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We Will Host The Khelo India Games With Great Prestige Minister Vakiti Srihari Telangana Representatives meet Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya

Direct voice National Bureau New Delhi August 13: Telangana Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari met Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya in New Delhi on Thursday. He was accompanied by the Telangana Government's Advisor on Sports Affairs AP Jitender Reddy, and the Chairman of the Sports Authority of Telangana, K. Shivas ena Reddy. Minister Vakiti Srihari expressed gratitude on behalf of the state government to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya for allocating the Khelo India Games to Telangana. During the meeting, he handed over an invitation letter from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to Union Minister Mandaviya. He announced



ed that the Khelo India Games would be held in Telangana for 12 days, from December 11 to 22. The Minister stated that the state government has already prepared comprehensive plans to organize the Khelo India Games in a grand and successful manner. It was stated that the competitions would be organized

with the highest standards, ensuring there is no room for operational flaws or criticism. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will personally invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the inaugural ceremony of the Khelo India Games. Minister Vakiti Srihari mentioned that the Telangana government

is advancing the state's sports sector through a new sports policy and revolutionary decisions, with a special focus on talented athletes from rural areas. He affirmed that, with everyone's cooperation, they would successfully host the Khelo India Games and further enhance Telangana's prestige.

Kharge Expressed Outrage, Stating That There Is No Place For Dalits In India

National Bureau Chief New Delhi August 13: We have been saying this for a long time. They are creating divisions among people in the name of religion. There is no place for Dalits in this country. What was the need to perform a Homaritual fire ceremony for 'purification' there?" he asked angrily. "Ramlila Maidan is a venue meant for public gatherings; all parties hold meetings there. What they did was actually contrary to Hindu principles. Secondly, they are sowing discord among various sections of society and causing

rifts in the country," he added. Congress chief Kharge also raised this issue in Parliament. He alleged that even though he had not criticized any party while at Ramlila Maidan, the BJP conducted a 'purification' ritual after the rally. Speaking on the incident in the Rajya Sabha, BJP MP JP Nadda described the event as unfortunate. He clarified that no one from his party had participated in that ritual and assured that an inquiry would be conducted into the matter. Kharge had addressed a rally titled 'Vijay Shankh anad' at the Haldwani



grounds in the state on Saturday. Two days later, on August 10, reports emerged in the national media that an organiza-

tion called 'Sri Ram Sena' had performed a purification Homa at the site. This sparked a major controversy.

Among Hindu Muslims No difference to me Secular Communities Will Survive as Long as Congress Exists

Hindus and Muslims are two eyes for Congress 4 percent reservation for minorities in the state
CM Revanth Reddy

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Hyderabad August 13 : Komuram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan Minorities Excellence Summit" Telangana CM Revanth Reddy said that as long as the Congress party exists, secular communities will survive in the country. He said that the Congress is looking at Hindus and Muslims like two eyes. A Minorities Extension Summit was organized at the Komuram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan in the city. The CM participated in this program along with Ministers AjaRudhin, Pongul etti Srinivasreddy and Ponnambhakhar. Revanth Reddy spoke on the occasion. Congress has given 4 percent reservation to minorities in the state. They should be abolished. "Some have approached the High Court and the Su-



preme Court. We have challenged the government to abolish minority reservations in Gujarat. The Congress party always works for the secular community. We have given a Group 1 job and an incentive of Rs. 3 crore to boxer Nikhat Zari. "There was no recruitment period for Group 1 during the BRS

regime. Even after recruitment was made, question papers were sold like peas and beans. The previous government made RMP Vaidya D a member of the Public Service Commission. After our government came to power, we purged the TGPA SSC. We appointed students in it. We filled Group 1 posts

through TGPSC. "BRS leaders went all the way to the Supreme Court to cancel Group 1. There, they brought in a good lawyer and argued the case. Thus, we have completed the recruitments. We have also fought in the courts for Group 2, 3 and 4 posts and filled the jobs," said CM Revanth Reddy.

Khammam Turns Red with CPI's Mass Rally CPI organizes padayatras foot march across various divisions

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Bhadradi Kothagudem August 13 : The streets of Khammam turned red on Thursday. The CPI organized padayatra across several divisions within the corporation limits to protest against Modi's policies and to demand the implementation of promises made by the Congress party during the state elections. A team led by CPI National Council member Bagam Hemantha Rao started from the Rotary Nagar CPI office and reached the ZP (Zilla Parishad) Centre via Rotary Nagar and Indira Nagar. Another padayatra, led by District Secretary Dandi Suresh, began at Nayabazar College and reached the ZP Centre via Canal Bank, Gandhi Chowk, Kaman Bazar, the Old Municipality area, and Shukravapeta. A third procession, led by District Assistant Secretary Jammula Jitender Reddy, started from Allipuram Crossroads and reached the ZP Centre via Sambani Nagar, Mustafa Nagar, and Bonakal Road; from there, a massive rally commenced. With hundreds of Dapputradition (al drum) and Kolata stick



dance troupes leading the way, the 'Red Army' marched energetically along Wyr Road. The rally proceeded via the Old Bus Stand and Mayuri Centre to Bhaktaramadasu Kalakshetram. Many people extended their solidarity to the padayatra. At Mamata Hospital, Dr. Bagam Kishan Rao and Ch. Satyanarayana Reddy felicitated the padayatra team by garlanding them. On Wyr Road, staff from Dr. Gorki Hospital, led by Yeluri Krishna Prasad, welcomed the padayatra (foot march) team with garlands and extended their congratulations. At the Potu Prasad memorial pillar near Jammibanda, Jammula Jitender



Reddy hoisted the party flag, while Shaik Jani Miya, Kondaparthi Govinda Rao, B.G. Clement, Mallesh, and Varada Narasimha Rao participated by offering floral tributes.

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Delimitation Who Benefits? Who Loses?

The primary responsibility of governments is to govern in accordance with the aspirations of the people. It is the duty of the rulers to listen to the problems of the people, provide solutions to them, and formulate policies that will benefit future generations. But in the country's politics, power and political interests have now become more important than public issues. The conduct of the monsoon sessions of Parliament is even more worrying. The ruling and opposition parties are limited to mutual accusations, slogans, and protests. There are currently 543 Lok Sabha constituencies in the country. The 84th and 87th constitutional amendments have stipulated that the total number of Lok Sabha seats allocated to the states based on the 1971 census should not be changed until the first census to be held after 2026. Therefore, delimitation is a constitutional process and not a simple political decision. The Centre has allocated Rs. 11,718.24 crore for the 2027 census. More than 30 lakh personnel across the country are participating in this process. This means that the issue of reorganizing future representation on the basis of population is of utmost importance. It is constitutional justice to provide equal representation in line with population changes. Hence, its implementation method should be very careful. The southern states, which are at the forefront of population control, are worried that they should not be punished for their family control. On the other hand, there is an argument that states with a rapidly growing population should have increased representation. Therefore, delimitation should be carried out in a way that harmonizes the interests of the states and not in terms of the profits and losses of the parties, but in a way that is conducive to federalism, equal representation and the interests of the states. Women's reservation is also being discussed in this context. The constitutional amendment paved the way for one third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislatures. However, it is linked to the census and delimitation processes. The government is conducting the 2027 census digitally. For the first time, it has provided the opportunity for self-enumeration. Therefore, increasing political representation for women is inevitable. The real test is to implement it without delay and transparently. Meanwhile, the lack of due priority given to public issues in Parliament sessions is a cause for concern. There should be a wide-ranging discussion on issues like digital fraud, unemployment, price rise, farmers' problems, medical facilities, and the future of students. In 2024, the unemployment rate among those above 15 years of age was recorded at 3.2 percent across the country as per the general situation. But the problems of youth, women, and urban unemployment that lie behind the national average cannot be ignored. According to the 2025 PLFS data in Andhra Pradesh, the overall unemployment rate is 4.2 percent. In Telangana, it is recorded at 5.0 percent. The ruling party should answer such issues. Each party should suggest solutions. At the same time, it is also irresponsible for the rulers to see the protests of the opposition parties as mere political obstacles. Parliament runs on public money. Every minute is valuable. Question and answer sessions, debates, consideration of bills, work of committees. These are for the public interest.

Telangana's Agricultural Policies Draw Interest from Bihar



Hyderabad: Bihar Agriculture Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha paid a courtesy call on Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao at the Secretariat on Wednesday.

The two ministers held extensive discussions on mutual cooperation between Bihar and Telangana in the agriculture sector, exchange of technological knowledge, study of best practices and crop diversification.

Rao explained to the Bihar Agriculture Minister the technology-driven initiatives being implemented by the Telangana government and the welfare programmes undertaken for farmers.

