 per kg from next week using the Central Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)," said Manohar.

He said onions would be sold through 115 Rythu Bazzars across the state as well as mobile counters, as suggested by Agriculture Minister K Atchannaidu.

The minister said his meetings with officials of the Union Ministry and NCCF had also resulted in a positive response to providing toor dal (a type of pulse) and palm oil to the state at subsidised prices.

Accordingly, 1.2 lakh tonnes of toor dal and 86,400 kilolitres of palm oil would be supplied at subsidised prices to 1.4 lakh families through fair price shops.

Manohar said that providing quality essential commodities at prices 30 percent lower than the prevailing open market rates would offer relief to ordinary consumers, with each cardholder receiving one kilogram of toor dal.

Manohar expressed gratitude to the Centre for extending appropriate support to the state through the Central price stabilisation fund.

He also said the state was starting 1,000 Mee Marts by linking them with the NCCF to provide commodities to consumers at lower prices.

NRI Support Helped TD Regain Power, Says Lokesh

Vijayawada: Education minister Nara Lokesh on Wednesday credited overseas supporters of the Telugu Desam with playing a crucial role in bringing the TD-led government back to power in Andhra Pradesh and called upon NRIs to make the Telugu community "No. 1" globally.

Addressing the swearing-in ceremony of the NRI TD central committee at the party's central office in Mangalagiri, Lokesh said Telugu people were spread across the world and NTR remained the symbol of Telugu self-respect. He recalled that N.T. Rama Rao, as chief minister, had introduced revolutionary reforms in politics.

Lokesh said the TD had given opportunities to seven NRIs in the 2024 elections, while Guntur MP Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar went on to be-



come a Union minister. Nearly half of the successful candidates in the 2024 elections were young people, he noted.

Recalling the 2019-24 period, Lokesh said NRIs had strongly supported the Amaravati movement and stood by party president Chandrababu Naidu when he was arrested. He said protests and solidarity programmes were held in 200 cities across 50 countries.

The 'I Am With CBN' campaign had provided "immense moral strength to our family" during the difficult period, Lokesh noted.

He said, "Many NRIs spent thousands of dollars to return to Andhra Pradesh to vote. They took leave from their jobs and campaigned in villages, contributing to the formation of the people's government".

Describing NRIs as "most reliable Indians", Lokesh praised their

Lokesh also called for expanding NRI TD committees, linking members with the 'My TDP' app and reviving outreach to neutral voters. He asked Global NRI TD president Dr P Guru Raja to complete existing committees within 30 days and ensure recognition for committed workers.

Referring to Naidu's arrest three years ago, Lokesh alleged that several corruption allegations were cited but not proven. He said the family and supporters had drawn strength from protests by the Telugu people in Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad.

Lokesh called upon NRIs to work for the NDA's victory in the 2029 elections and participate in party programmes. He also appealed to TD supporters to light 53 candles to mark the 53 days of Naidu's detention.

AP Local Body Polls: EC Releases Schedule For Finalising Polling Stations

The Andhra Pradesh Election Commission released the schedule to finalize the polling stations for the upcoming MPTC and ZPTC elections. On Sept. 11, the EC would display the photo voter list for the MPTC, ZPTC elections. On Sept. 14, the draft list of polling stations would be prepared. The next day, on Sept. 15, the draft list of the polling stations



would be published. On Sept. 15 and 16, objections to the polling stations would be accepted. On Sept. 16, the EC officials would meet the representatives of political parties. On Sept. 18, the district collectors would give nod to the polling stations. On Sept. 19, the final list of the ZPTZC, MPTC polling stations would be published.

Andhra Pradesh Pushes for EVs With 5% Subsidy Across Board, Five-Year Road Tax Waiver

VIJAYAWADA: Andhra Pradesh government is pushing for electric vehicles (EVs), offering subsidy for their purchase and other incentives, transport minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy announced on Wednesday

The push is part of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's Sustainable Electric Mobility Policy 2024-29 to encourage both EV manufacturers and consumers.

Under the policy, buyers of electric two-wheelers, autos, buses, transport vehicles, and tractors will be eligible for an incentive of up to 5 per cent of the ex-showroom price. The incentive will, however, be available until March 2027, the transport minister clarified.



Further, the government has exempted EVs registered in the state from payment of road tax for five years. The move is aimed at encouraging more people to shift from conventional to EV vehicles.

To address charging concerns, incentives of up to 25 per cent of the installation cost, subject to a maximum of ₹3 lakh, are being offered for setting up the first 5,000 charging stations across Andhra Pradesh.

Pointing to the growing popularity of EVs nationally, Ramprasad Reddy said around 2.98 lakh EVs have been sold across India in August, registering a 52.9 per cent year-on-year growth. Their share in the overall vehicle market increased from 9.5 per cent to 12.3 per cent.

KTR warns legal action over Congress’s AI-generated fake images

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has accused the ruling Congress of circulating AI-generated fake visuals to malign party leaders. He warned of legal action against those responsible and confirmed that a complaint has been lodged with the Cybercrime police.



Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao warned the ruling Congress and its affiliated social media handles against using AI-generated fake photographs and videos to spread misinformation against BRS leaders.

He warned of legal action against those creating, circulating or deliberately broadcasting the alleged fake content, including media organisations.

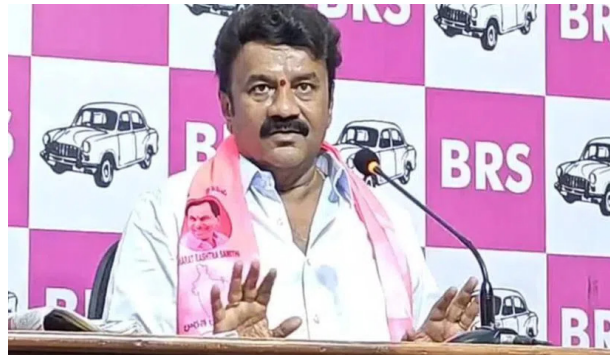
In a statement, Rama Rao said AI-generated fabricated images were being used to portray the BRS leaders attacking the police in the recent confrontation at the Assembly gate, despite no such attacks taking place.

