

CM Revanth Reddy to Lay Foundation for Rs.345.78-Crore Works in Sircilla

Karimnagar: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy would lay the foundation for `345.78 crore worth developmental works in Sircilla on September 30.

Revanth Reddy, who visited Sircilla three times as an opposition leader, is visiting the textile town for the first time after he became the CM. He would address a public meeting at Ragudu bypass road.

Since Sircilla is a centre for cloth production, the CM is likely to start new schemes for the welfare of weavers, as also for development and women empowerment besides for education and ensuring basic civic facilities.

The e-Nethanna Bazar will help provide marketing facilities for clothes woven on handlooms and powerlooms.

The CM has already advised officials to establish an e-Nethanna Bazar to provide marketing to petticoat and polyester clothes.



Revant Reddy will lay the foundation for Young India Integrated Residential schools that are to be constructed in Sircilla and Vemulawada by spending `200 crore.

In Sircilla, a plan is to develop this in 18 acres in Peddur and admissions from Classes V to Intermediate will start this academic year.

The project also aims to provide shelter to 2,600 students, build 64 class rooms, a dormitory, a dining

block, and lay out a playground.

The state government has decided to establish Telangana public schools in Sircilla and Konaraopet, wherein students will be provided education from pre-primary to 12th standard.

Besides classrooms, labs, dining halls, playgrounds and IT facilities will be arranged.

As part of renovation of the Sri Rajarajeshwara Swamy temple,

Vemulawada, Revanth Reddy would lay the foundation for projects worth `99.40 crore.

There, in all, are 26 types of works for mandapams, gopuralu, prakaralu, side development, water supply, drainage system, electricity works, shopping complexes, and a north side CC road.

The chief minister will lay the foundation for seven new government

office building including RDO offices in Sircilla and Vemulawada, four Tahsildhar offices in Thangallapalli, Veernapalli, Vemulawada rural and Rudrangi and a sub-register office in Vemulawada.

Foundation will also be laid for a 10,000 metric tonnes capacity godown and allied units in Rudrangi.

The Indira Mahila Shakthi Bhavan constructed at Peddur will be inaugurated by the CM. An announcement for establishment of a new nethanna bazaar is also expected.

In this regard, proposals for basic facilities and financial assistance were sent to the handlooms and textiles department. The details have not been finalised so far.

A woman police station in Vemulawada and two traffic police stations would also be established in Vemulawada and Sircilla.

Shah Calls for ‘Zero Delay’ in Counter-Terror Action



NEW DELHI: Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday called for “zero delay” in counter-terrorism operations and an “automated response mechanism” at every level of the country’s PRAHAAR counter-terrorism framework.

Inaugurating a conference on the policy and strategy in New Delhi, Shah also launched an extradition portal intended to speed up efforts to bring fugitives back to India.

The portal brings the Union home and external affairs ministries, the CBI and state agencies onto a common platform for extradition cases, sources said. It is intended to coordinate their work when a fugitive is detained abroad and an extradition request must be sent to that country after obtaining the necessary court approval.

Shah urged agencies to take a proactive, results-oriented approach and to use continuing analysis of terror incidents to strengthen the PRAHAAR strategy over the next decade, the home ministry said in a statement. He called for the strategy to be put into practice down to the police station level and stressed the need for coordination among agencies.

The ministry unveiled PRAHAAR in February as the country’s first national counter-terrorism policy. The framework sets out seven areas of work: prevention, response, building domestic capacity, human rights, reducing conditions that enable terrorism, international cooperation, and recovery and resilience.

Shah cited action against the Shahzad Bhatti network as an example of cooperation among agencies. He said more than 40 modules allegedly involved in cross-border smuggling of weapons, explosives and narcotics had been dismantled, more than 100 FIRs registered and 350 people arrested across 15 states. The government had also declared the network a terrorist organisation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, he said.

The minister asked state police forces to set up dedicated teams to work with central agencies on extradition cases. He said India had brought back 288 fugitive criminals from 36 countries between 2019 and 2026.

The conference was attended by the Union home and foreign secretaries, heads of central armed police forces and central police organisations, police chiefs from 15 states, and Anti-Terrorism Squad chiefs from the states and Union territories. Other state police chiefs and senior officers joined virtually.

BJP Protest Over Nizamabad Civic Issues



Nizamabad, September 28, 2026 : BJP Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta, along with BJP corporators and party leaders, staged a protest at Dharna Chowk on Monday, alleging that despite substantial allocations in the Nizamabad Municipal Corporation budget, civic development works were not being taken up adequately.

The MLA alleged that the Corporation had an annual revenue of around `150 crore and a surplus budget of about `94 crore, yet development works were not being implemented as expected. He questioned the non-utilisation of funds earmarked for development

of various divisions.

Dhanpal Suryanarayana said that the people of Nizamabad needed to see visible development on the ground in the form of roads, drainage systems and street lighting rather than merely seeing financial allocations on paper. He also expressed dissatisfaction over the alleged delay in responding to representations submitted to the Municipal Commissioner. The official Nizamabad Municipal Corporation website lists S. Dilip Kumar as the Commissioner.

The MLA also criticised the State government over the alleged non-release of funds promised for Nizamabad’s develop-

ment. He said that he was compelled to stage a protest as an elected representative to draw attention to civic issues.

BJP District President Dinesh Kulachari demanded that the State government send proposals to the Centre for Nizamabad’s development and alleged that several infrastructure works were being delayed due to lack of funds. He also referred to the pending works related to the Madhav Nagar bridge.

Following the protest at Dharna Chowk, Dhanpal Suryanarayana and BJP corporators proceeded towards the Nizamabad Municipal Corporation office to sub-

mit their demands. Tension prevailed when police attempted to stop the protesters.

The MLA expressed his displeasure and sat in protest, stating that he would not move until the Commissioner met the protesters. Subsequently, Municipal Commissioner S. Dilip Kumar met the protesters and received their memorandum.

As many as 28 BJP corporators, senior party leaders, mandal presidents, party workers and various Morcha office-bearers participated in the programme.

The protest highlighted the BJP’s demands for greater utilisation of municipal funds and faster implementation of civic development works in Nizamabad.

Congress holds a rally in Sangareddy over voter list revision, Demand CEC's Resignation

September 28, 2026: Congress leaders and workers held a massive rally in Sangareddy on Monday, protesting against alleged deletion of voters from electoral rolls and demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

The rally began from TPCC Working President Jagga Reddy’s residence near Ram Mandir in Ram Nagar and concluded at the Ambedkar statue near the Old Bus Stand. Party workers raised slogans against the BJP government and the Election Commission.

Addressing a public meeting, Medak MP Suresh Shetkar alleged that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was aimed



at deleting eligible voters. He said the Congress was fighting nationwide over alleged “vote theft” and urged the authorities to ensure that no eligible voter loses the right to vote.

Former DCC president Nirmala Jagga Reddy expressed concern over notices being issued to voters during the SIR process. She stressed the need to protect the voting rights of eligible people, particularly those from weaker sections, and called upon Congress workers to remain vigilant at the booth level.

DCC president Chandrashekar Reddy said the party was closely monitoring the revision

process and urged workers to verify voter details at every booth and assist those who receive notices.

Later, the Congress leaders submitted a memorandum to the Additional Collector at the Collectorate, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Contested claims made by the speakers regarding voter deletions and election processes were presented as allegations. Neelam Madhu, district Mahila Congress president Kata Sudharani Ujwal Reddy, Topaji Anant kishan and a large number of Congress workers from across Sangareddy district participated in the programme.

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REALITY CHECK FOR PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

Supreme Court's order seeking greater financial transparency from private universities was long overdue and brings renewed focus on regulation, student interests and accountability

The growing demand for higher education cannot be met by government-funded institutions alone. The private sector has an equally important role to play in expanding educational opportunities for the country's youth. However, unbridled commercialisation of the education sector by profit-driven private players is a major cause for concern. More often than not, they impose exorbitant fees that are not matched by infrastructure and amenities and resort to misleading self-promotion. While the contribution of the private sector to promoting and expanding higher education cannot be overlooked, what is needed is a proper balance between regulation and responsibility. The Supreme Court's latest order directing private universities across the country to disclose their financial records is a welcome development. The landmark order ruled that no private university should be allowed to run as a profit-making institution and sought details of how universities generate, manage and use their financial resources. The audited financial records covering the last five years, utilisation of funds, fee structures, surplus investments and payments made to persons not directly involved in educational functions are among the details that have to be presented before the apex court. It has also directed the Centre and State governments to collect detailed information about admissions, fees, use of surplus funds, staff recruitment and grievance-redressal systems of private universities and colleges. With this unprecedented order, the stage is set not only for intense scrutiny of the financial management by private universities but also the conduct of regulators. It's a reality check that was long overdue.

The top court's observation that private universities must serve the larger public purpose of education and not operate for profit hits the nail on the head. Robust regulatory oversight to check any exploitation of students is essential. Over the years, a highly competitive private sector has relied on exaggerations and half-truths to attract students. With minimal focus on impactful academic research, there is often misrepresentation of the facilities available and placement statistics. If the lack of faculty development is problematic, more worrying is the reliance on under-qualified and overworked staff. Ultimately, students bear the brunt as their interests are compromised. There are over 470 private universities in the country, apart from several 'Deemed to be Universities' that operate under private management. Within a span of 10 years, enrollment in private universities nearly tripled to over 34.6 lakh students, moving their market share from 20 per cent to one-third of all higher education students in India. The University Grants Commission (UGC) regulates private universities primarily through the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations to ensure educational quality and transparency. Unlike public universities, private entities receive minimal state or central research grants and have to depend heavily on tuition fees to fund research labs. Navigating overlapping compliance checklists between the UGC, AICTE, and state-level councils is a major challenge for private universities.

