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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has Instructed officials to Collect the Amount Related to the Value of the Grain Owed by the Millers

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 12 :He warned that he will be positive with those who run mills with a business perspective and will deal strictly with those who deliberately try to evade. The Chief Minister conducted a review of the Civil Supplies Department at the MCRRD along with the Minister for the Department, Uttam Kumar Reddy. He was furious that the previous government had given an opportunity to arrears of thousands of



crores of rupees and was trying to blame that mistake on the current government. He clarified that there has already been some progress in collecting arrears, but the

arrears related to every grain of grain have to be collected. The millers' dues must be collected. We will deal strictly with those who commit evasion.. We will hand

over the responsibilities of milling to women's groups..Review with Uttam on the Civil Supplies Department

With Capacitor Banks Reduction Of Power Losses An effective solution to the Problem of Low Voltage in Agricultural Feeders

TGNPDCL CMD Karnati Varun Reddy

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 12 : Capacitor banks reducing the need for additional PTRs voltage boosters to be installed in forest area. As there are about 14 lakh agricultural pump sets in the area, the induction load on the rural power feeders is high, which reduces the power factor, increases the electric current and causes voltage drop. To solve these problems, TGSPDCL has already installed 2 MVAR capacitor banks 303 and 1 MVAR capacitor banks 89 in 33/11 KV substations in the last two and a half years, said Telangana Uttar Vidut Distributing Company Limited Chairman and Managing Director CMD Karnati Varun Reddy. He said that in addition to providing quality and stable voltage power supply to the farmers, technical power losses have been significantly reduced, especially in agriculture-based areas, capacitor banks have

been installed at substations and 11 KV feeders to control the reactive power demand caused by motors. He said that the PTR capacity is being relieved through 392 capacitor banks. This will eliminate the need to immediately install additional power transformers in many areas. It was stated that there is no need to set up additional 66 new PTRs in the areas where capacitor banks have been installed, thereby saving Rs 21 crore. It was stated that due to the installation of capacitor banks in 11 KV feeders, technical losses have been reduced by about Rs 82 crore... It was said that they are having a positive impact in reducing power losses. In addition to 2 MVAR capacitor banks at the substation level, capacitor banks with a capacity of 600 KVAR have also been installed at the 11 KV feeder level, which reduces the voltage drop in the lines and improves the voltage profile espe-



cially at the end of the feeder. As a result, agricultural pump sets as well as other consumers will also get more stable voltage. Power factor improvement: He said that the power factor at substations will also improve significantly with the installation of capacitor banks. He said that by installing capacitor banks and voltage boosters, farmers will get better voltage, especially in agricultural feeders, to

avoid the problem of low voltage. In areas with forest areas and long lines, where it is not practically possible to set up a new substation for every problem, the voltage problem has been solved by setting up voltage boosters as per the need. In this regard, a total of 8 voltage boosters have been set up in forest areas and remote areas in Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Bhadrakoti, Kothagudem and Mancherial districts.

The Welfare of the Members is the Priority

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Bureau Chief Warangal August 12: The President of Greater Warangal Press Club, Vemula Nagaraju, said that the welfare of every member of the club is the aim of their committee. Vemula Nagaraju, who presided over the program organized at the club to present a cheque of Rs. 10.57 lakhs to the family of late desk journalist Rabbani Pasha, a member of the club who died in an accident, addressed the members. He said that the credit of providing insurance to journalists in a way that is unparalleled in the state goes to the Greater Warangal Press Club and the TUWJU Union. He said that the insurance provided to members and their family members is a great thing to support a family. He said that his committee has decided to renew the insurance provided to members last year this year as well. He said that the

process is currently ongoing. Later, the late journalist Rabbani Pasha The insurance cheque was presented to the Shah family members along with representatives of United India Insurance Company, club committee, union officials and senior journalists. It was announced on this occasion that the club will stand by the Rabbani Pasha family and will continue the insurance policy for them. The program was attended by Press Club Secretary Bollaram Sada yya, Treasurer Bollaram Amar, Vice Presidents Gokarapu Shyam Kumar, Bodige Srinu, Allam Rajesh Varma, Yamsani Srinivas, Joint Secretaries, Sampeta Sudhakar, Peddapalli Varaprasad, Podichetti Vishnu vardhan, EC members, Veeragani Harish, Janagani Anjaneyulu, MD Nayim Pasha, Kamat Venugopal, Nannapani Bharat Kumar, Manchala Raju, Baluvari Vijayaraj, TUWJU Hanmakonda District



President Gaddam Kesavamurthy, State Vice President Leaders Gadipelli Madhu, Leaders PV Madan Mohan, Sangoju Ravi, Valla Venkatarama na, Kankanala Santosh, Gaddam Rajireddy, Thota Sudhakar, Somanarasaya, Pinna Sivakumar, Sakshi Edition Incharge Vardhilli Lingaiah, Urdu Journalists Association Incharge Gulshan, Sajid Pasha, Saeed, Nayim, United India Insurance Company DM Satish, ADM Santosh, Sandeep, ADG Varthini Laxman Rao, and others participated.

Centre Must Take Immediate Steps to Expand Hyderabad Metro-MMTS

MP Ravichandra Demands in Rajya Sabha

Direct voice National Bureau, Delhi August 12 : Services Need Modernization to Meet Growing City Needs. BRS Parliamentary Party Leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra demanded that the Central Government take immediate action to expand and modernize the Multi-Modal Transport System (MMTS) in Hyderabad, one of the fastest-growing cities in the world. He raised the issue of Hyderabad MMTS expansion and modernization during a 'Special Mention' in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. Ravichandra noted that Hyderabad is among the fastest-growing metropolitan cities globally. He explained that the daily commute of the city's population including students, employees, workers, and the business community is increasing significantly by the day. Against this backdrop, he stated that while the existing MMTS services constitute an efficient public transport system, the network needs further expansion to keep pace with the city's growing requirements. MP Vaddiraju acknowledged



that the Central Government has already made substantial investments in developing Hyderabad's railway and urban transport infrastructure. However, he urged the Centre to expedite the completion of pending works under the approved and proposed MMTS Phase-2 projects. Ravichandra stated that an integrated public transport system could be established by effectively linking MMTS stations with Metro rail stations. He emphasized the urgent need to develop integration facilities that allow passen-

gers to easily switch between different modes of transport. He urged the Central Government to focus specifically on extending suburban rail connectivity to rapidly developing areas and IT corridors. MP Ravichandra suggested introducing additional MMTS services and upgrading infrastructure at the stations. He noted that further strengthening the MMTS network would significantly reduce reliance on private vehicles, traffic congestion, air pollution, and travel time within the city. MP Ravichandra added that

this would provide affordable and comfortable transportation for lakhs of passengers. He requested the Ministries of Railways and Housing & Urban Affairs to prioritize the expansion and modernization of the Hyderabad MMTS and to complete pending works within a specific time frame. MP Vaddiraju appealed to the Central Government to take immediate action for the comprehensive expansion and modernization of the MMTS, keeping in mind the future transportation needs of Hyderabad city.

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Whose Account is the DSC? Whose job is it...!?

