

CM Revanth Warns Power Officials of Suspension

Hyderabad:Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday expressed strong anger at energy department officials over frequent power supply disruptions across Telangana and warned Energy Special Chief Secretary Navin Mittal and TG Genco CMD S. Harish of suspension if they failed to resolve the problem immediately.

At a review meeting on the power supply situation in the state, the Chief Minister questioned officials over the continued interruptions despite repeated

instructions to ensure uninterrupted supply. He asked why there had been no improvement despite several warnings to the department.

Revanth Reddy voiced concern over the possibility of a shortage in the coming days and asked why electricity generation had not been increased in anticipation of rising demand. He sought an explanation for the Yadadri thermal power plant not producing to full capacity despite coal linkages from Naini and Mahanadi to ensure adequate fuel



supplies.

The Chief Minister said the government had made arrangements to prevent coal shortages and asked why these efforts were not resulting in higher generation. He directed offi-

cials to immediately identify the reasons for frequent interruptions and take corrective steps to ensure smooth supply across the state.

Expressing displeasure over the

department's functioning, Revanth Reddy said he was accountable to the people for reliable electricity supply, but officials had ignored repeated instructions, particularly those concerning adequate

power for standing crops.

He said farmers should not suffer due to negligence and stressed that the department must ensure the electricity required for agricultural operations. Despite repeated warnings to provide adequate power to farmers and prevent disruptions, officials had failed to improve the situation, he observed.

The Chief Minister warned that he would not spare anyone found negligent in discharging duties and would not toler-

ate actions that caused inconvenience to the public. Making it clear that accountability would extend to the senior-most officials, he warned that both the Energy Special Chief Secretary and the TG Genco CMD would face suspension if they failed to address the problem.

Revanth Reddy directed energy department officials to explain the reasons for the interruptions immediately and take urgent steps to ensure reliable and uninterrupted supply to consumers across Telangana.

Shah On Durga Puja Pandal Hopping This Weekend

Kolkata: Union home minister Amit Shah has decided to go for a pandal hopping on Saptami, which is spread across two days this year in a rare occasion, during Durga Puja in and around the city.

He will land at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport on October 17 evening after taking off from Ahmedabad and check into Soujanya, the guest house of the state government in Alipore, to spend the night.

Next day, Mr Shah will visit Belur Math in Howrah, where a Durga Puja is celebrated by the monks of Ramakrishna Mission, also headquartered there, and another puja of Deshbandhu Club at nearby Bally.

Later Mr Shah will



come back for lunch at Soujanya. In the afternoon, he will visit historic Sovabazar Rajbari, famous for its century-old family-run Durga Puja in traditional style, Chetla 24 Pally and Sreebhumi Sporting Club.

Later he will fly to New Delhi. West Bengal chief minister Suvendu Adhikari and state BJP president Samik Bhattacharya are expected to accompany the union home minister during his two-day tour.

Earlier, Mr Shah inaugurated two Durga Pujas, one at Santosh Mitra Square in central Kolkata while another at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre in Salt Lake in 2025.

Centre Eases Disability Pension Eligibility

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved continuation of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) until 2031 with an outlay of ₹53,428 crore, while relaxing eligibility norms for disability pensions.

The programme, benefiting about 3.2 crore people, will be renamed Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana.

Under the revised norms, the minimum disability requirement for pension eligibility has been reduced from 80 to 40 per cent, while the minimum age restriction has been



removed.

Monthly assistance for persons with disabilities will be ₹375 up to the age of 79 and ₹625 for those aged 80 and above.

The changes will be implemented within three months of the issuance of guidelines. Pension schemes for senior citizens and widows, along with the National Family Benefit Scheme, will continue in their existing form, though they will be renamed.

Launched in 1995, the NSAP provides financial assistance to economically vulnerable households through centrally funded social security schemes.

Congress To Hold Massive Public Meeting in State After Dasara

HYDERABAD: Following the decision of the AICC high command, the state leadership of Congress has decided to hold a massive public meeting, accompanied by a march, where mobilising two lakh people is expected. This public meeting being planned after Dasara, will be attended by party's top brass, including Rahul Gandhi, besides leaders of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc. According to party sources, the high command has decided to hold meetings in two southern states, including Telangana. The upcoming rally is also expected to serve as a major platform for the Congress to showcase its governance achievements and counter criticisms levelled by opposition parties. The event in Telangana is part of a wider nationwide protest. As per the plans, the I.N.D.I.A. bloc will first hold a major public meeting at Ramliila Maidan in New Delhi on November 1, before expanding demonstrations to other major southern and national hubs, including Bengaluru, Mumbai, and cities across Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.



KTR accuses Revanth govt of conspiring to weaken Singareni, pave way for privatisation

Karimnagar: BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of deliberately reducing coal production and pushing Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) into a financial crisis to weaken the public sector coal miner and eventually privatise it. He called upon the coal miners to gear up for another fight and support the BRS to safeguard their future.

Despite his weakness following a viral flu over the past few days, Rama Rao addressed the packed Singareni Karmika Garjana public meeting at Singareni stadium in Godavarikhani of Peddapalli district on Wednesday. As his hoarse voice due to a sore throat echoed through loud speakers, coal miners cheered and responded to him with loud slogans.

Speaking on the occasion, Rama Rao questioned how the government could allegedly find funds for the proposed Musi riverfront development project with an expenditure of Rs 1.5 lakh crore, but not for Singareni's development. He said the company was struggling to procure tyres for dumpers, graders, shovels, spare parts and lubricants.

"The Congress government is even diverting the company's funds for football matches, while neglecting workers' welfare and essential operational requirements," he remarked. The BRS working president charged the ruling Congress with deliberately pushing the company towards insolvency to facilitate its privatisation. He said Singareni's financial position had deteriorated under Congress rule, with the company being pushed into an overdraft while its bank deposits had dwindled.

Stating that Rs 6,317 crore had gone missing or been diverted in 2023-24 and 2024-25, he demanded a probe by the CBI or a sitting judge. Alleging collusion between the BJP and the Congress, he questioned the silence of the Centre, the union Coal Minister and BJP leaders despite the Centre holding a 49 per cent stake in Singareni.



Rama Rao also cited the Jaipur Singareni Thermal Power Plant, stating that it had ranked first nationally with a 91.8 per cent performance rating under the previous BRS government but had slipped to 65th position under the Congress rule because of coal shortages. He criticised the government for pursuing new overburden-mining projects to earn commissions, while failing to manage existing operations.

He said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Ministers were blaming declining coal production for the power

shortage to cover up their inefficiency in ensuring adequate coal stocks. He charged them with indulging in multiple scams and looting Singareni wealth through diversion of coal stocks, site visitation certifications for tenders, award tenders at minus bids and cancelling seven tenders of Srirampur for commissions.

On workers' welfare, the former Minister recalled that the previous BRS government increased workers' profit share from 16 per cent to 32 per cent, filled 20,000 dependent and regular posts, raised the retirement age to 61 and provided interest-free housing loans of Rs 10 lakh. However, he pointed out that the profit share was reduced during Congress rule over the past two financial years. He

warned that workers would besiege Congress Ministers' and legislators' residences, if the Dasara bonus was not paid properly.

Rama Rao reminded the gathering that former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao had revived the dependent jobs which were scrapped in undivided Andhra Pradesh. He stated that the Congress government failed to conduct medical boards for dependent appointments for three years and demanded that they be held three times a month. He also accused the government of withholding promised welfare benefits and employment commitments. He said Singareni workers played a decisive role in the Telangana statehood movement and in sustaining the State's power supply. He urged them to protect the company from privatisation, alleging that the government's approach to Singareni and the reported move to privatise a 26 per cent stake in Telangana Transco pointed to a serious attempt to transfer public assets to corporate interests.



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GEAR UP FOR BATTLE AGAINST CHILD OBESITY

WHO’s new guidelines offer India a roadmap to combat childhood obesity through healthier diets and lifestyle changes

Fueled by changes in lifestyles and food habits, India may well have become an epicentre of the obesity crisis, particularly affecting children and young adults. The country is projected to account for more than 11% of the global childhood obesity burden by 2030 if current trends continue. Against this grim backdrop, the World Health Organisation’s first-ever global guidelines on integrated management of obesity in children and adolescents come as a welcome development and could go a long way in reversing the trend if implemented in the right spirit. Until now, the WHO had obesity recommendations only for adults. Given the alarming global rise in obesity—400 million children and adolescents were overweight in 2024—it has launched two sets of guidelines—covering 0 to 9 and 10-19 years—essentially focusing on structured diets, physical activity and behaviour-change support. Importantly, the global body has recommended that anti-obesity medications could be considered for adolescents only when supervised lifestyle programmes fail to achieve required health targets. It has said a strict no to pharmacological treatment, bariatric surgery or weight-loss devices for children aged 0-9 years, citing doubts over their safety and long-term effectiveness. The guidelines say that anxiety, depression and low self-esteem can contribute to unhealthy eating, physical inactivity and social withdrawal. According to the World Obesity Atlas 2026, over 14.9 million Indian children aged 5-9 years and 26.4 million adolescents aged 10-19 were living with overweight or obesity in 2025.