Telangana Assembly declares Khairatabad seat vacant following Danam Nagender disqualification

Hyderabad: Following the Telangana High Court judgment disqualifying Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender, the Legislative Assembly has issued a gazette notification stating that the seat stood vacant with effect from April 23, 2024.

On September 18, the High Court disqualified Danam Nagender for contesting the Secunderabad Lok Sabha election as a Congress candidate while continuing as a BRS MLA. The court held that his disqualification would take effect from April 23, 2024, the day he filed his nomination as a Congress candidate. It also shared copies of its order with the Election Commission of India and the Telangana Assembly.

Challenging the High Court judgment, Danam Nagender approached the Supreme Court. However, on September 24, the apex court upheld the High Court judgment.

Accordingly, Assembly Secretary Rendla



Thirupathi issued a gazette notification on September 26 stating that, in pursuance of the High Court judgment, Danam Nagender, who was elected from the Khairatabad constituency, stood disqualified with effect from April 23, 2024. The notification effectively records the vacancy of the Khairatabad Assembly seat from the date of Nagender's disqualification.

Congress, Left Parties Stage Nationwide Protest Against Gyanesh Kumar

Bhopal: Congress workers held a nationwide protest on Monday against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. In Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Congress president Jitu Patwari questioned public trust in the electoral process. Patwari said trust was behind every choice people made and alleged that doubts had emerged over the election process.

"When Prime Minister Modi became Prime Minister for the first time, we accepted that there might have been some shortcomings on our part. The Constitution became a topic of discussion during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The BJP lost 70 seats in the process, and the atmosphere was not in their favor; yet, they formed the government," he said. Patwari said suspicions arose when it appeared that the election was being "stolen", and referred to allegations of EVM tampering.

Sharing an example from his own booth, Patwari said, "There wasn't a single BJP worker at my booth, yet the BJP received 300 votes." He questioned the impact of losing public trust in a democracy. "In a democracy, if trust is lost, then who will the public place their faith in?" Patwari said. Patwari also targeted the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh, referring to the removal of former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. "They removed Shivraj Singh Chouhan and sent a 'Chief Minister chosen via a slip of paper' instead," he said. He further criticised the state government over its response to deaths caused by cough syrup, spurious liquor and drowning, while referring to the Chief Minister's reaction to the toppling of three bricks. "They take the people of the state for fools; the Chief Minister did not shed tears over deaths caused by cough syrup, spurious liquor, or drowning, yet he wept over the toppling of three bricks," Patwari said.

Meanwhile, in Jaipur, Rajasthan, Congress workers also held a protest against the Election Commission over the SIR exercise. Visuals from the demonstration showed party workers raising slogans and participating in the protest. The protests were part of the Congress' countrywide demonstrations against CEC Kumar, with the party demanding his resignation and raising objections to the SIR exercise.

In Srinagar, Congress MP Pawan Khara alleged that the election mandate was being "stolen" and termed the SIR exercise "completely illegal". "This protest is ongoing across the country. CEC deceived this country; election mandates are being stolen. SIR is completely illegal. For an amendment to Form 6, it needs to be brought to Parliament. But it wasn't done. So, SIR becomes illegal. If SIR is illegal, all additions and deletions are illegal. There is outrage across the country. Everyone wants to protest. Gyanesh Kumar should be sacked to save the country," he told ANI. In Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Congress president Ajay Rai said, "Our protest against Gyanesh Kumar is happening country-



wide. People in every corner of Uttar Pradesh have definitely woken up to the fact that such corrupt people are conducting elections."

Asked about the September 30 INDIA bloc meeting and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav's absence, Rai said SP representatives had attended several such meetings earlier. "Samajwadi Party representatives have attended many meetings before this. People have gone and taken part in several meetings. I think it's just like... since Samajwadi Party representatives have been to meetings before, it depends on them who they send. That's up to them," he told ANI.

In Hyderabad, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president Mahesh Kumar Goud, along with party leaders, led a protest march from the Indira Gandhi statue to the Election Commission office as part of the state-level demonstration. Congress MP Kiran Kumar Chamala said the party would submit a complaint seeking the resignation and prosecution of Gyanesh Kumar. "Today, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee decided to do the protest, and we will be walking from Indira Gandhi statue up to the Election Commission in Telangana. We want to file a complaint regarding Gyanesh Kumar's resignation and prosecution," Chamala said. Chamala alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah had influenced the CEC to delete voters' names to ensure that they remained in power. "This clearly shows that Narendra Modi and Amit Shah have influenced the CEC to delete the votes to make sure that they continue in power for 50 years," he alleged. He also demanded that the 2025 voter list be revoked and called for the reinstatement of 13 crore voters.

Meanwhile, Left parties staged a protest against Gyanesh Kumar in Patna, while Congress workers held demonstrations in Srinagar and Lucknow. The protests come amid a wider political row over the EC and the SIR exercise. The Congress and other Opposition parties have raised questions over the functioning of the poll panel and demanded action against the CEC.

Khairthabad by-election to test BJP's performance in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Despite the claims being made by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State unit about gaining ground in Telangana, particularly Hyderabad, the electoral performance of the party presents a contrasting picture.

Since the December 2023 Assembly elections, there have been two by-elections in Greater Hyderabad. The Secunderabad Cantonment by-election was held in 2024, followed by the Jubilee Hills by-election in 2025.

In both elections, the BJP failed to make a significant impact, while the ruling Congress emerged victorious.

The Secunderabad Cantonment by-election was held on May 13, 2024, alongside the Lok Sabha elections. However, the BJP failed to win the seat. This was followed by the Jubilee Hills by-election in November 2025, where the BJP polled only 17,061 votes and finished a distant third.

Now, with the Khairthabad by-election expected to be held soon, the BJP's ability to improve its performance has become a subject of discussion in political circles. After Ramchander Rao took charge as BJP State



president in May 2025, the Khairthabad by-election will be the second election and an important test of his leadership.

The by-election will also be a test for Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, as the Khairthabad Assembly constituency falls under the Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency, which he represents.

Against this backdrop, the Khairthabad by-election assumes significance for the BJP ahead of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections, which have been due since January this year. Several leaders are already showing interest in contesting the by-election. Apart from former Khairthabad MLA Chintala Ramachandra Reddy, BJP official spokespersons Chikoti Praveen and Indrasena Reddy, and BJP executive member J Keerthy Reddy are among those being considered as probable candidates by party leaders.

The BJP's candidate selection and performance in the by-election have become subjects of discussion in political circles.

India Seeks No Territory, but Will Defend Itself: Singh



New Delhi: Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said India did not seek to occupy any country's territory but would take all necessary measures to protect its security and strategic autonomy when threatened.

Addressing a defence conclave in New Delhi, Singh said India's commitment to peace should not be mistaken for weakness. The country sought global stability, but not at the cost of its strategic autonomy, he said.

Singh ruled out dialogue with countries that promoted terrorism against India. Nations using terrorism as an instrument of state policy or sheltering terrorists must realise that it could not serve as a strategic asset, he said.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent remarks at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting, Singh said India was entitled to take all necessary measures against terrorism as long as a neighbouring country continued to support it.

Describing national security as a collective responsibility, he urged citizens to rise above divisions of religion, caste, language and region and put the national interest first.

Singh said India was a "civilisational power" whose rise was based on inclusive development rather than confrontation. Its approach rested on respect, dialogue, prosperity, security and culture, drawing on the principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, he said.

Highlighting India's growing role in the Global South, Singh said the country had emerged as a trusted partner. Under Vaccine Maitri, India supplied more than 30 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses to over 100 countries and also provided medicines, digital payment solutions and technical expertise.

On defence self-reliance, Singh said India was moving from being a major arms importer to a trusted global supplier. Defence exports had risen from Rs 686 crore in 2013-14 to a record Rs 38,424 crore in 2025-26. The government had set an export target of Rs 50,000 crore by 2029, he said.

India was developing indigenous capabilities in aircraft and drone engines and fifth- and sixth-generation fighter jets. Growing global demand for Indian missiles, radars, ammunition and other platforms reflected confidence in the country's defence industry, Singh said.

The defence allocation had increased from about Rs 2.53 lakh crore in 2013-14 to Rs 7.85 lakh crore in 2026-27. About 75 per cent of the capital acquisition budget, or Rs 1.39 lakh crore, had been reserved for domestic procurement.

Singh said warfare was expanding into cyber, space, electronic and information domains, with artificial intelligence, drones, autonomous systems, quantum technology and hypersonic weapons gaining prominence.

He said private companies, startups and MSMEs were playing a growing role in defence manufacturing. The Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu defence corridors had received investment proposals worth about Rs 70,000 crore, of which nearly Rs 10,000 crore had been invested.

Technologies developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation for conventional missile systems would be transferred to eligible Indian industries. Singh said this would improve military preparedness, ensure timely missile supplies and allow the DRDO to concentrate on research and development.

Rs 11,085-Cr Works To Be Launched Under Palle Panduga On Sept 29

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan will launch development works worth Rs 11,085 crore under Palle Panduga 3.0 at Udayagiri in Nellore district on September 29. As part of the programme, CC roads will be laid in villages, covering 6,000 km for Rs 2,700 crore. BT road works covering 9,500 km will be taken up at a cost of Rs 7,550 crore. Around 22,000 mini Gokulams (cattle sheds) will be constructed to benefit dairy farmers at a cost of Rs 300 crore, according to the release.