In Andhra Pradesh, the mega DSC has now become a political weapon for the ruling and opposition parties rather than a job for the unemployed. One cannot help but wonder. 16,347 teacher posts.. the hopes of thousands of families.. job dreams in the eyes of millions of candidates. But for political parties, all this is the same - "DSC came because of us!" The ruling party takes a step forward and says, "We are providing jobs." The opposition immediately takes the mic and says, "The government has fallen because of our struggle." In the middle, the unemployed man sits with his notebook open and asks, "Sir, when is the exam?" There is no clear answer to that question from either side. Looking at this, it seems that DSC is not a recruitment process but a competitive exam conducted for political credit. The unemployed write the exam, the results are given to the candidate, but the marks are being sought by political parties. For one party, the DSC is their achievement. For another party, it is the result of their struggle. And for the candidate? You two share the marks..but give us a job, Babu!" This is the actual situation. If former Minister Roja's comments lead to a political uproar, counters are pouring in on social media from pro-alliance groups. Who did what? During whose tenure was the decision made? Who gave how many posts? The accounting books have been opened. However, the unemployed person is calculating his own situation differently. How many months do I have left to study? What is the age limit? When is the exam? When is the recruitment?" These are the calculations for him. A little advice to political parties. Don't wrap the DSC with your party flags. If you paint one party's color for the job advertisement, another party's color for the exam, and another party's color for the recruitment... in the end, the candidate will end up with the same white paper! If the ruling party really wants to prove its worth, it should not post on social media. It should fill the advertised positions quickly and transparently. If the opposition is truly on the side of the unemployed. It should not fight for the credit of "we got it because of us". Even a single day's delay in the recruitment process should be questioned. Because the unemployed don't need credit. They need a calendar. It doesn't matter how many times DSC comes up in leaders' press meets. What matters is when the exam is held. It doesn't matter how many hashtags trend on social media. What matters is when the appointment orders are handed over. Politicians should remember one thing.

Allocate 11.56 Lakh Houses to Telangana Minister Ponguleti Urges Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Union Minister invited to visit Telangana

Direct Voice National Bureau Chief New Delhi August 12 : Shivraj Singh Chouhan responds positively and agrees to visit the State Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Sri Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy urged the Union Government to allocate 11,56,915 houses to Telangana in a single tranche under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G 2.0). Minister Ponguleti met Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Sri Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi on Wednesday and submitted a representation in this regard. Recalling the letter earlier addressed by Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy, he requested the Union Minister to expedite the allocation of houses to the

State. Survey completed a year ago; allocation still awaited. Minister Ponguleti explained that a transparent door-to-door survey was conducted across Telangana through the 'Awaas Plus-2024' application. More than 11.56 lakh rural poor families were identified as eligible for housing assistance during the survey. Although the super-check and the process of removing ineligible beneficiaries were completed a year ago, the announcement of targets by the Union Government has been delayed, he said. Pointing out that the construction of houses for the poor had remained stalled in Telangana for the past 12 years, resulting in substantial pent-up demand, he urged the Centre to sanction all the houses in a single tranche. ₹5 lakh financial



assistance for house construction. Minister Ponguleti said the State Government had taken a historic decision to provide financial assistance of ₹5 lakh to every poor family for constructing a house, separately from the Central assistance and the regular State share available under PMAY-G. He stated that the necessary funds had already been allocated in the State Budget. Union Min-

ister invited to visit Telangana. Minister Ponguleti cordially invited Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to visit Telangana. He said that if the Union Minister personally visited the State and announced the allocation of houses under PMAY-G 2.0, it would provide immense support to Telangana's rural poor and mark a historic occasion. Re-

sponding positively to Minister Ponguleti's request, the Union Minister agreed to visit Telangana. The meeting was also attended by MPs Dr Mallu Ravi, Sri Vem Narendar Reddy, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Suresh Shetkar, Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy and Anil Kumar Yadav, along with Telangana Housing Corporation Managing Director V.P. Gautham and others.

Grant Pending Accreditations without Delay

TJF District President Akutota Adinarayana Demands Accreditation Must be Granted to Every Eligible Journalist TJF Submits Representation to the District Collector

Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Khammam August 12 : Akutota Adinarayana, District President of the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TJF), has demanded that accreditation cards be granted to all eligible journalists in Khammam district, just as in the past. On Wednesday, a representation was submitted to District Collector Diwakara TS at the Collectorate by TJF District President Akutota Adinarayana and General Secretary Chirra Ravi. They urged the authorities to convene an accreditation committee meeting immediately without any delay in the issuance process and take steps to grant accreditation cards to all eligible journalists. They brought various issues

faced by journalists to the Collector's attention, highlighting the difficulties caused by the reduction in the number of cards issued to reporters from large, medium, and small newspapers, channels, and independent journalists based in district and municipal headquarters. They demanded that cards be issued to all of them. Furthermore, they requested that constituency in-charges be issued district-level cards and provided with state-level bus pass facilities, as was the practice previously. They explained to the Collector the need to immediately issue accreditation cards to empanelled cable channels and requested



committee and take appropriate measures to ensure that every eligible journalist receives an accreditation card. He also advised taking steps to resolve the issues faced by journalists. Participants in the program included TUWJ-TJF National Council member Vennaboyina Sambasiva Rao; District Vice-Presidents Bollam Srinivas, Prashanth Reddy, Bhaskar, Mandula Upender, Harish, and Mandati Ramana; Electronic Media General Secretary Shetti Rajinikanth; Press Club President Guddeti Ramesh Babu; senior journalists Ramishetti Vijetha, Adapala Nagender, and Sastry; photographer Raju; Cameramen Association President Nagaraju; Amaravarapu Koteswara Rao, SV Reddy, Repaka Yadagiri, Ulloju Ramesh, Nallamothu Srinivas, Govindu, Rosi Reddy, Isampalli Venkateswarlu, Madhavi, Kiranmayi, Penti Venkateswarlu, Mohan, Sai, Gouri Shankar, Pasham Venkateswarlu, and others.

MLA Gaddam Vinod Venkataswamy Conducts Surprise Inspection at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Mancherla August 12: Bellampalli Constituency MLA Gaddam Vinod Venkataswamy conducted a surprise inspection of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya KGBV located at the Kasipet Mandal headquarters. During the visit, the MLA inspected the school's facilities and the quality of meals and amenities provided to the students. He personally interacted with the students, inquiring whether the scheduled menu was being followed, how the food quality was, and if they faced any difficulties regarding their studies or facilities. He encouraged the students to bring any issues to his attention without hesitation. He also spent some time chatting informally with the students, learning about their academic progress and future goals. Subsequently, the MLA inspected the ongoing construction work for a dormitory and additional classrooms, projects costing ₹42 lakh and ₹53 lakh respectively, and inquired about the progress from the officials. The students brought to his notice the difficulties they faced using the existing playground, requesting that soil be filled in to level the ground and make it suitable for sports. Responding to this, the MLA emphasized that equal importance is given to the students' health and sports alongside their academics. He stated that he would speak with the concerned officials to have the ground cleaned and prepared, carrying out any necessary work so that sports could be played without hindrance, and that he would inspect the site. He added, "If students face any issues, they should bring them directly to my attention."



