

CM Revanth to Launch Developmental Works in Karimnagar, Sircilla

Karimnagar:Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will lay the foundations and inaugurate various developmental initiatives in Karimnagar and Sircilla on Wednesday.

He would arrive in Karimnagar town at 3pm by helicopter and inaugurate the Integrated District Offices Complex there after unveiling a Telangana Thalli statue.

Later, the CM would visit the chambers of the collector and other officials. Later, he would lay foundation stones and inaugurate various developmental works.

At 4.45pm, Revant



Reddy would arrive at Sircilla town and then reach the public meeting venue by padayatra along with weavers at 6pm. After laying foundation stones for various developmental works, he would address the public. At 7.45pm, he would return to Hyderabad.

Police made tight security arrangements for the CM's visit. Besides deploying 550 police personnel in Karimnagar town, traffic movement was suspended between Pratima multiplex T junction and the Bhagat Singh statue.

The Sircilla police de-

played 1600 cops for the CM's security.

In Sircilla, Revanth Reddy would lay the foundation for projects worth ₹345.78 crore including the Indira Mahila Shakthi Bhavan (₹5 crore), RDO offices-2, Tahsildar offices-4 and SRO building (₹15.25 crore), the Telangana public school at TGMS Konaraopet (₹16.13 crore), the Vemulawad temple works expansion (₹99.4 crore), Young India Integrated Residential School in Sircilla (₹200 crore), the 10,000 capacity godown at Rudrangi (₹10 crore) and the New Nethanna Bazar at Sircilla.

Congress approves Sama Rammohan Reddy, Sarvotam Reddy for Telangana MLC polls

The Congress has approved Sama Rammohan Reddy and Ramreddy Sarvotam Reddy as its candidates for the Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad and Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal Graduates' Constituency elections. Voter enrolment began on Monday, while the final electoral rolls are scheduled for publication on December 30

Hyderabad: The Congress high command has approved the names of Sama Rammohan Reddy for the Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad Graduates' Constituency and Ramreddy Sarvotam Reddy for the Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal Graduates' Constituency elections.

According to a press release issued by the Congress party, AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge approved the candidatures on Tuesday. The announcement was made after Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy concluded his two-day visit to New Delhi.

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two Graduates' Constituencies began on Monday. The final electoral rolls will be published on December 30.

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Gyanesh Should Resign, Modi Should Quit For Pressuring CEC: Kharge At CWC Meet

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday called for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's immediate removal over alleged SIR "irregularities" and also demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resignation on moral grounds for "pressuring" the poll panel chief. Addressing a crucial meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) here, he said the Congress party would take to the streets and raise in Parliament issues pertaining to alleged irregularities in the electoral rolls and poll process.

Kharge put forth five major demands at the CWC, noting that all data on changes in electoral rolls be made public, all voters whose names have been deleted should get a chance to appeal and all political parties should be given electoral rolls in simple format in time.

He also demanded that an independent time-bound probe should also be conducted where serious anomalies are found and the poll process should be made transparent so no one feels that information is being hidden.

"The two Election Commissioners have themselves termed the CEC's actions as 'arbitrary and unreasonable' and the entire nation now knows that he has been trying to help the ruling party. In such a situation,



he does not have the right to be in his position and should be removed immediately," Kharge said.

"Together with this, the prime minister should also resign on moral grounds for 'pressuring' the CEC," the Congress chief said in his inaugural address at the CWC. "We should take a pledge at the CWC meeting that there should be transparency in electoral rolls and the poll process should be impartial. Institutions should be independent and the vote of every Indian should be protected," he said in his inaugural address.

This, he said, is the core of our Constitution and the soul of our democracy and the Congress party would not be left behind in fulfilling this responsibility and will take to the streets and raise these issues in Parliament. He also thanked Congress workers and leaders for standing behind Rahul Gandhi, who raised the alleged irregularities and highlighted the role of the CEC in "supporting" the BJP.

Congress consistently failed to deliver on poll promises: KTR

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised the Congress government for allegedly failing to fulfil its electoral promises after coming to power on what he described as false assurances. He expressed confidence that the BRS would return to power in the next Assembly elections.

He was speaking at Telangana Bhavan on the occasion of senior tribal leaders and former elected representatives from Utnoor and Indravelli mandals of Khanapur constituency joining the BRS in the presence of constituency in-charge Bhukya Johnson Naik. Among those who joined the party were Youth Congress Khanapur constituency president and former Kothaguda sarpanch Atram Rahul, former MPTC members, deputy sarpanches and several senior tribal leaders from the Congress and BJP.

Rama Rao said the BRS drew its strength from the people and would continue to fight for their rights, welfare and development. He asked party leaders and workers to remain active on public issues and strengthen the party in Khanapur in coordination with Johnson Naik.

The newly joined leaders alleged that the Congress had raised expectations by making several promises during the Assembly elections but failed to fulfil them after coming to power. They emphasised the need to strengthen the leadership of BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, who, they said, had safeguarded Telangana's development and the rights, welfare and self-respect of tribal communities.

Revanth Sets Sights on KTR's Stronghold

CM Revanth Reddy visits Sircilla today

FIRST VISIT TO SIRCILLA IN THE CAPACITY OF CHIEF MINISTER
LAUNCH OF DEVELOPMENT WORKS WORTH RS 345.78 CRORE

Hyderabad: "Did you think I wouldn't come? Did you think I couldn't make it? Look everywhere—here, there, and all around—I will be there," says CM Revanth Reddy. He had declared, "I will hold public meetings in Sircilla, Siddipet, and Gajwel; I will show everyone who I am and what I am capable of." True to his word, he is stepping into the 'Gulabi' (Pink party) bastion today. For years, Sircilla was synonymous with KTR, and KTR with Sircilla; however, Revanth Reddy asserts that the scene—and the entire script—is about to change. True to his prom-

ise, he is entering KTR's stronghold.

This marks CM Revanth Reddy's first visit to Sircilla since assuming the office of Chief Minister, a visit that holds significant political importance. Today, in addition to laying foundation stones and inaugurating development projects worth Rs 345.78 crore, the CM will address a massive public meeting. The visit will focus primarily on the welfare of weavers, women's empowerment, education, and infrastructure. The itinerary also includes laying the foundation stone for 'Young India Integrated Residential Schools' in

Sircilla and Vemulawada (at a cost of Rs 200 crore) and inaugurating the 'Nethanna Bazaar' (Weavers' Market). While development programs are on the official agenda, the political backdrop of Sircilla adds an extra layer of interest to this visit. BRS Working President KTR has represented Sircilla since 2009. Revanth Reddy had previously announced plans to tour the constituencies represented by key BRS leaders—namely Sircilla, Siddipet, and Gajwel. Consequently, speculation has arisen regarding whether the Chief Minister will address political is-

sues alongside developmental activities during his speech in Sircilla.

Ahead of the CM's visit, KTR posed several questions to the government. He demanded the release of a white paper regarding the allegations concerning approximately 8,000 acres of government land in Sircilla, insisting on full details—including the specific mandals, villages, and survey numbers where these lands are located. Noting the government's earlier claim of having reclaimed around 2,400 acres, KTR urged that details of these lands also be placed be-

fore the public. He asserted that the government must respond to these issues using official records.