He elaborated on digital initiatives such as dissemination of weather alerts to farmers, connecting farmers through video conferencing under Rythu Nestham, crop booking, satellite-based crop monitoring, the Urea Booking Application and farmer identification through

AgriStack.

He also explained how the AI-based 'Krishivas' crop monitoring system helps identify crop-related problems at an early stage, enabling timely intervention in affected areas. These measures help reduce farmers' input costs, improve productivity and enhance profitability, the Minister said.

Rao stated that the government accords the highest priority to farmer welfare. He explained to the Bihar Minister the implementation of Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima and the Rs.500 bonus for fine-quality paddy. He said the government had spent around Rs.1.50 lakh crore for farmers since assuming office.

He also stated that the government had implemented a one-time farm loan waiver of up to Rs.2 lakh and was providing Rs.12,000 per acre annually under the Rythu Bharosa

scheme.

A Rs.500 bonus is being provided for fine-quality paddy, he said, adding that Telangana is the leading paddy-producing state in the country. Rao also explained the importance being accorded to crop diversification in Telangana. Apart from paddy and cotton, cultivation of maize, red gram, soybean, mango, red chilli, turmeric and oil palm is expanding in the state.

He said Telangana is at the forefront of oil palm cultivation in the country. During 2025-26, oil palm was cultivated across 3.11 lakh acres, producing 74,000 metric tonnes of crude palm oil with an oil extraction ratio of 20.01 per cent. The Bihar Minister sought details about the incentives being provided by the Telangana government for oil palm cultivation, as well as nurseries, processing mills and micro-irrigation infrastructure.

Sinha explained the agricultural policies being implemented in Bihar, including crop diversification, crop cluster development and the use of technology. He said 91 per cent of farmers in Bihar are small and marginal farmers and that 77 per cent of the population depends on agriculture.

He explained that Bihar is developing specialised crop clusters based on agricultural production, particularly for makhana, maize, fruits and vegetables, and millets.

Both ministers expressed the view that sharing the specialised experience, technology and crop diversification practices of the two states would help increase farmers' incomes, improve productivity, promote value addition and expand market opportunities. They agreed to further strengthen agricultural cooperation between Telangana and Bihar.

Permanent One-Way Traffic Around KBR Park From Aug 18



Hyderabad: In view of the H-City Project, joint commissioner (Traffic) D. Joel Davis, and DCP Kajal Singh, along with other officials, inspected the area around KBR Park on Wednesday ahead of the implementation of a permanent one-way traffic system.

Briefing media at the park's main gate, Joel Davis said the system will take effect from August 18, 6 am onwards, and remain in place until completion of ongoing infrastructure works, including seven flyovers and underpasses. Foundation work has begun for 17 pillars along Road No. 2, Banjara Hills, with 110 more pillars and underpasses to follow. Construction is expected to last 18 months, reducing carriage-way width by 30-40 per cent in several stretches.

Traffic simulations using drone visuals and technical studies were conducted, followed by trial runs in April and June. Corrective measures were taken in coordination with GHMC, TGSPDCL, HMWSSB and executing agencies. Awareness campaigns with maps, videos and social media are being rolled out.

Key diversions include closure of the right turn at NTR Bhavan, with commuters directed via KBR Park toward Road No. 45 or Journalist Colony. From the Checkpost, lanes have been realigned to allow access to NFCL, Panjagutta and Begumpet. Routes to Road Nos. 10 and 12, Cancer Hospital, Road No. 36 and Film Nagar have been modified with new median openings and alternative junctions.

Signal poles have been installed to halt traffic briefly for pedestrian safety. Parking on active carriageways is prohibited, with single-lane parking under review during morning walking hours. Ambulance passage will be prioritised through continuous flow lanes coordinated by the Traffic Control Room.

Round-the-clock enforcement in four shifts will operate for 7-10 days to assist commuters during the transition.

14.20 Crore Sanctioned for Manjeera Barrage Repairs

Hyderabad: The Telangana government has sanctioned ₹14.20 crore for repairs to the damaged flexible apron at the downstream energy dissipater of the Manjeera Barrage, following recommendations from the State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO).

The decision was taken after a Panel of Experts (PoE) inspected the barrage and found deficiencies in the apron. The panel recommended immediate repairs to prevent further deterioration.

Constructed in 1965 with a storage capacity of 1.5 TMC, the barrage was designed to augment drinking water supply to Hyderabad under MWSS Phase-I and II.

According to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB), the barrage has been in service for over 60 years and has faced several high-intensity floods. Recorded discharges include 162 tmc ft in 1970, 148 tmc ft in 1975, 206 tmc ft in 1988, 138 tmc ft in 1989, 158 tmc ft in 1990, 187 tmc ft in 1998, 86 tmc ft in 2010 and 235 tmc ft in 2025.

The water board informed the government that the apron had deteriorated considerably due to recurring floods. Several concrete blocks have been displaced or washed away, while portions of the adjoining Coursed Rubble Stone (CRS) masonry have suffered partial damage.

The deterioration has affected the functioning of the apron and could result in further damage to the barrage if repairs are not taken up, the SDSO observed.

The water board sought administrative sanction of ₹14.20 crore for the works under the EAM Cell-I, Transmission Division-II, Patancheru. The government, after examining the proposal, accorded sanction under the budget head Loans to HMWSSB for Developmental Works.

Harish Rao Says BRS Will Fight for Tribal Rights



Siddipet: BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao has alleged that the Congress government failed to fulfil its promises to the tribal communities and that the BRS would raise their issues in the assembly. The former minister was speaking at the inauguration of the Siddipet chapter of the Tribal Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a tribal entrepreneurs' awareness seminar in Siddipet on Wednesday.

Harish Rao said the Congress manifesto had promised Rs 10,000 for students who passed

Class 10 and ₹2 lakh for those pursuing postgraduate studies, but the promises had not been implemented.

He said the government had told the assembly, in response to questions from the BRS, that ₹2,730 crore had been allocated to the ST Corporation, while he found that only ₹70 crore had been spent.

Harish Rao said the Congress government had come to power promising land titles for SCs and STs but was now taking over more than one lakh acres of assigned land, leaving poor families landless. He

alleged that Lambada tribals in Lagacharla, who refused to surrender their lands, were being jailed and subjected to third-degree treatment.

He also alleged that tribal lands were being transferred to Revanth Reddy's brother Kondal Reddy and his son-in-law Satya.

Harish Rao said that although ST-SDF funds had been included in the budget, even half of the allocated amount was not being spent. He also alleged that the promised job calendar had not resulted in employment opportunities for tribal youth.

He said organisations such as TICCI should support tribal youth and also function as pressure groups to hold the government accountable.

The former minister urged TICCI to work towards securing pending subsidies and said the BRS, as the principal Opposition party in the assembly, would continue to fight for tribal rights.

Harish Rao said the BRS government, under the leadership of K Chandrashekar Rao, had provided hundreds of crores of rupees in subsidies to promote tribal entrepreneurship.

Ready for the CM's visit Arrangements should be made Minister Seethakka's Instructions to Officials

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 13: Inspection of pylon construction works and new collectorate building complex Action taken in the wake of the Chief Minister's visit State Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply, Women and Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka has instructed the officials to complete the arrangements in a timely manner. The progress of the pylon construction work being set up in Mulugu district during the state Chief Minister's visit on the 16th of this month, and the new collectorate building complex were inspected on Thursday by Rashtra Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply, Women and Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, District Collector Borkhade Hemant

Sahadeva Rao, and SP Sudhir Ramnath Kekan. On this occasion, Panchayat Raj Eee Ajay Kumar explained the details of the work completed so far and the work that needs to be undertaken. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Seethakka advised the officials to complete all the arrangements related to the Chief Minister's visit in advance. He instructed the concerned officials to complete the work expeditiously while maintaining quality standards in the pylon construction work. He clarified that the officials of the concerned departments and contractors should work in coordination without any delay in the execution of the work. Later, the Minister inspected the new Collectorate building complex and inspected the work being done in various depart-



ments, office rooms, conference halls and surroundings of the building. He suggested that the Collectorate premises should be provided with sanitation, electricity, drinking water, roads, parking and other necessary infrastructure facilities. Minister Seethakka instructed the officials of all departments to work in coordination without any possibility of any shortcomings during the Chief Minister's visit and to complete the assigned responsibilities within the stipulated time. Speaking to journalists afterwards, Minister Seethakka said that this month