India ranks second worldwide behind China and is growing fast. It is estimated that 20 million children could be living with obesity by 2040, while 56 million may be overweight. Also, at least 120 million school-age children could show early signs of chronic diseases such as hypertension and cardiovascular disease linked to high Body Mass Index (BMI). India’s challenges are particularly complicated because it confronts a double whammy: malnutrition and obesity simultaneously. The Indian Academy of Paediatrics’ guidelines, issued in 2023, recognised the gravity of the problem. They recommended that highly obese children be assessed for associated conditions such as hypertension, abnormal blood lipids, diabetes and fatty liver disease. India’s approach concurs with that of the WHO in recognising that containing obesity-related maladies requires a concerted effort involving parents, paediatricians and schools. The WHO’s new guidelines rooting for supportive environments for children are particularly important for India. A growing body of research has underlined that children with limited access to healthy food options often rely on poor and unhealthy diets. Policymakers should take note of the global health agency’s call for systemic change. Comprehensive national action plans are needed to prevent and treat obesity. The WHO’s guideline is not just clinical — it’s a preventive public-health call. Implementing the ‘lifestyle-first’ model through schools, primary care, and family-level behaviour change will be critical for India to avoid a tidal wave of early-onset diabetes and hypertension.

Rahul Brings To Press SIR Protesters Who Faced Delhi Police Brutality

NEW DELHI: Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday accused Delhi police of assaulting student activists and Youth Congress workers during protests against alleged electoral irregularities and vowed action against those responsible. Addressing a press conference alongside injured protesters, Gandhi alleged that a Delhi University student from Kerala had lost hearing in one ear after being struck by police personnel.

“The PM is standing before this voice. Amit Shah is standing before this voice. I suggest to the PM that he should not stand before this voice,” he said, referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah. Several students recounted alleged physical assaults and mistreatment during detention. Gandhi praised the protesters for standing together across religious, caste and



gender lines, describing them as “shers” and “shernis”.

He urged the students to preserve evidence of the alleged assaults. “I have asked every student to make videos and keep evidence with them and send it to us,” he said. Promising accountability, Gandhi said, “When this entire episode ends, we will get justice and punish those who have beaten up our students, from top to bottom.” An injured student played Mahatma Gandhi’s favourite hymn, Vaishnava Jana To, on the flute, conveying a message of non-violence.

Rajnath Calls for Rules-Based Indo-Pacific

NEW DELHI: Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday called for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific where countries can make independent decisions without being forced to choose sides amid growing strategic competition.

Addressing the inaugural Asean-India Defence Think Tank Forum at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, Singh stressed the need to respect sovereignty, uphold international law and resolve disputes through dialogue. “India believes that security is strengthened when countries build capacity together, respect international law and maintain trust through dialogue,” he said.

Singh said India and Asean shared interests in maritime security, regional stability and economic prosperity. He stressed that differences should be resolved peacefully before escalating into disputes.



“India’s approach and Asean’s outlook on the Indo-Pacific can complement each other. We should strengthen cooperation, not create competition between regional forums,” he said.

Highlighting 2026 as the Asean -India Year of Maritime Cooperation, Singh called for greater information-sharing and coordination among navies and coast guards to combat piracy, trafficking and illegal fishing.

“We should improve the sharing of maritime information, strengthen cooperation among our navies and coast guards, and build the ability to respond together to emergencies,” he said.

He also advocated cooperation in artificial intelligence, drones, cybersecurity and space-based defence systems, stressing the need for affordable and adaptable technologies.

Abhijeet Dipke calls for ‘Tiranga’ protest at Connaught Place on Oct 16

Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke has called for a Tricolour protest at Delhi’s Connaught Place on October 16 over the arrest of party leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka, who were remanded to five days of judicial custody



New Delhi: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Wednesday urged “patriots” to gather at the Central Park in New Delhi’s Connaught Place, to wave the Tricolour in protest against the arrest of his party’s co-conveners Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka.

In a video message posted on social media platform X, Dipke termed the agitation as “Lehra do Tiranga”.

“As you already know, Saurav and Ashutosh have been put in jail just for waving the Tricolour. So I request all the patriots, all those who love the Tricolour, to gather at Central Park in Connaught Place, at 5 p.m. on October 16, along with the Tricolour,” he said.

“We will wave the Tricolour there and show that waving a ‘Tiranga’ is not a crime,” he added.

Dipke asked those who are unable to reach the national capital, to undertake a ‘Tiranga march’ in their respective localities, in order to “show the authoritarians that our Tricolour is our pride and waving it is not a crime”.

“It is possible that I might be arrested after this but I am not stressed about that. My ‘Tiranga’ is my pride and I will wave it at any cost,” the CJP Chief asserted.

Earlier on Wednesday, Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka were sent to five-day judicial custody in the Jantar Mantar trespassing case, while another CJP leader Ajinkya Shinde was released on personal bond.

Das and Ranka have been placed in separate cells within Tihar Jail, people familiar with the matter said.

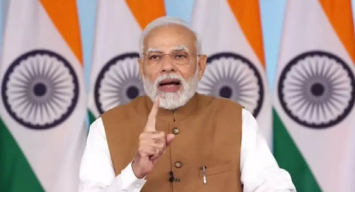
“Saurav Das has been placed in Jail No. 2. Ashutosh Ranka has been placed in Jail No. 4,” the sources said.

Advocate Abhisht Hela, representing CJP leaders Saurav Das, Ashutosh Ranka and Ajinkya Shinde, speaking to IANS, said, “They have been sent to judicial custody for five days.”

The three CJP members were put in preventive arrest for trespassing at Jantar Mantar, which has been denotified as the designated protest site. They were booked for trespassing, bond violation and obstruction of public officials’ duty. They were produced before a Magistrate at Mandir Marg in New Delhi on Wednesday morning.

PM’s Virtual Inauguration Under-scores Unfinished Bridge Between Ladakh And The Centre

SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s much-anticipated visit to Ladakh—described by a union minister as a region “close to the hearts beating in New Delhi”—has been quietly replaced by a virtual inauguration from the national capital. The change, arriving amid sensitive negotiations and lingering mistrust, has reinforced the perception that the political distance between Ladakh’s leadership and the Centre remains far from resolved.



On Wednesday, Modi will inaugurate five major development projects worth ₹3,350 crore via video conferencing, instead of travelling to Leh as earlier suggested by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju. The Prime Minister will still address the main event being held in Leh and is expected to make key announcements aimed at rebuilding confidence between his government and the people of Ladakh.

Even so, the decision to skip an in-person visit—officially attributed to scheduling constraints—is widely interpreted in Ladakh as a sign that the Centre’s engagement with the region’s two principal representative bodies, the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), remains stalled.

During his visit to Leh in August, Rijiju had assured Ladakhis that the Modi government was “fully committed” to granting the region a special constitutional provision under Article 371. He spoke of Ladakh as “a region of immense pride for India,” promising development, protection of cultural identity, and a personal visit by the Prime Minister to review projects and meet local communities.

Instead, Modi will address Ladakh virtually, inaugurating projects spanning airport infrastructure, strategic road connectivity, hydropower, archaeological conservation and water security. The development push is significant—but the symbolism of his absence is equally so.

The Centre’s relationship with LAB and KDA—who jointly represent Ladakh’s demand for constitutional safeguards and restoration of its legislature—remains fraught. The virtual inauguration comes just weeks after the Union Territory Administration announced a major compensation package for victims of the September 24, 2025 violence in Leh, a gesture aimed at rebuilding trust.

Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena approved ₹15 lakh each for families of the four deceased, ₹3 lakh for those with major injuries, and ₹1 lakh for minor injuries—amounting to ₹1.52 crore in relief. Ahead of the first anniversary of the unrest, the Lt. Governor approved the withdrawal of criminal cases against 20 individuals, the move an official statement from Leh called a major step toward restoring peace and social harmony in the Union Territory.

It said the cases—linked to the violence that broke out in Leh last year—were withdrawn under Section 360 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, following a comprehensive review by Ladakh Police.

The September 24 unrest had led to multiple cases of rioting and arson. Police identified 87 accused, arresting 81 and initiating criminal proceedings. After reviewing the investigations, Ladakh Police recommended dropping charges against 20 people named in FIR No. 144/2005 at Leh Police Station. The Lt. Governor cleared the proposal “in the larger interest of peace and public tranquillity”, thereby meeting LAB–KDA’s long-standing demand.

Yet, despite these steps, political negotiations remain stalled. Talks held on September 9 in New Delhi reportedly made little headway. The Ministry of Home Affairs later asked LAB and KDA to build consensus on eight to ten unresolved issues before the Centre drafts a special constitutional framework under Article 371—a reminder of the complex terrain ahead. “Even as development efforts are pushed forward with visible urgency, the political gulf remains stubbornly wide,” observed one seasoned Ladakh watcher.

The Prime Minister will inaugurate a series of key infrastructure and development projects in Ladakh, beginning with the new terminal at Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport in Leh. Built at a cost of ₹640 crore, the 23,800 sq. m terminal can handle 35 lakh passengers annually and features geothermal energy systems along with architectural elements inspired by Ladakhi culture. He will also open the 298-km Nimmu–Padum–Darcha Road, a strategically crucial BRO-built route cutting through the Zaskar Valley. The road provides an alternative to both the Srinagar–Leh and Manali–Leh highways, significantly strengthening military mobility and regional connectivity.