Meanwhile, Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy responded sharply to KTR's criticisms. He stated that land-related allegations concerning KTR would be raised during the CM's visit to Sircilla and that questions regarding the region's development under the previous BRS administration would also be brought up. He highlighted the projects worth over ₹345 crore being undertaken by the Congress



government in Sircilla, as well as the farm loan waiver and proposed initiatives for weavers. However, for the allegations and counter-allegations regarding land issues to be fully clarified, relevant government records and details of official inquiries must be made public.

Overall, the Sircilla visit appears to be shifting from a focus on development activities to a political debate. On one hand, the government intends to showcase its performance through projects worth ₹345.78 crore, the 'Nethanna Bazaar' (Weavers' Market), edu-

cational institutions, and infrastructure improvements. On the other, KTR is raising questions regarding the previous administration, the current government's performance, and land-related matters. Consequently, interest is no longer confined merely to the announcement of development works; the focus has shifted to what CM Revanth Reddy will address in his speech and how KTR will respond. The extent to which political arguments will play out against the backdrop of development in Sircilla will become clear only after the Chief Minister's visit.

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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.

Samajwadi Party says Revanth Reddy should focus on governance, not matters of faith

Lucknow: The Samajwadi Party (SP) on Tuesday criticised Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's statement on Lord Ram and Lord Shiva and said he should focus on working for the poor and backward communities rather than commenting on matters of faith.

Speaking to IANS, Samajwadi Party spokesperson Ashutosh Verma said, "I think you are the Chief Minister of a state. You should not get involved in matters concerning God. Use the powers given to you by the Constitution to work for the poor, backward, Dalit, minority and oppressed people. Matters concerning God, and which God is greater or smaller, should be left to saints, seers and spiritual leaders."

This came as Reddy, speaking at a media event in the national capital on Monday, questioned the BJP's repeated use of the slogan "Jai Shri Ram" and asked why Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders do not similarly chant "Har Har Mahadev".

"We are Dravidians. Here (North India), people are Aryans. We are devotees of Shiva, while people here are devotees of Lord Ram. BJP stole Ram. It's an emotion; a sentiment. Why does Modi ji not say, 'Har Har Mahadev'? Have you ever seen BJP people say 'Har Har Mahadev' on stage? They only say, 'Jai Sri Ram'. When we chant 'Har Har Mahadev', they don't like it," Reddy stated.

The Telangana Chief Minister also described Lord Shiva as the "God of the poor" and Lord Ram as the "God of the rich", adding that both deities are revered by people.

His remarks drew a strong response from the BJP, as the party questioned the manner in which he sought to draw a distinction between the two deities and between the regions.

However, the Congress defended Reddy and ac-



cused the BJP of using God for "political gain".

Speaking to IANS, Congress leader Madhu Yaskhi Goud said, "The BJP is the one that has profited politically by creating division in the name of God. Today, the BJP is the one that stole the donations collected in the name of Lord Ram Himself. What right does someone who collects donations in God's name and steals them have to question us? First, you should answer the nation."

"With all the money you collected by raising the 'Jai Shri Ram' issue, when the Ram Temple inauguration took place, you distributed rice across the entire country. So you were the ones doing politics, not us. Our Chief Minister wants to prove that the BJP has fallen so low that they even exploit God just to come to power," he added.

TPCC president defends Revanth Reddy's comments on Lord Ram and Shiva



Hyderabad: TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud defended Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's comments on Lord Ram and Lord Shiva and rejected the demand for an unconditional apology.

"Why should he apologise? I am 100 per cent defending Revanth Reddy. Look-wise, Ram wears a lot of ornaments. He looks rich, whereas

Lord Shiva, with no clothes, physically looks poor. That is the difference," Goud said while speaking to mediapersons here on Tuesday.

The TPCC president, however, said, "We have affection towards both the Gods and pray to them. We wish both the Gods bless us."

Goud further accused the BJP of playing politics in the name of Lord Ram. "Ram is a God, a God to all of us. And the BJP is trying to own Ram and fetch votes in the elections. This is not a good practice," he said.

At a conclave in New Delhi on Monday, the Chief Minister had said, "We South Indians are Dravidians, while leaders from North India are Aryans. We are Shiva bhakts, while North Indian leaders are Ram bhakts."

He further said, "Sri Ram is the God of the rich, while Shiva is the God of the poor."

BJP Condemns CM's Statements

Hyderabad: Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao strongly condemned the reported comment of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and accused him of trying to divide Hindus and uniting Muslims by using the names of Hindu Gods. He demanded an unconditional apology from Revanth Reddy for his statements that Rao alleged were aimed at dividing communities.

Rao in a press conference held at the state party office asserted that Gods always blessed the poor and needy. He asserted that there is no difference between Lord Rama and Lord Shiva. "The statement of Revanth Reddy appears to be a ploy of dividing the Hindus and uniting Muslims. There is no such theory as Lord Rama and Lord Shiva, and there is no such theory as Aryans and Dravidians. This was created by the British to divide India. All Indians are one, right from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, Assam to Ahmedabad. India was a great country (Akhand Bharat). It was the British who divided our India, and it was the British who tried to divide our history and culture," he said.

Ramchander Rao alleged that Revanth Reddy's remarks were meant to attract Muslim votes keeping in mind the Khairatabad byelection. He recalled that CM Revanth Reddy had said during Jubilee Hills byelection that "Congress is Muslim and Muslim is Congress".



Countering the Congress allegations of 'vote chori', Ramchander Rao alleged that the Congress and the 'INDI Alliance' leaders across the country were spreading false propaganda and misleading the public. He accused Opposition leaders of trying to send a false message to the public that there were internal differences among the members of the Election Commission of India.

He said the Congress never blamed either EVMs or any election process when it won the elections, like in Kerala and Himachal Pradesh. "In 2004, Congress and the INDI Alliance had portrayed EVMs as 'black boxes'. Does this mean EVMs are good when they win, and bad when they lose," Ramchander Rao asked.

Harish Rao demands compensation for Maddur demolition victims

Hyderabad: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao demanded immediate fair compensation and rehabilitation for families whose houses were demolished in Maddur under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. He slammed the Congress government for carrying out demolitions without prior notice.

Questioning the Revanth Reddy government's actions, Harish Rao asked how resi-



dents who had lived in the houses for years could be sud-

denly rendered homeless. He also questioned the government's right to demolish houses without issuing notices and whether court orders were being respected.

He said Revanth Reddy, who claims to be the son of Kodangal, sent bulldozers to raze the homes of the poor in his own constituency overnight. "Why are you acting so ruthlessly without even issuing notices? Don't you have any respect for the court verdicts?" he asked.

No court order issued on KT Rama Rao passport, says RS Praveen Kumar



Hyderabad: BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar on Tuesday rubbished reports that the ACB court had written seeking the seizure of the passport of BRS working president KT Rama Rao and three other officials in connection with the Formula-E race case. He said the ACB had only filed a memo in the court seeking passport protection and that neither Rama Rao nor his counsel had received any court order.

"Courts do not write letters. They issue orders," he said, questioning the need to seize Rama Rao's passport. He said the BRS working president was not in a position to influence anyone by travelling abroad and alleged that the move was politically motivated.

Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan, Praveen Kumar said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was sent to prison for 52 days in the Cash for Vote case, which was a serious offence, and hence the court had seized his passport, compelling him to seek the court's permission even for his official visits abroad.

"Revanth Reddy is finding it annoying that the BRS working president is winning accolades for his inspirational speeches on international platforms during his foreign visits. Hence, he is orchestrating such leaks," he added.