Sitarama Project Work Should be Expedited Minister Tummala Meets Minister Uttam

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Bureau Chief Bhadradi Kothagudem, August 13: Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao met Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy on Thursday to discuss the progress of the Sitarama project. The two ministers had a lengthy discussion on the irrigation needs of the Sitarama project as well as the joint Khammam district and the progress of the project work. Minister Tummala urged that the pending work be expedited so that farmers can get irrigation water quickly through the Sitarama project. "Land acquisition of 532 acres at a cost of Rs. 45 crore should be completed quickly..." Minister Tummala said that the process of land acquisition of 532 acres required to move water from the third pump house to the fourth pump house has been undertaken at a cost of Rs. 45 crore. He stated that if this land acquisition is completed in the limits of Dammapeta, Alwarapeta and Mulakalapalli mandals, the re-

spective areas will receive Godavari water. He said that if the Sitarama project is fully available, there is a possibility of irrigation water for about 1.50 lakh acres. All related works should be completed quickly: Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao requested the Irrigation Minister to complete all the works related to the Sitarama project quickly and bring all the farmers' lands under cultivation. He stated that this project will be very useful for the ayacut farmers without any difficulties in the context of the rain deficient conditions. In this context, he appealed to ensure that there is no delay in the land acquisition and pipeline construction works. "The Minister said that there are proposals to move water through a canal from the third pump house in the Kamalapuram, Mulakalapalli mandal to the fourth pump house in Dammapeta mandal. However, instead of the proposals



to provide Godavari water to the tanks in Dammapeta and Ashwaropeta mandals through canals from the fourth pump house, it was suggested that alternative proposals be made to provide water through pipelines. Minister Tummala explained that if the necessary estimates for the pipeline works are prepared, funds are released and the work is carried out, the cost of land acquisition will be reduced and farmers will not need to lose their lands. Speed up

the Julurupadu tunnel works Minister Tummala requested that the Julurupadu tunnel works be completed quickly and water be provided to the Paleru reservoir. He said that water was recently released through the Sitarama project to the Vaira and Lankasagar areas within the Sagar ayacut. If the current weather conditions continue, there is a risk of crops in the ayacut area drying up, and the minister appealed to release irrigation water once again through the

Sitarama project to protect the crops of the farmers." Responding positively to Minister Tummala's request, Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy instructed the officials to take steps to irrigate the Sagar ayacut crops within two to three days. Minister Tummala said that the government's goal is to expedite the land acquisition, pipeline, tunnel and other works related to the Sitarama project and provide irrigation water to the farmers as soon as possible.

veyed their heartfelt best wishes and congratulations. Emphasizing the need for quality medical services for the poor, AITUC Hanamkonda District President Velpula Sarangapani Yadav and 'Shramashakti' Award recipient Pankeerla Kumaraswamy Yadav noted that Warangal MGM Hospital a premier institution for the North Telangana region serves thousands of people daily, including the poor,

Scholarships And Fee Reimbursements Are Students' Rights, Not Charity Vacant Lecturer Posts In Junior Colleges SFI District Secretary Tudum Praveen

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Bureau Chief Khammam August 13: Scholars hips And Fee Reimbursements Are Students' Rights, Not Charity vacant Lecturer Posts In Junior Colleges SFI District Secretary Tudum Praveen said across the district must be filled a dedicated Education Minister must be appointed Responding to the call given by the Telangana State Committee of the Students' Federation of India (SFI), thousands of students laid siege to the Khammam District Collectorate as part of a statewide protest demanding the release of pending scholarships and fee reimbursements. Speaking on the occasion, District Secretary Praveen stated that scholarship and fee reimbursement arrears across the state exceed ten thousand crore rupees. He criticized the state government for allocating budgets for projects that yield commissions while treating the education sector with step-motherly neglect. He highlighted the deplorable situation where Telangana lacks a dedicated Education Minister, making it impossible for student leaders to meet the Chief Minister who holds the education portfolio to discuss educational issues. He noted that the accumulation of thousands of crores in arrears has left students grappling with numerous problems and demanded the immediate release of these funds. Furthermore, he pointed



ed out the ongoing crisis in government junior colleges across Khammam district, where there is a lack of lecturers for various subjects, and demanded the immediate filling of these vacant posts. They stated that while the state government made grand promises in the Assembly about launching a midday meal scheme for government junior colleges, there is no sign of its actual implementation; they demanded that the scheme be launched immediately. Furthermore, they highlighted the lack of hostel facilities for female students at the B.P.Ed. college in Khammam city; students required to be at the grounds by 5:00 AM are forced to walk three kilometers, so a girls' hostel should be established in conjunction with the college. They also pointed

out that so-called "welfare hostels" lack actual welfare amenities and urged the allocation of special funds for basic infrastructure. They warned that if the state government and the three ministers from Khammam district do not respond immediately and take steps to resolve issues in the education sector, they would obstruct the ministers' movements within the district. Participants in this program included SFI District President Vankayala Raju, State Committee member Sathvika, District Vice-President Donthaboyina Venkatesh, Khammam Division President Reddipogula Trinath, District Committee member Bhanu Srikanth, SR&BGNR College Secretary Shyam, and leaders Lokesh, Bharat, Gopichand, Satyaram, Sanju, Ragini, Poojitha, Triveni, Sindhu, Bhuvana Keerthi, Pravalika, and others.

AITUC Leaders Meet and Congratulate Warangal MGM Hospital Superintendent Katam Ramkumar Reddy

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 13: "A delegation of AITUC leaders from the Hanamkonda District Committee paid a courtesy call on Katam Ramkumar Reddy, the Superintendent of Warangal MGM Government General Hospital, at his office on Thursday afternoon. During the meeting, they presented him with a flower bouquet, honored him with a shawl, and con-



ers, security personnel, patient caretakers, nursing staff, and contract/outsourcing employees who work tirelessly at the hospital. They urged the authorities to provide a safe working environment and ensure the timely disbursement of wages. In response, MGM Hospital Superintendent Katam Ramkumar Reddy expressed his gratitude for the good wishes extended by the AITUC leaders. He assured them that he would strive continuously to stren-

gthen the hospital's administration, provide quality medical care to patients, and resolve the legitimate grievances of the hospital staff and workers. Key leaders who participated included Velpula Sarangapani Yadav (AITUC Hanamkonda District Committee President), Pankeerla Kumara swamy Yadav (State 'Shramashakti' Award recipient), Rama Rajesh Khanna (AITUC leader), along with other labor union leaders and representatives of the hospital workers' union.

Ph.D. Awarded to Rangu Rudrani, Maths Faculty Govt. Degree college Narsampet

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 13: Rangu Rudrani, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics Govt. Degree college (Autonomous) Narsampet, has been awarded Ph.D. degree by the Kakatiya University Warangal said by the Controller of examina-

tions KU Warangal. In a press note here on Thursday, the Controller of Examinations highlighted that Rangu Rudrani had submitted her Ph.D. thesis titled "Investigation on Determinant problems Bohr Phenomenon for Certain Subclasses of Analytic Functions". She did her research work under the

supervision of Dr. R. Bharavi Sharma, Department of Mathematics, Kakatiya University Warangal In this regard head, Principal Mallam Naveen, faculty, staff and her family members have congratulated and appreciated her on being awarded a Ph.D. degree at KU Warangal.



Organ Donation Is A Noble Social Responsibility Warangal District Principal Judge V.B. Nirmala Geethamba

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 13: Warangal District Principal Judge V.B. Nirmala Geethamba stated that organ donation is a noble social responsibility. She participated as the chief guest in an awareness program organized by the Services Authority on the occasion of Organ Donation Day, presided over by A. Pradeep, Secretary and Senior Civil Judge. Speaking on the occasion, the Judge remarked that there is no greater humanitarian service than being able to bring light into another person's life even after one's own death. She explained that through organ donation, the lives of many people could be saved by providing organs such as the heart, liver, kidneys, lungs, and eyes to those in need. A. Pradeep, Secretary of the Legal Services Authority and Senior Civil Judge, stated that legal service organizations are actively working to raise public awareness regarding legal rights, the procedures involved in organ donation, and the role of family members in the process. Speaking on the occasion, Warangal Bar Association President Ch. Upender stated that positive results could be achieved by conducting awareness programs in rural areas, schools, colleges, and among the general public, and he urged everyone to cooperate in this endeavor. He remarked

that while one person's life may come to an end, it can offer a new beginning to another. KMC Principal Dr. Mohandas explained that everyone should grasp the concept of "Organ Donation – Humanity Living On Even After Death." The Superintendent of the Regional Eye Hospital noted that there are still many misconceptions and fears regarding organ donation in society, adding that a lack of awareness leaves many people waiting for necessary organ transplants. He emphasized that it is everyone's responsibility to disseminate scientific and factual information about organ donation to the public. Short films were also screened during the event to provide further explanation to the participating lawyers. Speaking on the occasion, MGM Hospital RMO Dr. Sanath Roshan urged officials to formulate a plan to dispel myths surrounding organ donation and foster scientific awareness, noting that a single positive decision can offer hope to a family, give parents the chance to see their child again, and provide a future for a young child. Retired Headmaster and Organ Donation Association President Kon. Malla Reddy stated that organ donation is not merely a medical matter but a symbol of humanity, generosity, and social responsibility. Lawyers participating in the event administered a pledge to provide others