In the power sector, the Prime Minister will dedicate the 9 MW Hanu Small Hydroelectric Project and the Dah–Hanu–Khaltsi transmission line, which together enhance Ladakh’s electricity network and support hydropower evacuation. Another major initiative is India’s first Petroglyph Conservation Park at Sindhu Ghat, aimed at preserving Ladakh’s prehistoric rock art and boosting heritage tourism. Additionally, he will launch Project Him Sarovar, which involves developing 40 water bodies across 40 villages to address Ladakh’s seasonal water imbalance and support agricultural needs.

These initiatives reflect the Centre’s continued investment in Ladakh’s infrastructure and strategic importance. But for many in the region, development alone does not resolve the deeper political anxieties that have persisted since Ladakh became a Union Territory without a legislature in 2019.

President Murmu Offers Prayers At Kanaka Durga Temple



VIJAYAWADA: President Droupadi Murmu offered prayers to Goddess Kanaka Durga, adorned as Sri Maha Chandi Devi, at the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy temple atop Indrakeeladri here on Wednesday evening.

The President arrived at Vijayawada International Airport at Gannavaram by a special aircraft at 6.10pm. Governor S Abdul Nazeer, Union ministers Pemmasani Chandrasekhar and Kamlesh Paswan, state ministers Kollu Ravindra and Vangalapudi Anitha, chief secretary Sai Prasad, DGP Harish Gupta and others received her.

Murmu proceeded straight to the hill shrine. Minister Anitha,

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath and temple trust board chairman Borra Radhakrishna welcomed her at the temple. The president greeted devotees waiting in queues before entering the shrine.

Priests and Vedic scholars received Murmu with traditional honours. She entered the sanctum sanctorum, offered special prayers to the goddess and spent about eight minutes in worship. The temple had been decorated with flowers for the occasion.

After the darshan, Vedic scholars blessed the president at the Ashirvachana Mandapam and presented her with prasadam. Temple executive officer Seena Naik presented her with a portrait of the goddess, while Anitha offered her the sacred silk robes.

The president's visit comes ahead of the inauguration of the national-level Saras Aajeevika Mela, scheduled to be held in Vijayawada from October 15 to 31. The event would showcase traditional products, handicrafts, food items and other goods made by women self-help groups from across the country, providing them with wider market opportunities and promoting rural women's economic empowerment.

Meanwhile, the temple has announced special arrangements for Moola Nakshatram on Friday, October 16, when chief minister Chandrababu Naidu would offer silk robes to the goddess on behalf of the state government.

The goddess would appear as Sri Saraswati Devi on the auspicious day, her birth star. In view of the expected heavy rush, all queue lines would provide free darshan, while protocol, recommendation-based and sanctum sanctorum darshans would remain suspended. Devotees would have darshan from the mukha mandapam.

Private vehicles would not be allowed on the hill, and all vehicle passes, including service passes, would be temporarily suspended, except for official vehicles required for emergency duties.

Separately, the temple's fourth-day Navaratri



celebrations featured a grand chariot procession of the divine couple, Goddess Durga and Lord Malleswara, with the goddess adorned as Maha Chandi Devi. The procession was accompanied by traditional music, Kerala percussion ensembles, saxophone performances, women's kolatam and folk garaga dances.

Temple chairman Radhakrishna and executive officer Seena also visited the Annaprasada facility and served food to devotees. The temple continues to provide wheelchairs, battery-operated vehicles and free transport in vans and buses to assist senior citizens, persons with disabilities and mothers with infants.

AP Local Body Polls in Phased Manner from Oct 28

Vijayawada: The State Election Commission has announced the schedule for elections to both urban and rural local bodies in a phased manner from October 28 to December 2.

The model code of conduct comes into force with immediate effect.

Election commissioner AC Punetha along with secretary Mallikarjuna and municipal administration commissioner Sampath Kumar released the election schedule here on Wednesday.

Elections would be held to 100 urban local bodies on October 28 and MPTCs/ZPTCs on November 3.

For gram panchayats, the first phase polling is on November 26, the second phase on November 29 and the third on December 2. The counting of votes and declaration of results for ULBs would be on October 10 and for MPTCs/ZPTCs on Nov 5.

For gram panchayats, for phases-1, 2 and 3, the results would be known on the same days of polling.



Out of 100 ULBs, election would be held for 13 municipal corporations including GVMC, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, Vizianagaram, Eluru, Machilipatnam, Guntur, Ongole, Nellore, Tirupati, Chittoor, Kadapa, Kurnool and Anantapur and for 87 municipalities/nagar panchayats.

The SEC has not notified elections for the remaining 23 ULBs including four municipal corporations and 19 municipalities/nagar panchayats, as the pre-election activities there are still incomplete. The four are: Srikakulam, Rajamahendravaram, Kakinada and Mangalagiri Tadepalli and 19 municipalities/nagar panchayats are: Amadalavalasa, Rajam,

Palacole, Bhimavaram, Tadepalligudem, Tanuku, Chinthalapudi, Gudivada, YSR Tadigadapa, Ponnur, Narasaraopeta, Bapatla, Kandukur, Kavali, Guduru, Srikalahasthi, Podili, Alluru and B Kothakota. The election commissioner has called upon the registered voters of the municipal corporations of Vizianagaram, Eluru, Machilipatnam, Guntur, Ongole, Tirupati, Chittoor, Kadapa, Kurnool and Anantapur to elect their mayor and members of wards.

As per the election programme for ULBs, filing of nominations would begin on October 16 from 11am to 3.00 pm. The last date for nominations is on October 18 up to 3pm; scrutiny of nominations is on October 19 from 11am.

Naidu Finalises Alliance Seat-Sharing for Local Polls

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has finalised seat-sharing arrangements among the ruling alliance partners for the upcoming local body elections, with the Telugu Desam, Jana Sena and BJP preparing to contest the polls jointly.

The agreement follows prolonged discussions between Naidu and Jana Sena leaders, even as the state election commission announced the election schedule, while the Model Code of Conduct came into force across Andhra Pradesh.

Jana Sena legislators Bolisetty Srinivas and Vamsi Krishna Yadav announced that the alliance partners have reached a consensus on seat-sharing after discussions at the alliance coordination committee meeting in Amaravati. A joint list of candidates would be released within two days.

The leaders maintained that the alliance's priority was to improve on its 2024 electoral performance, with candidates selected according to the relative strength of the partners in individual constituencies.

They ruled out friendly contests and said only one candidate would represent the alliance in each seat.

Bolisetty said the discussions had concluded without disagree-



ments over the number of seats allotted to individual parties. The partners had not fixed rigid percentages for sharing seats, he said, adding that local political equations and electoral prospects would guide the selection of candidates.

He said the alliance would ensure that the interests and sentiments of party workers were protected while finalising nominations. The decision to contest jointly was not confined to the local elections, and the partners would continue working together in future elections, he added.

Vamsi Krishna said the arrangements would take into account the aspirations of the Jana Sena cadre, in accordance with party chief Pawan Kalyan's directions.

The three parties were clear about where each should contest, he said, reiterating that development of the state remained their common objective.

Meanwhile, Jana Sena's proposed share in local bodies has triggered political discussion after details circulated on social media. The party has reportedly proposed a 40.1 per cent share, amounting to 2,091 positions out of a total 5,220 posts across urban local bodies.

Its proposal reportedly seeks six mayoral and six deputy mayoral positions among 17 municipal corporations, along with five standing committee chairper-

son posts and 40 of the 114 standing committee member positions.

In 90 municipalities, the party has proposed 38 chairperson posts based on a 42 per cent share and 41 vice-chairperson posts based on a 45 per cent share. It has also sought six chairperson and six vice-chairperson positions among 16 nagar panchayats.

For the 4,843 divisions and wards in corporations and municipalities, Jana Sena has reportedly sought 1,937 seats, representing a 40 per cent share.

The reported figures have fuelled speculation over the final distribution, although the alliance leaders have emphasised that electoral strength, rather than a fixed seat-sharing ratio, would determine candidate selection.

BJP state president PVN Madhav and minister Satya Kumar Yadav also met Chandrababu Naidu as part of the consultations with alliance coordination committee members.

The sources said that the saffron party sought three mayor posts -- Visakhapatnam, Nellore and Tirupati -- and 10 ULBs. The seat adjustments are likely to be completed in a day or two by analysing local strengths among the three parties.

Lokesh Pushes Industry-Linked Skills, Livelihood Support at Nakkapallia



Vijayawada: Education and human resources minister Nara Lokesh has said Andhra Pradesh is focused on equipping youth with employment-oriented skills and ensuring that local communities benefited from industrial growth.

Notably, the state government joined hands with ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) to establish a skill and community development centre at Nakkapalli in Anakapalli district. The state skill development corporation signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with this firm on Wednesday to set up the centre, which will combine industry-oriented vocational training with livelihood support for fishermen, farmers,

youth and women.

Participating in the event, Lokesh said, "Our priority is to help young people in Andhra Pradesh build skills that lead to employment and ensure that local communities benefit from the state's industrial growth."

He said the centre would bring industry-linked training and livelihood support under one roof, strengthening the livelihoods of fishermen and farmers while creating new opportunities for youth and women.

The centre, he said, would offer vocational training aligned with industry requirements, recognised certification and placement assistance for eligible lo-

cal youth. It would also conduct programmes in fisheries, agriculture and livestock management to improve existing livelihoods.