He urged the media to verify facts before publishing such reports and advised the ACB authorities to act in accordance with the law rather than on the instructions of the Chief Minister.

Further, the BRS leader accused the Congress government of denying SC and ST contractors opportunities despite assurances made in its 2023 Chevella SC/ST Declaration. He alleged that multiple sub-station works were being clubbed into single packages, depriving SC and ST contractors of contracts. He demanded cancellation of the tenders and implementation of reservations for SC, ST, BC and minority contractors in government works.

Praveen Kumar also alleged irregularities worth Rs 1,500 crore in tenders in the Energy Department and demanded that the government scrap the package system.

"The Congress had earlier awarded a Rs 2,000 crore contract to Mafatlal and others for kickbacks and had done grave injustice to SCs and STs," he claimed.

He advised the SC and ST leaders in the ruling Congress to question the Chief Minister on the issue and ensure reservations for SC, ST, BC and minority contractors in government contracts. He declared that the BRS would continue its agitation until the sub-station tenders were cancelled.

Telangana CEO informs ECI about Khairatabad Assembly seat vacancy

Hyderabad: Following the High Court judgment disqualifying former MLA Danam Nagender, the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) informed the Election Commission of India (ECI) about the vacancy of the Khairatabad Assembly constituency seat.



Earlier, the Legislative Assembly had also issued a gazette notification stating that the Khairatabad Assembly constituency seat fell vacant from April 23, 2024. Following the release of the gazette notification, the Telangana CEO wrote a letter to the ECI on Monday, informing it about the seat vacancy.

"The ECI will take a decision on when to hold the byelection, which may be held along with general elections in Goa, Uttarakhand and Punjab in February 2027. Meanwhile, the SIR exercise will be completed and the final electoral roll will be published on November 9," sources said.

The byelection to the Khairatabad Assembly constituency has become inevitable after the High Court on September 18 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.

SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE cum SECRETARY DLSA E SRIDEVI AS CHIEF GUEST

Legal Awareness program OLDAGE HOME

Legal Awareness Program for Old Age Home In-charges and Supervisors



AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF : Hyderabad, September 29, 2026: A legal awareness program was conducted for in-charges and supervisors of old age homes in Hyderabad, focusing on the rights of the elderly, welfare laws, government guidelines, and the management of these homes.

The event was organized at the Hyderabad Collector's conference hall under the supervision of Mr. Rajender, Assistant Director (Old Age Homes), Hyderabad. Ms. E. Sridevi, Secretary

of the District Legal Services Authority (Sessions Division, Nampally, Hyderabad), attended as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Sridevi emphasized that it is everyone's responsibility to ensure a dignified life, safety, healthcare, nutrition, shelter, and necessary legal aid for the elderly. Information was provided regarding available legal remedies and free legal services in cases of neglect, harassment, or the violation of the rights of the elderly.

Awareness was raised regarding the protection of elderly rights, safety, hygiene, medical facilities, record maintenance, grievance redressal, and the implementation of government guidelines within old age homes. Emphasis was placed on the effective implementation of laws, government schemes, and guidelines regarding the welfare of the elderly, as well as the need for old-age home staff and supervisors to treat the elderly with respect and a humane approach.

It was stated that free legal aid could be availed through the District Legal Services Authority whenever necessary. Instructions were given to bring issues concerning the elderly to the attention of the concerned officials and to ensure they receive appropriate assistance.

Assistant Director Mr. Rajender, in-charges and supervisors of old-age homes, DRO committee members, and other officials participated in this program.

'Pattabhishekam' (Land Title Distribution) for the Poor on the 30th – A Festive Occasion



District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha stated that the state government is organizing the 'Pattabhishekam' program for the poor on the 30th of this month in a festive atmosphere, aiming to fulfill the decades-old dream of poor families by providing eligible beneficiaries with a permanent address and legal rights through land titles. He urged officials to work with strong coordination to ensure the event's success. On

Tuesday, Collector Lakshmisha, accompanied by Joint Collector Ilakkiya, held a meeting at the Collectorate's Sri Pingali Venkayya Conference Hall with officials from coordinating departments, gallery in-charges, and others regarding the 'Pedaala Pattabhishekam' (Land Title Distribution for the Poor) program. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector stated that the Honorable Chief Minister would inaugurate the

program at the Makineni Basavapunniah Stadium in Ajit Singh Nagar, Vijayawada. He explained that beneficiaries have been identified in accordance with government orders for the regularization of house sites for those who have been living in homes built on various types of government land for many years. He noted that revenue officials had put in significant effort at the field level over the past

- Decades-old dream of over 24,000 poor families set to become reality
- Honorable Chief Minister to inaugurate the event
- Elaborate arrangements made for the event's success
- District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha



two years to achieve this. He further stated that, in the first phase, over 24,000 beneficiaries have been identified for regularization across various categories—including holders of NTR pattas and other assigned pattas, heirs occupying or residing on objectionable poramboke (communal) lands, and cases involving violations of

the Assigned Lands (Prohibition of Transfers) Act. The government is set to issue documents granting them full property rights, thereby resolving the uncertainty surrounding the homes they have occupied for decades; they will receive documents conferring rights equivalent to private ownership for over 616.56

acres (approximately 2,984,145 square yards) of land. While the Registration (SR) value of this land is around ₹9,800 crore, its market value exceeds ₹23,000 crore.

*Subsequently, Collector Lakshmisha, along with Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya, Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhara Babu, and other officials, in-

spected the arrangements being made at the Makineni Basavapunniah Stadium. Arrangements have been made to distribute the title deeds to beneficiaries through approximately 100 special counters. Special in-charges have been appointed, and instructions were issued to ensure the event proceeds smoothly without any

inconvenience. Directives were also given regarding transportation facilities for beneficiaries, uninterrupted power supply at the venue, the setup of medical camps, seating arrangements, and the public address system. DRO M. Lakshminarasimham, Vijayawada RDO Vennela Srinu, and others participated in the meeting.

Kharif Paddy Procurement Arrangements Reviewed in Nagarkurnool

Nagarkurnool: District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil directed officials to make fool-proof arrangements for Kharif paddy procurement and ensure that farmers face no inconvenience. He reviewed procurement arrangements with officials at the Collectorate on Tuesday and instructed them to prepare 183 procurement centres across 20 mandals.



The Collector directed officials to geo-tag every procurement centre and register the details on the PCSAP portal. He also instructed them to ensure 16 basic facilities, including weighing machines, moisture meters, tarpaulins and drinking water, and upload photographs and details on the portal.

Officials were directed to ensure payment of the government-announced MSP to farmers and make advance arrangements for paddy transportation and storage. The Collector also called for regular monitoring of vehicle movement, coordination among departments and timely resolution of field-level issues.

Strong measures should be taken to prevent road accidents

Warangal CP inspects accident sites

Warangal, : Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shweta, along with IPS officers of the concerned departments, identified 14 areas on the Warangal-Khammam National Highway and 8 areas on the Warangal-Karimnagar National Highway as accident-prone areas and inspected them at the field level to identify the main causes of road accidents in the Warangal Commissionerate and to prevent future accidents. According to official figures, in the last three years, 108 road accidents have occurred on the Warangal-Khammam National Highway in the Warangal Commissionerate, out of which 80 people died, and 79 road accidents have occurred on the Warangal-Karimnagar National Highway, out of which 37 people died.