with the opportunity to live even after death, with the rallying cry: "Let us donate organs, save lives, and uphold humanity." The event was attended by Hanumakonda Bar Association President Rama Krishna, doctors, senior and junior lawyers, senior citizens, and others. occasion of Organ Donation Day, presided over by A. Pradeep, Secretary and Senior Civil Judge. Speaking on the occasion, the Judge remarked that there is no greater humanitarian service than being able to bring light into another person's life even after one's own death. She explained that through organ donation, the lives of many people could be saved by providing organs such as the heart, liver, kidneys, lungs, and eyes to those in need. A. Pradeep, Secretary of the Legal Services Authority and Senior Civil Judge, stated that legal service organizations are actively working to raise public awareness regarding legal rights, the procedures involved in organ donation, and the role of family members in the process. Speaking on the occasion, Warangal Bar Association President Ch. Upender stated that positive results could be achieved by conducting awareness programs in rural areas, schools, colleges, and among the general public, and he urged everyone to cooperate in this endeavor. He remarked

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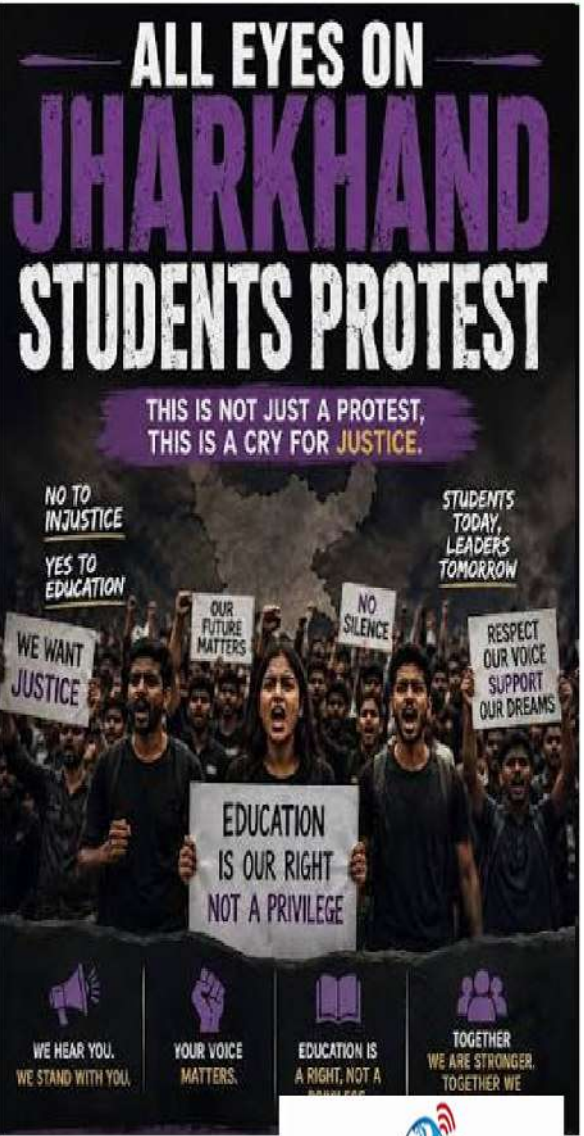
event administered a pledge to provide others with the opportunity to live even after death, with the rallying cry: "Let us donate organs, save lives, and uphold humanity." The event was attended by Hanumakonda Bar Association President Ramakrishna, doctors, senior and junior lawyers, senior citizens, and others.

Jharkhand Students Deserve Justice—Not Political Double Standards

The ongoing agitation by students and job aspirants in Jharkhand has raised a serious question that goes far beyond politics: Who will stand for the future of the students when examinations themselves become a matter of controversy? Students under the JPSS-JSSC Reform Manch have been protesting over alleged irregularities in competitive recruitment examinations, demanding transparency, accountability and an impartial investigation. Their agitation has continued for weeks, with the students maintaining that their movement is about examination reforms and justice—not about any political party. Yet an uncomfortable political question must also be asked. Why is student justice becoming a political calculation? Whenever a political organisation or a prominent political figure becomes involved in a student issue, political parties are quick to declare their support—or opposition—depending on whose interests they believe are being served. But students' rights cannot depend on who is standing beside them. If political parties believe that the allegations against JPSC and JSSC deserve investigation, they should support the students because the students are right to demand transparency, not because a particular political personality has entered the controversy. Similarly, if a political party criticises the administration for alleged police excesses, that concern should arise from the rights of peaceful protesters—not from an attempt to score political points against the government. The students have made their position clear: their movement should remain independent. That distinction is crucial. The reported involvement of BJP founder Abhijeet Dipke has itself become part of the political discussion. While Dipke and BJP have publicly expressed support for the students, reports indi-

cate that the protesting students have rejected attempts to make their independent agitation appear to be the movement of an outside political organisation. Therefore, the real issue should not be BJP versus JPSC, BJP versus Congress, or Opposition versus Government. The real issue is: Students versus an examination system in which they have lost confidence. No sympathy should be selective. If a political party shows sympathy when a particular political group faces criticism, but remains silent when thousands of ordinary students raise questions about their examinations, people have every right to ask: Is this genuine concern for students or political convenience? Likewise, if parties attack the government merely because the government is in power, their support for students becomes equally questionable. Political parties should not choose students according to their political usefulness. A student does not become deserving of justice because a politician supports him. A student deserves justice because he is a citizen. These young people have spent years preparing for competitive examinations. They have invested their parents' money, sacrificed opportunities and built their futures around the expectation that the recruitment process would be fair. When allegations of paper leaks, OMR manipulation or other examination irregularities emerge, the answer cannot simply be political accusations and counter-accusations. There must be a credible, independent and time-bound investigation. If the allegations are false, establish that transparently. If irregularities occurred, identify those responsible and take action. If the examination process was compromised, protect the interests of the innocent candidates. That is

the minimum a democratic system owes its youth. Students should not become political weapons. The reported police action during the students' march has added another dimension to the controversy. Political leaders have criticised the government's handling of the agitation, while the administration has defended its position. But once again, the students' demand must remain at the centre. Their future should not become a battlefield between political parties. Do not hijack the students' movement. Do not divide the students. Do not use their pain for political mileage. Let the students speak for themselves. Let the evidence speak. Let an independent investigation establish the truth. Jharkhand's youth deserve an answer. The question before the Jharkhand government is not merely how to end a protest. The bigger question is how to restore confidence in the examination system. And the question before political parties is equally important: Will you stand with students even when there is no political benefit in doing so? That is the real test of political sincerity. Students should not have to search for a political patron before their grievances are heard. They should not have to join a political organisation to receive sympathy. And they should never be told that their demand for a fair examination is politically motivated simply because someone from a political background supports them. The students' movement belongs to the students. Their demand for transparency belongs to democracy. Their future belongs to them. And their right to a fair examination must belong to every government—regardless of which party is in power. DIRECT VOICE stands with the students of Jharkhand—not with any political party,



not with any individual principle that every competition should be fair, transparent and accessible to all. Not political exploitation. Not political

Sardar Sarvai Papannagouda, the Emperor of Golconda" Jayaho Gowda" Dr. Revathi MS Goud Bangalore

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad August 13 : Millions of people in Telangana society worship him. The folk still express the spread of evil ideology in the southern states of Telangana, Andhra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu through their art. In those days, the history of the great hero Gowda, who purchased modern weapons from the Dutch and French from the Machilipatnam port and conquered Golconda through warfare, is hidden in the layers of history like a pearl in the soil. Recently, the Telangana state government has included it as the Mughal Emperor on page 132 of the Telangana curriculum, 7th grade social science, to honor the heroes who have gone into hiding. On this occasion, I would like to express my special gratitude to the Telangana State Government and remember Papanna on his birth anniversary. Wherever there is exploitation and oppression, there are people's movements. In this incident, Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud created history by establishing self-rule parallel to the Mughal rule and became the Gowda