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7 Kidney Transplant Surgeries Successful at Ajara Hospital

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Bureau Chief Warangal August 12: The hospital management said that 7 kidney transplant surgeries have been successfully performed in the hospital in the last one year. These surgeries were performed under the supervision of Senior Nephrologist Dr. Venkataramana and Senior Urologist Dr. Uske Kiran, while the entire transplant team, including Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh and Dr. Ganesh Suraram from the anesthesia team, played a key role. A press meet was held with the patients and their family members who had successfully undergone kidney transplant at Ajara Hospital. Speaking on the occasion, the patients said that the doctors provided them with proper guidance during their kidney problems. They said that the doctors explained the necessary tests, treatment and surgical procedures before the transplant and that they are receiving continuous medical



monitoring and follow-up services even after the surgery. They expressed happiness that their health has improved after the kidney transplant and they have been able to continue their normal lives. Dr. Shiva Subrahmanyam, Managing Director of Ajara Hospital, said that the people of Warangal no longer need to go to Hyderabad for advanced medical services like kidney transplant. He said that the 150-bed hospital has state-of-the-art medical facilities, expert doctors and

necessary infrastructure. Ajara Hospital, as a hospital with NABH 6th edition accreditation, is working in accordance with patient safety, quality medical services and the highest medical standards. Kidney diseases are detected at an early stage and proper treatment is provided. Healthy "Dr. Venkataramana said that it is very important to have a kidney transplant. He explained that those with severely impaired kidney function may need dialysis or a kidney transplant depending on the

situation. Dr. Uske Kiran said that kidney transplant is a complex procedure that needs to be carried out with great coordination and that it can be successful only with the collective efforts of nephrology, urology, anesthesia, critical care, nursing and other departments. The hospital management stated that the success of 7 kidney transplant surgeries at Ajara Hospital has become a key milestone in the medical field of Warangal.

A grand Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra



Metpally, August 12 Today Freedom : Bharatiya Janata Party Jagtial District Metpally Town Branch President Dhonikela Naveen organized the Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra in the town on a grand scale. On this occasion, about 2,000 students participated and organized a Tiranga rally with a huge 500-meter national flag. BJP Jagtial District President Dr. Rachakonda Yadagiri Babu, BJP State Executive Committee members Dr. Anup Rao and Pudari Aruna participated as the chief guests of this program. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said that the main purpose of the Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra is to further enhance the feelings of national unity, nationalism and patriotism among the people. It was stated that this program was organized on the call of the BJP State Party and on the orders of Nizamabad Parliament Member Dharmapuri Arvind. With a large number of students participating with the national flag, a patriotic atmosphere prevailed in Metpally town. The rally was filled with slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai", "Vande Mataram", and "Jai Hind".

CM Revanth Reddy's Parakala Visit Officials Told to Ensure Perfect Arrangements

Parakala MLA Revoori Prakash Reddy Directs Officials

DIRECT VOICE Hanumakonda Reporter Perugu Raju Yadav, August 12, 2026: With Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy scheduled to visit Parakala on August 16, MLA Revoori Prakash Reddy directed officials to make foolproof arrangements and avoid any lapses. The MLA held a review meeting at the Hanumakonda Collectorate on Wednesday along with Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai and Warangal District Collector Dr. Satyasharada and senior officials from both districts. He reviewed arrangements for the public meeting, including the venue, stage, parking, traffic regulation, barricading, drinking water, sanitation, electricity, medical services, fire safety, security and helipad. As a large number of people are expected to attend, the MLA instructed officials to identify parking areas and prepare a proper traffic management plan, including alternative routes. He also directed them to provide adequate drinking water, toilets, medical teams and ambulances at the venue. "Mr. Prakash



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Memorandum of Understanding Between Pingle College and Telangana Government Heritage Departments on Heritage Conservation

Hanumakonda Direct Voice Bureau Chief August 12: A memorandum of understanding was signed between Telangana Government Heritage Department, Pingle Government Women's College Autonomous Hanumakonda History Department at the office of Heritage Department Director Professor Arjun Rao in Hyderabad on Wednesday. This matter was stated by the principal of the college, Lt. Prof. B. Chandramouli. Principal said that the main objective of this agreement is to create opportunities for research and practical training among the students on conservation of heritage sites, archeology issues. Students will be involved in heritage



site visits, research programs, training, conferences and projects. Director of Heritage Department Professor Arjun Rao said that female students of History Department of Pingle College are showing interest in heritage and archeology studies. Students will be provided with training, internship

opportunities, visits to museums and technical support, he said. Through this agreement, the students will get field experience and research skills and the partnership of educational institutions will be further strengthened for the preservation of Telangana's historical and cultural heritage, he said. The agreement will be valid for five years from the date of signing. "College History Department Head Dr. Kolipaka Srinivas, IQAC Coordinator Dr. Suresh Babu, UGC Cell Coordinator Balaraju, Heritage Department Assistant Director Dr. Nagaraju, Dr. Mallu Naik and others participated in this program.

Lok Sabha Passes Bill to Rename Kerala as Keralam



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Centre Supports the Poor's Dream of Home Ownership

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Responds Positively to Minister Ponguleti's Request Minister Ponguleti Expresses Gratitude

Yamsani Rahul, State Bureau Chief, Hyderabad August 12: Request to allocate 11.56 lakh PMAY-G houses to Telangana; Union Minister invited to visit the state. State Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, has urged the Central Government to assist in fulfilling the dream of home ownership for the rural poor in Telangana. He requested Union Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, to allocate 11,56,915 houses to Telangana in a single phase under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G 2.0) scheme. "On Wednesday, Minister Ponguleti met Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi, accompanied by MPs Dr. Mallu Ravi, Ramasahayam Raghurami Reddy, Vem Narendar Reddy, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Suresh Shetkar, and Mandadi Anil Kumar Yadav. They submitted a representation to the Union Minister outlining the housing needs of the poor in Telangana's rural areas. Telangana Housing Corporation MD V.P. Gautam and others participated in the meeting. The Minister informed the Union Minister that 21 lakh applications for houses had been received in the

state under the 'Prajapalana' (People's Governance) initiative. He stated that, following central guidelines, a door-to-door survey conducted via the Awas Plus-2024 app identified over 11.56 lakh rural poor families as eligible for housing. He revealed that the processes of 'super-checks' and the removal of ineligible beneficiaries have also been completed. "We submitted the list of eligible families to the Central Government two years ago. I have repeatedly requested the Centre to sanction houses for Telangana. Chief Minister Sri Revanth Reddy has also brought this matter to the Centre's attention on several occasions, including personally raising it with the Prime Minister. I also apprised Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan of the state's housing needs during his visits to Telangana," Ponguleti said. He noted that a massive demand for housing has arisen due to the stalling of housing construction for the poor in Telangana over the past 12 years; against this backdrop, he requested the Union Minister to sanction houses for all 11,56,915 eligible families at once. Regarding state assistance of 75 lakh for house construction, the Minister ex-



plained that the state government is providing 75 lakh in financial aid to every poor family to build a home, independent of the Central share under PMAY-G. He stated that the necessary funds for this have already been allocated in the state budget. "Our government's goal is to provide safe and dignified housing for the poor. We have

already sanctioned approximately 4 lakh 'Indiramma' houses." "If PMAY-G houses are allocated by the Centre, we can fulfill the rural poor's dream of owning a home much faster," the Minister said. Minister Ponguleti invited Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to visit Telangana. He stated that if the Union Minister person-

ally visited the state to announce the PMAY-G 2.0 housing allocation, it would instill greater confidence among the rural poor. The Union Minister responded positively to Minister Ponguleti's request and agreed to visit Telangana. Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy expressed his gratitude for the Union Minister's positive response.