The Horticulture Department will take up plantation activities across 50,000 acres at a cost of Rs 225 crore, and 1,000 km of magic drains will be con-



structed at a cost of Rs 110 crore. Bus shelters, gram panchayat buildings, Rachabandas and other works will be taken up at a cost of Rs 200 crore. Of the total Rs 11,085 crore, the Central share will be Rs 5,391 crore and the State share Rs 5,694 crore. The government will take up works with Rs 1,750 crore under VB-G RAM G, Rs 3,800 crore under the Global Horticulture Hub, and another Rs 2,000

crore through NABARD, SASKI and other funds. Under Palle Panduga 1.0, the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department laid 4,000 km of CC roads, 22,514 cattle sheds, 21,000 farm ponds and horticulture plantations across 64,000 acres. Under Palle Panduga 2.0, works included 2,500 km of CC roads, 8,300 km of BT roads, 15,750 cattle sheds, 15,500 cattle water troughs, 86,000 farm ponds, 82,000 individual soak pits and 32 km of magic drains. The coalition government is undertaking massive development works in rural areas under Palle Panduga 3.0, with a focus on strengthening rural infrastructure, supporting farmers and dairy producers and improving basic amenities in villages.

Purandeswari Leads JPC Discussions on Education Bill



Kakinada: Rajamahendravaram Lok Sabha member D. Purandeswari, chairperson of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Pratishthan Bill, 2025, held discussions in Kolkata on Sunday. The committee gathered views from representatives of the West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Sikkim governments, besides officials from IIM Kolkata, IIT Kharagpur and the Union Ministry of Education. Purandeswari said the suggestions from various stakeholders were invaluable in strengthening the education sector and ensuring access to quality higher education. She said the committee would consider the feedback and suggestions received during its study tour.

YSRC leaders, workers join Telugu Desam

Vijayawada: Several senior YSRC leaders and workers from Mangalagiri, Tadepalli and Undavalli mandals of the Mangalagiri Assembly constituency joined the Telugu Desam in the presence of the party's national general secretary and local MLA N. Lokesh at a programme held at his Undavalli residence on Monday, ahead of the local body elections.

Those who joined the TD included former



Mangalagiri municipal vice-chairman Munagala Malleswara Rao and his wife; former MPTC member Kallam Sanjiv Reddy; Kallam Sambhi Reddy and Kallam Srinivasa Reddy, along with six families from Undavalli; and Jakkireddy Prabhakar Reddy, Sureddi Venkateswara

Reddy, Sureddi Srinivasa Reddy, Kolli Lakshma Reddy and Bommi Kotireddy from Tadepalli. Several others from Tadepalli, Nidamaru, Yerrabalem and other areas also joined the party. Welcoming the new entrants into the TD, Lokesh said he was happy to see them join the party. He said he was committed to developing the Mangalagiri constituency and would always stand by its people.

Bhagat Singh is an Inspiration to Today's Youth: Minister Kondapalli Srinivas

Vizianagaram, September 28: Kondapalli Srinivas, the State Minister for MSMEs, Rural Poverty Eradication, and Non-Resident Telugu (NRT) Empowerment & Relations, stated that the life of Sardar Bhagat Singh—a revolutionary leader of the freedom movement—serves as an inspiration to today's youth. On the occasion of Bhagat Singh's 119th birth anniversary, the Minister paid floral tributes to his portrait at his camp office on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas described Bhagat Singh as a great figure who roused the public consciousness with the slogan "Inquilab Zindabad" to drive the British out of India. He hailed Bhagat Singh as a brave hero who fought against British rule for the nation's freedom at a very young age, disregarding the risk to his own life. He remarked that the patriotism and courage displayed by Bhagat Singh have been etched in golden letters in the country's history. Minister Kondapalli called upon the youth of today to adopt Bhagat Singh's ideals and rededicate themselves to the nation's progress and social service. Senior Telugu Desam Party leaders Kondapalli Kondalarao, Cheppa Chandrasekhar, and others participated in the event.



An Economic Engine for Vijayawada

Vijayawada Utsavam 2.0

A National Brand Image for the City

A Double Treat Alongside the Dasara Festivities

A New Vibrancy for Vijayawada Through the Festival

Even before the Dasara festivities begin, a celebratory atmosphere is set to sweep through Vijayawada. A grand curtain-raiser event was held for "Vijayawada Utsavam 2.0," an initiative aimed at showcasing the city's cultural, spiritual, and historical grandeur to the entire nation. Building upon the success of last year's festival—which relied heavily on public participation—this year's program has been designed on a much larger scale. The organizers emphasize that the festival is not merely about entertainment and cultural performances; its primary objectives in-

clude establishing a distinct brand image for the city, boosting tourism, and creating new opportunities for local businesses. With a massive influx of devotees and tourists expected in Vijayawada during Dasara, there is a strong focus on integrating this festive buzz with the city's economic activities. Public participation will be the highlight of this festival. As part of this initiative, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Chinni has called upon every household and business establishment to decorate their premises in a way that reflects the festive spirit. The initiative reflects an intent to foster a welcoming atmosphere for visitors, thereby enhancing the city's image. Organizers have also revealed plans to invite Chief Ministers and industrialists from other states to the festivities. This suggests a vision to transform the event from a mere local celebration into a platform that showcases Vijayawada as a prominent tourism and cultural hub. To add an economic dimension to the Vijayawada festival, a 'National Saras Mela' is also being organized. With 650 stalls planned at



the Punnam Ghat venue, organizers have allocated 230 of them to women's self-help groups from Andhra Pradesh. A key highlight of the fair is the opportunity it provides for women's groups from across the country to showcase and market their products. This initiative not only promises to expand the market for locally produced goods but also offers women avenues for additional income. The underlying idea is to create a marketplace environment where visitors can enjoy the festivities while also purchasing local products. Another significant aspect is the government's vision to leverage these festivities as an economic engine for the local economy. Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh emphasized that these festivals should not merely serve as entertainment events but should also generate income opportunities for traders, auto-rickshaw drivers, artists, and small-scale vendors. Indeed, a surge in visitors for large-scale cultural events can directly and indirectly benefit various sectors, including hotels, restaurants, transportation, small businesses, handicrafts, and the sale

of local products. At the same time, the idea has been put forward to leverage these festivals for cultural preservation by providing a platform for vanishing folk arts—such as leather puppetry, Tappeta Gullu, verse-based dramas, and mythological performances. Integrating Vijayawada's spiritual significance with cultural and tourism dimensions is another key aspect of this 'Utsav 2.0'. Linking the city's landmarks—such as the Durga Temple, the Krishna River, the Prakasam Barrage, and Punnam Ghat—through a unified festival platform offers an opportunity to showcase the city more comprehensively to visitors. Against this backdrop, Minister Kandula Durgesh expressed the goal of elevating the Vijayawada festivals to the same stature as those held in major tourist destinations like Visakhapatnam and Araku. Meanwhile, Minister Satya Kumar Yadav also noted that these festivals would play a vital role in showcasing Vijayawada's historical, spiritual, and cultural grandeur to the rest of the country. Promotional activities for the event have kicked off with the unveiling of the trailer, a song, and a poster.

Telangana Govt to Clear Decades-Old ULC Files



Hyderabad: Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Sunday announced that the government has taken a crucial decision to resolve Urban Land Ceiling (ULC) applications that have been pending for decades. Officials have been directed to immediately initiate regularisation measures for eligible cases, after completing all necessary procedural formalities as per regulations. In a media statement, Srinivas Reddy noted that although the previous government had issued a Government Order (GO) in 2016 to address pending ULC applications, it was never implemented, leaving thousands of cases unresolved for years. He said this had caused numerous difficulties for the public regarding land rights and transactions. "Instructions have been issued to expeditiously examine pending applications regarding colonies—whether partially regularised or unregularised—under the Telangana Urban Land Ceiling Act and to regularise eligible cases in accordance with the rules. To this end, Memo No. 48062/ULC/A1/2026-1 was issued on Sunday to facilitate the review and resolution of pending ULC applications filed under previously issued GOs 455, 456, 747 and 92," the minister explained. Srinivas Reddy further informed that in line with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's resolve to provide a permanent solution to land-related issues faced by the public, the government—after consultations with fellow cabinet ministers—has initiated measures to resolve '22A' issues through a fast-track process. "Orders have been issued permitting the registration of houses, plots and flats that possess approvals from GHMC, HMDA, DTCP or municipal authorities, even if they were previously listed under the '22A' category," he said.

Jagan to visit Ongole today...

Jagan's tour of Ongole today
Jagan to console the family of Kakumanu
Key meeting with party leaders

As the heat of local body elections gradually rises in Andhra Pradesh, the visit of YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to Ongole is generating political interest. Former CM Jagan is visiting Ongole today to console the family of the late party leader Kakumanu Rajasekhhar. Although this appears to be a routine visit to offer condolences, the timing and context hold political significance. On one hand, all parties are gearing up for the local elections. On the other, exercises regarding changes in responsibilities—such as district and constituency-level roles and the appointment of new coordinators—are underway within the YSRCP. Consequently, a debate has arisen: will Jagan's Ongole visit be limited merely to offering condolences, or will it serve as a platform for crucial discussions regarding party reorganization?

Consoling Kakumanu Rajasekhhar's family appears to be the primary official engagement of Jagan's visit. YSRCP leaders had alleged that Rajasekhhar was subjected to severe stress during a protest held at the SAAP office in Vijayawada. Against this backdrop, some view Jagan's visit to the family as conveying a political message to party cadres and the local leadership. However, one aspect needs to be noted here: it is incorrect to view a leader's visit to console a family solely as a political activity. It is common for political tours to combine condolence visits, meetings with party workers, and other party-related events. Yet, since preparations for the local body elections have gained momentum just as Jagan visits Ongole after a long hiatus, the political significance surrounding his tour has naturally intensified.