Mahavir of the Bahunjan castes. Born in the Gowda caste in the village of Kilashapur, Janagama Taluka, Warangal District, Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud used to earn a living by drawing taluks. The movement that was born silently against the exploitation and oppression of that time and against the local rulers shook the rulers of the Mughal Empire. The self-rule movement that was born in Kilashapur surrounded Golconda. There are many aspects behind the birth of this movement, this struggle which started as a social, economic and cultural revolution, was honored by Delhi Nawab Bahadur Shah Swayana Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud as the Swayam palaku. He honored Papanna Goud with the most expensive clothes. If we look at the life history of Papanna Goud, we can analyze him from many angles. Papanna Goud was successful in uniting the oppressed people. The life, heroism and greatness of Papanna Goud have been preserved by folk artists through their art in a way that is intertwined with rural cultural life. In Telangana, birthday celebrations are still celebrated in



honor of Papanna Goud. The folklore of Papanna Goud was so well preserved that folk songs were composed in his memory all over the southern states. In Karnataka, Ballari, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra, from Nellore to Kadapa and Machilipatnam, Papanna Goud has gained a solid place in folk literature. There are many humane reasons why Papanna Goud is so well preserved by the folklore of Nupale, and he is a socialist and a good administrator. Papanna Goud formed Hindu, Muslim and tribal tribes in equal proportions among his followers. Those who practiced Hindu caste, Mudiraj, Yadavs, Padm

asali, Munnur Kapu, Vaishyas, Kumari, Kamari, Modari, Chakali, and the remaining four tribes of Erukali, Yanadi, Koya and Lambadi were established as important followers. The history of Papanna Goud has crossed not only the country but also the continents. The Cambridge University of London published a book called "The Social History of the Deccan Indian Lives" and put Papanna Goud's face on the book and the author Richard Heaton introduced the history of Papanna Goud to the world. In addition, the Victoria Museum in London has put Papa

anna Goud's face on display for public viewing even today. In modern times, people like Jaganna dham Buddiga Adinarayana Murthy, Biruduraju Ramaraju, Kompelli Venkat Goud, etc. have brought his name to light. Apart from this, in those days, he distributed twelve thousand acres of land to agricultural laborers, and he used the simple tax they gave to finance the army and administrative expenses. He built the most fortified Padakonda forts in Telangana. Papanna Goud recognized the needs of the people, so the common people took it to heart. In the ex-

traordinary circumstances of that time, Papanna Goud maintained himself for almost a decade and a half, which means he had the support of the people. You can understand how much he had. Papanna Goud brought about a change in the food habits of the people in those days. The people of his Goud community were mainly completely vegetarians, mainly Shaiva devotees, chanted Vibhudi and Shiva, wore Shiva lingas around their necks, and ate at least onions. Realizing that they had to be strong to repel foreign invaders, folk artists sing songs about how Papanna Goud organized joint meals and prepared non-vegetarian meals in such circumstances. Not only that, many people in Telangana named Papanna Goud after his death. These names are more common in relation to his Goud community. Papanna Goud took great care in protecting them. That is clear when you look at the Tatikonda Qila Shahpur forts. The forts built by Papannagoud are similar to the construction of the Bahmani, Qutub Shah and Mughal rulers, the construction of the fort. 16 feet wide and 2 feet

high, they were built with strong walls, and Kala Kanda was built. It is known that Papannagoud built his main forts within the Mughal empire and ruled parallel to the Mughal rulers. Papannagoud's main expenses were the purchase and transportation of weapons, the construction of forts, salaries to the army, gifts to those who conveyed enemy secrets, the expenses required for the innumerable force, the salaries of the bulls carrying the palanquin on which he traveled, and the salaries of his bodyguards. All these are some examples to understand the vast scale of Papannagoud. When you look at Papannagoud's personality. He was an ordinary blacksmith. The reason for his rise to extraordinary power was that he opposed traditional values. He could not accept the Vedic methods. Having a strict personality and knowing the hardships of the people, Papannagoud stood as an enemy of the imperialists and an idol of the masses. In the circumstances of that time, Papannagoud's ideas may have seemed extreme to some people of his caste and others. Papannagoud's ideas

were very modern, that is why he abandoned the traditional caste system and took steps towards the kingdom after knowing the truth that the kingdom is in the hands of the king for life. During this time, Papannagouda lived a terrible life, a life without peace. He lived a life without even the slightest happiness. The desire for royal power of an ordinary person born in the Gowda caste by birth was able to transform him into such a great person and power. That is, the main reason is that the Gaudas were Soma dynasty Kshatriyas. The Telangana state government should officially celebrate the birth anniversary of Papanna Goud, who took the fame and prestige of Telangana to the world stage as an extraordinary person. The statue of Papanna Goud should be installed on the Tank Bund. The forts built by Papanna Goud should be preserved and made into tourist centers. Research should be done on the life history of Papanna Goud and on the folk literature belonging to him...

A Testament to Journalists' Unity"Madhira Press Club Extends Rs. 12,500 Financial Aid to Reporter Satyanandam's Family

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Khammam August 13: The Madhira Press Club once again demonstrated through action its motto: "We stand united when a journalist faces a crisis." Manda Satyanandam, a reporter for Vision Andhra in Bonakal, recently passed away in a road accident. On Thursday, representatives from the Madhira Press Club paid a solemn tribute by garlanding his portrait during the tenth-day memorial ceremony held in Govindapuram village, Bonakal Mandal. Afterward, they met the bereaved family members and expressed their deepest condolences. Driven by the noble intent to support the family during this difficult time, and under the guidance of Honorary President Nalla Srinivasa Rao and the leadership of President and Secretary G.V. Arun, the club members specifically Assistant Treasurer Sridhar, Publicity Secretary Arjun,



and Assistant Secretary Vasuplayed an active role. With dedicated effort, they collected and handed over ₹12,500 in financial aid from fellow Press Club members to Satyanandam's family. Assistant Secretaries Banala Shankarachari and Charugundla Narasimha Murthy, along with Executive Committee member Venu and others, participated in the event.

Is Change Possible Through Digital Media

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 13: In the past, news, awareness, and ideologies reached the public solely through newspapers and TV channels controlled by a few dominant groups; any dissent against those in power was suppressed. Thanks to smartphones and the internet, however, anyone can now create news and expose the truth. Information that dominant groups wish to conceal now reaches millions within seconds. 'Counter-hegemony' is crucial to challenging the cultural hegemony described by Gramsci. Social media has become a platform for robust ideological debates that expose the lies and discriminatory practices of those in power. Awareness regarding the history of marginalized communities, the philosophies of great leaders, and fundamental rights is reaching the grassroots level, thereby shifting the public mindset. Forces that once ruled by sowing division through fear and deception are now facing a significant setback due to digital media. Victims of caste discrimination and those deprived of their rights are uniting through digital platforms. Social media has emerged as a powerful tool to turn local injustices into topics of national or global discussion and to hold governments accountable. "Merely having access to digital media does not automatically bring wealth or power; however, the 'awareness' generated through digital media unites people both politically and socially. Once marginalized sections and Backward Classes become politically conscious and wield their right to vote and constitutional rights as a weapon, the systems will inevitably have to yield. Awareness is the first step of any revolution.

Planting Saplings is Everyone's Responsibility: SBI Branch Manager Satya

Direct Voice Bhadrachalam, August 13: Planting saplings is everyone's responsibility, said State Bank of India Charla Road Branch Manager Satya. A sapling planting program was organized on Tuesday under the auspices of Green Bhadrachalam with the aim of turning Bhadrachalam town into a green forest. Branch Manager Sri Satya planted saplings at the program held in front of the State Bank of India Charla Road Branch. Speaking on the occasion, he said that environmental protection is everyone's responsibility. He called on everyone to plant saplings and protect them to provide



clean air and a healthy environment for future generations. Green Bhadrachalam President R. Rama Krishna Reddy said that environmental protection is not only the responsibility of the government, but every citizen should take up his/her part as a responsibility. He urged everyone to plant at least one sapling and take responsibility for its protection. Green Bhadrachalam Secretary Ranjit Nayak, Treasurer Uppada Ram Prasad Reddy, Past Presidents Dr. Golla Bhupathi Rao, Kamisetty Krishnarajuna Rao, SBI Charla Road Bhadrachalam Cash Officer Mallareddy, Gauthami, Mohini, Bhargav, Ajith, SBI staff and Green Bhadrachalam members participated in the program.

Investment: SIPB Approves 25 Projects Worth Rs 2.08 Lakh Crore in AP

Vijayawada: The 20th meeting of the state investment promotion board chaired by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu here on Wednesday approved proposals for 25 projects worth Rs 2,08,406 crore in sectors like industries, energy, IT, electronics and food processing.

These projects have a potential to generate 21,627 jobs, it is officially stated.

The Chief Minister directed officials to assess the extent of incentives that could be provided to promote industrial units, and to initiate steps to remit industrial incentives into escrow accounts from December. He also called for steps to promote setting up of industrial units in rural areas.