Israel's urban water management policies are inspiring Water Sector Management

The Israeli Experience Collector Chahat Bajpai



Ch Abhinay Bureau Chief Warangal August 12 :Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai said that the modern technology, innovative policies and efficient governance systems adopted by Israel in the efficient use of water resources are very inspiring. Collector Chahat Bajpai participated in a study tour on urban water management organized by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in various cities of Israel from August 1 to 8. On this occasion, a field study was conducted in Israel on issues such as urban water management, water conservation, sewage treatment, reuse and water infrastructure management. "Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that Israel's experiences are very valuable in

transforming water scarcity from a challenge to an opportunity through technology, innovation and effective governance. "He said that the progress made by Israel in urban water management is evidenced by policies such as GIS-based water infrastructure mapping and controlling non-revenue water (NRW) to less than 5 percent. Similarly, he said that the research being carried out for river revitalization, conservation of urban water resources, water quality monitoring, prevention of desertification, and the widespread use of modern technology in water management have been studied. As part of the study tour, he met the Indian Ambassador to Israel, Shri. J.P. Singh and discussed India-Israel cooperation. Collector Chahat Bajpai said

that he got valuable suggestions and opinions from him on the opportunities and experiences between the two cities. The experiences gained through this study tour will be very useful in programs like Warangal City Underground Sewerage System (UGSS), strengthening of drinking water supply system, GIS-based water infrastructure management, reduction of wastewater, reuse of treated sewage, restoration of urban ponds, ponds and other water resources, the Collector said. In this study tour, along with the Khammam District Collector, Khammam Municipal Commissioner Abhishek Agasthi, Municipal Commissioners, Municipal Directors, Urban Development from various states of the country

As Important As Elections Are To Democracy, So Is An Independent Media That Provides The Public With Factual Information

Voters need reliable information on government policies, public issues, corruption, abuse of power, economic inequalities, and social developments to make their decisions. Therefore, press freedom is not just a professional right of journalists. It is a fundamental right related to the public's right to information and democratic accountability. Where media freedom is weakened, "democracy" continues in form, but its inner vitality gradually diminishes. "Media freedom is currently under pressure from many sides around the world. Wars, government control, political validation, corporate ownership, dominance of digital platforms, misinformation, online attacks on journalists, economic crises... All of these combine to make independent journalism look bleak. According to statistics released by UNESCO in 2026, there has been a decline of about 10 percent in the global freedom of expression index since 2012. The severity of the situation is evident in the fact that self-regulation among media professionals has reached 63 percent, and the control of the media by governments and powerful groups has increased by 48 percent. From 2022 to September 2025, 310 journalists were killed. Of these, 162 lost their lives while covering armed conflicts. This crisis is not limited to war zones. Governments are increasingly building their own information systems. While outright banning the media is one method, more subtle methods include financial undermining, advertising controls, weaponizing permits or identities, filing lawsuits, personal attacks on journalists, and giving special priority to pro-government organizations. All of these are leading to a new political culture called 'media management.' In which the media is not completely shut down. But they create a situation where their authority is not questioned. Even in a

country like America, which has historically prioritized press freedom, recent developments have shown that this danger is universal. The restrictions imposed on journalists gathering news from the Pentagon during Trump's second term have sparked intense controversy. A policy introduced in 2025 that would have considered journalists gathering information without a permit a security threat has been rejected by many major media outlets. Although a federal court blocked the policy on constitutional grounds in March 2026, The Pentagon has implemented new restrictions. At the same time, the social media of foreign journalists. Regarding the examination of media activities, American policies have also been criticized. US visas for foreign journalists in August 2026. There have been reports that the process of vetting social media accounts in applications will be expanded. These developments remind us of an important point. Even in democracies, there is a risk that reasons such as 'national security', 'misinformation', and 'government reputation' can sometimes become tools for information control. The situation in India is also worrying. India ranks 140th out of 180 countries in the Reporters Without Borders 2026 World Press Freedom Index. While countries like Norway, Sweden and Denmark are at the top of the same index, India's position raises serious questions about the extent of democracy. It is not fair to dismiss this as just a rank. The index takes into account political, economic, legal, Many factors are taken into account, such as social security and media freedom. In India, it is not enough to understand the problem simply by direct government censorship. Media ownership concentration, the finances of large corporations, "Influence, reliance on government statements, investigation "Legal used by organiza-

tions or police actions, defamation cases, the Internet and Control over digital content, online censorship of journalists. Threats... all of these together form a complex stressor. "Creating a system. Reporters Without Borders currently records two journalists in detention in India. The organization also documents examples of pressure on those doing investigative journalism on issues such as the environment, land acquisition, and corruption. Another dangerous development here goes deeper than political jargon like 'Godi media.' The problem is not just the existence of a media that favors the government: an information environment that automatically portrays the opposition or critics of the government as enemies. "The real problem is that if the boundaries between news, opinion, and propaganda are blurred, it becomes difficult for citizens to decide what is fact and what is political propaganda. Sensation in television debates overtakes news. The speed, virality, and emotional appeal of social media are pushing back the determination of fact. However, media freedom does not mean that journalists have no responsibilities. False propaganda, personal attacks, religious hatred, language that denigrates women or oppressed groups, and unsubstantiated allegations are not democratic journalism. Along with freedom, professional ethics, fact-finding, and source verification are essential. "MEDIA FREEDOM "protection "Balance and a commitment to the public interest are needed. But when journalism goes wrong, there must be legal and transparent remedies. Using the most restrictive laws to suppress criticism is even more dangerous for democracy. The digital age has compounded this problem. "Artificial intelligence is increasing the number of fake videos, morphing, deepfakes, and automated false stories. On the one

hand, there is a need to prevent these; on the other hand, we must be careful not to suppress genuine criticism in the name of 'countering disinformation'. UNESCO has also identified AI-driven disinformation, economic pressures, and conflicts as major threats to global media freedom. "That is why the solution is not to build an anti-government media: to build an independent media system that can question the government, the opposition, the corporates, and the media itself. Reforms such as transparency in media ownership, clear standards in the distribution of government advertisements, safety of journalists, protection of sources, autonomy of public broadcasters, transparency in digital platforms, protection of the right to information, and legal protection for media organizations are needed. "Ultimately, the question is, "Whose side is the media on?" "No. Media is

truthful, public interest, constitutional. "Is it on the side of values? That's the real question. Being close to power is not journalism. It is only when there is the courage to question authority that it becomes public. Journalism stands out. The voice of the media is not just the journalist who loses when they are shut down. It is the public's right to know, government accountability, and ultimately democracy. Therefore, press freedom is not only the responsibility of media organizations; it is also a social responsibility to protect the rights of every democratic citizen.