Special attention would be given to women-led enterprises, skill development and self-employment, enabling women to pursue income-generating activities and strengthen their financial independence.

The initiative aims to improve employment prospects, promote self-employment, raise household incomes and ensure that residents of Nakkapalli and surrounding areas share the benefits of the region's industrial expansion.

KTR calls detention of youth activists a ‘new level of Emergency’

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday criticised the arrest and subsequent judicial custody of CJP leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka for allegedly attempting to enter Jantar Mantar in Delhi. Calling the trespassing charges unjustified, he said imprisoning young activists for protesting was detrimental to democratic values and likened the action to a "new level of Emergency".

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday condemned the arrest and subsequent five-day judicial custody of CJP leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka for attempting to enter Jantar Mantar in Delhi. He termed the trespassing cases slapped against the CJP leaders as absolutely uncalled for and said sending them to five days’ judicial custody for waving the Indian flag at Jantar Mantar amounted to a new level of Emergency.

Rama Rao’s remarks came in response to a statement by CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, who questioned the charges against the two activists and asked what crime they had committed.

“If there is one group of people really fighting for this



country’s future, it is the youth, particularly the Gen Z of this nation. To imprison them because they are trying to clean up the system reeks of insecurity,” he said.

He urged people not to forget that India attained its freedom through such protests and movements.

“Dissent is the cornerstone

of any democracy,” he added.

In response, Abhijeet Dipke thanked Rama Rao for speaking out against the alleged illegal arrest of Das and Ranka, and received a prompt response from the BRS working president who declared, “We are all in this together, brother. Let’s fight for a better India. Jai Hind.”

Harish Rao demands Rs 10 lakh relief for deceased migrant workers

BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao demanded Rs 10 lakh compensation for migrant workers who died in a Karnataka road accident. He criticised power cuts affecting farmers and heard students’ complaints about meals, staffing and facilities at Induvasi School

Mahabubnagar: BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao accused the Congress government of pushing Palamuru into another cycle of drought and migration. He demanded compensation of Rs 10 lakh each for migrant workers from Mahabubnagar district who died in a road accident in Karnataka.

Harish Rao, accompanied by former Minister S Niranjan Reddy and other BRS leaders, visited the families of two Dalit agricultural labourers, Asepu and Naganna, who died in the accident in Karnataka’s Yadgir district. Around 40 Dalit families from Induvasi had migrated to Karnataka in search of work. Several other workers were seriously injured, with two reportedly in critical condition.

Acting on the directions of BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao, the party extended immediate financial assistance to the affected families.

Harish Rao alleged that neither the government nor the district administration had provided assistance or ensured adequate medical care for the



victims. He demanded an ex gratia payment of Rs 10 lakh each for the families of the deceased, along with free, quality treatment and financial assistance for the injured. He criticised the Chief Minister, two Ministers from the district and the Collector for their alleged failure to respond.

Separately, Harish Rao, the deputy leader of the BRS Legislature Party (BRSLP), inspected the Gattu electricity substation and examined its logbook after farmers complained of erratic power supply and drying crops. He said records for October 13 showed that farmers had received only seven hours and 50 minutes of three-phase power, with three interruptions,

including one lasting an hour.

He said repeated interruptions prevented water from reaching the tail-end sections of fields. He accused the government of prioritising Hyderabad, IT companies and industries over farmers. He also alleged that substation staff had received messages from senior officials directing them to cut power supply.

Comparing the situation with the previous BRS regime, Harish Rao said the Congress government had curtailed the promised 24-hour free power supply, pushing agriculture into crisis.

During a visit to Induvasi Government High School, students stopped his convoy and complained about insect-infested midday meals, repetitive brinjal curry, vacant subject-teacher posts and inadequate facilities. They said drought was forcing some students to discontinue their education and migrate with their parents in search of daily-wage work.

Harish Rao assured the students that he would take up their grievances with the government.

Minister Orders Probe Into Narsapur Restaurant Food Poisoning; Seeks Report on Youth’s Death

Hyderabad: Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has ordered an inquiry into the incident in which a youth, Sairam, died and several people fell ill, after eating at One Palace Restaurant in Narsapur, Medak district.



quality and hygiene.

The minister directed officials to take legal action against those responsible, if violations of food safety regulations or negligence were established during the investigation. He said negligence that endangers public health would not be tolerated.

He also asked officials to intensify inspections at hotels, restaurants and other food establishments across the district to prevent such incidents from recurring.

The minister expressed grief over Sairam’s death and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family. He directed senior health officials to ensure the best possible medical care for those undergoing treatment and to continuously monitor their health conditions.

He instructed food safety officials to investigate the cause of the incident by sending food samples for testing and also examine whether the restaurant followed prescribed standards for food preparation, storage,

Telangana Rising vision with PM Modi’s Viksit Bharat goal: CM Revanth

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said Telangana Rising 2047, the State’s long-term development roadmap, was formulated in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. He said the Congress government had set a target of transforming Telangana into a \$3-trillion economy, marking the centenary of Indian Independence.

Inaugurating the Samakhya Business Summit-2026 at HITECH on Wednesday, Revanth Reddy said Modi had set the goal of making India a developed nation by 2047 and stressed that achieving it required the cooperation of States. Telangana aimed to become a \$1-trillion economy by 2034 and contribute 10 per cent of India’s GDP, up from its present share of about 5 per cent, he said.

Calling for cooperation across political lines on development, he said politics should



be confined to election periods, and all stakeholders should work together to advance the country.

The Chief Minister said Hyderabad aspired to compete with global cities like Tokyo and Singapore and called on entrepreneurs to invest in Telangana and build globally competitive businesses. He said the State divided its development strategy into three regions, including CURE (Core Urban Region Economy), PURE (Peri-Urban Region Economy) and RARE (Rural Agriculture Region Economy), to achieve sector-specific growth.

Revanth Reddy praised Indian youth for competing globally in technology and space exploration. He urged business associations to help younger generations understand emerging commercial trends and learn from successful entrepreneurs. He also stressed the need to encourage women entrepreneurs and said the government would extend support to investors.

The two-day summit is being organised by the Samakhya Chamber of Commerce.

Police Martyrs Programmes To Begin From Oct. 21

NIZAMABAD: Nizamabad police commissionerate will organise a series of programmes from October 21 to 31 to honour police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. The programmes will be conducted across the Nizamabad, Armoor and Bodhan divisions in accordance with the directions of Telangana director general of police C.V. Anand. The initiative aims to remember the sacrifices of police martyrs and highlight the role of the police in maintaining peace and public safety.

The observances will begin with the display of banners, hoardings and posters at crowded places, RTC bus stations and railway stations on October 20. A Police Martyrs’ Day programme will be held at the police headquarters at 8 am on October 21.

Police officials will visit the families of martyrs in the Nizamabad division on October 22 and in the Armoor and Bodhan divisions on October 24. A cycle and two-wheeler rally will be organised from Dichpally to police headquarters on October 25.

Short film and photography competitions will be held on October 23, focusing on police sacrifices, duties, achievements and public protection. Participants must submit three photographs measuring 10x8 inches and a short film not exceeding three minutes.

Entries, along with details on a pen drive, must reach the police PRO by the evening of October 23. The three best entries in each category will be forwarded to the DGP’s office in Hyderabad for state-level competitions.

Essay-writing competitions will be conducted in



Telugu, English and Urdu for police personnel on October 26. Constables, to assistant sub-inspectors, can participate in the first category on the services citizens expect from the police in a democratic system.

Sub-inspectors and above can write on efforts needed to earn public appreciation. Students up to Class XII will participate in online essay competitions on October 28 on cybercrime prevention and the role of police in curbing drugs, while degree and postgraduate students will write on preventing social media misuse and their role in making Telangana drug-free.

The police will identify public needs in selected localities and villages on October 27 and 28, organise a blood donation camp at Police Headquarters on October 29, conduct an online open house on October 30 and take out a candlelight rally from Gandhi Chowk to the Police Parade Grounds on October 31, said Commissioner of Police P.Sai Chaitanya on Wednesday.

Owaisi moves Supreme Court against SIR, alleges irregularities in EC decision-making

Hyderabad: AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi has filed a petition against Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in the Supreme Court in light of what he called recent disclosures revealing serious irregularities in the Election Commission of India’s decision-making process.

The Hyderabad MP said that the purpose of filing a petition and a review petition is that the Election Commission should work in accordance with the law, and it should also be clarified whether the decisions related to SIR were taken with the consent of all or if someone had given a different opinion.

Owaisi told media persons that the Election Commission is legally required to function as a collective body, but it is unclear whether the decisions taken were unanimous or if there was any dissenting voice.



He said the review petition was filed because the Supreme Court had previously dismissed the earlier petition about SIR. “We are unable to comprehend the changes made to the statutory enumeration forms, and we lack material information regarding this,” he said.

The AIMIM chief has sought a review of the judgment dated May 27, whereby the Supreme Court disposed of the writ petition, along with other connected petitions, and upheld the SIR order of the Election Commission dated June 24, 2025.

“The present Review Petition is

necessitated by the subsequent disclosure of material revealing serious irregularities in the Commission’s decision-making process, including decisions allegedly taken without the requisite approval of the Commission, in violation of Section 18 of the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023 (‘2023 Act’). The material also raises serious questions concerning the implementation of the statutory safeguards relied upon by this Hon’ble Court in upholding the SIR,” reads the petition.