The primary political focus, however, is on the meeting of key party leaders scheduled for the 30th of this month. With the local body election schedule likely to be released soon, YSRCP sources indicate that Jagan will provide guidance to party leaders on issues such as reservation quotas, candidate selection, constituency-wise party strength, and local leadership dynamics. Candidate selection is crucial, especially given the party's decision to contest every seat. In local elections, factors such as a candidate's personal rapport, local connections, and the strength of the village-level cadre often carry as much weight as the party symbol. Consequently, the YSRCP appears to be focusing on a strategy of identifying and fielding suitable candidates only after the reservation details are finalized.

The introduction of a direct election system for mayors and municipal chairpersons adds yet another dimension to the local political landscape this time around. Political parties are calculating that a strong mayoral or chairperson candidate could boost the campaigns of corporators and councilors contesting simultaneously. Consequently, the situation demands that the face of the city-level leadership be determined in advance, rather than merely selecting candidates at the division or ward levels. Against this backdrop, there is talk that Jagan intends to focus specifically on the selection of mayoral and chairperson candidates. However, given the direct election system, various factors—such as public sentiment, the candidates' individual strength, and local issues—are likely to influence the results.

Simultaneously, discussions regarding an organizational overhaul within the YSRCP have gained significance. Reports suggest the party high command is deliberating on measures such as appointing new coordinators for key constituencies, reshuffling district-level responsibilities, and entrusting greater duties to locally active leaders. Coordinating the party machinery is essential to effectively face the local elections. Drawing lessons from past elections, the party needs to identify areas of leadership gaps, gauge cadre activity levels, and pinpoint potential challenges in candidate selection. Amidst this, there is specula

Nampally Revenue Inspector & Private Person Caught by ACB NET

REVENUE INSPECTOR (RI), O/O THE TAHSILDAR CUM JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR, NAMPALLY MANDAL, NALGONDA DISTRICT & ONE PRIVATE PERSON IN ACB NET.

On 28.09.2026, the Accused Officer-1 Sri Rallabandi Gopa Raju, Revenue Inspector, O/o The Tahsildar cum Joint Sub-Registrar, Nampally Mandal, Nalgonda District was caught by the ACB, Nalgonda Range unit when he demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.15,000/- from the complainant through A-2 Sri Adulla Yadagiri, Private Person working as an assistant AO-1 for doing an official favor, ie., "submitting the Panchanama Report prepared in respect of the complainant's agricultural land to the Tahsildar.



The tainted bribe amount of Rs.15,000/- was recovered from the possession of the A-2 at his instance. Thus, the AO performed his duty improperly and dishonestly to obtain undue advantage.

Therefore, the AO-1 & A-2 are being arrested and produced before the Hon'ble Principal 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 a demand for a bribe by any Public Servant, the public is requested to contact the ACB Toll Free Number, Le., 1064, to take action as per Law. ACB Telangana can also be contacted through social media platforms WhatsApp (9440446106), Facebook (Telangana ACB), and X (X/formerly twitter Telangana ACB). The QR Code of ACB is also displayed in all Government Offices and prominent public places to contact ACB, Telangana. The name and details of the victim/complainant will be kept secret.

Mahakavi Gurram Jashuva: A distinguished figure who fought for equality and human rights through his writings – Minister Kandula Durgesh

Grand celebration of the 131st birth anniversary of Padma Bhushan and 'Kavisamrat' Gurram Jashuva held at the Pingali Venkayya Hall in the Vijayawada Collectorate
State Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography, Kandula Durgesh, attended as the chief guest and paid tribute by garlanding the portrait of Jashuva
'Kavisamrat Gurram Jashuva Kavikokila Awards' presented to eminent literary figures; Minister Durgesh handed over a cash prize of ₹50,000, a memento, and a certificate of appreciation

Vijayawada: September 28, 2026.: Vijayawada: Minister Kandula Durgesh described Gurram Jashuva as a rare 'people's poet' who infused social consciousness into the era of romantic poetry (Bhavakavitvam) and transformed the anguish of marginalized sections into powerful verse. The 131st birth anniversary celebrations of 'Navayuga Kavi Chakravarthi' and Padma Bhushan awardee Gurram Jashuva were held with great grandeur at the Pingali Venkayya Hall in the Vijayawada Collectorate (NTR District), organized by the State Creativity and Culture Commission. Kandula Durgesh, the State Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography, attended the event as the chief guest. On this occasion, he paid rich tributes to the great poet Gurram Jashuva by garlanding his portrait.

As part of the celebrations, Minister Kandula Durgesh honored prominent litterateurs—Shaik Karimulla, Dr. Jaladi Vijayakumari, Wilson Rao Kommavarapu, and Gaddam Eswaramma—for their significant contributions to the growth, sustenance, and preservation of Telugu literature. They were presented with the 'Kavisamrat Gurram Jashuva Kavikokila Sahiti Puraskaram,' comprising a cash incentive of ₹50,000, a memento, and a certificate of appreciation. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kandula Durgesh said, "Gurram Jashuva was a towering figure who fought against social inequalities with his pen and gave a voice to the self-respect of marginalized communities through his literature. Even in those times, he awakened society to the causes of human rights and equality through works like Gabbilam and Firdausi. He was a courageous soul who wielded the written word



as a weapon to combat untouchability. A distinguished modern Telugu poet, Jashuva—known as 'Kavi Kokila'—used his poetry to rebel against such regressive practices; he earned accolades in the very places where he had once faced scorn. We must all strive to realize his ideals and build an egalitarian society by following in the footsteps of this 'Viswa Kavi Samrat' (Universal Poet Emperor). The contributions of the four literary luminaries honored today are truly exceptional. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, the state government is prioritizing arts, artists, and poets, thereby revitalizing our cultural heritage. By celebrating the birth anniversaries of great personalities as state festivals, we are passing on their ideals to future generations." On this occasion, Minister Durgesh recited a poem penned by Gurram Jashuva: "Right here, the sweet pen of the great poet melted away in the flames..."

Speaking at the event, Gummadi Gopalakrishna, Chairman of the Theatre Academy, hailed Gurram Jashuva as a great poet who composed verses in a style accessible even to the common man. He noted that a "golden era" for the state's cultural sector has dawned thanks to the efforts of CM Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Kandula Durgesh. He mentioned that the Boyi Bhimanna awards had been presented recently and announced that the Kandukuri awards, as well as the Nandi Theatre Festival and Nandi Awards, would soon be organized on a grand scale.

Tejasvi Podapati, Chairperson of the Creative and Cultural Committee, stated that Jashuva's poetry always provokes thought, raises questions, and advocates for change to eradicate discrimination in society. She described J

"Our Future... Our Lokesh Anna"

Bonda Siddhartha's Rally in Vijayawada
Massive Rally with 4,000 Students

Slogans of "Our Future... Our Lokesh Anna" raised by students in Vijayawada Central generated significant political interest. A rally involving approximately 4,000 students proceeded from the SRR & CVR Government Intermediate and Degree College in Machavaram to the BSNL signal point. TDP leader Bonda Siddhartha stated that the event was organized to support the government's initiatives regarding the future of the youth, job opportunities, and reforms in the education sector. Unlike typical political events, this rally—centered around students—once again highlighted how crucial job and employment opportunities for the youth have become in current political discourse.

Siddhartha emphasized that creating job opportunities for the youth is the primary goal of the alliance government. He highlighted measures such as filling 16,000 DSC (District Selection Committee) posts, the target of creating 2 million (20 lakh) jobs, and attracting investments in the IT sector. He noted that investments flowing into the state would generate new opportunities across IT, industries, startups, and allied sectors. However, the extent to which these goals are implemented and the tangible



benefits the youth receive in terms of actual employment will be the critical factors moving forward. Overall, the future of the youth is evolving from a mere subject of election promises into a key political issue linked to jobs, education, investments, and skill development. A student rally held in Vijayawada has added a new dimension to this discourse. To sustain the response from the youth, it is crucial that the government's announced goals materialize, recruitment processes accelerate, and new employment opportunities become available. At the same time, issues concerning youth, education, and employment are gaining greater prominence in Minister Nara Lokesh's political profile.

SEINOR CIVIL JUDGE cum SECRETARY DLSA CHIEF GUEST Legal Awareness Program for Representatives of Child Care Institutions

AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF : Hyderabad: A legal awareness program was organized in Secunderabad for representatives of all child care institutions in Hyderabad district, under the aegis of the District Child Protection Unit. Ms. A. Sridevi, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (Sessions Division, Nampally, Hyderabad), attended the event as the chief guest.

On this occasion, Ms. A. Sridevi raised awareness regarding the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, the rules of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), children's rights, and legal aspects concerning child care.

She emphasized the need to pay special attention to the rights of children residing in child care institutions, as well as to aspects such as free legal aid, education, health, protection, and rehabilitation. She explained the necessity of addressing issues related to children with sensitivity and in accordance with legal provisions.

Furthermore, the participants were educated on JJB regulations, operational procedures for child care institutions, the prevention of violence and abuse against children, and the safeguarding of the best interests of the child.

District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) Mr. Srinivas, Coordinator Mr. Vijaya Bhaskar, representatives of child care institutions, concerned officials, and other dignitaries participated in the program.



MLAs Join Congress Protest in Nagarkurnool

Nagarkurnool : The Congress party organised a massive protest at the Nagarkurnool Collectorate on Monday, demanding the removal of Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar from office. The protest was led by District Congress president and Achampet MLA Dr Chikkudu Vamsi Krishna. Congress MLAs Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy and Kasireddy Narayana Reddy, along with public representatives, party leaders and workers, participated in the protest.

Speaking on the occasion, Congress leaders alleged that the Central government and the Election Commission were acting unilaterally in the electoral process. Dr Vamsi Krishna alleged that there was a conspiracy to delete 25 crore votes. He called upon party workers to take the alleged anti-people policies of the BJP to the people.