He said the fake images were being circulated only to divert attention from the actual attack on the BRS legislators.

He said the BRS would not tolerate attempts to mislead people by presenting AI-generated content as genuine. He also urged media organisations not to become part of the Congress propaganda and instead, verify veracity of these photographs and videos before publishing them. He reiterated that those responsible for damaging the reputation of BRS leaders would face legal action.

BRS accuses Congress of turning Assembly into political theatre

BRS leaders Talasani Srinivas Yadav and G Jagadish Reddy accused the Congress government of avoiding debate on key Telangana issues and using diversion tactics. They questioned BRS MLAs’ suspension and criticised the handling of protests outside K Chandrashekhar Rao’s Erravelli residence



Hyderabad: BRS Legislature Party (BRS LP) deputy leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav criticised the Congress government for turning the Assembly into political theatre to evade discussion of pressing issues facing Telangana.

Speaking to mediapersons in the Assembly lobbies on Wednesday, Srinivas Yadav said the Congress government staged dramas outside the Assembly on the first day and near BRS chief and Opposition leader K Chandrashekhar Rao’s Erravelli residence on the second day, followed by the suspension of BRS MLAs for the remainder of the session. He questioned why an MLA who allegedly wished for Chandrashekhar Rao’s death was not sus-

pending, while BRS members, including those not present in the House, were suspended.

He alleged that the government was afraid of discussions on issues such as 22-A lands and GO 97 on polytechnic education. He said the BRS respected Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar as a kind person and, hence, did not even field a candidate against him. He ridiculed the double standards of preventing BRS MLAs from wearing black T-shirts while allowing the treasury benches, including Ministers, to display photographs and placards.

Former Minister G Jagadish Reddy said the government had no intention of allowing debate on the floor of the House and was hence indulging in diversionary tactics. He said the ruling Congress was unnecessarily projecting the alleged cleansing of the road outside Chandrashekhar Rao’s Erravelli residence as a Dalit issue and blaming the BRS despite the absence of any BRS legislator or leader.

He alleged that Congress leaders from different communities participated in the protest at Chandrashekhar Rao’s residence and said the Congress was creating controversy by selectively projecting it as a protest by Dalits.

Not BRS suspension, but suspension of people’s issues: Harish Rao

Hyderabad: BRS LP deputy leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday termed the suspension of BRS legislators from the Assembly for the remainder of the session as a suspension of people’s issues. He accused the Congress government of trying to silence the Opposition instead of addressing public concerns.

Speaking to mediapersons after the suspension, Harish Rao said the Assembly should discuss people’s problems and find solutions rather than the treasury benches targeting the Opposition. He questioned whether any issue concerning the people or government policy had been discussed during the three days of the session so far.

The BRS LP deputy leader said several sections of people approached BRS legislators with petitions seeking their issues to be raised in the Assembly. Among them were RTC employees seeking completion of the merger process, landowners seeking removal of their lands from the



prohibited list, and polytechnic students demanding withdrawal of GO 97.

He said unemployed youth were waiting for jobs, government employees for DA and PRC, Singareni employees for compassionate appointments and senior citizens for higher pensions.

Harish Rao alleged that the government forced BRS legislators out of the House fearing discussion on these issues. “Microphones can be cut, and suspensions can be imposed in the Assembly, but our voice cannot be silenced among the people,” he asserted. He said the BRS will intensify its fight for public issues against the authoritarian rule of the Congress.

Uproar in House Over ‘RR Rule Book’ Comments by BJP Floor Leader



Hyderabad: The Telangana Assembly witnessed uproarious scenes on Wednesday after BJP floor leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy questioned the suspension of BRS MLAs for the remainder of the session and asked whether a “Revanth Reddy rule book” had been followed in taking the decision.

The treasury benches objected to Maheshwar Reddy referring to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy without an honorific and termed it disrespectful.

Speaking in the House, Maheshwar Reddy questioned the suspension of BRS MLAs, particularly those who were not present in the Assembly on September 7 when the alleged disruptions occurred. He asked the Speaker under what rule members who were absent could be suspended.

“It is painful that even those who were not present in the house were also suspended. Is there any rule book or have you adopted something from the Revanth Reddy rule book?” he asked, triggering uproar in the House.

Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar intervened over the remarks and asked Maheshwar Reddy to change his attitude.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and ministers

Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, D. Sridhar Babu and Seethakka also intervened, urging the BJP floor leader to maintain decorum and requesting the Speaker to expunge the remarks from the records. Amid the uproar, the Speaker expunged them from the records.

The BJP, which has been pressing the Speaker for a discussion on 22A prohibited lands and other issues, continued to raise the demand on the third day of the monsoon session.

Led by Maheshwar Reddy, BJP MLAs raised slogans and demonstrated near the well of the House while holding placards. As the proceedings continued, the BJP MLAs demonstrated for some time before staging a walkout after the Speaker did not concede their demands.

Telangana CEO Inspects the SIR Process

Adilabad: Telangana’s Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudarshan Reddy on Wednesday directed the officials to ensure that all eligible voters are included in the final voters list and, as per rules, remove the names of voters who are found dead or permanently shifted to other places.

He said the voters list is crucial in the election process and officials should follow transparency and accuracy in the process of SIR.

The CEO asked the officials to complete the process of the special intensive revision (SIR) with transparency and without giving scope for mistakes.

Along with the Adilabad collector Rajarshi Shah, Sudarshan Reddy inspected the process of SIR in the Ghotkuri village in Tamsi mandal, Pippalkoti in



Bheempur mandal, the teacher training college in housing board colony and polling booths in government high school in Sanjaynagar colony. There, BLOs were conducting camps and receiving documents from the voters who received notices in the Adilabad town.

Sudarshan Reddy interacted with the BLOs and voters in the respective gram panchayats. He verified the applications, survey forms and voter lists.

He inquired with the BLOs about the new applications received for the enrollment of fresh voters and instructed them to correct the mistakes in voters’ names, age and address as per the rules.

The CEO said the BLOs should do additions and deletions of voters after verifying the information they collected during the household survey and added that they have been collecting the information required by verifying the documents at the field level.