Responding to queries, Owaisi said that when the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, 2023 was brought, he had raised all the points in the Parliament.

Commissioner Hyd V C Sajjnar IPS with cyber crime Team Hyderabad ON Cyber FRAUD cases



Don't think 'It won't reach us'.. Don't fall into the traps of cyber criminals!

The Hyderabad Police machinery is constantly standing in support, thwarting the latest tactics of cyber criminals to protect the hard-earned money of the people. We repeatedly emphasize that we can build a cyber-free city only when citizens act with full awareness.

However, it has shaken us that in just one day on Monday, victims in three separate cases registered in the city lost a whopping Rs. 5.35 crore to cyber criminals. I personally spoke with the three victims who suffered losses in these incidents.

The surprising thing is... all three are highly educated, with complete awareness of society. Yet, due to an innocent belief that 'Scams like this won't reach us' and overconfidence, they failed to stay alert from the very first transaction, leading to the loss of such a massive amount.

The negligence shown by the victims and the dangerous web of illusions spun by the criminals are exemplified by these three incidents.

In one case, an accountant at a prominent business firm in the city fell for an unknown zip file and a fake WhatsApp message with the CEO's DP, mistaking it for routine OTP clearances in daily transactions, and transferred a staggering Rs. 2.70 crore; even as funds were being reversed for eight days and bank messages were arriving, the management failed to notice, which is gross negligence.

In another incident, a 72-year-old woman was terrorized for 20 days with threats of 'digital arrest' in the name of CBI, ED, and money laundering, forcing her to sell even her gold and cough up Rs. 2.12 crore.

Meanwhile, a prominent doctor who works abroad and had returned to the city, despite being an experienced trader in the stock market for the past decade, fell for the allure of ads on Instagram promising 5 to 20 percent daily profits, and lost Rs. 52.51 lakh in a fake trading app.

On behalf of the Honorable Chief Minister, DGP, and the Police Department, we are constantly issuing warnings against cyber crimes.

Under the banner of 'Alert Hyderabad - Safe Hyderabad', we conducted nearly 11,417 awareness sessions in just one year, reaching about 5.06 lakh people with education. Yet, the public is taking our advisories far too lightly.

No matter how many times we say that there's no concept of 'digital arrest' anywhere in our country's law, and no investigative agency demands cash online, people are still succumbing to fear and anxiety.

On the other hand, bank officials show no concern in alerting account holders even when crores of rupees are being debited in bulk from banks.

Don't be negligent thinking 'This won't happen to me'; stay vigilant every moment with the awareness that 'It could happen to me too'.

Don't open unknown links or files, and don't blindly believe ads promising unlimited profits.

When unknown threat calls come, never panic under any circumstances; inform family members and immediately report to the police or dial 112.

Especially, children should constantly monitor the behavior of elderly family members at home and provide them moral support. If unfortunately anyone falls victim to a scam, without the slightest delay, call 1930 immediately within the crucial 'golden hour' or file a complaint at cybercrime.gov.in.

Remember... Vigilance is the real antidote to cyber crimes!

Invitation to Saddula Bathukamma celebrations - Municipal body invites Collector and SP

Vemulawada, October 14: Municipal Chairman Pulakum Raju along with town Municipal Councillors and Municipal Commissioner Lokesh called on Rajanna Sircilla District Collector Garima Agrawal, District SP Mahesh B. Githe, and Additional Collector Nagesh at the Collectorate and cordially handed over invitation letters, inviting them to the grand Saddula Bathukamma celebrations to be held on Friday evening at Moolavagu Bathukamma Teppa in Vemulawada town. On this occasion, the Chairman explained to the Collector that while it is customary to celebrate the Bathukamma festival for nine days across the state, in Vemulawada, the holy shrine of Lord Rajarajeshwara Swamy, the tradition for generations has been to celebrate Saddula Bathukamma on the seventh day itself, which is the spiritual uniqueness of this place. He informed that as thousands of devotees and women are expected to attend the floral festivities at Moolavagu, elaborate arrangements have been made to ensure they face no inconvenience, including drinking water, electric lights, sanitation



management, along with tight security measures.

Municipal Vice Chairman Narala Shekar, Commissioner Lokesh, along with Hon'ble Councillors Annaram Srinivas, Kokkula Balakrishna, Yela Srinivas, Thotaraju, Konda Rajasekhar, Santhosha Karunakar, Ramateerthapu Krishnaveni Harish and others participated in this invitation program

TGNPDCL Operations Director Inspects Key Substations, Stresses Uninterrupted Power Supply :

Nizamabad October 14, 2026 : TGNPDCL Director of Operations Madhusudan conducted a field inspection of major electrical substations in Nizamabad district to assess power supply conditions, review load management and ensure the stability of the electricity network.

Accompanied by GM/OP-1 Babu Rao, Madhusudan visited the 220/132/33 kV substation at Dichpally, the 132/33 kV substation at Sirikonda, the 220 kV substation at Bheemgal and the 132/33 kV substation at Pochampad.

During the inspection, he reviewed the load status of various 33 kV feeders and the loading conditions of power transformers at 132/33 kV substations. He also discussed operational challenges with the concerned officials and examined measures required to meet rising electricity demand while maintaining grid stability.

Madhusudan directed the officials to closely monitor feeder loads and transformer performance and take preventive measures to avoid overloading and minimise power interruptions. He emphasised that early identification of technical issues and timely corrective action were essential to maintaining the reliability and efficiency of the power supply network.

He called upon the field staff to remain alert



and ensure the safe operation of electrical equipment, reiterating that providing quality and uninterrupted power supply to consumers must remain a top priority.

SE/TRANSCO Arogyaraju, DE/Dichpally Harichand, DE/Armoor Raghu, ADE/Operations, Dichpally Srinivas, ADE/Operations, Perkit Srinivas and other officials accompanied the inspection team.

The inspection underscored TGNPDCL's focus on effective load management, reliable grid operations and uninterrupted electricity supply across Nizamabad district.

Former Minister Fareeduddin birth anniversary celebrated in grand style

Zaheerabad October: Former Minister Late MD. Fareeduddin's birth anniversary was celebrated in grand style on Wednesday. His fans cut a cake and distributed sweets on his birthday. Fruits and bread were distributed to patients at the Zaheerabad Government Hospital. Congress party cadres and fans remembered the services provided by Fariduddin. They recalled that he had made immense efforts for the development of the Zaheerabad area. They said that it is sad to lose a good leader. They called on us to follow in his footsteps. Farid's son Mohammad Tanveer, fans and leaders of the respective parties participated in this celebrations.



Ramagiri Students Achieve Guinness World Record

Peddapalli Correspondent | September 14: Students from Ramagiri mandal have brought pride to their region by achieving a Guinness World Record through a large-scale karate performance held in Hyderabad. Mohammed Afifa Fatima, granddaughter of former Lonkakesaram Sarpanch M.D. Manzoor, and Edla Rishikesh participated in the karate performance along with 1,212 participants in Hyderabad, contributing to the world record achievement. On this occasion, the students received their Guinness World Record certificates from the Ramagiri Sub-Inspector of Police in the presence of their parents. Karate Master Marupaka Sampath of Dronacharya Sports Academy, Kalvacherla, who trained the students, was appreciated for his efforts. The students, their parents, and the karate master received congratulations for this remarkable achievement.



MA QUADIR SHARIF has Passed MBA ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2026 FROM SHADAN INSTITUTE Of MANAGEMENT "PROUD Moment for His MOTHER SHAHBAZ FATIMA & FATHER Late MA DAYAN SHARIF

Pending Files Must Be Cleared Without Delay at the Collectorate

Public Grievances Must Be Resolved Within the Stipulated Time as per Rules: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal : istrict Col-lector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to en-sure that no files re-main pending in any department of the Collectorate and that all matters are re-solved promptly.

On Wednesday evening, the District Collector conducted a review meeting with the superintendents of various sections at the Collectorate. During the meeting, he re-viewed pending files and the disposal of petitions received from the public. He enquired about the details of pending files in each section.

The Collector made it clear that petitions received from the pub-lic must be resolved



within the stipulated time as per the prescribed rules, and that unnecessary delays would not be tolerated under any circumstances.

He instructed the section superintendents to continuously monitor the progress of files in their respective sections. He emphasized the need to enhance transparency in office administration and expedite the file disposal process.

The Collector further directed officials and staff to perform their duties with dedication and ensure that government services are delivered to the public more conveniently and within the pre-scribed time.

In-Charge Additional Collector (Revenue) Rathod Ramesh, A.O. Praveen, Section Super-intendents Swathi, Sandhya and Mallesh, along with other officials and staff, participated in the meeting.

MP Arvind Participates in Key Parliamentary Committee Meetings :

New Delhi, October 14, 2026 : Nizamabad MP Arvind Dharmapuri partici-pated in a series of impor-tant parliamentary commit-tee meetings in New Delhi, focusing on the proposed amendments to the For-eign Contribution (Regula-tion) Act (FCRA) and is-sues concerning the country's trade and indus-trial sectors.