The MLAs alleged that the actions of the Election Commissioner were weakening the consti-



tutional system and further alleged that Gyanesh Kumar was working in favour of the BJP. Later, the Congress leaders met Collectorate Administrative Officer Chandrasekhar and submitted a memorandum demanding the removal of Gyanesh Kumar from the post of Election Commissioner.

Animal Husbandry Department Spreads Rabies Awareness



Nagarkurnool : An awareness programme was conducted for students at Mantati village in Nagarkurnool mandal by the Animal Husbandry Department on the occasion of World Rabies Day. The programme focused on creating awareness about rabies and the importance of regular vaccination of dogs and cats. Vet-

erinary Assistant Surgeon Dr T. Kalpana said this year's World Rabies Day theme is "Stronger Together – One Health for All."

She said rabies is a fatal viral disease and can be almost 100 per cent fatal once symptoms appear. The disease is mainly transmitted through dog bites, but can be prevented through timely vaccination. She advised pet owners to ensure that their dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies every year.

Dr T. Kalpana advised people to immediately wash an animal-bite wound with soap and water for at least 15 minutes and visit the nearest government hospital without delay for anti-rabies vaccination. She also stressed the importance of educating children about safe interaction with animals and urged everyone to contribute to rabies prevention.

Sanskar Bharati Calls for Dedicated Efforts to Preserve Indian Culture :

Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy September 26, 2026 : The regional meetings of Sanskar Bharati were held at Shadnagar in Ranga Reddy district, bringing together activists and representatives from various districts of Telangana to deliberate on the preservation and promotion of Indian culture.

Sanskar Bharati President Advocate Raj Kumar Subedar, General Secretary Madhuri, Literary Secretary K.V. Ramanachari, Sahakara Darshi Sai Reddy, Regional Sahitya Vidha Pramukh Dr. Gantyal Prasad and Sahakara Darshi Chamakura Srinivasa Reddy attended the meetings.

Chief guest Lingam Sridhar addressed the gathering and explained in detail the objectives, working principles and lifestyle expected of Sanskar Bharati activists. He highlighted the significance of Indian traditions, cultural values and the collective responsibility of society in safeguarding the country's rich cultural heritage.

He urged the activists to dedicate themselves to cultural preservation with commitment, discipline and a spirit of service. He said Sanskar Bharati workers should function like soldiers dedicated to protecting Indian culture, while reaching cultural values to every section of so-



ciety in a positive and affectionate manner.

Activists from different districts of Telangana participated in the regional meetings and discussed organisational activities and cultural programmes. The sessions also emphasised the need to encourage the younger generation to understand and respect India's diverse traditions, arts and heritage.

Sanskar Bharati President Sharma, General Secretary Vadrevu Shivaji, Sangathan Mantri Niranjan, Manch Kala Vidha Pramukh Bejagam Srinivas, and several other office-bearers and activists were present.

The regional meetings concluded with a call for united and sustained efforts to strengthen cultural awareness and ensure the continuity of India's traditional values for future generations.

Double-Bedroom Houses Allotted Through Lucky Draw :

Nizamabad, September 28, 2026 : The selection of beneficiaries for the allotment of double-bedroom houses near the Integrated District Offices Complex in Nizamabad North Mandal was completed through a lucky draw on Monday.

The lottery was conducted at the Municipal Citizen Service Centre under the supervision of Nizamabad Mayor Kooragayala Uma Rani, RDO Rajendra Kumar and Municipal Commissioner S. Dilip Kumar.

The names of eligible applicants were picked through a transparent lottery in the presence of corporators, representatives of various political parties and the applicants concerned. The proceedings were also videographed to ensure complete transparency and prevent any scope for irregularities or objections.

As per government guidelines, reservations were implemented for different categories, including 6 per cent for STs, 17 per cent for SCs, 12 per cent for minorities and 5 per cent for persons with disabilities. The selected beneficiaries were announced during the programme.



Additional Municipal Commissioner B. Chandrasekhar, Housing EE J. Rajyalakshmi, North Tahsildar Harikishore and other officials were present.

The beneficiaries selected through the lucky draw expressed their happiness and thanked the government for providing them with double-bedroom houses.

Receive Petitions and Direct Officials to Resolve Them

District In-charge Additional Collector (Revenue) Rathod Ramesh

Nirmal District : District In-charge Additional Collector (Revenue) Rathod Ramesh directed officials not to delay the resolution of applications received through the Prajavani programme.

He participated in the Prajavani programme held at the Collectorate conference hall and personally received grievances from the public.

Speaking on the occasion, the Additional Collector instructed officials of the concerned departments to examine every application thoroughly and respond promptly. He directed them to immediately resolve pending Prajavani ap-



plications at the mandal level. He also advised the departments concerned to coordinate with one another to ensure that public grievances are addressed effectively.

As part of the Prajavani programme, people submitted applications regarding education, healthcare, Indiramma housing, pensions, and land-related issues.

Deputy Collector Rakesh, RDO Devidas, officials from various departments, staff, and others participated in the Prajavani programme.

Stop Unnecessary Attacks and Harassment Against Ophthalmic Assistants

Nirmal District : Ophthalmic Assistants are providing essential primary eye-care services to the public and referring patients who require further treatment to qualified eye specialists.

However, Ophthalmic Assistants are facing unnecessary attacks, harassment, and obstacles while performing their duties. Such incidents not only affect the professional dignity of Ophthalmic Assistants but also cause inconvenience to the public in accessing eye-care



services.

In connection with this issue, a representation was submitted to the District Collector under the leadership of the Optometrists' Union and its president, seeking appropriate action.

"We are not against anyone. We respect all sections of society and are carrying out our professional responsibilities in accordance with the prescribed rules and regulations," they stated.

Advanced Thoracic Surgery Enables Safer, Faster Recovery

September 28, 2026: Yashoda Hospitals is offering advanced treatment for various chest and thoracic diseases using minimally invasive thoracic surgery techniques, helping patients recover faster with less pain and shorter hospital stays.

Thoracic surgery involves operations on organs and structures in the chest, excluding the heart. With the availability of modern surgical techniques, several complex procedures that previously required large incisions can now be performed through small cuts. Video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) and robotic-assisted thoracic surgery are increasingly being used for conditions including lung cancer, oesophageal cancer and tumours in the chest.

These minimally invasive procedures offer several advantages, including reduced surgical trauma, less postoperative pain, shorter hospitalisation and quicker return to normal activities. Advanced technology also enables surgeons to perform proce-



dures with greater precision while minimising damage to surrounding tissues.

Yashoda Hospitals Thoracic Surgeon Dr. Rohan Reddy said thoracic surgery had undergone significant advances over the past decade. "With smaller incisions and advanced robotic and minimally invasive techniques, we are able to treat even complex conditions with considerably less stress on the body and greater precision," he said.

He added that early detection, advanced surgical expertise and a multidisciplinary approach involving specialists from different departments were helping provide comprehensive cancer care. Treatment is tailored to each patient's condition while combining modern technology with personalised medical care.

Yashoda Hospitals has advanced operation theatres, high-definition imaging systems and robotic surgical platforms, supported by a multidisciplinary team comprising thoracic surgeons, pulmonologists, oncologists, radiologists, anaesthesiologists and critical-care specialists. The hospital provides comprehensive treatment for a wide range of thoracic conditions, including lung and oesophageal cancers.

Apart from thoracic surgery, the hospital also provides comprehensive care for patients with advanced interstitial lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), pulmonary hypertension and other end-stage lung disorders. A specialised multidisciplinary transplant team, advanced critical-care facilities and rehabilitation support are available for patients requiring lung transplantation. In this press meet Manger Kondal Reddy also present .

Revanth Reddy recalls ABVP past, advises Modi ahead of 2029 polls

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy recalled his association with the ABVP and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should win people’s hearts rather than divide the nation. He also criticised the Centre over Telangana projects and discussed education, language and the TDP.



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has once again put the Congress high command in an awkward position by recalling his association with the ABVP and suggesting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should win people’s hearts to emerge victorious in the next Lok Sabha elections.

“If Modiji wants to form the government for the fourth time, he needs to win hearts but should not divide the nation. As an ABVP karyakarta, this is my concern,” he said while participating in a conclave in New Delhi on Monday.

Revanth Reddy also accused the Prime Minister of not extending the required support to Telangana. “On the personal front, he treats me well. But he has not sanctioned Metro rail expansion, Regional Ring Road, National Highways and many other issues are pending with the Prime Minister,” he said. He also alleged that the semiconductor unit had been taken away from Telangana and sanctioned to Gujarat.

Despite facing criticism over his opposition to the formation of Telangana, the Chief Minister

ter claimed that he had participated in the separate State agitation. “I worked actively in Vidyarthi Parishad and then I participated in the Telangana agitation,” Revanth Reddy claimed.

He made the claim after being labelled ‘Rifle Reddy’ for carrying a rifle in his car during the Telangana agitation, when he was associated with the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Revanth Reddy also stated that Telangana was formed in 2017, drawing attention to the incorrect reference to the year of State formation.

In what could trigger a debate, the Chief Minister took a sharp U-turn from his earlier stand on English and its significance, especially in securing jobs. In the past, he observed that language does not help in acquiring knowledge but was only meant for communication. “In America, a beggar seeks alms in English and even bathroom cleaner speaks English. Do Japanese, Chinese and German people speak English,” he had argued in the past.

However, while speaking about the reforms introduced in the education sector in the State and the need for students to acquire skills, Revanth Reddy contradicted his earlier observation, saying, “Students will anyway learn regional language English is a job creating language and how to communicate with people.”

In another observation, the Chief Minister said the relevance of the TDP declined in Telangana after the State’s division. “This was mainly due to a DNA problem as its leadership is from Andhra and the party is in Telangana. Then I decided to join the Congress,” Revanth Reddy said.

