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Unveils Statues of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Smt. Savitribai Phule CM Anumula Revanth Reddy

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August 14 : We see statues of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, and Rajiv Gandhi wherever we go in the country. Here, we have unveiled statues of Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, P.V. Narasimha Rao, and Jyotiba Phule; we must excel in education drawing inspiration from them. The Necklace Road junction has now been transformed into a magnificent intersection. A statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar who gave us the Constitution and the right to vote has been unveiled here. 150 years ago, Jyotiba Phule stood as a role model by recognizing that education was the only path forward; he not only educated himself but also ensured his wife received an education. The fact that, even though he passed away 150 years ago, the current generation still regards him as an exemplary figure speaks to the greatness of his vision. Our government is carrying forward the ideals of Jyotiba Phule. Education alone provides self-respect and recognition; it



enables one to hold their head high. For the eradication of the caste system and to foster social consciousness, everyone... This is achievable through studying and living together. That is why we are introducing integrated residential schools and completely overhauling the education system. We are providing all facilities, including breakfast, starting from the nursery level. From this academic year, we are depositing ₹2,400 crore towards fee reimbursement directly into bank accounts in ad-

vance. We ensure transparent fee reimbursement, depositing ₹2,300 crore annually into students' accounts; we have already allocated Rs. 250 crore as an advance. If students apply online, the reimbursement amount is credited to their accounts within a month. We pay fees in advance so that no college withholds certificates due to non-payment. Possessing an engineering or medical degree alone is no longer sufficient; we are imparting skill training alongside academics

from nursery through Class 12. Skills lead to employment; for instance, nursing jobs offering salaries of ₹2 lakh are available in countries like Germany and Japan. Students must acquire technical skills, especially since even IT professionals are losing jobs and returning home. In 2024, in collaboration with the Tata Group, across 119 constituencies. We have established ATCs (Advanced Technology Centres); students joining them receive a monthly stipend of ₹2,000. We are imparting technical skills alongside formal education. Merely holding a certificate does not guarantee a job anymore; notably, 60% of those selected in Group-1 recruitments belong to the BC (Backward Classes) community. Today, a vast number of student up to 90% score full marks (100/100); academic competition has intensified, and we have excelled in this competitive world. We established the Young India Sports University and are providing government jobs to those who excel in sports such as the jobs given to Siraj, Nikhat, and Deepthi. I approach this with the same sense



of responsibility a parent feels; it is my duty to provide both cash rewards and jobs to those who excel in sports and win medals. Opportunities arise through education, and one must seize them. Driven by social consciousness, the government is taking revolutionary decisions. The Madiga community fought for decades for SC categorization; we your 'Revanth Anna' resolved this issue by implementing SC categorization for the first time in the country. No one else in the nation dared to conduct a BC census; indeed,

no one had undertaken a BC census since the British era, but we... We conducted a census and determined the exact count of the Backward Classes (BCs); we completed the BC census within a year. Former Chief Ministers and Ministers opposed the caste census and refused to participate in it. Ours was the first state to conduct a caste census. To provide jobs to the weaker sections, we needed to know their numbers; that is why we conducted the caste census. We are resolving issues one by one. The

previous government told people to rear buffaloes and sheep, stitch footwear, and catch fish. Their intention was for their own children to rule the state. They encouraged rearing sheep and buffaloes because they feared BCs would demand a share in political power. Are we still expected to stitch footwear? Are we still expected to herd sheep and buffaloes? Shouldn't this community get educated? Shouldn't they become IAS and IPS officers, ministers, and MLAs? Education alone changes destinies and

transforms Telangana; education is the only solution and the right path. Education is the way to put Telangana on the global map. Inspired by Jyotirao Phule, students should enter legislative bodies and become doctors and engineers. Providing quality education and nutritious food is my responsibility. The responsibility of delivering results is mine; I will work 18 hours a day for your golden future. Such a great opportunity will not come again; this government must be continued.