The CP ordered the officers of the concerned departments to immediately take necessary road safety measures to prevent accidents. It was suggested that areas where accidents occur more frequently should be identified and special attention should be paid to them.

Officials from NHAI, R&B Municipal, Transport, Excise, Traffic, Law and Order Police, and other relevant departments participated in this inspection.

Autos in Pochamma Maidan

Parking on the main road.. Severe disruption to traffic!

Auto drivers harass locals!

Traffic police ignore officers during holiday

Warangal, : The autos in Pochamma Maidan, the busiest area in Warangal city, are increasing day by day. They are parking autos on the main road, causing severe disruption to traffic. However, motorists are expressing their anger over the traffic police's indifference.

Despite the official auto stand, four or five auto drivers are parking their autos in the middle of the road. Some auto drivers are not only driving under the influence of alcohol, but also sitting in the auto, playing games, pushing one auto with another, stopping in front of local business complexes and getting into arguments with them, not even giving way to vehicles coming from behind.

Thousands of vehicles travel from this area every day. Due to autos parked on the road, there is a huge traffic jam. Two-wheeler riders, large vehicles and ambulances are also facing difficulties.

Another atrocity is that the traffic police on duty there are not taking any action despite seeing the autos' dominance. The current traffic officer's careless attitude towards traffic control has left auto drivers unimpeded due to lack of supervision at the junctions. It is believed that the officer is currently on leave.

Naidu Emphasises Tech, Innovation in Capacity Building

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has called for “revolutionary” changes in the governance systems and institutions through integration of technology and policies, skill upgradation, creativity and innovation, to meet the growing aspirations of the people.

Addressing a two-day Mission Karmayogi workshop, organised by the capacity building commission in Vijayawada on Tuesday, Naidu said the next 20 years would be crucial for India’s development and stressed the need for government employees to continuously upgrade their skills through capacity-building programmes.

The CM said India had immense opportunities, advanced technologies, a talented young population and rising aspirations, but the key challenge was to strengthen governance systems and institutions to meet these aspirations and make effective use of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence.

He said the prime minister had launched the iGOT–Mission Karmayogi initiative through the Capacity Building Commission to ensure continuous skill development among government employees. The online platform enables officials and employees to upgrade their capabilities regularly.

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The CM also underlined the crucial role played by government employees during natural disasters, festivals and major public programmes. He said officials often worked beyond regular hours, and their contributions should not be overlooked.

Andhra Pradesh secured the first position nationally for its performance in capacity building under the Mission Karmayogi initiative. Naidu presented the award to finance department principal secretary Piyush Kumar and state development planning society executive director Alaparthi Venkateswara Rao.

Karnataka secured the second position and Odisha the third.

Naidu presented awards to representatives of the two states. Earlier, capacity building commission chairperson Radha Chouhan, member Alka and Secretary Jagdeep Gupta addressed the gathering.



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The CM also underlined the crucial role played by government employees during natural disasters, festivals and major public programmes. He said officials often worked beyond regular hours, and their contributions should not be overlooked.

Andhra Pradesh secured the first position nationally for its performance in capacity building under the Mission Karmayogi initiative. Naidu presented the award to finance department principal secretary Piyush Kumar and state development planning society executive director Alaparthi Venkateswara Rao.

Karnataka secured the second position and Odisha the third.

Naidu presented awards to representatives of the two states. Earlier, capacity building commission chairperson Radha Chouhan, member Alka and Secretary Jagdeep Gupta addressed the gathering.

Women Dance In Joy As CM, Pawan Visit Udayagiri Village



Village women danced in excitement as chief minister Chandrababu Naidu and deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan visited Kakolluripalem on Tuesday as part of Palle Panduga 3.0.

The two leaders, along with BJP state president PVN Madhav, received a warm welcome from villagers. Women showered flowers on the leaders as they walked through the village greeting people and inspecting the development works taken up under the programme.

At the well-attended public meeting venue, several villagers stood up from their seats to capture on their phones the leaders’ ramp walk while women danced enthusiastically to express their joy.

Addressing the gathering, Naidu said the vote cast by the people in 2024 had not gone waste and claimed that his government had fulfilled their trust by focusing on welfare, development and good governance.

The CM said the government was moving ahead with the Centre’s support and asserted that its agenda was development. He highlighted plans to transform Nellore and Prakasam districts into a logistics hub, with Dagadarthi airport between Krishnapatnam and Ramayapatnam playing a key role.

Naidu said a BPCL plant for the region was expected to attract investments of around `1 lakh crore, while defence industries were also coming in. He appealed to the people from Nellore and Udayagiri who had settled elsewhere to return and participate in the region’s development.

A video presentation at the programme highlighted the condition of rural roads and villages under the previous government and the development works undertaken after the Naidu-led government came to power.

Singapore Offers Support For AP Education Reforms

Singapore home minister K. Shanmugam on Tuesday appreciated the education reforms being undertaken by the Andhra Pradesh government and assured Singapore’s cooperation in strengthening the State’s education system.

Shanmugam held discussions with education minister Nara Lokesh on education reforms, drug prevention, skill development and social security after offering prayers at the Tirumala temple. Shanmugam arrived in Tirumala on Monday night and was received by Lokesh. The two ministers offered prayers to Lord Sri Venkateswara during the Suprabhata Seva, Thomala Seva and Archana Seva on Tuesday morning.



During their interaction after the darshan, Lokesh explained the development and welfare programmes being implemented by the coalition government and the changes being introduced in the education sector. Shanmugam appreciated the government’s focus on education and said Singapore would extend cooperation in adopting suitable practices followed there.

Shanmugam said reducing school dropouts was important to prevent children from becoming vulnerable to drugs and other social problems. He appreciated the steps being taken in AP to reduce the dropout rate and suggested further measures to bring it down to zero.

Lokesh also explained the measures being taken to encourage students to shift from private schools to government schools. Shanmugam expressed interest in visiting government schools in the State and assured support for strengthening AP’s education system.

The two sides also discussed measures to control drug abuse. Shanmugam explained Singapore’s approach to drug control and said strict laws and penalties were necessary to tackle the problem. He offered to share Singapore’s experience and support efforts to build a drug-free Andhra Pradesh.

The ministers also discussed linking AP’s Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) with Singapore’s Institute of Technical Education (ITE). Shanmugam explained the role of ITE in providing skills training aligned with employment needs. The two sides agreed to explore co-operation between AP ITIs and Singapore’s ITE to provide job-oriented training to youth.

Separately, speaking after the darshan, Shanmugam appreciated the arrangements made by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD). “Many years ago, when I came here, I saw a saying on a plate behind the Executive Officer’s desk: ‘It’s not the darshan that you want, it’s the darshan that he gives.’ I had an excellent darshan, and excellent arrangements were made. It was very nice to come here with Lokesh,” he said.

Sailaja Says Cyber Stalking On Rise With Growing Use Of Social Media

TIRUPATI: State Women’s Commission Chairperson Dr. Rayapati Sailaja has urged women and girls not to ignore or hide incidents of stalking and online harassment. She underlined that cyber stalking has become more common than physical stalking, with the growing use of phones and social media.

Speaking at an awareness programme on stalking prevention organised by the Women’s Commission in association with the National Commission for Women in Tirupati on Tuesday, Sailaja said repeatedly contacting women through social media, calls or messages, following them online, and misusing their personal information amounts to cyber stalking. She said repeatedly contacting a woman from other numbers after one is blocked also amounts to stalking.