Kharge ‘Insult’: Cong. To Hold Self-Respect Meet On Sept. 29

NEW DELHI: The Congress on Sunday accused the Modi government of being “anti-Dalit” and “anti-tribal” and announced a “Dalit-Adivasi Self-Respect Meeting” on September 29 over the “purification” ritual conducted after party president Mallikarjun Kharge’s rally in Uttarakhand last month.

The Congress SC/ST MPs’ Forum will organise the meeting in collaboration with the AICC departments concerned with Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The venue was listed as Mavalankar Hall, Constitution Club of India.

“The meeting will discuss the purification ritual following Kharge ji’s public meeting in Haldwani, Uttarakhand, in August,” Congress MP Mallu Ravi said.

He said the meeting would also discuss incidents across the country involving violations of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and prepare a roadmap to prevent their recurrence.

Congress MPs from both Houses of Parliament, former MPs, ministers from Congress-ruled states, MLAs and AICC representatives will attend, he added.

“This was not merely an insult to Kharge ji, but an insult to the entire SC/ST community,” Ravi said of the ritual.

“The Uttarakhand government initially did not register an FIR. After MPs staged a protest at the Parliament Street police station, an FIR was eventually registered in Haldwani. This is what is happening in a BJP-ruled state,” he said.

Ravi alleged that the BJP supported the incident, saying its state president had openly



backed the Ram Sena members who conducted the ritual. He accused the party of deliberately seeking to divide people on caste lines.

“The Prime Minister (Narendra Modi), Home Minister (Amit Shah) and Uttarakhand Chief Minister (Pushkar Singh Dhami) have not yet condemned the incident,” Ravi said at a press conference attended by party leaders Manoj Kumar, Tanuj Punia, Karamveer Baudh, Bhajan Lal Jatav and Vikrant Bhuria.

The forum said the Constitution guaranteed every citizen, including members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the right to self-respect, dignity, equality, freedom and fraternity.

Expressing concern over continuing violations of laws meant to protect these communities, it urged their public representatives to unite against discrimination and social prejudice in Parliament, state legislatures and public forums.

The initiative is being organised in collaboration with K. Raju, national coordinator of the SC, ST, OBC and Minority Departments and AICC in-charge of Jharkhand; Rajendra Pal Gautam, chairman of the AICC SC Department and in-charge of Uttar Pradesh; and Dr Vikrant Bhuria, national chairman of the Adivasi Congress and MLA from Jhabua.

CMC Commissioner Inaugurates Ashray Centre at Kondapur

Hyderabad: Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) commissioner G. Srijana inaugurated an Ashray centre at Kondapur, established in partnership with the state government and Amazon India, which provide a space for gig and delivery workers.

The centre is part of the initiative being taken up under the guidance of special chief secretary Jayesh Ranjan to create accessible spaces for gig workers at locations where they can conveniently take a break during their working hours. The Kondapur centre is open to gig and delivery workers across all platforms, irrespective of the company or platform they are associated with.



India Attends SCO Meeting in Pakistan

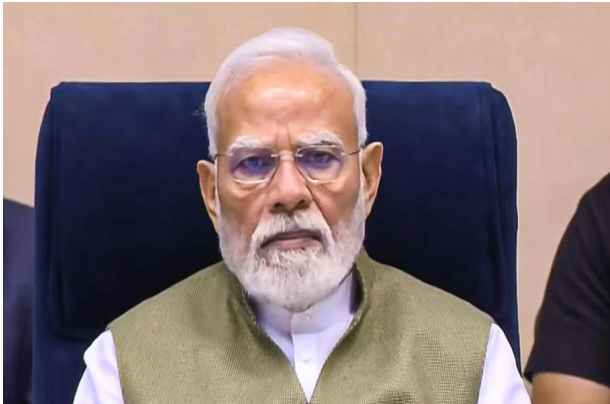
New Delhi: India is taking part in a three-day meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) national coordinators that began in Islamabad on Monday, as Pakistan starts its chairship of the grouping. India is represented by its SCO national coordinator, Alok Dimri, an additional secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. Reports said Dimri arrived in Islamabad earlier in the day.

The meeting comes two days after external affairs minister S. Jaishankar referred to Pakistan as a “terrorist country” in an exchange with a Pakistani journalist on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The SCO’s 10 members are India, Pakistan, Russia, China, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Iran and Belarus.

At the SCO summit in Bishkek on September 1, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a united stand against terrorism. Without naming Pakistan, he said member countries “must send a strong message to countries that use terrorism as an instrument of policy and provide safe haven and support to terrorists that terrorism can never be a strategic asset for anyone”.

Modi also called for the dismantling of networks involved in financing, recruitment, radicalisation and providing safe havens for terrorism. He said there was “no place for double



standards on terrorism”.

According to media reports citing Pakistan’s foreign office, the national coordinators will discuss the programme for Pakistan’s chairship and preparations for forthcoming SCO meetings. Pakistan has identified connectivity, innovation, economic cooperation and people-to-people contacts as priorities, the reports said.

Pakistan assumed the SCO chairship from Kyrgyzstan earlier this month and is expected to host the grouping’s summit next year. Asked recently whether Modi would attend, external affairs ministry secretary (West) Sibi George said: “A decision will be taken by the appropriate authority at the appropriate time and our appropriate level of participation will be decided accordingly.”

Goyal Heads to US for G20 Meet, Trade Pact Talks with Greer

New Delhi: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will visit the US from September 29 to October 5 to attend a G20 meeting in Milwaukee and hold discussions with United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer on advancing talks for the bilateral trade agreement, an official statement said on Monday.

He will participate in the G20 Trade Ministers’ Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 30 and October 1, at the invitation of the US Trade Representative (USTR).

“Goyal will also engage bilaterally with his counterpart from the United States as part of ongoing efforts to advance a balanced and mutually beneficial India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and finalise an interim deal in line with the Joint Statement of 7 February 2026,” the commerce ministry said. The minister will visit the US from September 29 to October 5, 2026. It added that the G20 meeting will bring together trade ministers of the member countries of the grouping.

“India will engage constructively with all G20 members and work towards a rules-based, open, inclusive, transparent, equitable and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization at its core, while ensuring adequate policy space for developing countries,” it said. On the sidelines, Goyal will also hold several bilateral meetings with his counterparts. In Milwaukee and Chicago, minister Goyal will meet chief executives of leading American companies in manufacturing, consumer goods, agri-business, retail and technology, and participate in roundtables with businesses, startups and innovative companies.

He will highlight the opportunities India offers as a manufacturing and investment destination and invite American companies to deepen their partnerships with Indian enterprises. “The visit is expected to further strengthen the



trade and investment partnership between India and the United States and deepen India’s engagement with its G20 partners,” it added. The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an international forum that brings together the world’s major advanced and emerging economies to discuss and coordinate economic policy. The United States holds the 2026 G20 presidency.

The members include Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, the UK, and the EU. US President Donald Trump will host the G20 Summit on December 14-15 at the Trump National Doral Miami resort in Doral, Florida. Goyal’s visit to the US is important as President Trump, on September 18, signed the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act, which authorises him to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on countries buying Russian oil and gas, including China and India. India-US BTA: India and the US in February announced the finalisation of the framework for the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement (BTA). However, changes in the tariff landscape in the US have led to further negotiations on the pact. Goyal on September 24 said that the trade pact between India and the US is “done and dusted” and will be executed once the United States gives India the right competitive advantage over its competitors in the American market. India’s competitors in the US market include ASEAN countries, China, and Bangladesh. At present, Indian goods attract an additional 10 per cent duty. It was imposed under a Sec 301 probe, citing concerns related to ‘forced labour’. Goyal last met the USTR Greer in June here. He led an official delegation during June 22-24. “The two leaders conducted a comprehensive review of core BTA elements, including enhanced market access, digital trade, supply chain resilience, reduction of non-tariff barriers, and expanded cooperation in strategic sectors...Discussions focused on pathways to conclude an interim agreement as an important milestone toward a comprehensive BTA,” a commerce ministry statement dated June 24 said. Bilateral Trade: India’s exports to the US increased by 21.83 per cent to USD 8.4 billion. Imports were up 65.78 per cent to USD 5.97 billion. During April-August 2026-27, the country’s merchandise exports to the US grew 6.17 per cent to USD 42.8 billion, while imports increased 29.6 per cent to USD 28 billion. The US was the largest trading partner of India in 2025-26. It was UD 132.2 billion (exports USD 86.51 billion and imports USD 45.62 billion). India’s major merchandise exports include electronic goods, engineering products, and drugs and pharmaceuticals, while imports include crude petroleum, electronic items, and industrial machinery.

Shah Flags Off India's First LNG Train

New Delhi, Ahmedabad: Union home minister Amit Shah on Sunday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had transformed the railways and urged the public to challenge the Congress to a debate based on facts and figures. Addressing a gathering after flagging off the country's first LNG train from Sabarmati station in Gujarat, Shah accused the Congress of corruption during its tenure and claimed that no one had been able to accuse Modi of corruption in 12 years.

"Before 2014, this country was ruled by one family. I want to talk only about railways. Dedicated freight corridor, rapid rail system, premium stations, all these have been started by Modiji. And by inaugurating a train running on hydrogen, he has placed India among just 4 countries in the world," he said. "The Congress speaks nonsense. The people of the country should ask them to discuss figures. You (Congress) did nothing except fraud, scams and corruption worth Rs 12 lakh crore. But no one has been able to accuse Modi of corruption of even four annas in 12 years," Shah said.