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Make Khelo India Games a Memorable Event: CM Revanth Directs Officials

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed officials to make the Khelo India Youth Games 2026, which the state will host in Hyderabad in December, a prestigious and memorable sporting event reflecting the true spirit of sportsmanship. The Chief Minister, along with Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari, reviewed arrangements for the national-level sporting event and stressed the need for comprehensive preparations well in advance.

Revanth Reddy directed officials to assess the condition of stadiums and other sporting infrastructure and undertake permanent improvements to bring them up to the standards required for hosting the competitions. He assured that the state government was ready to provide the necessary funds for infrastructure development. Since athletes from different states would participate in the games, he



called for arrangements that would provide them with quality sporting facilities and a conducive environment.

The Chief Minister also directed officials to begin preparations for the opening and closing ceremonies, including identifying and inviting prominent guests, leading sportspersons, and film personalities to participate in the programmes. He asked officials to clearly divide responsibilities relating to infrastructure, conduct of sporting events,

and facilities for athletes and guests so that each department could take ownership of its assigned tasks.

He suggested involving Arjuna Award-winning sportspersons from Telangana, members of the Telangana Sports Hub Board, representatives of the Olympic Association, and national-level sports bodies in the organisation of the games. He instructed officials to prepare a detailed plan immediately to ensure their effective participation.

As competitions in

20 sporting disciplines are proposed to be held as part of the Khelo India Youth Games, the Chief Minister asked officials to identify suitable venues for each discipline and make arrangements accordingly. He emphasised that the games should be conducted in a manner that showcases Telangana's sporting capabilities while upholding the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.

The Chief Minister also stressed that preparations for the December event should be taken up in mission mode to ensure that all infrastructure, logistical, and hospitality arrangements were completed well before the competitions.

CM's adviser K. Ramakrishna Rao, Sports Authority of Telangana Chairman Shiva Sena Reddy, Sports Department Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, and SATG Managing Director Sonibala Devi were present.

Telangana Cabinet Meeting On Aug 14 To Approve Expansion Of Welfare Scheme, New Land Pooling Policy

HYDERABAD: The Cabinet, scheduled to meet on August 14, and is expected to decide on expansion of welfare schemes, a new land pooling policy for mobilising resources for infrastructure and development projects, and the proposed special session of the Legislature.

Official sources said the Cabinet was likely to approve the land pooling policy, which is aimed at replacing the forced land acquisition process with a more participatory model. Under the proposed policy, landowners would receive 60 per cent of fully developed plots in return for pooling their land, while government agencies such as the HMDA and TGICC would retain the remaining 40 per cent. The government intends to use its share for resource mobilisation



and execution of infrastructure and development projects.

The Cabinet is also expected to finalise the schedule for convening a one-day special session of the Legislature to pass a resolution seeking reduction in the minimum age for contesting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections from 25 to 21 years. The resolution is also likely to seek reduction in the

minimum age for contesting Rajya Sabha and Legislative Council elec-

tions from 30 to 25 years. As Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is expected to undertake a three-week overseas tour covering the UK, the US, China and Germany from August 20 to September 10, the special session is likely to be convened on August 17 or 18.

On the welfare front, the Cabinet is expected to approve sanctioning pensions for another 2.25 lakh beneficiaries. The government is also likely to extend the Gruha Jyothi scheme, under

which up to 200 units of electricity are supplied free of cost, to an additional three to four lakh families. Under the Mahalakshmi scheme, another five lakh families are expected to be brought under the subsidised LPG cylinder scheme, under which beneficiaries get a cylinder for an effective price of ₹500.

The government currently provides monthly pensions to around 41 lakh beneficiaries.

The Cabinet is also expected to approve calling for tenders for construction of Indiramma Towers to provide flats for LIG categories in Hyderabad Core Urban Region. The Cabinet is also expected to take key decisions on launching Musi rejuvenation works and Gandhi Sarovar project works.

Govt Distributes Plots to Pharma City Land Oustees

Hyderabad: The state government has begun distributing developed plots measuring 121 square yards each to farmers whose land was acquired for the Hyderabad Pharma City project during the previous BRS regime, in addition to the compensation already paid to them. In the first phase, registration documents for the plots were handed over to 387 farmers on Tuesday, who had surrendered less than five acres each. The Congress government has decided to utilise the acquired land for developing Bharat Future City.

The then-BRS government had decided to acquire 19,333 acres of assigned and patta land for Pharma City, of which more than 7,800 acres were acquired in Nakkarta Medipalli, Nanaknagar, Tadiparthi and Kurmida of Yacharam mandal in Rangareddy district. Farmers of assigned patta land were initially paid ₹8 lakh per acre, while those in occupation of government land received ₹7.7 lakh per acre.

Private patta landowners were paid more than ₹35 lakh per acre in instalments, beginning at ₹12.5 lakh.

Following protests against the Pharma City project, the government decided to allot developed plots measuring 121 square yards for every acre surrendered by farmers who had received compensa-



tion. A 620-acre mega venture was developed in Panjaguda of Mirakhanpet revenue village limits, where plots were allotted through a lottery and possession shown to beneficiaries. Though the TGICC registered the plots at its own cost last year, the registration documents were not handed over during the BRS government tenure.

More than 1,100 patta farmers from the four villages had surrendered their land holding. Some had purchased land years earlier for around ₹4.5 lakh per acre and agreed to surrender it after being assured compensation of ₹12.5 lakh per acre. Farmers recently brought the delay in handing over registration documents to the government's notice. However, distribution of documents to assigned-land farmers is likely to be delayed further following allegations of irregularities. Certificates were issued to 5,720 assigned and patta farmers and plots were registered according to allotted numbers. Subsequently, the government identified more than 250 suspected fake beneficiaries among those claiming assigned land.

Allegations included around 120 cases in Nakkarta Medipalli, 80 in Nanaknagar, 60 in Tadiparthi and more than 90 in Kurmida, with some suspected beneficiaries allegedly receiving certificates and compensation.

FCRA Bill Headed To JPC Amid Opposition Onslaught

New Delhi: The government is considering sending the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament for further examination, while the Congress and some other opposition parties have demanded its withdrawal.

The Congress and the TMC were among the parties that raised the issue during the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of the Rajya Sabha, though it was not part of the agenda. They asked when the FCRA Bill would be taken up in the House, to which the government responded that a decision would be taken in due course, sources said on Tuesday.

DMK leaders Tiruchi Siva and P. Wilson later said the party wanted the Bill to be withdrawn completely. The party also voiced its stand during the BAC meeting.

Government sources said it was considering sending the Bill to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament and that a motion might be brought in the Lok Sabha in this regard on Wednesday.

The opposition parties, which have raised strong objections to the FCRA Bill, allege that it targets minorities, as certain provisions would choke legitimate funding for Christian NGOs and minority-run social welfare and educational institutions.