On October 12 and 13, Arvind attended the Joint Parliamentary Committee meetings examining the FCRA Amendment Bill. The committee received opinions and suggestions from representatives of religious, social and ser-vice organisations, char-tered accountants, legal experts and educational in-stitutions.

The discussions centred on the regulation of foreign contribu-tions, lawful utilisation of funds, financial transparency, ac-



countability and compliance with statutory provisions. Stakeholder perspectives were also considered as part of the committee's examination of the proposed legislation.

On October 14, the Nizamabad MP took part in the Commerce Committee meeting, where matters relating to trade develop-ment, industrial advancement, export pro-motion, strengthening domestic industries and addressing challenges in the commer-cial sector were discussed.

Arvind Dharmapuri's participation reflects his engagement in parliamentary delibera-tions on legislative reforms and economic policy. He stressed the significance of trans-parency, accountability and effective policy implementation in promoting public welfare and contributing to India's sustainable eco-nomic growth.

3.94 lakh CM Relief Fund cheques distributed in Zahirabad

Zaheerabad October: On the instructions of Zaheerabad MLA K.Manik Rao, BRS party president Thattu Narayana distributed CM Relief Fund cheques to beneficiaries from various villages in the mandal on Wednes-day. 17,500 to Sujatha of Khashimpur village, 60 thousand to Narasimha Reddy, 9 thousand to Kumari Venkatayya of Algol village, 8,500 to Sundaramma, 24 thousand to Abhishek, and 48 thousand to Lakshmi of Malchalma village. 44 thousand to Sapna, 60 thousand to Karthik of Hothi B village, 37,500 to Jaipal, 14 thousand to Aminabi, 16,500 to Jyoti of Raipalli village, and 39 thousand to Akanksha of Satwar village. Zaheerabad Mandal BRS Party President Thattu Narayana, Mandal Sarpanches Dasari Machender, Challa Srinivas Reddy, Ekkelli Raju, Govardhan Reddy, Venkat, along with Mandal BRS Party leaders, went to the respective villages and personally handed over the cheques.



Jupally Launches Two Bahubali Motors at Naralapur Reservoir

Nagarkurnool : Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Tuesday launched two massive Bahubali motors at Naralapur reservoir as part of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. The motors will be used to lift water into the reservoir.

The minister said the government was com-mitted to completing irrigation projects across the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district and en-suring water reaches the tail-end ayacuts. He said the government was accelerating pending works to achieve the intended targets and support farm-ers by making irrigation water available.

Criticising the previous BRS government, Jupally alleged that the Palamuru-Rangareddy project had been dedicated to the nation without completing essential works, including canals and distributary networks. He questioned why major irrigation projects remained incomplete despite the previous government accumulating nearly Rs 8 lakh crore in debt.

The minister said the Mahatma Gandhi Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme was intended to irrigate 4.60 lakh acres, while the Nettekpadu and Bheema projects were designed to serve two lakh acres each and the Koilsagar project



50,000 acres. He alleged that the previous government had failed to fully utilise the potential of these projects.

Jupally said that, under the direction of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy was regularly reviewing irrigation projects and taking steps to expedite pending works. The government's priority was to complete the projects and ensure irrigation water reached farmers, he added.

Kalwakurthy MLA Kasireddy Narayan Reddy, Wanaparthy MLA Megha Reddy, local public representatives and officials attended the programme.

Indiramma Houses Bring New Hope to Poor Families! MLA PAYAM VENKATESHWARLU DISTRIBUTES HOUSE PATTAS TO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES IN MANUGURU

Manuguru, October 14: Pinapaka MLA and Telangana Legislative Assembly ST Welfare Committee Chairman Payam Venkateshwarlu distributed house pattas to eligible beneficiaries under the Indiramma Housing Scheme in Manuguru Municipality. The programme was held on Wednesday at the MLA's camp office in Manuguru Mandal, Bhadradri Kothagudem district.

Government Committed to Making the Dream of Owning a House a Reality

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Payam Venkateshwarlu stated that the people's govern-ment, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and with the support of State Revenue, Housing, and Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, was implementing the Indiramma Housing Scheme with a strong focus on the welfare of poor families.

He said the government had launched the prestigious scheme with the objective of ensur-ing that every poor family could own a house. Through the sanctioning of houses and distri-bution of house pattas to eligible beneficiaries, the government was working towards fulfilling their long-cherished dream of owning a home.

Indiramma Housing Scheme Brings New Hope to Poor Families

The MLA stated that the people's government was fulfilling its electoral promises one by one and taking steps to improve the lives of eco-nomically weaker sections.

Providing housing security to underprivileged



families was one of the government's primary objectives, he said. He assured that efforts would continue to ensure that all eligible beneficia-ries received the benefits of various welfare schemes.

He added that the Indiramma Housing Scheme would provide secu-rity and stability to poor families while bringing new hope and happiness into their lives. He urged people to make effective use of the welfare and development programmes being implemented by the state government.

Continuous Efforts for Pinapaka Constituency Development

MLA Payam Venkateshwarlu reiterated his commitment to the overall development of Pinapaka constituency and the welfare of its people. He said the government was moving forward with the objective of providing every eligible poor family with the security of owning a house.

Municipal Commissioner, MPO, Housing Assistant Engineer, mandal and town presidents, minority and women's wing presidents, district-level leaders, sarpanches, deputy sarpanches, ward members, women lead-ers, party leaders, activists, and others participated in the programme.

TNGOs Sangareddy Town Unit New Committee Elected Unanimously Yadav Reddy Elected President, Venkatesh as Secretary

SANGAREDDY, Correspondent: October 14, 2026.: The new executive committee of the Telangana Non-Gazetted Officers' Union (TNGOs), Sangareddy Town Unit, has been elected unanimously. The election programme was conducted under the leadership of JAC Chairman Mohammed Jawed Ali and TNGOs Secretary Velpuri Ravi. TNGOs Associate Presi-dent Venkat Reddy served as the election of-ficer.

The newly elected office-bearers are Yadav Reddy as President, Venkatesh as Secretary, Ramesh as Associate President, and Haimad Khan as Treasurer. Raju, Sujatha, Nagamani and Pradeep were elected as Vice-Presidents, while Gopal, Parveen Begum and Ajam were elected as Joint Secretaries. Shravani was elected as Organising Secretary.

The executive committee members elected unanimously include Vaseema, Haimad, Kiran, Yadaiah, Lavanya, Latha, Pazeel Haimad, Ajay, Munawar and Imran Khan.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders stated that resolving government employees' griev-ances, protecting their rights, implementing welfare measures and strengthening the unity of the association would be the primary objec-tives of the new committee. They urged the newly elected representatives to coordinate with employees, bring their problems to the notice



of the concerned authorities and work towards their timely resolution.

The leaders also called upon employees to maintain unity, extend mutual cooperation and contribute to the development of the associa-tion. They emphasised that collective efforts were essential to safeguard-ing employees' interests and ensuring their welfare.

The newly elected office-bearers expressed their gratitude to the lead-ers and employees for placing their trust in them and entrusting them with the responsibilities. They assured that they would work with dedica-tion to strengthen the association and make employee welfare their top priority.

TNGOs District Associate President Kasini Srikanth, Treasurer Srinivas, Krishna, Sudhamani, Nageswara Rao, Mallikarjun, Rasheed, Shareef and other employees participated in the election programme.

Quality Education and a Pleasant Learning Environment Must Be Ensured in Government Nursing Colleges

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal : District Collector Bhavesh Mishra inspected the Government Nursing College in the district headquarters on Wednesday.

During the inspection, the Collector examined the college premises and instructed the officials to ensure regular sanitation and maintain a clean and hygienic campus. He also enquired about the number of students, teaching faculty, and staff working at the college.

The Collector directed the faculty to complete the academic syllabus within the stipulated time as per the prescribed schedule. He emphasized that the nursing profession is dedicated to providing selfless service to society and stressed the need to inculcate a strong sense of service and compassion among students.

He advised the college authorities to equip students with the necessary knowledge and practical skills to establish themselves successfully in the nursing profession upon completing their education. He also instructed the faculty to focus on improving the quality of practical training to ensure that students gain adequate hands-on experience.

When officials brought the need for various infrastructure facilities on the college premises to the Collector's attention, he assured them that necessary steps would be taken to provide the required basic amenities.



The Collector further emphasized that the safety and security of students must be given the highest priority.

Medical College Principal Manjula, along with other officials and staff members, participated in the inspection.

AWARENESS ON GIRLS' RIGHTS AND PROTECTION IS MANDATORY

Warangal CP Shweta IPS

Do not befriend strangers on social media
Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sarada
She Teams ensure women's safety

Hanumakonda: As per the directions of Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shweta, IPS, a special awareness seminar was organized for girls' groups on Wednesday at Kaloji Kalakshetra in Balasamudram, Hanumakonda under the auspices of Warangal District She Teams to create awareness on girl safety, women's protection, personal development, cyber crimes and mental health.

District Collector Satya Sarada, who attended the program as the chief guest, said that girls should overcome the problems faced during adolescence with courage and move forward towards achieving their goals in life. He said that along with eating healthy food, one should maintain mental and emotional balance and seek help from She Teams when needed.

Psychologist Dr. Barupati Gopi said that everyone has unique abilities and suggested that they should be identified and developed. He said that they should focus on life goals by overcoming mental obstacles, and use social media judiciously and be vigilant against cyber frauds and harassment.