During the programme, Shah also flagged off a WAG-12 electric locomotive and inaugurated, dedicated to the nation or laid foundation stones for railway projects worth more than ₹1,500 crore. These included line-doubling works, the Kavach train protection system, automatic signalling and a maintenance shed for WAG-12 electric locomotives. Shah said the trial of the first long double-stack container train from Mumbai to Vadodara had been completed successfully. He said it would help address constraints on freight movement, double carrying



capacity and meet requirements up to 2040. "Ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power in 2014, he has brought several new facilities in the railways and modernised it. Under the Modi government, 11000 km long rail corridor is being converted into a 4-track network, which will lead to a lot of convenience in traffic," he said. Shah said 97 per cent of bio-toilets in trains had been installed during the Modi government's tenure. He also said 87 per cent of the coaches referred to in the supplied figures had been manufactured in India during this period. He credited the government with 70 per cent of railway electrification and said the railway safety budget and locomotive production capacity had increased by 67 per cent and 66 per cent respectively. "Modi solidified the concept of Make in India, the concept of self-reliant India, and this is the result of it. In 2015-16, Railways used 293 crore litres of diesel. By 2024-25 it will be 108 crore litres, and by 2030 it will be reduced to zero. We will save currency. This is a great achievement which does not come to people's attention," Shah said. Annual railway electrification had risen from 75 km in 2010-11 to 7,188 km in 2023-24, he said. Shah put railway electrification at 99.6 per cent and said India would achieve full electrification. He cited corresponding figures of 92 per cent for China, 68 per cent for Spain, 60 per cent for France and 49 per cent for Britain. Turning to Gujarat, Shah said its railway budget allocation had risen from ₹589 crore in the 2009-14 period to ₹17,366 in 2026-27.

KTR demands crop loss survey, compensation for Palamuru farmers

Hyderabad: Raising concern over crops withering due to a short supply of irrigation water, BRS working president KT Rama Rao demanded an immediate crop loss survey and compensation for farmers in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district. He said more than 40 per cent of crops were damaged despite adequate water being available in the Krishna and Godavari rivers.

Rama Rao made the demand after visiting cotton and maize fields at Deshtitikyal village in Nagarkurnool district and interacting with farmers while returning from Kollapur on Sunday. He said farmers had suffered heavy losses and were unable even to recover their investment. He demanded that the government conduct a crop survey covering every acre and announce a special package for affected farmers.

Farmers told him that cotton crops had dried up and changed colour, with little possibility of fetching even Rs 4,000 a quintal. Maize farmers, too, had suffered severe losses, with farmer Shekhar Reddy reportedly borrowing Rs 2 lakh to cultivate maize on two acres but losing the crop.

The BRS working president held the Congress government responsible for the crop loss and accused it of criminal negligence in ensuring irrigation water supply, despite 248 TMCft of water being available this year. He reminded the government that weather experts had warned of the El Nino impact and said the Congress government should therefore have stored



the available water, filled tanks and supplied water through canals. He alleged that the Kalwakurthy and Palamuru-Rangareddy projects were not being operated to their full capacity. He also raised the issue of power supply shortages after farmers complained that only single-phase power was available after 7 pm and that three-phase supply was frequently interrupted, making it difficult to operate agricultural pump sets. Rama Rao recalled that the previous BRS government provided irrigation to around 8-8.5 lakh acres in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district through the Jurala, Kalwakurthy, Nettampadu, Koilsagar and Palamuru-Rangareddy projects. He stated that while Palamuru was facing crop losses, Krishna River water was being diverted to Andhra Pradesh from the Srisailem reservoir. He assured the farmers that he would take up the issue with agriculture officials and the Agriculture Minister over their grievances. He also assured farmers that the BRS would continue its fight and mobilise BRS MLAs to press the government for relief until compensation was provided.

BRS confident of victory in Khairatabad bypoll, says minority cell leader

Hyderabad: BRS Minority Cell general secretary Abdul Muqeet Mohiuddin Chanda said the decade-long rule of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao had brought unprecedented development and welfare to Telangana, particularly Hyderabad. He expressed confidence that the BRS candidate would emerge victorious whenever the by-election to the Khairatabad Assembly constituency is held. Chanda said the KCR government had worked with the objective of improving the living conditions of people across all sections. During the BRS rule, Hyderabad witnessed major road infrastructure projects, flyovers, link roads and other urban development works. The government also addressed the power crisis and ensured uninterrupted power supply, he said. He said the BRS government had undertaken large-scale recruitment to fill government posts and introduced several welfare programmes for poor and vulnerable sections, increased social security pensions, provided financial assistance to women and extended support to different communities. Chanda said programmes such as Aasara pensions, Kalyana Lakshmi/Shaaadi Mubarak, Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima reflected the BRS government's focus on welfare and social security. "People of Hyderabad have seen the development and welfare delivered during the BRS government and remember it," he said. He said the BRS had a strong organisational base in Khairatabad and expressed confidence that voters would support the party whenever the by-election is conducted.



Sama Ram Mohan Reddy Likely Congress Pick for Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar Graduate MLC Seat



Hyderabad: In what could be a significant development ahead of the Legislative Council polls, the ruling Congress in Telangana has reportedly settled on former TPCC Media and Communications Chairman Sama Ram Mohan Reddy as its candidate for the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar Graduates MLC constituency. While official clearance from the AICC and TPCC leadership is still awaited, party insiders say Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has virtually finalised his candidature. Having led the party's media operations and countered the opposition, his familiarity with the urban student and employee demographic makes him the leading contender for the ticket.

PM Modi recalls 2016 surgical strikes, says India follows zero-tolerance policy

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the 2016 surgical strikes were India's decisive response to the pain caused by terror attacks and presented a new example of the country's counter-terrorism policy.



Asserting that India follows a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism, he said in his monthly broadcast, Mann Ki Baat, that the country has made it clear that terrorism will be dealt with strongly and decisively. He said over the past decade — from the Balakot air strike to Operation Sindoor — India has repeatedly sent a clear message that if terrorists dare to cast an evil eye on the country, they will be met with a befitting response.

Referring to the 2016 surgical strikes, Modi said the world was astonished to see the manner in which India's brave soldiers crossed the Line of Control (LoC) to take action against terrorism.

"A major historic achievement of India is set to mark its 10th anniversary in just a day — this achievement is the surgical strikes. Ten years ago, on September 28-29, 2016, the Indian Army carried out surgical strikes on terrorist hideouts in Pakistan," he said.

The prime minister said the surgical strikes were the country's decisive response to the long-standing pain India had endured due to terrorist attacks.

"The surgical strike boldly demonstrated to the entire world a new example of India's counter-terrorism policy," he said.

The surgical strikes were carried out by Indian forces on terror camps across the LoC after terrorists attacked an army camp at Uri in Jammu and Kashmir, leaving 18 soldiers dead.

Modi said India has long suffered wounds inflicted by terrorist attacks and recalled that there was a time when serial blasts had become a common occurrence in the country.

He said it was in this very month of September, specifically on September 13, 2008, that many innocent lives were lost in the serial blasts in Delhi.

"Just a few weeks later, the massive 26/11 attack took place in Mumbai. In the past too, there used to be demands for action against Pakistan following every terror attack, but such calls were often not given due attention; time was simply allowed to pass," he said.

The prime minister asserted that India pursues a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism, and everyone is witnessing the results of that.

Modi's reference to Pakistan's involvement in cross-border terrorism comes two days after Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif used the UN General Assembly podium to raise the Kashmir issue in his address to the world organisation.

Sharif raised the Kashmir issue, saying that to ensure South Asia never reaches the precipice of the conflict of 2025 again, a just and fair solution to the Kashmir issue is required.

India has repeatedly rejected Pakistan's assertions on Kashmir made at the UNGA forum as well as on other UN platforms, saying Jammu and Kashmir has been, is, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India.

India had launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 last year, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the April 22, 2025, Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians.

In his radio broadcast, the prime minister noted that this year also marks 25 years since the 9/11 terrorist attacks and that among the innocent lives lost at the World Trade Centre in the US, the highest number of victims after Americans were Indians.

"I recall that after becoming prime minister in 2014, when I visited the US, I had reached New York to pay homage to those innocent citizens. Today, once again, I extend my condolences to the bereaved families on behalf of crores of Indian citizens," he said.

In his address, the prime minister also touched upon the fight against drugs and said millions of young people across the country have recently taken a significant resolve against substance abuse and drugs.

He said the youth have vowed to stay away from drugs themselves and have also taken up the responsibility of spreading this message to others — all under the 'Nasha Mukh Yuva Abhiyan'.

The prime minister said there is one aspect of this campaign: the youth are propagating the message against drugs in their own language and in their own way.

"I had urged young people in Mann Ki Baat as well to join this campaign using their creativity, and I am delighted that thousands of youth have stepped forward in response to this call," he said.

Paying tributes to Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Ashok Singhal, Modi said there are many aspects of Singhal's work that do not receive much attention.

"Alongside the Ram Mandir movement, he also waged a major battle against social discrimination and inequality. Today, on the occasion of his birth centenary, I bow to him on behalf of his millions of admirers. I offer my heartfelt tribute," he said.

Talking about the "Somnath Swabhiman Parv", the prime minister said that a thousand years ago, in 1026, Mahmud of Ghazni had demolished the Somnath temple for the first time.

However, those who came to destroy Somnath and erase India's identity have no existence at all today, whereas the Somnath temple stands in all its grandeur by the vast sea, bestowing the blessing of immortality upon India, he noted.

"That is why we celebrated the 'Somnath Swabhiman Parv' this year with immense pride," he said.