He said the tehsildars give BLOs guidance as to what to do if documents are not available with the voter. The CEO asked the officials to ensure that youths who have completed 18 years enrolled their names as new voters. Along with the collector Bhavesh Mishra, Sudarshan Reddy also inspected the process of the SIR in Nirmal.

Centre Okays Rs 2K-cr Multi-tracking For TG

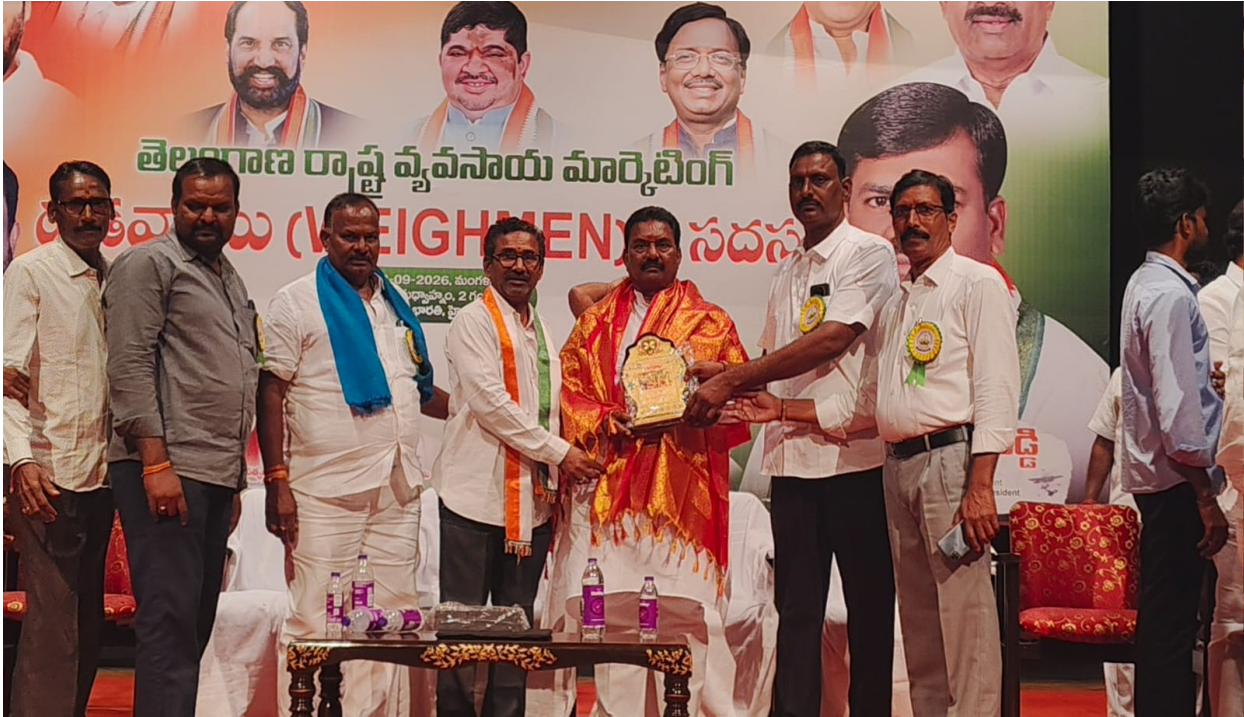
NEW DELHI: The Centre on Wednesday approved eight multitracking projects of the railways worth Rs 20,800 crore across nine states. This includes five projects worth Rs 10,021 crore in four southern states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana, increasing the existing network of Indian Railways by about 540 km.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, “5 major railway projects worth over Rs 10,000 crore. Better rail connectivity in South India.” “Lakhs of people to benefit. Today’s Cabinet decision ensures faster passenger movement, stronger connectivity and additional freight capacity.”

The approved projects include 110-km multitracking between Ghatkesar near Hyderabad and Kazipet via Yadigirigutta in Telangana at an estimated cost of Rs 2,419 crore. The list will also include laying down of third and fourth line between Arakkonam in Tamil Nadu and Renigunta in Andhra Pradesh, and Whitefield and Bangarapet in Karnataka.



State Conference of Telangana Agricultural Marketing Weighmen’s Union Held at Ravindra Bharathi



Nirmal District Correspondent : The role of weighmen in the Agricultural Marketing Department is very crucial, said Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy, National President of INTUC. A state-level conference was held on Tuesday at Ravindra Bharathi under the aegis of the Telangana State Agricultural Marketing Weighmen’s Union. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sanjeeva Reddy said that efforts would be made to put pres-

sure on the government to ensure that minimum wages are paid to the weighmen. Telangana State Minimum Wages Board Chairman B. Janak Prasad, INTUC Vice-President Rajireddy, General Secretary Y. Naganna Goud, V. Bhaskar Reddy, Secretary N. Sanjeeva Reddy, Agricultural Marketing Department Deputy Director Ravikumar, Bhainsa Market Committee Chairman Anand Rao Patel, Union President S. Surender Reddy, General Secretary N. Ravikumar, and others participated in the programme.

Nizamabad Mayor Visits TGMREIS Boys–3 Campus :

Nizamabad, September 9, 2026 : Nizamabad Mayor Uma Rani Ramesh visited the Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society (TGMREIS) Boys–3 campus in Nizamabad as the chief guest. During her visit, the Mayor interacted with the students and enquired about their education, academic progress and the facilities being provided on the campus. She also inspected the available educational and residential amenities and took feedback from the students regarding their day-to-day requirements. Mayor Uma Rani Ramesh encouraged the students to focus on their studies, set clear goals for their future and work with dedication and discipline to achieve them. She emphasised the importance of education in building a successful career and urged the students to make the best use of the opportunities and facilities available at the institution. She also appreciated the efforts being made to provide quality education and residential facilities to students and assured them of encour-



agement and support for their overall development. The visit highlighted the importance of promoting education and providing better opportunities to students for a bright and secure future.