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma and leading Christian organisations had earlier urged the Centre to refer the contentious Bill to a joint committee of Parliament for detailed examination. Lalduhoma and representatives of Christian organisations had met home minister Amit Shah and expressed their concerns over the proposed legislation.

DMK MP Wilson also led a delegation of Church leaders to Union home minister Amit Shah, seeking the withdrawal of the amendment Bill and the repeal of Section 15 of the existing law. DMK chief M.K. Stalin also urged the Centre to withdraw the FCRA Bill.

The Bill seeks to create a designated authority to manage and dispose of assets if an organisation loses its FCRA licence. It was introduced in the Lok Sabha on March 25 this year and proposes tighter government oversight of non-governmental organisations and foreign funding in the country. However, the government has made it clear that the proposed legislation is not religion-specific and is aimed at regulating foreign contributions.

Voicing strong concerns over the proposed amendment Bill, Congress leader K C Venugopal had alleged that it targeted minorities and NGOs and said the Opposition would not allow it to be passed. "Even if Amit Shah comes to pass this anti-people Bill, there is no doubt that he will have



to face strong protests in Parliament. This Bill is unconstitutional and anti-people. We will not allow such an anti-people and unconstitutional Bill to be passed," Venugopal had said.

Some US lawmakers from both the Democratic and Republican parties, including Senator James Risch, who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, have voiced concerns over the planned changes to the FCRA, saying they could adversely affect Christian organisations and other civil society groups. India, however, rejected the criticism, describing the legislation as an internal matter.

External affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the proposed changes to the FCRA were an internal legislative matter for India, while India's Ambassador to the US Vinay Mohan Kwatra said the amendments were aimed at bringing in greater transparency and required organisations to receive money through a laid-down process.

In a series of posts on X, Kwatra said on Sunday that regulating foreign financial flows in public and political spaces was a sovereign step driven by national security concerns. He cited similar laws enacted by the US and other countries for this purpose.

"The US has had FARA (Foreign Agents Registration Act) since 1938 and FATCA (Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act) since 2010. Australia legislated in 2018, Canada in 2024. The UK's scheme came into force in July 2025. The EU is legislating now," he added.

The meeting of the Business Advisory Committee of the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday was chaired by Chairman C P Radhakrishnan and attended by parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijju, Leader of the House J P Nadda, and opposition leaders, including Jairam Ramesh (Congress), Tiruchi Siva (DMK) and Sasmit Patra (BJD).

During the meeting, the BAC allotted two hours for 'The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026', three hours for 'The National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026', and 1.5 hours for 'The Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026'.

One-Way Traffic Around KBR Park From Aug 18

Hyderabad: The one-way traffic system around the KBR Park stretch will come into force from August 18, with traffic police expecting commuters to take about a week to adjust to the new routes and diversions. The arrangement is being introduced in view of the ongoing H-CITI works, under which seven underpasses and seven flyovers are being constructed in and around the corridor.

Police identified six major junctions crucial to managing the revised movement: Agrasen Chowk, Cancer Hospital, Jubilee Checkpost, Road No. 45, Filmnagar and the NTR Bhavan/KBR Park entrance. Police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said the diversions would ease congestion and make east-west movement smoother and safer. "Reducing congestion would also help bring down vehicular pollution and reduce the amount of time commuters spend on the road, effectively giving them more time with their families," he said.



Two pilot trials were conducted earlier — on April 5 for three hours and on June 21 for six hours — during which traffic flow, junction performance, lane discipline and congestion points were monitored. Joint CP D. Joel Davis said around 110 pillars would come up in and around the stretch as part of the flyover and underpass construction, with 15 identified along the KBR stretch where the median width will be minimised to provide more carriageway space.

DCP Kajal Singh said signage boards indicating the revised movement would be installed shortly. A broad board stating "Diversion Soon" has already been put up. Google Maps and MapmyIndia have been informed, and the revised diversions are

expected to appear on the apps from the implementation date.

Sajjanar said two drones would be deployed to identify congestion and provide real-time inputs to traffic personnel. Wrong-side driving and overspeeding would be strictly monitored. Traffic cops will be deployed round-the-clock along the stretch for the next two years during construction. "All stakeholders, including GHMC, TGSPDCL, HMWSSB and other agencies, are working together on the arrangements," Sajjanar said. Residents along the corridor have also been informed.

Traffic police will install lane markings, lane changers and signage at strategic points. Emergency vehicles, including ambulances and fire ten-

ders, will be given unobstructed passage through Lane II, with personnel assisting them. Sajjanar noted that ten major hospitals are located along the corridor and urged commuters to make way for ambulances.

The traffic situation will be continuously monitored, with adjustments made depending on real-time conditions. The Integrated Command and Control Centre, CCTV network, drone inputs and field personnel will be used for monitoring. Motorists have been advised against wrong-side driving, illegal parking and obstructive parking, particularly on bends or locations that could block emergency movement. Officials urged commuters to follow only official Hyderabad traffic police updates.

CMRF Provides Financial Support to Poor Families MLA Payam Venkateshwarlu Distributes CMRF Cheques Worth ₹4.15 Lakh to Beneficiaries

Manuguru, August 12: Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateshwarlu distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques worth a total of ₹4.15 lakh to beneficiaries from the Pinapaka constituency at the MLA camp office in Manuguru on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Payam Venkateshwarlu said the CMRF is providing valuable financial support to poor and middle-class families facing difficulties due to medical expenses. He stated that the financial assistance provided through the CMRF is helping families undergoing treatment and facing financial hardships.

The MLA assured that he would continue to work to-



wards providing better medical services to the people and ensuring necessary government assistance to families facing financial difficulties. He urged eligible beneficiaries to make effective use of government welfare schemes.

Mandal presidents, district-level leaders, sarpanches, deputy sarpanches, ward members, Congress party leaders, public representatives, mandal-level leaders, party workers, beneficiaries and their family members participated in the programme.

Strict Action Against Anti-Social and Illegal Activities

DSP Ravinder Reddy Leads Cordon and Search Operation in Manuguru 147 Pending Challans Cleared, ₹35,000 Collected; Illegal Liquor Seized

Manuguru, August 12, 2026: As per the directions of Bhadradi Kothagudem District SP Rohit Raju, IPS, a Cordon and Search Operation was conducted in the Shivalingapuram area of Manuguru town in the early hours of Tuesday under the supervision of Manuguru DSP Ravinder Reddy.

As part of the operation, police conducted extensive vehicle checks and paid special attention to pending traffic challans. A total of ₹35,000 was collected towards old pending challans relating to 147 vehicles. Police also registered 13 spot cases against motorists who violated traffic rules.

Three two-wheelers without proper number plates were seized. Police also seized illegally transported and stored liquor worth approximately ₹35,000 and registered cases against the persons concerned.

Awareness on



Cyber Crimes and Drug Abuse

Later, a Community Contact Programme was conducted with residents of Shivalingapuram Colony. Police advised people to remain alert against cyber crimes and exercise caution while responding to phone calls, messages and links received from unknown persons.

DSP Ravinder Reddy explained the harmful effects of drug abuse and urged the youth and public to stay away from narcotic substances. He warned that strict action would be taken against those involved in the illegal transportation, sale or consumption of drugs.