The commission chief advised women to be cautious about unsolicited gifts and bouquets, fake social media accounts created using their photographs, and the misuse of personal photographs or information. Women should identify such behaviour at an early stage and report it to authorities concerned, instead of keeping the matter to themselves.

Sailaja said women should inform their parents, family members, or trusted persons when they face harassment. She urged women not to remain silent because of fear of what others might say. They must seek help from their families or police. Early reporting could help prevent the problem from becoming more serious, she pointed out.

The commission chief asked women to use the 181 women’s helpline, 112 emergency service, and 1930 cybercrime helpline in case of need. They must make use of the Shakti app and Zero FIR facility. Women can also request for a woman police officer while lodging a complaint.

Sailaja urged parents to teach children about good and bad touch from an early age and encourage them to report inappropriate behaviour.

Those present at the programme included Tirupati additional SP Srilatha, sub-inspector A. Jayaswamy, legal expert Dr. K. Sravani, SV University psychologist and counsellor Dr. S. Viswanath Reddy, and Women’s Commission adviser R. Suyaz.



10,000 RUNNERS TO TAKE PART IN SWACHHATHON IN VIJAYAWADA

VIJAYAWADA: The second edition of the ‘Swachhathon’ marathon will be held in Vijayawada-Amaravati on October 2 to mark Mahatma Gandhi’s birth anniversary and Swachh Diwas, with around 10,000 runners expected to participate.

Swachh Andhra Corporation chairman Kommareddy Patabhi Ram said the event aimed to promote awareness of cleanliness, sanitation and health as part of the ‘Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra’ campaign. The first edition last year attracted 6,000-7,000 runners. The marathon will feature 5K, 10K and 21K (half marathon) categories, with `10 lakh in total prize money. It will start at 5 am from Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium, with minister Nara Lokesh flagging it off.

Ministers, MPs, MLAs and film and sports personalities are expected to participate. The route will pass through Krishna Barrage and Steel Bridge to Manthana Satyanarayana Raju Ashram in Amaravati before returning to Vijayawada.

CWC Demands Modi Exit, CEC Resignation



New Delhi: The Congress on Tuesday demanded the immediate removal of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, the suspension of the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll, the restoration of over 13 crore names struck off and the resignation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "match-fixing" elections. Separately, the Left parties protested outside the Election Commission headquarters in the national capital to press for the CEC's resignation.

During the two-and-a-half-hour Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, the party discussed the alleged "match-fixing between the Election Commission and the Prime Minister-Union Home Minister duo".

"This brazen 'vote chori' has been organised by the CEC on behalf of the Prime Minister and the Union home minister. Nothing short of their resignation will ensure the safety of our constitution and hard-earned democracy," the CWC resolution said.

According to the CWC resolution, the BJP and its handpicked officials must understand that this "brazen theft" of the people's franchise will not go unanswered. The Congress would resist it in Parliament, in the courts and on the streets, until the guilty were punished, every citizen's vote was secure and the ECI was restored as an independent constitutional authority.

"For the Indian National Congress, the struggle to restore universal adult franchise in India is no less than the freedom struggle itself," the resolution said.

The CWC said the Congress, under the guidance of Kharge and the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, had taken the issue to various platforms, including through the Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar, the nationwide vote chori campaign, representations to the EC, the EAGLE group's engagement with the poll panel, legal challenges to the SIR, I.N.D.I.A. bloc protests in Parliament and a march to the ECI office.

"The concerns, initially raised by Mr Gandhi, have now become a wider demand for accountability, transparency and restoration of the sanctity of India's electoral system," the CWC said.

In his remarks, Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said the party's main demand is that CEC Kumar has no moral right to continue for a single day. "He (the CEC) will understand in the coming days what level of resistance we will build up for his resignation," he said.

"Gyanesh Kumar is only a tool. When dictators lose the confidence of the people, they seek extraordinary tools to stay in power. His actions on SIR cannot be without the concurrence of his masters — the PM and the HM," Venugopal said, adding, "There is a moral responsibility for the PM on this issue. We are demanding resignation from the PM on moral grounds," he said.

Addressing the media after the CWC meeting, Congress communications in-charge Jairam Ramesh, along with Venugopal, said Gandhi spoke for 20-25 minutes and the main point he made was that the revelations related to the EC are being made because of the Congress.

"Gandhi himself has been raising these issues related to polls in Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra and some did not believe him, but now he has been proven right," Mr Ramesh said.

Earlier, in his opening address at the CWC meeting, Kharge put forward Congress' five demands, including making public the complete data regarding every major change made to the electoral rolls and providing political parties with the electoral rolls and relevant data in a simple format and in a timely manner.

The Congress president also demanded an independent and time-bound inquiry wherever evidence of serious discrepancies emerge.

"Those voters whose names have been removed must be fully informed and given an opportunity to appeal, and there must be such transparency in the critical data and decisions related to the election process so that no party has grounds to claim that information is being withheld," the Congress chief said.

Chiding the Congress leaders for not believing that the party will return to power soon, Gandhi recalled a CEC selection committee meeting with the Prime Minister and the Union home minister and said that when he raised objections, Modi said he was only acting as previous Prime Ministers, like Indira Gandhi, would have acted. Gandhi said he reminded the Prime Minister that she lost the subsequent election.

"You don't believe me, but the Prime Minister and the home minister, in the (closed door) meeting, told me, 'When we go, you will come... So you should trust me,'" Gandhi said.

The former Congress president, according to party insiders, said, "Vote chori happened in 3 states. People didn't understand it initially. The atmosphere changed after I presented proof. There are two types of match-fixing. First, match-fixing through EVMs, and the second match-fixing is done by creating errors in rolls. The 2024 polls were completely fake."

A light moment came when Congress MP Shashi Tharoor suggested that the party organise an event around Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, arguing that the BJP could otherwise use the occasion to build its own narrative. Kharge then asked Tharoor whether he would actually attend such an event organised by the party, or whether Congress leaders would only see him on X and read his articles in the newspapers.

In another light moment, according to a leader who attended the meeting, Kharge, while expressing support for Gandhi, said, "Hum aapke peeche chal rahe hain (We are all walking behind you)." To which, Gandhi smiled and asked, "Bahut peeche toh nahin hain? (Not too far behind, I hope?)"

The remark drew laughter from those present. Kharge then responded, "Hum aapke saath chal rahe hain (We are walking alongside you)."

Separately, pressing for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner, the Left parties, as part of a week-long campaign, protested outside the EC headquarters. CPM general secretary M.A. Baby and other Left leaders were detained during their protest amid the ongoing controversy over the special intensive revision of electoral rolls.

Hitting out at Kumar, Baby accused the CEC of turning the Election Commission into a "slaughterhouse of democracy". CPM veteran Brinda Karat, CPI leader and NFIW president Nisha Sidhu, and CPI(ML) Liberation central committee members Sucheta De and Shweta Raj were among those who took part in the protest.

India Calls Kashmir References in Turkish President's UNGA Speech 'Unwarranted'

New Delhi: India on Tuesday rejected references to Jammu and Kashmir in Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's address at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), calling them "unwarranted" while asserting that no external party has any locus standi on the Kashmir issue. During his bi-weekly media briefing, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokes-



person Randhir Jaiswal was asked how India looked at Erdogan's recent UNGA address, in which he said that in South Asia, all disputes, including the

Kashmir issue, should be addressed through dialogue within the framework of the United Nations Charter. "India rejects unwarranted references

to India and the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir made by the president of Türkiye during his UNGA address," Jaiswal said. "This is a matter, as you would understand, about India's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and no external party has any locus standi on this issue," Jaiswal said. In the past, New Delhi has said that Jammu and Kashmir is, was and will remain an integral part of India.