HPCL Brings Energy Leaders, Researchers and Startups Together at IISc Bengaluru to Accelerate energy Innovation through MC²+ IGNITE

Bengaluru, September 9 2026: The Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. today hosted the Bengaluru edition of MC²+ IGNITE – India’s flagship energy innovation accelerator at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, bringing together leaders from the energy industry, academia, research, startups and the investment ecosystem to deliberate on the opportunities and challenges shaping India’s Energy future based on various themes including Bio-energy. The programme brought together senior representatives from across the energy and innovation ecosystem, including Shri Vikas Kaushal, Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL); Shri Ajay Mehta, Vice President – Research & Innovation, Shell; Mr.



Deb Adhikari, Director, Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI); representatives from IISc Bengaluru and the MC² Foundation, along with deep-tech startups and investors. Launched on August 19, 2026, MC²+ IGNITE is a sector-specific accelerator designed to support deep-tech startups developing technologies for India’s energy sector. The programme has been created to address a

critical gap faced by energy and deep-tech startups — access to operating assets, real-world pilot sites, industry customers and growth capital after the early research and grant-funding stage. The inaugural cohort will comprise approximately 30 startups, with selected ventures eligible for up to ₹2 crore in milestone-linked convertible funding. The accelerator covers seven energy-transition themes —

hydrogen and mobility, AI-driven subsurface intelligence, next-generation drilling, bio-energy and compressed bio-gas, refinery process intensification, digital asset management and an open theme. The Bengaluru programme forms part of this larger effort to connect energy-sector problem state-ments with research institutions, innovators and startups, creating pathways for technologies with potential

sectoral impact to be tested, developed and scaled. With bio-energy and CBG as the central theme, the event explored the role of technology, research and entrepreneurship in unlocking the potential of bio-based energy solutions and strengthening India’s evolving energy ecosystem. Discussions focused on the need for greater collaboration between energy companies, research institutions and startups to develop solutions that can address real-world challenges and move from research and innovation towards deployment and scale. The programme also featured an address by Shri Vikas Kaushal, CMD, HPCL, followed by an overview of MC²+ IGNITE and a session on opportunities in the energy sector and R&D themes.

A LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAM PROGRAM ON DRUGS ABUSE AEGS BY SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE cum NAMPALLY CRIMINAL COURT SECRETARY DLSA Smt A SRIDEVI

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Youth Must Stay Away from Drugs: Smt. A. Sridevi

Hyderabad, Khairatabad: A legal awareness program on drug abuse, prevention, and related legal aspects was organized at the Government Degree College, Khairatabad, under the aegis of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Sessions Division, Nampally, Hyderabad. An anti-drug awareness rally involving the students was also conducted as part of the event. Smt. A. Sridevi, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (Sessions Division, Nampally, Hyderabad), attended the program as the chief guest. Addressing the students, she highlighted that drug use has a severely adverse impact on the health, education, future, and family life of the youth. She advised students to steer clear of bad company, drug use, and other addictions.



She explained that activities such as drug trafficking, sale, possession, and consumption are criminal offenses and that, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act), severe punishments and fines may be imposed depending on the gravity of the offense. She emphasized the importance of students being legally aware of drug-related offenses. She also noted the necessity of providing medical and rehabilitative support to individuals addicted to drugs whenever required. An appeal was made for everyone to act responsibly by informing the relevant authorities whenever they have information regarding drug use or trafficking, thereby helping to create a drug-free society. To raise public awareness about the harmful effects of drugs, college students, faculty, and staff organized an awareness rally featuring slogans such as "Say No to Drugs" and "Drug-Free Society." Through the rally, they conveyed a message urging people to stay away from drugs and to adopt a healthy, responsible lifestyle. Police officials educated the students on various topics, including the legal actions taken against drug trafficking and use, precautions youth should take to avoid falling prey to drugs, and the procedure for reporting suspicious activities to the authorities. College Principal Mr. Prabhu, Vice Principal Mr. Vinayaka Kumar, faculty and staff, Para-Legal Volunteer (PLV) Mr. Mohammad Abdul Khader, police officials, and students participated in the event.

Sub Registrar, GR-II, O/o The Sub Registrar, Narayanpet District One Private Person are in ACB Net



KING DAILY NEWS PAPER,, AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF A case of criminal misconduct was registered against (AO-1) Sri Lagisetty Venkat Swamy, Sub-Registrar, Gr-II, O/o the Sub-Registrar, Narayanpet District and (A-2) Sri Kammari Nagesh, Private Person (Owner of Inti Bojanam Mess). On 18.07.2026, the AO-1 demanded the bribe amount of Rs. 90,000 from the complainant and on 21.07.2026, accepted amount of Rs. 50,000 as part payment through A-2, and subsequently demanded the balance amount of Rs. 40,000 for showing official favour 1.e. for completing the complainant's house registration vide Doc. No. 4723/2026. Thereby, the AO-1 acted improperly and dishonestly in the exercise of his official duties to obtain undue advantage for himself. Therefore, the AO-1 & A-2 are being produced before the Hon'ble I Addl. Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nampally for judicial remand. The case is under investigation. The details of complainant are withheld for security reasons. CELL PHONE NUMBER -1064 (TOLL FREE NUMBER); In case of demand of bribe by any Public Servant, the public are requested to contact Toll Free Number of ACB i.e., 1064 for taking action as per Law. ACB Telangana can also be contacted through social media platforms whatsapp (9440446106), facebook (Telangana ACB), X/formerly twitter (@Telangana ACB). The QR Code of ACB is displayed in all Government offices and prominent public to contact ACB, Telangana. The name and details of the victim/complainant will be kept secret. P.R.O., Anti-Corruption Bureau, TG., Hyderabad.