Speaking on the occasion, Warangal CP advised girls to be aware of the physical and mental changes that occur during adolescence. He said that when problems arise, they should not be afraid or hesitate to seek advice from



parents, teachers or doctors.

The Police Department is conducting such awareness programs with the aim of increasing the safety, empowerment and self-confidence of girls, and the Warangal Police Commissioner suggested that girls should be aware of their rights and boldly bring their problems to the attention of the relevant authorities. East Zone DCP Ankit Kumar, Central Zone DCP Dara Kavitha, Additional DCPs Balaswamy, ACPs Sadayya, Venkataramana, She Teams Inspector Suvarna, Inspector O. Ramesh, Bharosa Center SI Kiranmayi, She Teams RSI Swathi, SI Rama Rao and other police officers, girls from nine mandals of Warangal district, members of MEPMA and self-help groups were present in large numbers in this program.

Grand Celebrations of Atla Bathukamma at IDOC

WOMEN EMPLOYEES CELEBRATE WITH TRADITIONAL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS, SONGS AND DANCES

Bhadradi Kothagudem, October 14, 2026: The fifth-day Atla Bathukamma celebrations were held with great enthusiasm at the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC), organized jointly by the Agriculture, Horticulture, Marketing and Cooperative Departments, PACS and banks.

On the occasion, women employees beautifully arranged Bathukammas with a variety of colourful flowers. They enthusiastically participated in the celebrations by singing traditional Bathukamma songs and performing folk dances, creating a festive atmosphere throughout the IDOC premises.

Bathukamma Reflects Telangana's Rich Cultural Heritage

Bathukamma, a festival symbolizing the rich culture and traditions of Telangana, was celebrated with joy and excitement by the women employees. The office premises came alive with traditional songs, colourful floral arrangements and lively cultural activities.

The celebrations highlighted the importance of preserving Telangana's unique cultural identity and passing its rich traditions on to future generations. The traditional observance of Bathukamma showcased the spirit of unity, cultural pride and enthusiasm among the participating women employees.

Officials and staff members from the Agriculture, Horticulture, Marketing and Cooperative De-



Singareni Extends Major Support to Rural Development!

CSR Cheque Worth ₹2.44 Crore Handed Over

Priority to Healthcare, Education and Water Conservation: Collector Ankit

Bhadradi Kothagudem, October 14:* Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has extended significant support to rural development in the Pinapaka constituency of Bhadradi Kothagudem district by allocating Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for rural infrastructure, healthcare, education and water conservation projects.

For various development works to be undertaken during the financial year 2025-26, SCCL has allocated a total of ₹4,93,80,000. As part of this allocation, a cheque worth ₹2,44,30,000, representing an advance payment, was handed over to District Collector Ankit by officials of the Singareni Manuguru Area at the Collector's chamber on Wednesday.

Focus on Rural Infrastructure and Public Welfare

Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Ankit stated that the CSR funds provided by Singareni would play a significant role in the comprehensive development of rural areas.

He emphasized the need to give priority to improving basic infrastructure in villages, strengthening healthcare and education facilities, and undertaking water conservation initiatives.



The Collector appreciated Singareni's contribution towards village development as part of its social responsibility. He instructed the officials concerned to utilize the allocated funds strictly in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and ensure that all development works are executed with high-quality standards.

Development Issues Discussed with Additional Collector

Later, Singareni officials paid a courtesy visit to Additional Collector D. Venugopal at his chamber and discussed matters related to rural development projects.

Singareni Manuguru Area General Manager Durgam Ramchander, AGM (Personnel) S. Ramesh, Civil Department representative G. Sivaprasad, CPO Sunitha and others participated in the programme.

Singareni's CSR assistance is expected to provide a major boost to rural infrastructure, healthcare, education and water conservation initiatives across the Pinapaka constituency.

Free Medical Camp for Journalists and Their Families Receives Appreciation from Collector

Specialist Doctors Conduct Health Check-ups; Medicines Distributed Free of Cost

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A free medical camp organised for journalists and their family members in Sangareddy on Wednesday was successfully conducted, earning appreciation from District Collector Prateek Jain. The Collector participated in the programme and appreciated the organisers for their initiative. He advised journalists, who often work under considerable professional pressure, to make proper use of such medical camps, undergo regular health check-ups, maintain their health and take good care of their families.

The medical camp was organised jointly by the Small and Medium Newspapers Association and the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ-IJU), Sangareddy district unit, with the support of Sunrise Hospital, Sangareddy, and the Rathasarathi Telugu daily newspaper.

Speaking on the occasion, TUWJ-IJU State Vice-President M.A.K. Faisal said the union's state leadership had previously undertaken several social service activities. Inspired by the same spirit, the district unit organised the free medical camp to promote the health and welfare of journalists in Sangareddy. He thanked all those who extended their support to the programme.

TUWJ-IJU Sangareddy District President Bandaru Yadagiri said several programmes were being organised in the district for the welfare and development of journalists, following the inspiration of the state leadership. He appreciated the Small and Medium Newspapers Association for taking the initiative to organise the medical camp and thanked Sunrise Hospital and Rathasarathi newspaper for their cooperation. He observed that journalists face considerable work-related stress and pressure and stressed the importance of regular medical examinations, timely treatment and proper medi-



cation.

Small and Medium Newspapers Association President Mohammed Siddiq said the camp was organised with the primary objective of safeguarding journalists' health. He noted that the participation of family members along with journalists reflected their growing awareness of the importance of health and well-being.

District General Secretary Eshwar Chauhan said the programme was successful because of the cooperation extended by the organisers and all those involved. He expressed gratitude to Sunrise Hospital and Rathasarathi Telugu daily for supporting the initiative.

According to District General Secretary Rumandla Anil Kumar, the camp was held from 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Specialists from Sunrise Hospital, including doctors from cardiology, diabetes, orthopaedics, neurology, paediatrics, gynaecology and general medicine, conducted medical examinations and provided necessary medical advice.

Various diagnostic tests were conducted free of cost, and available medicines were distributed to the participants without charge. Journalists representing print and electronic media, small and large newspapers, cable television and digital media from across the district attended the camp along with their family members.

DPRO Vijayalakshmi, Additional DPRO Edukondalu, TNGOs district president Mohammed Jawed Ali, general secretary Ravi Kumar, and leaders Kasini Srikanth, Venkat Reddy and Yadava Reddy participated in the programme and appreciated the organisers.

Sunrise Hospital Chairman Swamy Goud and Rathasarathi Managing Director Santosh Goud were also present. Other participants included Sakshi Senior Staff Reporter Bala Prasad, Andhra Prabha Senior Staff Reporter Raju, District Accreditation Committee member Prabhakar, TUWJ-IJU District Vice-President M.A. Mateen, Mallesh, Organising Secretary Wilson, Electronic Media Division District President Asif, HMTV's Srinivas, Siddhu Jain, senior journalist Masood Khan, Small and Medium Newspapers Association District Treasurer Laxman and Vice-President Nazeer.

TUWJ-IJU leaders Himayat, Irshad, Rajeshwar, Dinesh Naik, Srikanth, Mahesh Goud, Kondapur Ramesh Goud and others also attended the programme.

Srikanth and Ooha’s daughter Medha Meka to debut with new-age rom-com #MythrilnLove

Medha Meka, daughter of Telugu actors Srikanth and Ooha Meka, is set to make her acting debut alongside newcomer Jai Jasti in Mythri Movie Makers' upcoming romantic comedy tentatively titled #MythrilnLove. The film marks Prithvi Vanam's feature directorial debut and was launched with a grand pooja ceremony in Hyderabad.



Hyderabad: Medha Meka, the daughter of well known Telugu actors Srikanth and Ooha Meka, will make her acting debut in director Prithvi Vanam's upcoming new age romantic comedy, which is tentatively being referred to as #MythrilnLove. Mythri Movie Makers, which introduced the fresh pairing of Vaishnav Tej and Krithi Shetty with the National Award-winning musical romantic entertainer 'Uppena', is now set to present another intriguing love story. The film, tentatively being referred to as #MythrilnLove, was officially launched with a grand pooja ceremony, marking the beginning of an exciting cinematic journey for the young team.

MLA Ganta Srinivasa Rao handed over the script to the makers while Sahu Garapati and Archana switched on the camera. Nandini Reddy sounded the clapboard and Sowmya Yerneni directed the first shot. Medha Meka, the daughter of acclaimed actors Srikanth Meka and Ooha Meka (Also known as Sivaranjani in Tamil), has completed her bachelor's degree in marketing. She embarks on her acting journey with this film.

Along with her, Jai Jasti, a passionate dreamer who pursued filmmaking and Business Economics, makes his acting debut as the male lead. During his academic journey, Jasti developed expertise in sound, editing, screenwriting, and theatre arts.

He subsequently worked as an assistant director under Anil Ravipudi on 'Gaalī Sampath' and 'F3', while also gaining experience through a few independent film projects.

Sources close to the unit say that the new-age romantic comedy, #MythrilnLove will explore the peculiar dynamics of a relationship between a boy and a girl, blending romance, humour, and family drama into an entertaining cinematic experience. The film, sources claim, will look to appeal to audiences across all sections.

Prithvi Vanam, who earned recognition for directing popular web series such as 30 Weds 21 and Middle Bench Ravi, makes his feature-film directorial debut with this project.