Congress Slams Demography Panel Over Religion-Wise Data Seeks

The Congress on Tuesday attacked the Modi government over the Home Ministry-led demography panel reportedly seeking religion-wise data for the past 15 years on birth and vehicle registrations, school enrolment and property transactions, alleging the committee has a "patently diabolical agenda". Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh shared a report in The Hindu which claimed that the High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes has sought religion-wise data for the past 15 years on birth and vehicle registrations, school enrolment and property transactions, as well as district-wise details of religious structures and unusual increases in Aadhaar, voter ID and ration card registrations.

It has also sought intelligence assessments and commission reports on religious conversions among Scheduled Tribe communities, and details of operational detention centres, among other information, according to the me-



dia report. In his post on X, Ramesh said this panel has a "patently diabolical agenda" and has clearly articulated pre-conceived biases.

"Its report has already been prepared no doubt," Ramesh added. The media report has claimed that state governments are unable to answer most of the queries posed by the high-level committee studying demographic changes, as government departments do not ordinarily maintain much of the information sought by the panel on a religion-wise basis.

India-China Ties 'Better' Than 2025: Jaishankar

The ties between India and China are "better" today as compared to a couple of years ago, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said, underlining that as the border issues are resolved, the relationship returns to normalcy. Jaishankar was responding to a question on India-China relations, which have seen an upswing in recent times, including with President Xi Jinping's recent visit to India for the BRICS Leaders' Summit hosted by New Delhi.

"If you asked me, compared to where you were in 2025, is the relationship better today? I would say yes. Compared to 2024, even more so," Jaishankar said during a conversation hosted at Asia Society on Monday. He said it's not so much a "structural change", but part of the reason why things have improved is "they had gone so much off-track that the moment you stabilised it, it was going to improve, because after what happened in 2020 and the long standoff that we had on the border, the relationship had really been impacted."

Following the 2020 border standoff between India and China, all "normal contacts" between the two nations had come to a halt, he said, adding that while "trade was continuing", official exchanges, visa issuance, and flights had been impacted. "So once the border standoff was resolved, it was natural that this would start to improve," he said. There was also this logic, which Delhi had long been conveying to Beijing, that a "standoff between us, a dip in our relationship, actually doesn't help either of us. In fact, it is third parties who will take advantage of that."

"We also maintained consistently a very elementary principle of statecraft - don't get locked into a problem which benefits others," Jaishankar said. "It took a little while for the Chinese side to agree with that, for whatever reason, but I don't think that long standoff served our interests. It certainly didn't serve theirs. And to the extent there is an improvement in our relations, I think it certainly helps our position," not only vis-a-vis China but vis-a-vis the rest of the world, he said.

"Because I don't want to get totally focused to my disadvantage on one particular relationship and issue. If I can find a solution which works for me, I would rather do that," he said. "We came down to a very fundamental principle, which is that the state of the border determines the state of the relationship. You can't have tension...on



the border and say the relationship should be normal. So what we've had is, as the border comes back more towards normalcy, the relationship comes back more towards normalcy, and if the relationship comes back more towards normalcy, it helps both of us," Jaishankar said. In his remarks to the audience, which comprised prominent members of the Indian-American community, Jaishankar said the world is moving "quite visibly" towards greater multipolarity. Listing his reasons for this argument, Jaishankar said that "in terms of the most powerful country in the world, which has been in many ways the ballast or really the shaper of the system as we know it currently, what we are seeing is really an erosion in alliances, a tendency to do it alone, and that has a huge impact on the thinking of the rest of the world." Referring to the 'G2' summit meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping last week in Washington, Jaishankar said that when the second most consequential or the weightiest economy joins the first, "while they may have their points of convergence, overall they are in a competitive mode. "There are limits to what the two of them can agree upon vis-a-vis the rest of the world. And that then leaves the rest of us and the rest of us are coming to terms today with a very different America, with the fact that there is also today a certain conversation taking place between America and China," he said adding that the rest of the world is busy making its arrangements. "Each one of us is looking for our optimal solutions. How do we de-risk? How do we diversify? Which are the new partners? Where do we get more value out of an existing partnership? We are really looking today at a difficult global situation.

TSS-PM SHRI Inclusive Education Induction Programme Held in Nirmal District



Nirmal District : The TSS-PM SHRI Inclusive Education Induction Programme, organised under the Telangana School Education Department and Samagra Shiksha, Nirmal District, was held successfully on September 29, 2026, at Tanvi Banquet Hall in Nirmal town.

The induction programme was conducted for CRPs, MIS COs, CCOs and Non-Teaching Staff.

District Educational Officer D. Bhojanna attended the programme as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the event.

Speaking on the occasion, the DEO said that inclusive education means ensuring the participation and educational opportunities of every student. He stressed the need to provide special attention, care and empathy to students with disabilities.

He called upon teachers and staff to work with the objective of “Together, Let’s Build an Inclusive and Caring Society” and ensure that every school provides equal educational opportunities to all students. He stated that ensuring inclusive and equitable education is the responsibility of every member of the education system.

Nirmal Urban Mandal Educational Officer Padma, District Inclusive Education Coordinator N. Praveen Kumar, RP Dayanand, along with Samagra Shiksha officials and staff, participated in the programme.

Government Hospitals Must Provide Better Medical Services to the Public

Strict Action Will Be Taken for Negligence in Maintenance and Sanitation: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District : Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed the medical and health department officials to take firm measures to ensure that all necessary medical services are available to people visiting government hospitals. On Tuesday, he conducted a surprise inspection of the Khanapur Government Hospital.

The Collector inspected the hospital premises and instructed the authorities to carry out sanitation works regularly and maintain a clean and hygienic environment. He subsequently inspected the OPD, IPD, patient registration, general medical services, maternity department, blood testing section, and medicine store. He also examined the registers maintained by various departments and directed the staff to keep all hospital-related records updated and properly maintained.

The Collector enquired with the officials



about the medical services being provided every day in various departments and the availability of doctors and staff. He instructed doctors and other staff to attend their duties regularly and provide timely and quality services to patients.

He stated that providing quality healthcare in government hospitals would help strengthen public confidence in government medical services. He instructed the staff to treat every patient with courtesy and responsibility, understand their problems, and provide the necessary treatment and medicines. He also directed the authorities to conduct diagnostic tests for patients who require them and ensure that all facilities necessary for treatment are made available.

The Collector warned that strict action would be taken if there was any negligence in medical services, hospital maintenance, or sanitation. He stated that necessary action would be taken to resolve problems and additional requirements of the hospital if they were brought to his notice.

DC HCS Kashinath, Tahsildar Sujatha, Municipal Commissioner Sundar Singh, Municipal Vice-Chairman Soyab Hussain, officials of the Medical and Health Department, doctors, and hospital staff participated in the inspection.

HPCL Hosts Visakhapatnam Parallel Curtain Raiser of India Energy Week 2027 at Andhra University

- Visakhapatnam programme connected live with the national IEW 2027 Curtain Raiser in Kolkata
- 350 students from Andhra University engaged with industry leaders, academia, start-ups and the energy-sector stakeholders
- Programme highlighted India’s energy transition, energy security, innovation and opportunities for young talent

Visakhapatnam, September 29, 2026: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) hosted the Visakhapatnam Parallel Curtain Raiser of India Energy Week (IEW) 2027 at Andhra University, bringing together students, academia, industry, government representatives and start-ups to engage with India’s evolving energy landscape.