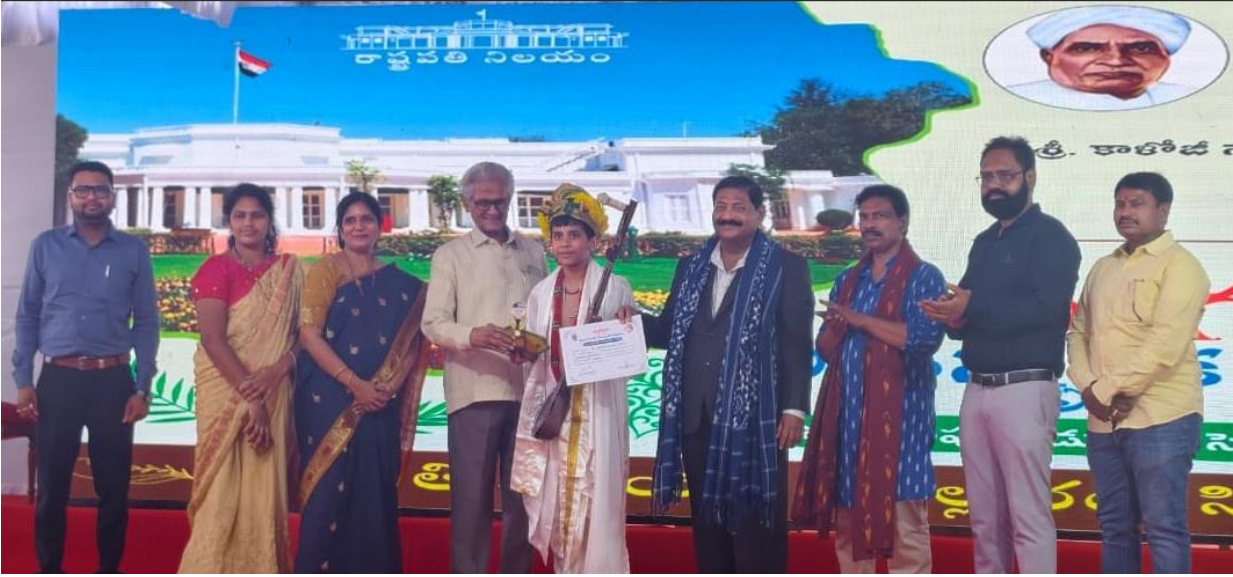
Triveni Talent School Student Secures Third Prize at Rashtrapati Nilayam

B. Jatin Kumar Reddy Excels in Traditional Dress Competition

Hyderabad, September 9: A student of Triveni Talent School, Chintal Branch, has brought laurels to the institution by securing third prize in the Traditional Dress Competition held as part of the “Telugu Language and Cultural Fest–2026” at Rashtrapati Nilayam in Bolarum.

B. Jatin Kumar Reddy, a Class VI student of the school, impressed the judges with his presentation and traditional attire, earning the third prize in the competition.

The award was presented to Jatin Kumar Reddy by former Telangana State Chief Electoral Officer Parthasarathi. He received a certificate of appreciation and a memento in recognition of his achievement.



Central Science Officer (CSO) Subbarao and Central Resource Officer (CRO) Venkata Rao were also present at the prize distribution ceremony and congratulated the young achiever. School Principal Smt. Shivakeerthana congratulated Jatin Kumar Reddy on his accomplishment and said that such platforms provide valuable opportunities for students to showcase their creativity and develop an appreciation for Telugu culture, traditions and heritage.

The school management and teachers appreciated Jatin for his achievement and expressed their pride in his bringing recognition to the institution through his performance.

Nirmal District Correspondent : Case details must be updated regularly in CCTNS



A monthly crime review meeting was conducted under the leadership of Nirmal District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, at the District Police Headquarters. The SP reviewed various issues with police officials, including crimes registered in the district, cases under investigation, progress of long-pending cases, law and order, and the performance of police stations.

Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that preventive measures are crucial for controlling crime. She directed every officer to maintain continuous surveillance over problematic areas and the movements of persons with criminal tendencies within their jurisdiction. She also instructed officials to respond promptly to complaints received from the public and

Continuous surveillance on rowdy-sheeters and suspicious persons
Strengthen night patrolling and technical surveillance to prevent thefts
Register Ganesh pandal details online in advance
Robust plan for law and order and traffic management during the festivities
— District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS

take necessary steps to ensure justice for victims.

Special Focus on Disposal of Pending Cases
The SP directed officials to classify long-pending cases, identify shortcomings in investigations and take steps to resolve them at the earliest. She made it clear that the progress of cases should be reviewed regularly at every police station and that cases should not be kept pending unnecessarily.

Special Attention to CCTNS Entries
Officials were instructed to ensure that manual records maintained at police stations and details entered in the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) are consistent. Case registration details, investigation progress and other relevant information must be updated in CCTNS regularly.

Surveillance on Rowdy-Sheeters and Suspicious Persons
The SP ordered continuous surveillance on rowdy-sheeters, persons with previous criminal records and individuals likely to become involved in criminal activities. She advised officials to take preventive action whenever necessary to prevent crimes.

Strengthen Night Patrolling to Prevent Theft
The SP directed officials to formulate special strategies to prevent house burglaries, vehicle thefts and chain-snatching incidents. Night patrolling should be intensified, while the movements of suspicious persons and vehicles must be thoroughly monitored. She also instructed officials to effectively utilise CCTV cameras, clues teams and technical evidence wherever necessary.

Public Awareness on Cyber Frauds
The SP stressed the need to continuously create awareness among the public about online frauds. Officials were instructed to educate people that, in case of a cyber fraud, they should immediately report the incident by contacting the 1930 helpline or filing a complaint through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) to help minimise financial losses.

Action Against Drunk Driving and Fake Number Plates
As part of measures to prevent road accidents, the SP directed officials to intensify drunk-and-drive checks. Those driving under the influence of alcohol should face action as per law. Special inspections should also be conducted against vehicles with fake number plates, altered registration numbers and suspicious vehicles.

Robust Security Plan for Ganesh Festival
The SP said that the police department is taking comprehensive security measures to ensure that Ganesh festivities in Nirmal district are conducted peacefully and safely. She advised Ganesh pandal organisers to register their details in advance through the Telangana Police official online portal policeportal.ts.police.gov.in. The details should include the location of the pandal, organisers and committee members, Ganesh idol details, procession information, immersion vehicles and other relevant particulars.

The SP said that advance availability of pandal details would enable the police to plan area-wise security arrangements, traffic regulation, procession routes, immersion arrangements and emergency response more effectively.

She stated that necessary security measures are being taken to ensure that the public does not face inconvenience and that law and order is not disturbed during the Ganesh festivities. She appealed to pandal organisers to extend full cooperation to the police department and register their details online in advance.