In the 20 SIPB meetings held so far, approvals have been given for 363 proposals to set up industrial units at an estimated investment of Rs 13.78 lakh crore, with a potential to create 10.86 lakh jobs in the state.

Naidu called for a study on the sectors wherein industrial units could be promoted and directed officials to focus on sectors such as green ammonia, lithium batteries and robotics. Officials, he said, must create awareness among people about industrial projects and counter misinformation on social media regarding possible environmental pollution from some projects.

Referring to the proposed data centres in north Andhra, he said 3.5tmc-ft of water could suffice for them.

Naidu said Godavari water could be taken by gravity through the Polavaram left main canal to meet the industrial requirements in Visakhapatnam. He asked officials to assess how upcoming industrial units would contribute to



developing an industrial ecosystem in the state.

He called for special efforts to construct hotels to attract tourists and promote the hospitality sector in Andhra Pradesh.

The Chief Minister directed officials to develop 175 MSME parks and make them accessible by September, with one park in each Assembly constituency, and ensure the setting up of industrial estates.

He said several defence sector projects coming up in the state were a matter of pride for the nation and called for the start of defence projects near Puttaparthi and aerospace projects near Hindupur. He also stressed the need to complete construction of the Mulapeta port so that it could be inaugurated in December.

Naidu directed officials to link logistics, modern warehousing and cold chain projects and improve road, rail and port connectivity to facilitate the transport of horticultural produce from Rayalaseema to international markets. He also pleaded for promoting the 'One Family-One Entrepreneur' programme in the state.

The 25 projects approved at the meeting are:

O'Care Green Fuels — `616 crore, Kurnool district
Jackson Green Renewable — `1,533 crore, Kurnool district
FPEL Power — `480 crore, Vizianagaram district

Waree Clean Energy Solutions — `15,000 crore, Kakinada district

Aaradhya Biogas — `143.47 crore, Kurnool district

Ushodaya Biogas — `143.47 crore, Nellore district

Data Center Holdings India — `58,743 crore, Visakhapatnam district

Munoth Lithium Battery Ltd — `500 crore, Tirupati district

AIL Dixon India Ltd — `143.47 crore, Kadapa district

ReNew AP Green Data Center — `85,200 crore, Anakapalli district

AM Intelligence Labs Ltd — `31,387 crore, Visakhapatnam district

CRR Hospitality LLP — `192.02 crore, Tirupati district

RK2 Infrastructure — `150 crore, Tirupati district

Sunrise Hotels India Ltd — `54 crore, Kakinada district

JSP Hotels and Resorts LLP — Rs 63.79 crore, Krishna district

Pavuluri Hotels — `58.74 crore, Tirupati district

Agastya Green Energy Ltd — `7,799 crore, Kurnool district

Akshay Green Tech Ltd — `1,600 crore, Visakhapatnam district

Coromandel International — `2,125 crore, Srikakulam district

Hindalco Industries Ltd — `880 crore, Chittoor district

Estrella Logistics — `90 crore, Visakhapatnam district

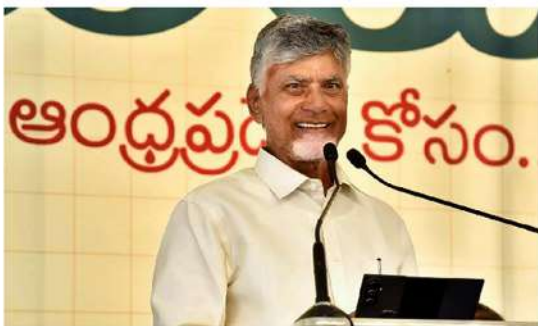
Gane Sai Mounisha Steel Wires — `66 crore, Vizianagaram district

VPR Mining Infrastructure — `500 crore, Nellore district

Jayaditya Agro Ltd — `300 crore, Kurnool district.

Prisoul Agro Industries — `330 crore, Nellore district

Naidu Stresses on Establishing Industrial Projects in Rural Areas



Amaravati: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to credit industrial incentives into escrow accounts from December.

While incentives are essential to promote industries, the government should also focus on determining the extent of incentives that can realistically be provided, the Chief Minister said. The Chief Minister stressed the need for plans to establish industrial projects in rural areas so that industrialisation contributes to the development of those regions.

The 20th State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) meeting chaired by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu approved investment proposals worth Rs.2,08,406 crore covering 25 projects. These projects are expected to create 21,627 direct jobs.

The Chief Minister directed officials to focus on attracting investments in emerging sectors such as green ammonia, lithium batteries and robotics, and to study the measures required to encourage industries in these fields.

He also called for creating awareness among the public about industrial projects being established across the State. He said misinformation was being spread by some groups by portraying industries as polluting units and creating misconceptions that could obstruct development.

The Chief Minister said the data centres being established in North Andhra would require only 3.5 TMC of water and directed officials to take steps to dispel misconceptions regarding data centres. He called for continuous monitoring of industrial development in the State and said fake campaigns were being carried out on social media by some political elements.

He stated that abundant water would be supplied to industries in Visakhapatnam through gravity flow from the Polavaram Left Canal. He also directed officials to analyse the value being added to the State's ecosystem by the industries being established in

Andhra Pradesh.

The Chief Minister called for hotels and other hospitality projects coming up in the State to have distinctive architectural designs that would attract tourists visiting Andhra Pradesh.

The Chief Minister said all defence sector projects being established in the State were a matter of pride for the nation. He directed officials to facilitate the establishment of defence projects near Puttaparthi and aerospace projects near Hindupur.

He directed officials to complete the construction of Moolapeta Port by December so that it can be inaugurated that month. He also called for integrating logistics, modern warehousing and cold-chain projects.

Road, rail and port connectivity should be strengthened to ensure that horticultural produce from Rayalaseema reaches international markets, he said.

The Chief Minister directed officials to accelerate the completion of investment agreements signed during the past year and projects approved by the SIPB. He set a target of completing the remaining 37 MSME parks by September this year, making industrial parks available in all 175 Assembly constituencies.

He also directed officials to take up the One Family-One Entrepreneur programme on a large scale.

Nellore Officials Alert As District's Second Paddy Crop Reaches Critical Stage

NELLORE: With the second paddy crop entering the crucial grain-formation stage, Nellore district administration has stepped up its water management efforts. Addressing a meeting of the Irrigation Advisory Board (IAB) at the Nellore collectorate on Wednesday, Endowments minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy said the next 30 days would be critical. He directed irrigation officials to ensure that water reaches tail-end fields without wastage.

The administration is targeting to irrigate 3.22 lakh acres of the second crop using water from the Somasila project. Officials have reviewed storage levels in the Somasila and Kandaluru reservoirs, requirement of water and supply to delta and non-delta areas. The minister called for coordination between the agriculture and irrigation departments to ensure the required water is supplied to the crop by



September 30. He directed formation of special teams comprising irrigation, revenue, agriculture, horticulture and police personnel, along with project and water-user committees, apart from local MLAs, to continuously monitor canals and field channels and address bottlenecks. Officials have been asked to take corrective measures at the siphon damaged at the 12-km point of the Kavali canal, which has affected the water flow, to protect crops in the areas concerned. Collector Himanshu Shukla said the coming 30 days would be crucial, with the next 15 days being particularly

important. He directed agriculture officials to provide precise crop maturity details canal-wise. He asked Irrigation officials to clearly report existing bottlenecks and proposed solutions.

MLAs Kakarla Suresh, Dagumati Venkata Krishna Reddy, Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy and Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy highlighted the local irrigation issues and stressed on water reaching the tail-end farmers. Somireddy said El Nino-related water stress could worsen the situation and asked authorities to prevent water wastage. Prashanthi Reddy said judicious use of water has enabled irrigation reach the tail-end areas in Kovur. She called for continuous monitoring until the crop is harvested.

275-Foot-Long Tricolour Leads Tiranga Rally In Nellore

A Tiranga rally featuring a 275-foot-long national flag was held in Nellore on Wednesday as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

Endowments minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy flagged off the rally, organised under the leadership of collector Himanshu Shukla. Students, elected representatives, officials, voluntary organisations and residents participated in the rally and marched towards VRC while raising patriotic slogans.

The minister said the rally marked the beginning of a series of programmes being organised in the district until August 15 under the theme 'Partners in Nation Building', in line with the directions of the Central and state governments.

He said tree-planting programmes and social media campaigns would follow, while the main Independence Day celebrations would be held at the Parade Grounds on August 15.

Ramanarayana Reddy said the Tiranga rally was aimed at fostering patriotism, national unity and respect for the sacrifices of freedom fighters. He called upon people to work together for



the glory and prosperity of the nation.

The minister appreciated the participation of public representatives, officials, media personnel, students and voluntary organisations, saying collective involvement would strengthen the spirit of national unity.