The Visakhapatnam programme was connected live through a webcast with the national IEW 2027 Curtain Raiser in Kolkata, where the fifth edition of India Energy Week was formally announced under the theme “Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow.” The national Curtain Raiser was addressed by the Hon’ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep Singh Puri and the Hon’ble Chief Minister of West Bengal Shri Suwendu Adhikari.

The programme also featured addresses by HPCL’s senior leadership and an introduction to MC2+ IGNITE, providing students with an opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world developments in energy, technology, entrepreneurship and innovation.

The Visakhapatnam event brought together Shri S Bharathan, Director-Refineries, HPCL; Shri G Krishna Mohan, Chairman, CII; distinguished guests, start-ups and 350 students from Andhra University, creating an engaging interface between academia, industry and the



energy ecosystem.

Addressing the gathering, Shri S Bharathan, Director, Refineries, HPCL, said: “As India moves towards Viksit Bharat@2047 and net-zero by 2070, we must ensure energy security, affordability and sustainability. India Energy Week is an important platform for this conversation, bringing together expertise, technology, investment and young talent. Taking an innovation from idea to industrial scale requires more than funding; it needs expertise, infrastructure, pilot opportunities and an industry partner willing to adopt new solutions. Initiatives such as MC2+ IGNITE bridge this gap by connecting deep-tech innovators with the energy industry.”

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Visakhapatnam audience subsequently joined the national proceedings live from Kolkata, witnessing the Curtain Raiser addressed by the Hon’ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Hon’ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, along with other distinguished dignitaries. With IEW 2027 scheduled in Kolkata from January 28-31, 2027, the Curtain Raiser sets the stage for a wider dialogue on “Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow.”

DLSA Conducts Medical Camp for Deaf Students :



Nizamabad, September 29, 2026 : The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Nizamabad, organised a free medical camp for deaf and mute students at the Gracy Organisation for Development Services in Pangra Borgam on Tuesday.

The camp was conducted from 11 am. with the objective of providing accessible healthcare services to the students. A team of doctors from the District Government Hospital examined the students and offered medical consultations and necessary guidance.

Dr. Rajinikanth, ENT Specialist, conducted examinations related to ear, nose and throat ailments, while Dr. Sanjeev, General Medicine, attended to general health concerns. Junior doctors Dr. Shivani and Dr. Veeraswamy also participated in the medical examinations.

Senior Civil Judge-cum-Secretary of DLSA, Nizamabad, Smt. Neelima Mudhasani, attended the programme. Smt. Jyothi, Chairman of Gracy Organisation Services, also participated.

Representatives and staff of the DLSA, Gracy Organisation and Government Hospital assisted in conducting the camp and extending medical services to the students.

There is no substitute for hard work

Free coaching is a boon for police candidates
Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha, IPS

Hanumakonda : As part of the free coaching being conducted under the auspices of the Warangal Police Commissionerate with the support of public representatives and district collectors, a preliminary meeting was held at the Shubham Function Hall in Bhimaram to organize training classes for 560 candidates who passed the screening test.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner N. Swetha, IPS said that many have secured police jobs through the free coaching conducted in the past. He said that success can be achieved if you study hard and with discipline. He advised not to be deceived by trusting middlemen and paying money in the name of government jobs. Candidates were urged to take advantage of the coaching and attend classes regularly to secure jobs.

Central Zone DCP Kavitha, Additional DCP Suresh, Hanumakonda ACP Narasimha Rao, KUC inspectors, RIs, RSIs, and police personnel participated in the program.



CP Reviews Women Police Station :



Nizamabad, September 29, 2026 : Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, conducted a detailed inspection of the Women Police Station here on Tuesday and reviewed its functioning.

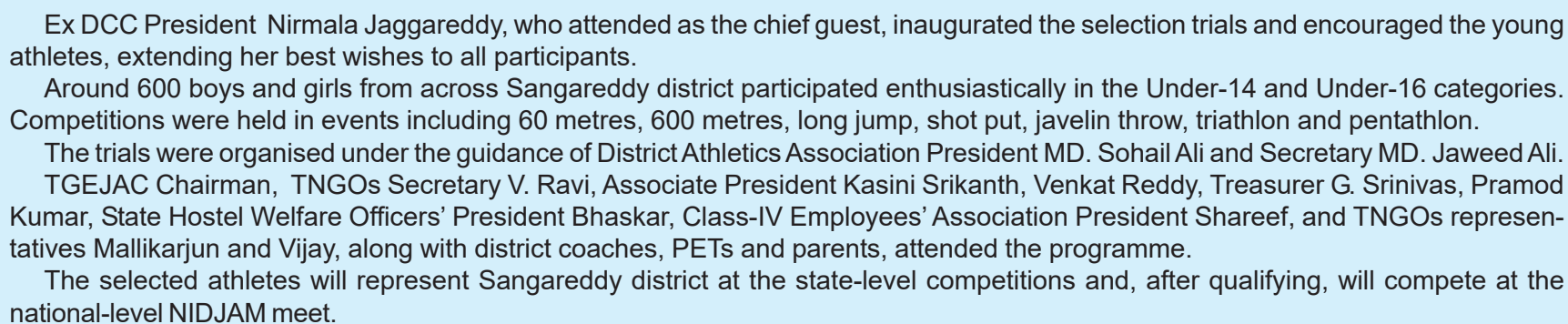
The Commissioner received a ceremonial guard of honour and planted saplings on the station premises. He later inspected police kit articles and reviewed case records, investigations, pending cases, complaint redressal and the maintenance of station records.

Sai Chaitanya directed the staff to accord priority to complaints involving women and girls and respond to them promptly. He stressed the need to treat every complainant with courtesy, dignity and patience and create a safe environment where women can approach the police without fear.

He instructed officers to handle cases involving women and children with sensitivity, ensure proper evidence collection and complete investigations within the prescribed timeframe. Special focus should be placed on clearing pending cases while maintaining quality in investigations and ensuring timely justice to victims, he said.

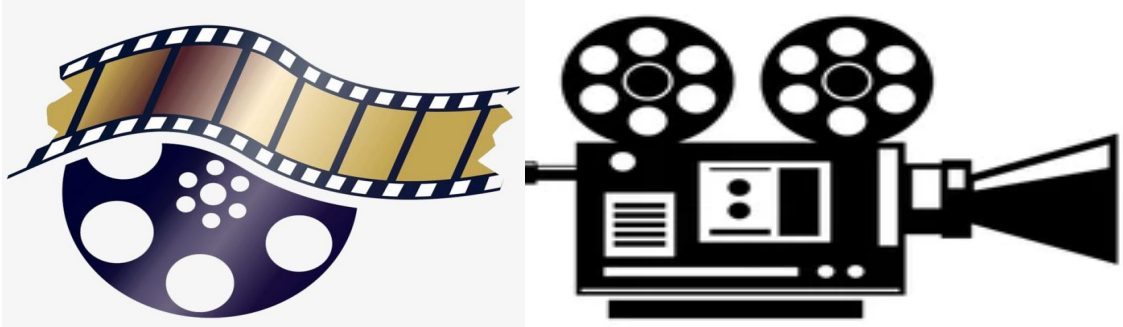
The Commissioner reiterated that the safety and protection of women is a priority for the police department and urged women facing any problem to approach the police without hesitation. Addressing the personnel, he directed them to remain available at their headquarters round the clock, avoid unnecessary long-distance travel and undergo health check-ups once every six months. He also stressed the importance of wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers and strictly following traffic rules.