District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, appealed to everyone to follow the instructions and regulations issued by the police department to ensure that the festivities are conducted peacefully and safely.

Bhainsa ASP Sai Kiran, IPS, Nirmal DSP Srinivas, AO Yunus Ali, Inspectors Govardhan Reddy, Praveen Kumar, Krishna, Ravinder Naik, Sammaiah, Sai Kumar and Deepak, RI Administration Ram Niranjana, Shekhar, SHOs of all police stations and police personnel participated in the meeting.

Grand Celebrations of Kaloji Narayana Rao’s Birth Anniversary at the Collectorate

Nirmal District : The birth anniversary of Praja Kavi Kaloji Narayana Rao was celebrated grandly at the Collectorate on Wednesday.

Additional Collector (Local Bodies) B. Venkateshwarlu participated in the celebrations. As part of the programme, floral tributes were paid to the portrait of Kaloji Narayana Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, the Additional Collector praised Kaloji as a great personality who wrote numerous poems in the Telangana dialect in a manner easily understood by the common people and inspired them towards social awareness. He said that the Government of India honoured Kaloji’s services by conferring the Padma Vibhushan award on him in 1992.

He stated that Kaloji’s birth anniversary is celebrated as Telangana Language Day. He said it was a matter of pride to officially commemorate the birth anniversaries of great personalities like Kaloji. Such celebrations help convey their contributions and greatness to future generations, he added.

DRO Rathod Ramesh, BC and SC Welfare Officers Srinivas and Dayanand, Horticulture Officer Ramana, LDM Ram Gopal, along with other officials and staff, participated in the celebrations.



Full Support for Jamia Nizamia Waqf Land Protection Movement :

Hyderabad, September 8, 2026 : A Joint Action Committee (JAC) delegation led by Convener Abdul Wahab met Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind Telangana State President Mufti Ghiyas Rahmani and Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Telangana State President Mohammad Azharuddin and sought their support for the Jamia Nizamia–Raidurg Waqf Land Protection Movement.

The delegation explained the ongoing issue concerning approximately 10.63 acres of Jamia Nizamia Waqf land in Survey No. 83/1 at

Raidurg Panmakta village, including the proposed auction and the efforts being made to protect the Waqf property. The JAC also submitted memoranda seeking support for the dharna scheduled for September 13.

Mufti Ghiyas Rahmani and Mohammad Azharuddin appreciated the peaceful and democratic efforts of the JAC and extended their full support and cooperation to the September 13 dharna. They stated that protecting Waqf properties is an important issue concerning justice, legal rights, pub-



lic interest and the preservation of historical heritage.

The JAC leaders demanded that the government immediately stop and cancel the auction process relating to the Jamia Nizamia–Raidurg Waqf lands. They also

called for the protection and preservation of all revenue, survey, inam, Waqf, registration, gazette and heritage records connected with the property.

The JAC further demanded permanent protective measures to prevent unauthorized transactions involving the land in the future. If any amount has already been received through the auction process, it should be legally transferred to Jamia Nizamia, they said.

The leaders clarified that the September 13 dharna, being organized under the Jamia Nizamia–Raidurg Waqf Land Protection & Waqf Bachavo Tahreek-JAC and the Telangana State Minority Hakkula Porata Samiti (TSMHPS), would be conducted peacefully and democratically.

Railways Corner CISF in Hockey

Hyderabad: Rail-way Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), riding on Seshe Gowda BM's brace, cruised to a comfortable 5-1 win over Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in their Pool 'D' match of the 6th Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship at the Gachibowli Hockey Stadium here on Tuesday.

In other matches, Sports Authority of India (SAI) defeated Punjab & Sind Bank 3-1, Central Secretariat held Punjab National Bank to a 1-1 draw and All India Police Sports Control Board scored a 3-1 win over Central Board of Direct Taxes.

Railways began with a bang as they raided the rival fortress from the word go. Their aggression paid off as they were able to get two goals in the first five minutes of play.

Rohit began the scoring when he struck off a penalty corner in the 3rd minute of play. Two minutes later, Arshdeep Singh made it 2-0 with a field goal.

CISF reduced the deficit in the 11th minute when Manoj Yadav scored from a penalty corner. Sheshe Gowda re-



stored Railways' two-goal advantage in the 13th minute, as an action-packed first quarter produced four goals.

Thereafter, the teams were not able to breach the rival citadel as the defenders held fort. Sheshe Gowda made it 4-1 when he converted a penalty corner in the 26th minute as Railways went into the break with a considerable advantage.

Upon resumption, most of the action was confined to the midfield. However, Pardeep Singh struck in the 33rd minute to make it 5-1. Railways held on to their advantage and did not allow CISF to make inroads into their territory.

In Pool 'B', SAI, who had given last year's runners-up Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) a run for their money before falling on Monday, were back in their element. They put behind the loss and gained full points from Punjab & Sind Bank.

After a barren first quarter, SAI managed to breach the rival fortress with a goal in the 29th minute. Nitesh Sharma beat the rival goalie to put his side 1-0 up.

- The Results**
- Pool-A: Central Secretariat 1 (Aniket Gurav 46) drew with Punjab National Bank 1 (Gursimran Singh 34)
 - Pool-B: Sports Authority of India (SAI) 3 (Nitesh Sharma 29, Deepak Singh Fartyal 32, Shivam Patel 43) bt Punjab & Sind Bank 1 (Sukhwinder Singh 34)
 - Pool-C: All India Police Sports Control Board 3 (Dharamvir Singh 8, Shamsher Singh 20, Vijay Kumar Gond 56) bt Central Board of Direct Taxes 1 (Machaiah Pa 57)
 - Pool-D: Railway Sports Promotion Board 5 (Rohit Rohit 3, Arshdeep Singh 5, Sheshe Gowda BM 13, 26, Pardeep Singh 33) bt Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) 1 (Manoj Yadav 11)

Champions League Scoring Starts Early as Villa's McGinn Nets Fastest Goal After Record-Scoring Season

Belgium: The first goal of the Champions League season was scored by Aston Villa captain John McGinn entering the 11th minute at Club Brugge on Tuesday.