Zilla parishad chairperson Anam Arunamma, MLAs Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy, Dagumati Venkata Krishna Reddy and Kakarla Suresh, joint collector Mogili Venkateswarlu, DRO Vijay Kumar and Municipal Commissioner Y.O. Nandan were among those who participated.

SHORTCUT WILL CUT YOU SHORT, MODI TELLS GEN Z



NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday urged the younger generation to read long-form content such as autobiographies in the "age of reels", cautioning that social media influencers could pull them in different directions and that chasing shortcuts could prove counterproductive.

"Shortcut will cut you short," Modi said while releasing former President Ram Nath Kovind's autobiography, Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles, at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.

"This is the age of reels. Social media influencers pull you here and there. In this age of shortcuts, remember one

thing," Modi said, drawing an analogy with warnings at railway stations against crossing tracks instead of using foot overbridges.

Urging young people to read about the lives of those they admire, Modi said autobiographies offered a different perspective on historical events and helped readers understand the struggles behind

individual achievements.

"Even if you want to go by shortcuts, I urge the youth — read autobiographies of whoever you admire. Autobiographies give you the chance to understand the events of history in a different way. They are close to history," he said.

The Prime Minister said Kovind's life demon-

strated how determination could help a person overcome adversity and rise to the country's highest constitutional office.

Describing the autobiography as a "heritage for Indian democracy", Modi said the younger generation had much to learn from the former President's life.

"We need many more

young people who would be like Kovind in future — people who are not defeated by circumstances but possess the determination to overcome every challenge," he said. Modi said that while Kovind's life and struggles were personal, "the victories of those struggles belong to Indian democracy".

Harish Rao questions delay in opposing AP proposal on Telangana irrigation projects

Hyderabad: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday questioned the Telangana government's delay in opposing Andhra Pradesh's proposal to review seven irrigation projects in the State, ahead of the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) meeting on August 18. He was reacting to Telangana's letter to the GRMB objecting to the inclusion of the issue in its agenda.

The State government wrote the letter to the GRMB days after Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy said Andhra Pradesh had been raising the issue for the last 12 years and that there was nothing new in its objections.

Reacting to the latest development, Harish Rao asked why the government had remained silent when Andhra Pradesh sought review of the permissions granted to



all seven irrigation projects in the GRMB meeting agenda, despite BRS's caution. He said the Congress government was writing letters only after being questioned by the BRS and demanded that the AP proposals be immediately withdrawn from the GRMB agenda.

The former Minister warned that Telangana should consider boycotting the GRMB meeting if the issues were not removed from the agenda. He also announced that the BRS would mobilise thousands of people to lay siege to the GRMB office at Jala Soudha, if the meeting scheduled in Hyderabad on August 18 was held without withdrawing the agenda items. "We will not tolerate any attempts by Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart N Chandrababu Naidu to threaten Telangana's water rights," he declared.

Revanth Orders HMRL to Add Coaches, Speed Up Old City Metro

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd (HMRL) to increase the number of coaches in trains in accordance with growing passenger demand. He also instructed officials to expedite works related to the Old City Metro corridor as part of Phase-II.

At a meeting, he observed that passenger traffic was increasing by the day, and directed officials to take measures to meet the growing demand including by acquiring more coaches. Revanth Reddy directed officials to complete the road widening works by acquiring land along the 7.5-km stretch in Old City from MGBS to Chandrayangutta early and initiate the tendering process for the Metro Rail works.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister also re-



emphasised that the Global Summit should be organised to international standards with a strong focus on attracting investments to the state. He directed officials to submit comprehensive details of the investments attracted to Telangana and the progress achieved following last year's summit.

He also asked them to prepare a detailed action plan to achieve further progress in investments and strengthen Telangana's position as an attractive global investment destination.

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, special chief secretary Jayesh Ranjan, government advisers K. Ramakrishna Rao and N.V.S. Reddy, HMRL managing director Sarfaraz Ahmed and additional managing director B. Ajith Reddy and other senior officials attended the meeting.

Govt Approves Polymer Rs 10, Rs 20 Notes for Trials

New Delhi: The government has approved the introduction of one billion polymer banknotes of Rs 10 and Rs 20 for field trials, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), with the recommendation of its central board, had sent a proposal to the government in terms of Section 25 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for introduction of one billion pieces each of Rs 10 and Rs 20 polymer banknotes for field trials and for regular issuance of polymer banknotes in these two denominations after successful completion of field trials, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

"The proposal has been approved by the government. As per the RBI, these polymer banknotes are proposed to be issued along with paper substrate-based banknotes," she said.

The RBI has informed that the procurement process is presently at an initial stage, she said.

Therefore, she said, at this



point of time, it would not be possible to practically determine the exact timeframe for introduction of polymer banknotes or the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon.

Replying to another question, Sitharaman said the average retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), has declined steadily from 5.4 per cent in 2023-24 to 4.6 per cent in 2024-25 and further to 2.1 per cent in 2025-26.

Owing to the commodity price shock and elevated global energy prices stemming from the West Asia crisis, a seasonal pickup in vegetable prices, and the expected unfavourable El Nino conditions, retail inflation rose to 3.9 per cent in Q1 of 2026-27, she said.

However, she said, it is still below the Reserve Bank of India's inflation target of 4 per

cent.

"The 56th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has brought in a two-rate structure with a standard rate of 18 per cent, a merit rate of 5 per cent and a special de-merit rate of 40 per cent for a select few goods and services (but inclusive of earlier compensation cess rate, and hence with no increase in overall tax burden)," she said.

This resulted in rationalisation of rates on many goods and services from 28 per cent to 18 per cent, 18 per cent to 12 or 5 per cent, and from 12 per cent to 5 per cent/nil.

In addition, she said, with a view to reduce input costs, boosting domestic manufacturing, promoting export competitiveness and supporting strategic sectors, the government announced in Union Budget 2026-27, rationalisation of Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on a host of goods with effect from February 2, 2026.

Modi Asks People to Hoist Tricolour

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged people to celebrate Independence Day by hoisting the Tricolour at every home across the country.

In an Instagram post, Modi said, "Come, let us make Har Ghar Tiranga a celebration in every home."

The Prime Minister urged people to celebrate August 15 with pride and honour and pay tribute to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country's independence.

"Come, let us celebrate August 15 with pride and honour, pay tribute to the freedom fighters, and pledge to build a developed India (Viksit Bharat). The Tricolour in every home, the Tricolour in every household, the Tricolour in every heart. Come, let us hoist the Tricolour at every home," Modi said.

The Prime Minister also shared a video of the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting, 'Mangal Milan', held at the GMC Balayogi Auditorium in the Parliament House Complex, where ministers and MPs greeted him by waving the national flag and raising 'Vande Mataram'



and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' slogans. Modi joined the NDA parliamentarians, holding a national flag and waving it to-

wards the members present.

On August 9, Modi had called upon citizens to participate enthusiastically in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement and renew their collective resolve to contribute towards building a 'Viksit Bharat'.

He had said that the Tricolour was a symbol of India's pride and a constant source of inspiration for every citizen to give their best for the nation.

Modi also expressed happiness that this year's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign is dedicated to 'Vande Mataram', as the nation marks the 150th anniversary of the national song.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister had said, "Our Tricolour is our pride and a constant source of inspiration to always give our best for the nation. Let us participate enthusiastically in the #HarGharTiranga movement and renew our collective resolve to contribute towards building a Viksit Bharat. Glad that this year's efforts are dedicated to Vande Mataram and that too at a time when we are marking its 150th anniversary."

CM Targets 15% Economic Growth For AP

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has called for a comprehensive action plan to achieve a 15 per cent economic growth rate for Andhra Pradesh, amid concerns over the impact of El Nino on the state's economy. Naidu on Tuesday directed the planning department to formulate plans to achieve AP's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) targets despite the El Nino crisis. He stressed the need for an approach covering factors from the state level to the grassroots and called for greater use of technology across departments, similar to the commercial

taxes department.

Earlier, the planning department officials presented the monthly economic report for July 2026 to Naidu at his camp office. The report said the state's growth rate had remained higher than the national growth rate over the past two years, with real GSDP growth rising from 6.5 per cent in 2023-24 to 9.9 per cent in 2025-26. The report recorded growth across the agriculture, industrial and services sectors. Industrial production increased by 8.2 per cent in July compared with June 2026, while spice production rose by 304 per cent during April-June, reaching



89,383 metric tonnes. Vegetable production increased by 44.8 per cent, livestock and meat production by 9.6 per cent, egg production by 5.1 per cent and marine shrimp production by 17 per cent. General exports increased by 10.5 per cent to '16,322 crore, while STPI exports grew by 32.2 per cent. Commercial vehicle purchases increased by 51.6 per cent. Technology integration helped GST collections rise by 21 per cent to '13,282 crore. Mineral production increased by 17.9 per cent and

power consumption by 22.2 per cent.