ACP Prakash, Women Police Station Inspector S. Srilatha, SIs MD. Rahmathullah, P. Rajeshwar and P. Johnson, along with other personnel, were present.



The Chief Minister said the outdated Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) were being upgraded into Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs). He said blue-collar jobs would have greater demand in the future and pointed to employment opportunities in countries such as Japan, Germany and South Korea. He said learning German and Japanese would therefore help young people access better employment opportunities in the future.

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.



CINEMA

‘Kaaka’ moves into dubbing, post-production gathers pace

Chiranjeevi’s upcoming action entertainer ‘Kaaka’, directed by Bobby Kolli, has begun dubbing following a traditional pooja. Produced by KVN Productions, the film also stars Anaswara Rajan and Nivetha Pethuraj and is being planned for a Sankranti 2027 release

Hyderabad: The cast of director Bobby Kolli’s eagerly awaited action entertainer ‘Kaaka’, featuring Megastar Chiranjeevi in the lead, has begun dubbing for the film, according to industry sources.

Sources close to the film’s unit said the cast began dubbing after a traditional pooja. Other post-production activities are also being carried out simultaneously, they added.

It may be recalled that Chiranjeevi recently disclosed the name of the character he plays in the film. During a speech at a recent event, the Megastar revealed that he would be playing a character called Kadiri Kalidas.

Sources close to the unit said that while ‘Kaaka’ has been envisioned as a high-intensity action entertainer, it will also feature a strong emotional and family-oriented narrative, making the protagonist’s character arc one of its key attractions.

The unit began its most recent schedule on September 7.



KVN Productions, which is producing the film, announced the title a few days ago through a title teaser and revealed that the film would hit screens on January 13, 2027.

Taking to social media to share the title teaser, the production house wrote, “Meet Supervisor Satyam, C/O Ammaji Aqua Industries, Ravulapalem. Team #KAAKA wishes the one and only Megastar @Kchirutweets garu a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Title glimpse out now. January 13, 2027 – Sankranti release.”

The title teaser showed Chiranjeevi working at a shrimp farm called Ammaji Aqua Industries. His character is named Satyam and he works as a supervisor at the facility, where people from different regions of the country are employed.

The teaser showed an employee attempting to return a key to Chiranjeevi but dropping it into a pool full of shrimps. Chiranjeevi then retrieved the key using a giant electromagnet. Along with the key, several weapons also emerged from the pool. The key had a keychain that read, ‘I love dad’.

The film has generated considerable interest among fans and film buffs since it was first

announced, while the title teaser has added to the excitement.

Sources close to the unit said the first half of the film ends with a spectacular action sequence. They claimed that the interval fight sequence, which was shot recently, is set to be one of the major attractions of the film. The action block has been designed and executed on a grand scale and is expected to provide a powerful high point before the second half.

Sources also claimed that the initial output has given the team immense confidence, with the narrative maintaining a mix of intensity, entertainment, emotion and action.

Anaswara Rajan and Nivetha Pethuraj play pivotal roles in the film, which is being planned as a Sankranti 2027 release. With the shoot progressing smoothly and the first-half edit nearing completion, the production is moving towards the next phase.

This is the second time director Bobby has worked with Chiranjeevi. The two previously collaborated on the action entertainer ‘Waltair Veerayya’.

Sanjay Reminds Me of His Father Vijay, Says Chiranjeevi

Megastar Chiranjeevi attended the grand pre-release event of Sigma in Hyderabad as the chief guest and extended his support to debutant director Jason Sanjay, son of Tamil actor-turned-politician Vijay.

Recalling his first meeting with Sanjay, Chiranjeevi said the youngster reminded him of his father. “When he came to meet me, he reminded me of his father Vijay during 1993-94,” Chiranjeevi said. He also asked Sanjay whether he was more interested in acting or direction. “He said he was very much interested in writing and direction,” the megastar recalled.

Chiranjeevi also spoke about Sanjay’s family legacy in cinema. He pointed out that the youngster is carrying forward the creative legacy of his grandfather, S S Chandrasekar, who directed films such as Chattatniki Kallu Levu and Devantakudu, and his grandmother Shoba, who was involved in screenwriting.

“S S Chandrasekar was a very good director, while his wife Shoba garu penned scripts. Sanjay is taking forward the skills of his grandparents. He has inherited those genes and has turned director,” Chiranjeevi said.

The megastar further recalled Vijay’s journey in cinema and expressed his wishes for



Sanjay’s directorial career. “I have seen his father Vijay rise to meteoric heights as an actor, and I wish Sanjay also achieves his goals as a director. I think his debut film Sigma will pave the way for his dreams,” he added.

Jason Sanjay, meanwhile, said that his father is excited to watch the film but has chosen not to participate in its promotional campaign due to his responsibilities as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. Sanjay said he wanted the promotions to remain focused on the film and its team rather than on his father.



Deepika Pilli Stuns in Elegant Green Saree With Pink Floral Details

Deepika Pilli charms in her latest outdoor photoshoot, smiling brightly with eyes closed and arms outstretched amid lush greenery. She wears a light green saree adorned with pink rose motifs and gold detailing, paired with a vibrant pink sleeveless blouse. Pearl bangles, earrings, and a delicate necklace complete the fresh, elegant look. Captioned with , the images credit styling by @reshma_stylist, saree from @rang_by_shilpa, hair by @mounika_reddy_makeover, and photography by @absolutelyrahul.

Born on April 15, 1999, in Vijayawada (raised in Hyderabad), Deepika began as a social media influencer on TikTok, amassing millions of followers with dance and lip-sync videos. She entered television as a contestant on Dhee 13 Kings vs Queens (2021) and later hosted shows like Comedy Stars Dhamaka Season 2 and Comedy Stock Exchange.

Her film debut came with the Telugu comedy Wanted PanduGod (2022). She gained further recognition in Akkada Ammayi Ikkada Abbayi (2025) as Raja Kumari. With a growing presence in Telugu entertainment through hosting and acting, Deepika continues building her career with selective projects in film and digital platforms.

Manasa Varanasi comes on board for Sharwa-SV's George Krish!

Sharwanand is all set to entertain the audience in his upcoming family entertainer, George Krish. Srinu Vaitla is directing the film after a gap and he is joining hands with Sharwa for the first time too. Now, the makers have officially announced that the beautiful Manasa Varanasi will be playing the female lead opposite him. This refreshing pairing has already generated a lot of excitement among movie enthusiasts, promising a vibrant on-screen chemistry.

The movie team is now ramping up the promotional activities and preparing a massive surprise for the fans. A highly anticipated first booster update is officially arriving on September 24th. This early promotional drop is expected to give audiences an exciting glimpse into the world of this out-and-out family entertainer.

Director Sreenu Vaitla is collaborating with the actor for the very first time, bringing his signature style and grand scale to the project. The combination is already making waves, as fans are eager to see how the director presents this fresh lead pair in a festive backdrop.

George Krish is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on 14th. Backed by Anil Sunkara, the film is poised to be a major Sankranti special.