It was a quick start after last season's edition had the highest goals-per-game rate in the 34-year Champions League era.

That record rate last season of 3.47 goals was already beaten by halftime in Belgium as Villa led 3-1.

The first came when McGinn placed a curling left-footed shot beyond Brugge goalkeeper Yann Sommer diving to this right and the ball nestled just inside the post.

Villa scored early after three straight games without a goal to start the Premier League season.

Brugge leveled in the 19th with a sweeping, low left-footed shot by Hugo Vetlesen.

Villa regained the lead through Emi Buendia with a close-range finish, and Nicolas Jackson



added a third in the 43rd into an empty net. He had reached a long pass ahead of Sommer, who had left his penalty area trying to clear the ball.

Brugge is hosting Villa and AEK Athens is hosting LASK in the early kickoffs as the first of the 189 scheduled games in the competition. The Greek champion led 1-0 at halftime.

There were 655 goals scored in last season's edition. That rate (3.47) was not reached since the 1960s in the old European Cup knockout format.

US Open 2026: Defending Champion Alcaraz Powers into Quarterfinals

As Preferred Source New York: Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz, gaining confidence with every match, cruised into the US Open quarter-finals on Sunday with a comprehensive victory over Tommy Paul. The second-seeded Spaniard, playing his first tournament after a four-month absence with a right wrist injury, beat Paul 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to reach his fifth quarter-final at Flushing Meadows -- where he won the first of his seven Grand Slam titles back in 2022.

The 23-year-old Spaniard will face either eighth-seeded American Ben Shelton or resurgent Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas for a place in the semi-finals. In Paul, Alcaraz faced his first top-25 player of the tournament and he rose to the occasion, firing 33 winners in the two-hour, 20-minute victory and im-



proving to 7-2 against the American. Alcaraz finally broke through in a tight first set with the first break of the contest, earning three set points and converting the second. From there, it was almost all Alcaraz. He broke Paul twice in the second set and again early in the third. He finished it off in style as he saved a pair of break points in the final game, the second with a swinging forehand volley followed by a forehand winner to set up the only match point he needed.



US Open 2026: Zverev Romps into Quarterfinals As Darderi Downed

New York: Top seed Alexander Zverev romped into the quarter-finals of the US Open on Monday with a straight sets defeat of Italy's Luciano Darderi. Zverev, who had been taken to five sets in his opening two matches of the tournament, raced past 21st seed Darderi 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (7/3) in 2hr 30mins on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court. The brisk victory came as a welcome change for Zverev, whose marathon first and second round matches had finished in the early hours of the morning.

"I don't know what to do with myself because it's before midnight," Zverev quipped afterwards. "I might go back to the practice court, I might go to a bar -- that was a joke, unfortunately. "Compared to the first two matches, the level has



been going up." The 29-year-old French Open champion was in complete control throughout, punishing Darderi's woeful service game to grab an early double break in the first set for a 3-0 lead.

Darderi, who has failed to go further than the fourth round at any Grand Slam in his career, never looked like forcing his way back into the set thereafter. Zverev mopped up the first set easily and was soon back on the attack in the second, once again securing a quick double-break for a 3-0 lead before holding with ease to go two sets up. Darderi did manage to rally in the third set, suddenly finding his range with some blistering forehands and holding off four break points in the 11th game to help set up a tie-break.

But Zverev's superior service game meant there was only going to be one winner in the tie-break, a thunderous serve giving him a 5-2 lead before a scorching forehand into the corner took him to match point. Zverev then wrapped up victory with his 13th ace of the match. "I thought my level was very consistent," Zverev said. "It was just he started playing incredibly well in the third set. I barely saw anyone hit the ball as hard consistently as he did in the third set," added the German, who will now face Dutch veteran Botic van de Zandschulp in the quarter-finals.

US Open 2026: Former Champ Gauff Holds Off Jovic To Reach Quarterfinals

New York: Coco Gauff bested rising US star Iva Jovic on Monday to reach the quarter-finals of the US Open for the first time since winning the title three years ago. Gauff, seeded fourth this year, beat the 14th-seeded Jovic 6-1, 6-4 in 80 minutes. The match marked a rare instance in which two-time Grand Slam champion Gauff, still only 22, faced a younger American in the 18-year-old Jovic, who pushed Gauff in the second set after being routed in the first.

"She plays beyond her years," Gauff said. "I'm looking to many more battles out here." Gauff said she served "really well" and called



the win, along with a second-round victory over Spain's Paula Badosa, her best matches so far this year. Broken to open the contest, Gauff reeled off six straight games to take the first set. Gauff said some of the marathon rallies left her breathless, but she came out on top of them more often than not.

Jovic picked up the pace in the second set, rushing the net behind strong shots to keep Gauff on the defensive. Their net exchanges won loud applause from fans, and Gauff finished the match with a surprise serve-and-volley ambush, landing a volley that Jovic couldn't put back in play. Gauff will next face French Open champion and fifth-seeded Mirra Andreeva of Russia in the quarter-finals. Gauff has won all five of their prior meetings.

Ajay, Vanisha for World Powerlifting

Select Deccan Chronicle Now Hyderabad-based powerlifters Ajay Banerjee and S. Vanisha Rao have qualified to compete in the World Powerlifting Championships, to be held in Manchester, England, from September 10 to 14. Ajay will compete in the Masters category while Vanisha will participate in the Teen-2 category. The duo left for Manchester on Monday. Telangana State Powerlifting Association president Inturi Rekha, along with fellow athletes, wished them success while giving them a warm send-off.





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Pithapuramlo... Ala Modalaindi to Release on September 18

Director Mahesh Chandra is coming back with a new family entertainer titled Pithapuramlo... Ala Modalaindi.

Director Mahesh Chandra is coming back with a new family entertainer titled Pithapuramlo... Ala Modalaindi. The director is known for films such as the popular Preyasi Raave. His latest movie is now ready to reach theatres.

The makers have announced that Pithapuramlo... Ala Modalaindi will have a grand worldwide theatrical release on September 18. Prime Show Entertainment will handle the distribution of the movie.