Follow Traffic Rules and Ensure Public Safety

Police advised two-wheeler riders to wear helmets compulsorily, use proper number plates and strictly follow traffic rules to prevent road accidents.

As part of crime prevention measures, residents were advised to install CCTV cameras in residential colonies. Police also urged house owners to verify the complete details and identity of new tenants before renting out their houses.

Public Urged to Share Information with Police

DSP Ravinder Reddy appealed to the public to immediately inform the police if they have any information regarding persons involved in illegal or anti-social activities. He also urged citizens to bring their problems to the notice of the police, assuring that the police would always remain available for the safety and security of the public.

Manuguru DSP Ravinder Reddy, Manuguru CI Nagababu, Yedullabayaram CI Venkateswara Rao, SI C.H. Nagesh, and personnel of the Police TGSP participated in the operation.

Jaggareddy Speaking Out of Frustration : MLA Chinta Prabhakar.

Even Sonia Gandhi's campaign cannot ensure his victory in Sangareddy.

SANGAREDDY, Correspondent : August 12, 2026: Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar launched a strong attack on TPCC Working President T. Jayaprakash Reddy (Jaggareddy), alleging that he was making statements out of political frustration and spreading false information. Addressing a media conference at his camp office here on Monday, Prabhakar said Jaggareddy deserved an "Oscar" for repeatedly making what he termed false claims.

Prabhakar said repeatedly referring to incidents that took place nearly a decade ago reflected Jaggareddy's political decline. Responding to Jaggareddy's claim that he had borrowed 6.5 crore for organising a Rahul Gandhi meeting, he questioned why the people of Sangareddy should be concerned about his personal borrowings.

He alleged that Jaggareddy was targeting former minister T. Harish Rao out of frustration after he and his wife were not given a place on the Chief Minister's dais during the latter's recent visit to Sangareddy.

On the passport broker case, Prabhakar said Harish Rao had no connec-



tion with it and claimed that the case was registered as part of the legal process following evidence reportedly found during a human trafficking investigation. He advised Jaggareddy not to divert allegations against himself towards others.

Prabhakar also accused Jaggareddy of making false claims over the Sangareddy Medical College. He questioned why the college was not brought to Sangareddy when Jaggareddy claimed to have initiated the proposal during the tenure of former Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy. Prabhakar said the medical college was sanctioned and established following the assurance given by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao during the 2018 election campaign, with the cooperation of Harish Rao.

He further criticised Jaggareddy's stand during the Telangana movement, alleging that he had supported the united Andhra Pradesh position while KCR and Harish Rao fought for statehood.

Prabhakar said that despite losing the 2018 election, he remained accessible to the people and worked for Sangareddy's development, claiming that hundreds of crores of rupees worth of projects were taken up with the support of KCR and Harish Rao.

"Not Rahul Gandhi—even if Sonia Gandhi herself campaigns, Jaggareddy cannot win in Sangareddy," Prabhakar asserted. He challenged Jaggareddy to stop what he called petty politics and instead debate Sangareddy's development.

Kasala Buchireddy also criticised Jaggareddy, alleging that several of his earlier election promises remained unfulfilled and urged him to focus on development rather than political allegations. Former Library Chairman Narhar Reddy, Dr. Srihari, Manohar Goud, kondalreddy, Councillors Rajender Reddy, Lade Malleshram, and Mohammed Zafar, along with Srikanth, Balu, Goverdhan Reddy, Syed Azeem, Mohd Wajid, Mohd Majeed, Akhil, and others attended in this press conference.

Congress Leaders Challenge Chinta Prabhakar to Open Debate on Development

Sangareddy, Correspondent : August 12, 2026: Congress leaders in the Sangareddy Assembly constituency strongly reacted to the recent remarks made by Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar and challenged him to participate in an open debate on the development of the constituency.

Addressing a media conference, the Congress leaders warned that criticism of TPCC Working President T. Jayaprakash Reddy (Jagga Reddy) would not be tolerated. They alleged that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and former Minister T. Harish Rao had targeted Jagga Reddy politically after the successful Rahul Gandhi public meeting held in Sangareddy in 2017.

The Congress leaders questioned Chinta Prabhakar over several issues allegedly



concerning land transactions, including ceiling land registrations, Dalit lands, alleged encroachments on roads in Sadashivpet and the Malakunta area. They also raised questions about his conduct towards women councillors during his tenure as municipal chairman and demanded answers.

"Tell us where you want the discussion in Sadashivpet we are ready to come there. Are you ready for an open debate they challenged the MLA. They further warned that they would expose what they described

as the alleged corruption of BRS leaders one issue at a time.

The Congress leaders also highlighted various development works and initiatives which they said were taken up during Jagga Reddy's tenure. These included efforts related to IIT Hyderabad, supply of Manjeera drinking water to households, the four-lane Sangareddy-Lingampally road, establishment of government Polytechnic, Agriculture and PG colleges, and distribution of oxygen cylinders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

They claimed that significant development in the Sangareddy constituency was achieved under Jagga Reddy's leadership and said that his name comes to the minds of people whenever they face difficulties.

Constituency Convenor Cheriyali Anjaneyulu, TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, CDC Chairman Ram Reddy, former Municipal Chairman Munnalle Satyanarayana, Kuna Santosh, Municipal Vice Chairman Hafez Shaik Shafi, Kiran Goud and others attended the meeting.

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra Inspects EVM Warehouse

Nirmal District Correspondent : As part of routine inspections, Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra inspected the EVM warehouse located near the Collectorate on Tuesday.

During the inspection, the Collector examined all the registers and checked the functioning of the CCTV cameras and fire safety system. He directed the police personnel to continuously monitor the CCTV cameras and ensure enhanced security at the EVM warehouse. He also instructed officials to keep a robust fire safety system readily available at all times. District Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, Fire Officer Shivaji, Tahsildar Raju, officials Swathi and others, along with staff, participated in the inspection



Undertake road expansion for the convenience of the people

Warangal CP N. Shwetha along with District Collector inspects the expansion area

Hanumakonda ; Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai said that road expansion should be undertaken for the convenience of the people.

On Tuesday, the Collector along with City Police Commissioner N. Shwetha visited the field level in the Ramnagar area of Hanumakonda (behind the police headquarters) and inspected the expansion area and made appropriate suggestions to the officials to carry out the work effectively.

Speaking on this occasion, the Collector said that in the context of complaints received that the 15-foot road in the Ramnagar area was causing trouble to motorists and people, and public representatives also expressed the seriousness of the problem, the Collector said that the field level inspection was conducted and the existing road will be widened to 60 feet.

The Collector was accompanied on this visit by Balidia Commissioner T. Venkanna, in-charge city planner Ravinder Radekar, former corporator Chada Swathi, police officials and others.



Samsung Announces Vision AI TV Deals for Independence Day Celebration

Samsung's 'Big Celebration, Bigger Screen, Biggest Emotions' Campaign packs Exciting Offers on its Premium TV range



The campaign highlights Samsung's cutting-edge Vision AI innovations, which integrate AI service plat-

Janasena leaders Karate Prabhakar alleged that some people are acting without the slightest respect and recognition even if they are given the post of district president by the top leadership. He criticized that the positions that came in the Warangal East constituency are being distributed like movie tickets. He said that he was also pressured in many ways so that he, who believed in the party, could not get the positions, and that those who worked hard for the party were worthless.