The state received 3.10 crore domestic tourists and 35,951 foreign tourists in July, according to the report. Investment inflows also remained encouraging, with mega projects worth '2.88 lakh crore grounded and registering 75.4 per cent progress. Investments of around '60,000 crore in the MSME sector recorded a 73.6 per cent increase. Tax and non-tax revenues also registered growth, the report said.

In the second quarter, the agriculture sector recorded 13.5 per cent growth while the industrial

and services sectors grew by 10.6 per cent and 9.9 per cent, respectively. The growth supported the state's economy and the implementation of welfare schemes while maintaining financial discipline, according to the report. Referring to deficient rainfall under the influence of El Nino, inadequate inflows into the Krishna river, low water levels in the Srisailem and Nagarjunasagar projects and declining groundwater levels, Naidu directed officials to coordinate and take measures to prevent these factors from adversely affecting the GSDP. He

called for comprehensive data analysis and corrective measures to address shortcomings. He also directed every department to manage its resources efficiently, achieve higher targets and ensure that measures to increase the state's growth rate did not impose any additional price burden on the people. The Chief Minister asked officials to prepare contingency plans focusing on water availability, value addition to products and other critical factors, while ensuring that products meant for international markets were not adversely affected.

Romanchakam title track impresses with Energetic Love Vibe

“Romanchakam,” presented by blockbuster director Sandeep Reddy Vanga and produced under the Bhadrakali Pictures banner, stars Sumanth Prabhaskar and Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead roles. The film is produced by Pranay Reddy Vanga and directed by debutant filmmaker Venu Gopal Reddy.

The movie is gearing up for a worldwide grand theatrical release on September 3. Meanwhile, the film's musical promotions are progressing successfully. The previously released song "Radha Ramana" received a huge response from music lovers. Now, the makers have released the title song from the film.

The second single from *Romanchakam* arrives with a completely different vibe and instantly grabs attention with its peppy energy. The song showcases Sumanth Prabhas and Ananthika Sanilkumar as a couple hopelessly immersed in love, with absolutely no concern for what is happening around them.

This track has been composed by music director Vasuki Vaibhav, who blends a catchy beat with a beautiful melody and also delivers an energetic vocal performance. Renowned lyricist Chandrabose has penned mature and effortless



lyrics that capture the emotions of young love.

The song beautifully portrays the excitement of first love and the cute, intimate moments that only lovers can truly experience. Sumanth Prabhās and Ananthika are the real visual highlights, as their expressions, dance moves and chemistry make the love story feel spontaneous rather than forced.

Romanchakam is directed by Venu Gopal Reddy and features Sumanth Prabhaskar and Ananthika Sanil Kumar in the lead, with Upendra Limaye, Venkatesh Kakumanu, Narendra Ravi, Mani Aegurla and Sai Sohan in important roles. Pavan Kumar Pappula is the cinematographer. Meeragh handles dialogues.



Irumudi will be a huge blockbuster - Ravi Teja

Irumudi starring Ravi Teja has become one of his most anticipated films. Shiva Nirvana is directing it in the production of prestigious production house Mythri Movie Makers. Priya Bhavani Shankar is playing leading lady with Baby Nakshatra as daughter of Ravi Teja. The movie trailer is released today to an unanimous positive reception.

The makers have held a grand trailer launch event at Bhimavaram in front of huge number of crowd. Mythri Ravi thanked Ravi Teja for accepting the role and he called him an all-rounder actor star who can pull off such a character. He promised to audiences that movie will be phenomenal.

Ravi Teja preferred to talk more about the film at another major pre-release event. But he shared his connection with Bhimavaram calling it his grandparents Village. He called Irumudi as a special film and stated that he is sure that it will be a big blockbuster and he will talk about it more about in the success events.



about the film until today as he wanted to showcase the trailer and then speak. He stated that Irumudi is about the emotional strings attached between a father and a daughter, a devotee and Lord Ayyappa. He stated that the film will be raw, intense and layered with all elements. He promised to deliver a completely immersive experience with the film to audiences in theatres. Irumudi with huge hype and anticipation is releasing on 21st August, worldwide.

Vijay Sethupathi's 'Baththa' to release worldwide on October 1



Chennai: The makers of director Balaji Tharaneetharan's upcoming film, featuring popular Tamil star Vijay Sethupathi in the lead, on Wednesday announced the title of the film as 'Baththa' and said that it would hit screens worldwide on October 1 this year. Geographic Reference The film, presented by Star Studio18 and well known director Atlee, and jointly produced by A for Apple Studios and Cine1 Studios Production, marks the third collaboration between Vijay Sethupathi and director Balaji Tharaneetharan.

Their previous films together — 'Naduvula Konjam Pakkatha Kaanom' and 'Seethakathi' — were both critically acclaimed with 'Naduvula Konjam Pakkatha Kaanom' going on to emerge a superhit. Needless to say, the fact that the two have once again come together for 'Baththa' has raised the expectations of fans and film buffs from the film.

'Baththa' will also mark the reunion of Vijay Sethupathi with director Atlee. It may be recalled that director Atlee and Vijay Sethupathi had earlier worked together in the immensely popular pan Indian blockbuster 'Jawan'. While Atlee had directed Vijay Sethupathi in Jawan, he has produced 'Baththa'. Also, while Vijay Sethupathi had played a pivotal role in 'Jawan', he has now played the lead in 'Baththa', which is being presented by Atlee.

Lijomol Jose, who played a pivotal role in 'Jai Bhim', is playing the female lead in this film, which has music being scored by Sai Abhyankkar, one of the most promising young composers.

Cinematography for the film is by Selvakumar SK while R. Kalaivanan has served as the film's editor. T. Muthuraj is the Production Designer, and Ashwin Murugan has worked as the film's co-producer.

'Baththa' has been produced by Murad Khetani, Priya Atlee, Alok Jain, and Ajit Andhare. Bringing together leading actor Vijay Sethupathi, director Balaji Tharaneetharan, and some of Indian cinema's prominent production houses, Baththa is set to release in theatres worldwide on October 1.

Rashi Singh's Playful Orange Saree Look Wins Hearts

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Rashi Singh radiates charm in this vibrant traditional look. Turning playfully over her shoulder, she wears a bright orange embroidered blouse and matching saree, adorned with orange bangles, a bindi, and a flower in her long curly hair. Her expressive eyes and soft smile create an engaging, lively portrait.

Born in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh, Rashi Singh worked briefly as an air hostess after participating in beauty pageants before entering films. She made her acting debut in the Telugu romantic drama *Sashi* (2021) as Sunitha opposite Aadi Saikumar.

She followed it with roles in Prem Kumar (2023), the horror-comedy Bhoothaddam Bhaskar Narayana (2024) as Lakshmi, and the crime thriller Prasanna Vadanam (2024) as ACP Vaidehi, earning praise for her performance. Later credits include Blind Spot (2025), Paanch Minar (2025) as Khyathi, and Santhana Prapthirasthu (2025). She has also appeared in the web series Papam Pasivadu (2023) and 3 Roses Season 2 (2025).

Recent and ongoing projects feature Transfer Trimurthulu (2026) as Lakshmi opposite Vadde Naveen and the female-centric entertainer Gossip (2026), directed by Vaibhav Koundinya. This colorful, spirited image reflects the fresh energy she brings to Telugu cinema.

Krithi Shetty goes Fanaa over a beautiful melody

Krithi Shetty has a strong presence on social media but she doesn't post too many reels. But whenever she decides to drop one, she makes sure that viewers' skip a beat. Recently, she posted a reel for highly melodious and addictive song, Fanaa from High movie and it is spell-binding.

S. Krishna has written and directed the film while he is also playing the leading role. With leading lady Ananya Sharma, he presented a wonderful chemistry on screen in the song. Famous lyricist Ramjogayya Sastry has written the lyrics for this song composed by Vivek Badisa and sung beautifully by Shahzad Ali. The qawwali style composition gives an instant high of romantic emotions upon first hearing. Even Krithi Shetty fell in love with the song due to this quality.

We see her waiting for her significant other to fulfil her desires to have such a great romantic ballad and make memories in the video. Her dressing sense, beautiful frames, visual aesthetics would compel audiences watch it on repeats.

Recently, High makers unveiled this song in front of 300 social media influencers as the story revolves around the new-age influencers. S Krishna is producing the film with Harish Peddi and Sekhar Divvela. The first single leaves a very positive impression on the film. With Krithi's reel, definitely the song's reach is going to increase enormously increasing buzz for the film to next level.