The film has a large cast, with Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Prithviraj, Kedar Shankar, Manichandana and Annapurnamma playing important roles. Sunny Akhil, Virat, Jr Pawan Kalyan, Sai Praneeth, Srilu, Pratyusha and Rehana are also part of the movie.

The story is said to have a good mix of love, family emotions, comedy and sentiment. The relationship between a father and his daughter is one of the important parts of the story. The makers believe this emotional element will connect well with family audiences.

Director Mahesh Chandra has said that the movie focuses on natural characters and situations that people can easily relate to. He also believes the film carries a useful message for today's younger generation.



Another major attraction of the movie is the voice-over by popular comedian Brahmanandam. Well-known sculptor Raj Kumar Vadayar is also appearing in an important role.

The movie is jointly produced by Mahesh Chandra Cinema Team and Ever Green Epic Cinema. Dundigalla Balakrishna, Akula Suresh Patel and F.M. Murali, also known as Godari Kittayya, are producing the project.

The trailer and two songs released from the film have received encouraging responses from audiences. The team is now promoting the movie as a clean and enjoyable family entertainer.

With family dramas continuing to find an audience among Telugu viewers, Pithapuramlo... Ala Modalaindi is expected to attract people of different age groups. The makers are confident that the combination of emotions, humour and relatable characters will help the film make a strong impression in theatres.

Psychological Thriller Upendra to Re-Release in Telugu States?

Kannada star hero and filmmaker Upendra's cult psychological thriller Upendra is set to return to theatres in its Telugu version on September 18. Originally released in 1999, the film developed a strong following for its unconventional storytelling, philosophical themes and bold treatment. The re-release is expected to attract both Upendra fans and younger audiences.

Written and directed by Upendra himself, the film stars Raveena Tandon, Prema and Damini in key roles, with Gurukiran composing the music. The story explores human desires, greed and relationships through its three female characters. Its experimental narrative and memorable music helped the film develop a lasting cult following over the years.

The film's title itself has a unique interpretation, with its letters representing Upendra,



Prema, Damini and Raveena. Its sequel, Uppi 2, was released in 2015.

The film was previously dubbed and released in Telugu, earning recognition among Telugu audiences as well. Interest in Upendra's classic films has grown following the renewed popularity of A, another of his cult works.

With Upendra returning to the big screen after 27 years, the Telugu re-release offers audiences another opportunity to experience his unconventional and thought-provoking entertainer in theatres.

Pooja Hegde's Telugu Story Gets Release Date

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Quite unexpectedly, producer Sudhakar Cherukuri has carved out a film with Dulquer Salmaan and Pooja Hegde in the leads. The film titled Sri Sri is directed by newcomer Ravi Nelakuditi and is a breezy romantic love story, which the producer wants to position as a pan-India romance. The film is now hitting cinemas on December 4th, in the cool winter, for breezy entertainment.

After a years-long gap, Pooja Hegde is finally hitting Telugu cinemas and might turn up in Hyderabad to promote the movie big time. In recent times, many of her South films, including a couple of Tamil films like Retro and Jana Nayagan, also flopped at the box office. So the heroine would be expecting to score brownie points with this movie to make the most.

Lust Stories 3: Vishal Bhardwaj talks about love, desire and complicated stories

The trailer of "Lust Stories 3" has been unveiled, featuring four stories directed by Vishal Bhardwaj, Shakun Batra, Vikramaditya Motwane and Kiran Rao. Starring Radhika Apte, Konkona Sen Sharma, Vijay Varma and others, the anthology explores desire and relationships

Mumbai: The makers of "Lust Stories 3" on Wednesday unveiled the trailer of the upcoming anthology with filmmakers such as Vishal Bhardwaj, Shakun Batra, Vikramaditya Motwane and Kiran Rao contributing to stories talking about love, desire and complicated stories.

Lust Stories 3 brings together actors such as Radhika Apte, Konkona Sen Sharma, Aditi Rao Hydari, Radhika Madan, Sana Thampi, Vijay Varma, Abhishek Banerjee, Siddharth, Ali Fazel and Gurfateh Pirzada.

The trailer offers audiences a glimpse into four very different stories, each carrying its own tone, rhythm and surprises, while remaining connected by a larger exploration of what people want, what they hold back and how those desires can shape the relationships around them.

The film will be balancing humour and chemistry with moments of vulnerability and introspection.

Vishal Bhardwaj said in a statement: "What fascinates me about desire is how deeply it is connected to imagination – to the stories we tell ourselves, and sometimes the stories we are afraid to tell out loud. I was drawn to the idea of exploring that space through a character finding her own voice and discovering what happens when that voice reaches beyond her." "There's humour, mischief and emotion in that journey, but also questions about identity, expression and who gets to tell stories about desire. That made this a particularly exciting story for me to explore."

Bhardwaj said that being part of an anthology with three such distinctive filmmakers was a "wonderful creative experience, and Netflix gave all of us the freedom to tell these stories in our own way"

Talking about being a part of the anthology, Vikramaditya Motwane said: "What drew me to Lust Stories 3 was the chance to explore what happens when the comfort of everyday life begins to rub up against the desire for something unexpected, and this story allowed me to explore that space with warmth, humour and a little bit of unpredictability." "Bringing it to life with the crew, the producers, Netflix, and with this madly gifted cast was an incredible experience."

What interested Kiran Rao about this story was how the first sparks of an attraction can quickly become something far more complicated.

She added: "Desire makes us curious, and sometimes willing to take chances we normally wouldn't. I was interested in what happens when those choices begin to have unexpected consequences." "The anthology format, and the creative freedom Netflix gave us, allowed me to play with intimacy and humour. I really enjoyed finding that balance, letting the characters follow their impulses, and take us to surprising territory. I hope it's a fun, unpredictable ride that keeps the audience on their toes."

Shakun Batra said for him, the most interesting relationships are the ones where people don't quite know what they're feeling, or how to make sense of it. 'Affection, insecurity, allure and frustration can all exist at the same time, often in ways that surprise us. I wanted to explore that emotional ambiguity with honesty, without judging the characters or trying to give them easy answers."