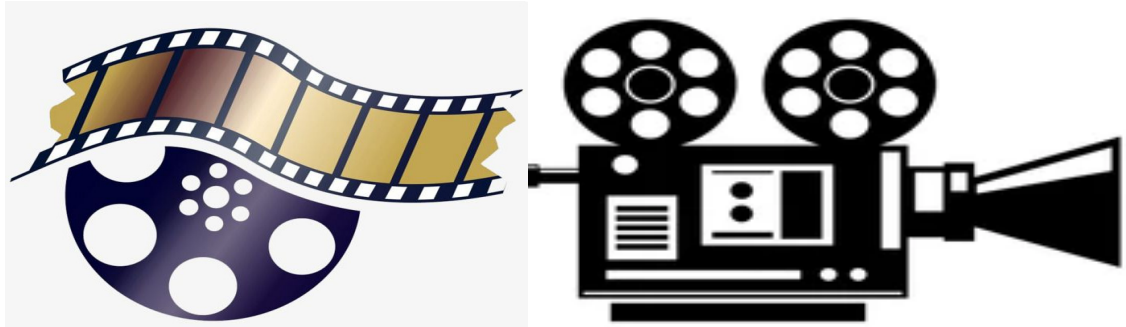
Referring to the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, Modi said he gave many people guiding principles for life, and cleanliness is one of them.

"We often see numerous efforts related to cleanliness around us. These efforts are very inspiring and uplifting. Such photos, videos and reels frequently catch our attention on social media as well," he said.

The prime minister said he has witnessed many such initiatives recently and that, at a place in Madhya Pradesh, young people are working to clean up a river, with the entire community joining in their small effort.

Similarly, Modi said in Andhra Pradesh, the youth are cleaning up old stepwells and wells, thereby helping to restore ancient heritage.

In Mumbai, he said, some young people are taking an initiative to keep beaches clean; every week, hundreds of young people gather at one beach or another to participate in cleanliness drives under the "Swachhata Se Sewa" initiative.



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Sigma Trailer: Sandeep excels in this all-round entertainer

IN THE TRAILER, WE SEE SANDEEP KISHAN AS A LOSER WHO IS REGARDED AS A COMPLETE FAILURE BY EVERYONE IN HIS LIFE.

Sigma starring Sandeep Kishan, Faria Abdullah in leading roles has generated good buzz with songs, teaser. The fact that TN CM Vijay's son Jason Sanjay, is debuting as a director with the film has enhanced the buzz and expectations further. Now, the makers have unveiled trailer for the movie releasing on 2nd October.

In the trailer, we see Sandeep Kishan as a loser who is re-



garded as a complete failure by everyone in his life. Even his lady love, played by Faria Abdullah, thinks he is not thinking straight. But the emotion to cheat the person and teach them a lesson keeps him going.

Jason Sanjay blended the emotions and stylish action

heist drama elements in a perfect way for Indian Cinema. He added doses of humor, love, action and excitement to the proceedings and trailer does an apt job in presenting all the elements while holding back interesting story points. Sandeep Kishan is excellent in the role with his look and charm.

He is able to convey emotions with his eyes and maintain the balance with his smarts. Lyca Productions is producing the film with S Thaman scoring music for it and his BGM enhanced the trailer. Renowned production and distribution company Mythri Distributions is releasing the movie in Telugu States.

Chiranjeevi's Vishwambhara Eyes Sankranthi Release?



Megastar Chiranjeevi's much-awaited Vishwambhara is reportedly eyeing a Sankranthi release, with January 12, 2027, being discussed as a possible date if everything goes as planned.

According to a source, the makers are keen to target the Sankranthi holiday season, believing the socio-fantasy entertainer has the potential to attract family audiences in a big way. "Discussions are underway to release the film on January 12. It is the kind of film that can appeal to audiences from six to 60, making the festival season an ideal window," says the source.

The team is currently completing the remaining portions of the shoot, with the final schedule expected to be wrapped up by Wednesday. "A few key scenes were canned recently, and the entire shooting part is expected to be completed in the next couple of days," the source adds.

VFX work is progressing simultaneously, with the team reportedly working against the clock to get the film ready for its intended release window. An official release date is expected to be announced once the production work is completed.

Vishwambhara also marks the reunion of Chiranjeevi and Trisha Krishnan nearly two decades after Stalin (2006). Their pairing is expected to add a nostalgic touch to the fantasy adventure.

Director Mallidi Vassishta recently spoke about the film during Chiranjeevi's birthday celebrations, describing the opportunity to direct the Megastar as a childhood dream.

With the makers now reportedly considering Sankranthi, Vishwambhara could be positioning itself as one of the major attractions of the 2027 festival season.

Scene Title Teaser: Suriya excels in different character

Suriya has made a huge mark on Indian Cinema as Singham in cop avatar but the actor has decided to change that image with his upcoming cop film, Scene. Directed by highly talented filmmaker, Jithu Madhavan, who made Aavesham, the movie is set to be a cop drama with Suriya in his most casual and fun avatar yet.

The movie is locked for 6th November release on the occasion of Diwali. Makers have unveiled title teaser with Suriya in a short and T-shirt. His character looks different from what he did all this while and has a lot of promise showcasing his fun side. He opened up a lot to play this super fun cop on screen.

His humming, his stylish walk and his ability to change to serious character while being fun are tremendous. With highly talented actors like Nazriya Nazim and Naslen cast in prominent roles, the movie appears to be a must watch



film with highly interesting elements that break the cliches of cop films.

The movie is presented in such a casual and fun manner, even though there is a deep mystery and investigative thriller feel, Jithu Madhavan and Suriya seem to be delivering another memorable blockbuster. Zhagaram Studios and 2D Entertainment are producing the film on a lavish scale.

Anupama Parameswaran reflects on life, says 'every moment counts'



Chennai: Underlining the fact that life was short and that every moment counted, actress Anupama Parameswaran on Tuesday said that if there was one thing she had now come to understand, it was that "Today is really all we have."

Taking to her Instagram page to post a reel, the actress wrote, "Not just a reel, an archive of memories."

She further went on to add, "Life is full of surprises, and with them come lessons. Some beautiful, some difficult, all leaving something behind. But if there's one thing I've come to understand, it's that life is short. Every moment counts. Every memory matters. And today is really all we have."

It may be recalled that Anupama had put out a cryptic post in July this year that came under the spotlight.

In it, Anupama had said that peace had found her and that she no longer needed to take any more permissions or be in fear.

Taking to her Instagram page to pen the rather cryptic post that gave the impression that she was finally free from something that had been imprisoning her, the actress wrote, Some-

times, you have to let go of the dead ends to finally find your peace. And today, peace found me."

She had further said, "From today, I choose my voice. I choose my life. No more permissions. No more fear. Just me, finding my way back to myself and falling in love with the life I almost forgot was mine. And there's something I've wanted to say for a very long time...Something I wasn't allowed to say for far too long. I love you all."

She wrote, "Thank you for standing by me, believing in me, and filling my life with so much love. If I haven't said it enough before, please know that I have always felt it. Every message, every prayer, every ounce of kindness reached me when I needed it the most. Thank you, Universe, for leading me back to myself."

Anupama concluded the post saying, "Here's to healing. Here's to freedom. Here's to choosing myself. And here's to a life that is finally, completely, unapologetically my own."

On the work front, Anupama next has director Sampath Nandi's explosive action drama 'Bhogi' coming up for release. The makers of the film, which features actor Sharwanand in the lead, released the look of Anupama Parameswaran as Kandula Sulochana Rani in the film.

The poster released showed Anupama as a village belle, walking barefoot on a dusty rural path. Sources had disclosed to IANS that Sulochana would be a spirited person who is deeply rooted in nature. The character in the film would be seen earning her livelihood by crafting leaf plates from Moduga leaves. Sulochana, sources claimed, would be shown as a person embodying both resilience and quiet strength.

The makers had revealed on actor Sharwanand's birthday that he played a character called Ganga in the eagerly awaited action thriller.

Payal Rajput's Traditional Portrait

Payal Rajput turns heads once again with a captivating blend of festive elegance and radiant charm.

Payal Rajput turns heads once again with a captivating blend of festive elegance and radiant charm. Dressed in a striking yellow floral saree paired with an intricately embellished green blouse from @rsbfactoryoutlet, she effortlessly embodies grace. The look is complemented by a delicate pearl necklace set with emerald accents, matching earrings, and a waist belt that accentuates the ensemble. Her soft braid adorned with fresh jasmine flowers (gajra) adds a traditional, ethereal finish to the silhouette.

Captured in a warm, golden-hour glow, Payal radiates joy and poise, perfectly framed by photographer @photogola_. The flawlessly styled soft glam and classic hairstyle by @ramyashankar.makeupartist bring out her natural beauty.

Beyond her stunning fashion moments, Payal continues to make waves in the film industry. Known for her impactful performances in hits like RX 100 and the critically acclaimed Mangalavaaram, she has maintained a strong presence across South Indian and Punjabi cinema. Her recent and upcoming projects include the Telugu action drama Rakshana (2024), the Tamil feature Leader (2026), and upcoming ventures like Golmaal and Kirathaka.

Ayesha Khan Radiates Traditional Elegance in Red and Gold

Actress Ayesha Khan recently shared a graceful portrait that perfectly captures traditional charm.

Actress Ayesha Khan recently shared a graceful portrait that perfectly captures traditional charm. Seated against a warm beige backdrop with a banana leaf, she wears a rich red velvet blouse featuring intricate gold embroidery and decorative tassels, paired with a gold-bordered saree. Classic jewelry including a nath, jhumkas, and red-and-gold bangles, along with an elegant updo and bindi, complete the look. She captioned it.

Born on September 13, 2002, in Mumbai, Ayesha began with television roles and gained nationwide attention as a contestant on Bigg Boss 17. She made her film debut in the Telugu movie Mukhachitram (2022) as Maya Fernandez. In 2024 she appeared in Om Bheem Bush, Manamey, and a special song in Gangs of Godavari.

She entered Hindi cinema in 2025 with a role as a police officer in Jaat, a special appearance in the song "Shararat" from Dhurandhar, and as Ruhi in Kapil Sharma's Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2. With a growing presence across television, Telugu, and Hindi films, Ayesha continues to expand her versatile career.