Agricultural Students Create Awareness on Cleanliness and Hygiene

As part of the programme, agricultural college students and NSS volunteers undertook sanitation activities in the villages. They visited households and created awareness among residents about cleanliness, personal hygiene, proper waste disposal and environmental protection. Public places and

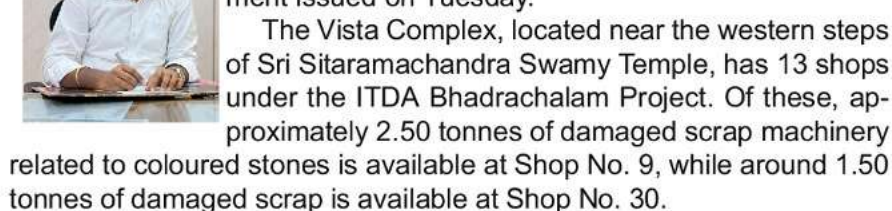
A kitchen garden was established on the school premises by planting various vegetable saplings. Students were educated about kitchen gardening, the importance of nutritious food and the benefits of consuming fresh vegetables.

The organisers emphasised that cleanliness should not be limited to a one-day programme but should become a part of everyone's daily life. They called upon students, youth and villagers to work together to make their villages clean, green and healthy.

Agricultural College faculty members Dr. Pragathi Kumari and Dr. Bhanushree, Sarpanch Nagamma, school Headmaster Ramashekar Reddy and in-charge David Stephen participated in the programme.

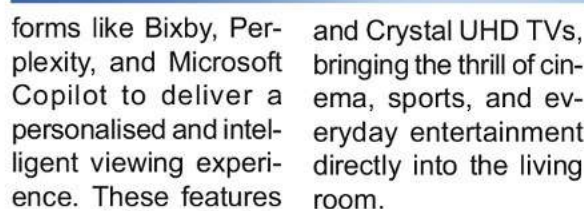
Interested Buyers Can Participate on August 14: ITDA PO B. Rahul

Bhadrachalam, August 12:: The Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Bhadrachalam, has announced that damaged and unusable scrap machinery related to coloured stone processing is available for sale at the Vista Complex. ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul informed this in a statement issued on Tuesday.



Altogether, approximately 4 tonnes of scrap machinery is available for sale. Interested buyers can attend the Vista Complex at 4:00 PM on August 14 and participate in the purchase process.

For further details, interested persons can contact Chalapathi at 9441507135, the ITDA Project Officer said.



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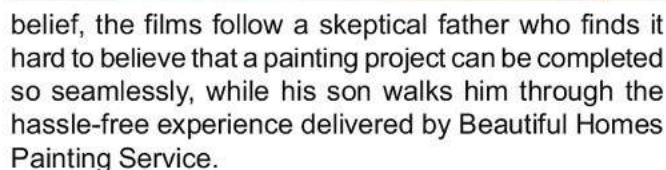
The new campaign brings humour and colour together with a myriad of smart service propositions woven with regional nuances catering to consumers across southern states in India

Hyderabad , August 12, 2026:

For homeowners, transforming a house into a dream home is often an exciting milestone. Yet, the painting journey itself can bring uncertainty, from coordinating multiple contractors and ensuring colours turn out as envisioned, to managing timelines, cleanliness, waterproofing concerns, and overall execution quality. While homeowners look forward to the end result, the process often becomes a source of stress and anxiety.

Recognising this key consumer concern, Asian Paints Beautiful Homes Painting Service (BHPS), India's leading organized painting service, is re-defining the home painting experience through its latest campaign crafted specially for consumers across the southern regions of India. The campaign highlights "Beautiful Homes Painting Service" offerings including site inspection, dedicated supervision, personalised colour consultation through the AI Visualizer, 20% money-back guarantee, product scan-enabled warranty, and assured on-time completion, the service delivers a seamless and hassle-free painting experience while helping homeowners achieve high-quality finishes with complete peace of mind.

Conceptualized by Ogilvy India, the campaign comprises a series of films tailored to resonate with audiences across southern India, reflecting local cultural nuances, family dynamics, and everyday homeowner experiences. Built around the central theme of delightful dis-



Through humour, relatable family banter, and culturally rooted storytelling, the films showcase BHPS's key service propositions including site inspection, dedicated supervision, personalised colour consultation through the AI Visualizer, 20% money-back guarantee, product scan-enabled warranty, and assured on-time completion, demonstrating how every stage of the painting journey is managed by Asian Paints experts.

With decades of leadership in the paints and home décor category, Asian Paints has consistently pioneered innovations that simplify the home transformation journey. Beautiful Homes Painting Service extends this legacy by combining trusted products, trained professionals, technology-enabled solutions, and service excellence to deliver a differentiated and professionally managed painting experience for homeowners.

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Speaking about the campaign, Amit Syngle, MD & CEO, Asian Paints, said, "Home improvement journeys are deeply personal, but they can often be overwhelming due to concerns around quality, execution, timelines and long-term protection. Through Beautiful Homes Painting Service, we have built a comprehensive painting and waterproofing solution that brings together professional expertise, process excellence, on-time completion and trusted warranties under one roof. By combining cutting-edge AI Colour Visualisation with the execution excellence of our service, we are turning room transformation into an effortless and foolproof experience for our customers. This campaign reflects our commitment to making home transformation simpler, more predictable and truly enjoyable, allowing homeowners to focus on the excitement of the outcome."

Commenting on the creative approach, Sukesh Nayak, CCO, Ogilvy India, said, "The campaign uses the warmth of family relationships and a distinctly South Indian cultural lens to bring the Beautiful Homes Painting Service proposition to life. By making disbelief the central storytelling device, the films capture the reaction to a painting experience that feels almost too good to be true, while allowing each market to have its own local flavour." Watch the ad films of Asian Paints Beautiful Homes Painting Service in the links below:YT links 1,2,3,4:

India is well positioned to lead the AI revolution, says Pradeep K. Khosla

Artificial intelligence will transform the nature of work rather than eliminate human potential, and India is uniquely positioned to emerge as a global leader in the AI era, said Pradeep K. Khosla, Chancellor, UC San Diego, USA, while addressing the fifth annual convocation of Mahindra University. Drawing parallels with previous technological revolutions, Khosla said every wave of innovation has created new industries and opportunities despite initial fears of job displacement. He urged graduates to embrace AI with confidence and caution, noting that their greatest strengths would remain uniquely human qualities such as curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, integrity and lifelong learning.

Highlighting India's strengths, he pointed to the country's robust digital public infrastructure, thriving startup ecosystem and talented workforce, adding that India's role should extend beyond adopting AI to creating and leading it. He also underscored the importance of global academic partnerships, citing the collaboration between Mahindra University and UC San Diego to establish an Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence as a platform to drive research, innovation, entrepreneurship and talent development.