Director Mahesh Babu P, known for Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty and Andhra King Taluka, is to be associated with the film as its creator. One other interesting aspect about the film is that Sai Harsha, the son of popular lyricist Ramajogayya Sastry, is to score the music for the movie.

The makers unveiled the film's first look poster, introducing the fresh pairing of Jai Jasti and Medha Meka. The poster beautifully captures the warmth, tenderness, and magic of young love. Jai sports a casual, colourful checked shirt and a beard, while Medha looks elegant with her long, flowing hair and a soft smile.

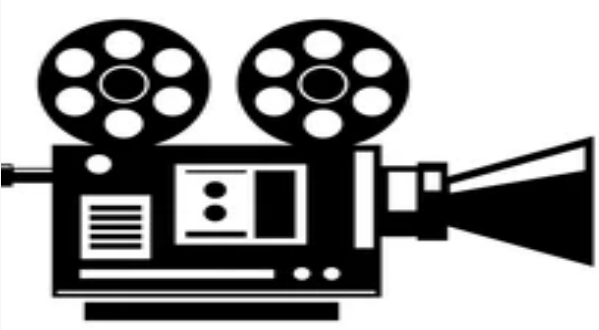
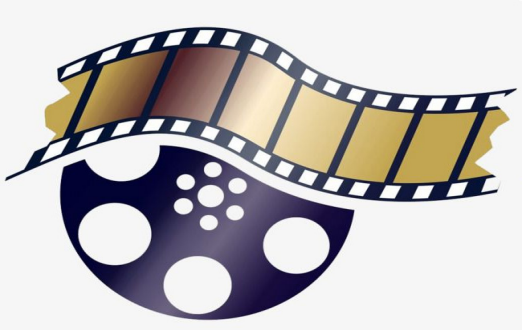
Mamitha Baiju in Talks for 'Jai Hanuman'?

The chartbuster Kurchi Madathapetti from Superstar Mahesh Babu's film Guntur Kaaram has etched its name into the history by surpassing 600 million views on YouTube. With this feat, it becomes only the third Telugu song to cross this landmark, joining the ranks of Butta Bomma and Ramulo Ramula from Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo.

What makes this achievement even more impressive is the pace at which it was accomplished. According to reports, Kurchi Madathapetti hit the 600 million mark in just 425 days, making it the fastest Telugu song ever to reach this number.

The song's phenomenal popularity can be attributed to several key factors: the infectious, high-energy composition by music director Thaman S, the electrifying dance performances by Mahesh Babu and Sree Leela, and its viral appeal across social media platforms. From Instagram reels to fan edits on YouTube Shorts, Kurchi Madathapetti has inspired a wave of user-generated content, further propelling its reach and engagement. Interestingly, despite Guntur Kaaram underperforming at the box office, its music has emerged as a standout success. This contrast underscores the power of music in transcending a film's commercial fate. The song has resonated with fans across Telugu-speaking states and garnered a nationwide audience, making it one of the most recognizable Telugu tracks in recent times.

For Thaman, Kurchi Madathapetti is a career milestone and a testament to his consistent ability to create chart-topping numbers. With its momentum still strong, the song is now eyeing the 700 million mark, a feat that looks well within reach in the coming months. While the Mahesh Babu-Trivikram Srinivas collaboration in Guntur Kaaram may not have met expectations at the box office, Kurchi Madathapetti stands as a shining example of how a powerful soundtrack can leave a lasting legacy, long after the curtains fall on the film.



CINEMA

Vijay Sethupathi's 'Train' to hit theatres worldwide on December 4

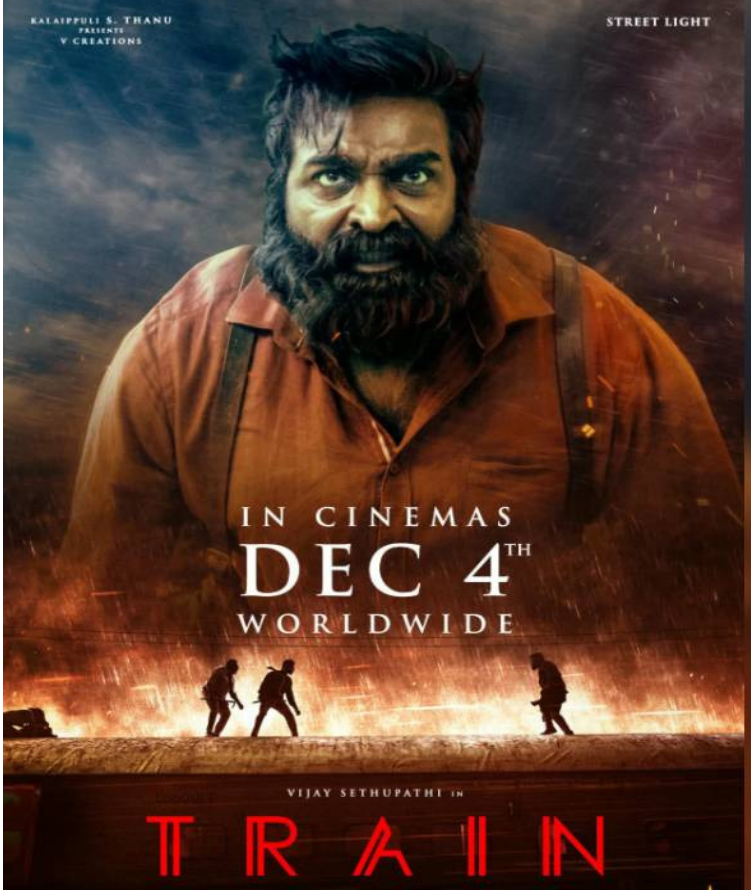
Vijay Sethupathi-starrer action thriller Train, directed by Mysskin and produced by Kalaippuli S Thanu, is set for a worldwide theatrical release on December 4. The film has already received a U/A certificate from the Censor Board and has generated significant buzz following its action-packed teaser.

Chennai: The makers of director Mysskin's eagerly awaited action thriller 'Train', featuring actor Vijay Sethupathi in the lead, have now announced that their film will hit screens on December 4 this year.

It may be recalled that the film has already been cleared by the Censor Board for release with an U/ A certificate.

Producer Kalaippuli S Thanu, whose production house V Creations is producing the film, took to his social media timelines to drop the update. Thanu wrote, "Get ready for the ride!#Train storms into cinemas worldwide on 'DECEMBER 4!'"

A couple of months ago, Thanu had announced the news that the film had been cleared by the Censor Board for release. He had then said, "Train censored U/A." For the unaware, director Mysskin's fast-paced action thriller, 'Train', featuring actor Vijay Sethupathi in the lead, has triggered huge



interest in fans and film buffs ever since the makers released a teaser recently.

The high octane 43-second teaser shows a speeding train under the control of some vicious people. Scared passengers fearing for their lives look on as one man (Vijay Sethupathi) wages a lone battle. It's evident from the teaser that the train, which resembles a speeding monster, is not halting at any station that it is scheduled to stop at. More significantly, those who seem to have taken control of the

train seem to have come well prepared. What is their mission? Who are these people? And who importantly is the person trying to take them on? Like all other Mysskin thrillers, 'Train' too promises to be an edge-of-the-seat thriller.

Train, which is being produced by V Creations and directed by Mysskin, will feature a host of stars including Nasser, Shruti Haasan, Yugi Sethu, Narain, KS Ravikumar, Sampath Raj, Kalaiyaran, Ira Dayanand and Preethy Karan.

The film has cinematography by Fowzia Fathima and music by Mysskin himself.

Interestingly, Narain in a post on social media last year had released pictures of himself on the sets of Train. The pictures revealed that he was playing a police officer in the film. The disclosure led to speculation if whether Mysskin was attempting to build a Mysskin Cinematic Universe with Train. The reason for the speculation was that Narain had also played the role of a cop in Mysskin's superhit film 'Anjaathey'. However, there has been no confirmation regarding this.

Forget Star Power, The Song That Created a Sensation Is Out Now

A star hero, a popular heroine, expensive promotions and a huge budget are not always necessary to attract audiences.

A star hero, a popular heroine, expensive promotions and a huge budget are not always necessary to attract audiences. Sometimes just a catchy song and the right social media strategy are enough to create a buzz. The song 'Jim Jim Tara' from the upcoming horror comedy film Parnashala is a perfect example of this trend.

The makers of Parnashala have officially released the full version of 'Jim Jim Tara' through Aditya Music today. The song has already attracted lot of attention on social media. Its growing craze has created more interest in the film even before its full version reached audiences.



The interesting thing about 'Jim Jim Tara' is that it started gaining attention even before its official release. Short videos and clips featuring the song began circulating on social media platforms. Many users already created Instagram Reels using its catchy tune. Some celebrities also used the song in their content.

This response shows how social media can help a song reach a wider audience without spending huge amounts on promotions and also on starcast. When people like a song, they share it with their friends and followers. This helps the song reach more people and gain popularity. So this song proved that movies can have different promotions without spending money.

G. Lakshmidevi wrote and sang the song for Parnashala. Her contribution has helped the song become an important part of the film's promotional campaign.

Produced by Manchi Venkat under the SLT Films banner, Parnashala is directed by Y.G. Bharat. The film combines horror comedy with elements of a suspense thriller.