The Nature of Crimes Is Changing All The Time: DGP Anand

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Direct Voice State Bureau Chief HYD August 14 : Telangana DGP CV Anand commented that the nature of crimes is changing from time to time. He said that retired employees are the most affected by cyber crimes. The DGP participated in the Suraksha Ka Tiranga cyber awareness program organized by the Telangana Cyber ??Secu-

He spoke on the occasion. The DGP said that they are creating awareness by involving retired employees and senior citizens in the Suraksha Ka Tiranga program. He said that till a few years ago, physical abuses used to happen. But now narcotic and cyber crimes have increased. He said that students and youth are destroying their lives due to the effects of nar-

cotics. He said that those affected by cyber crimes are reluctant to even file a complaint. Investment frauds are on the rise. Those who are victims of cybercrime... who cares what others think? The DGP said that they are not even talking about it. He said that they have identified 40 types of cyber crimes. He explained that most of these are investment



frauds. No matter how much they try to prevent it, cyber criminals are constantly updating themselves and committing new cyber crimes, said DGP CV Anand.

Key Responsibilities of Cart Bandi Sanjay

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad August 14 : The Kamalam Party is moving its pawns with the aim of securing a seat of power in Hyderabad and Telangana. In this context, whether there will be changes in the leadership to prepare the party for the upcoming assembly elections, or whether the current leadership will continue, has become a

hot topic of discussion in state politics. In particular, there is a campaign that the reins of the state party will be handed over to Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, who had previously led the party, replacing the current state president Ramchandra Rao. Although Bandi Sanjay's name is prominent in political circles, there are no clear signs of a change in leadership from the BJP national leadership. According to the schedule, the Telangana assembly elections are to be held in 2028. If the 'Jamili' policy proposed by the Center comes into effect, these are likely to change by May or June 2029. Based on this calculation, the term of the current president Ramchandra Rao will be about two more years. Moreover, since there is still enough time for the elections, the high command seems to feel that there is a risk of new discontent and

coordination problems in the party by changing the president in a hurry now. Not only Bandi Sanjay, but also some other top leaders are in the race for the post of state president. Bandi Sanjay has the experience of aggressively taking the BJP forward in Telangana. The immense craze among the workers and the belief that he can give a tough competition to the ruling party are positive aspects for him. Etala Rajendar, Dharma Puri Arvind, and Raghunandan Rao are also hoping for the party president's post. It is being said that these senior MPs, who have a good grip on the field level, are also in talks with the national leadership for the presidential responsibilities. However, if a new president is appointed, it will take some time for him to gain full control over the party across the state. Some are analyzing that

this hiatus may turn out to be a disadvantage for the party come election time. That is why, instead of changing the president, the high command is reportedly planning to keep Ramchandra Rao in office while assigning various key responsibilities to other key leaders in the race. The party is focusing on strengthening the party constituency-wise, winning over strong social groups towards the BJP and increasing coordination among leaders. In short, despite the fact that the names of Bandi Sanjay or other leaders are in the news, for now, it seems likely that Kamal Nath will move forward under the leadership of Ramchandra Rao. However, we will have to wait and see what decision the high command takes at the last minute, depending on the 'Jamili' decision and the changing political equations!

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79 Years of Freedom: The India We Built, The India We Are Becoming

On the Eve of Independence Day, A Look at India's Extraordinary Journey Since 1947 By DIRECT VOICE Editorial Board : D. Dinesh Chander As India prepares to celebrate its 80th Independence Day on August 15, 2026, the tricolour once again reminds us of a journey that began on August 15, 1947. At the stroke of midnight, India inherited not a superpower, but a deeply wounded and impoverished nation facing enormous challenges—poverty, illiteracy, food insecurity, weak infrastructure and limited industrial and technological capacity. Seventy-nine years later, the picture is dramatically different. India is today a major economic power, a nuclear nation, a spacefaring country, a growing defence manufacturer, a digital technology leader and an increasingly influential voice in global affairs. This transformation was not created overnight, nor does it belong exclusively to any one political party. Every generation and successive governments contributed to India's progress. But as we look particularly at the last 12 years under BJP-led governments, the scale of infrastructure expansion, technological ambition, defence indigenisation and India's global positioning deserves recognition. From building institutions to expanding opportunity Independent India's early decades created important institutions that became the backbone of national development. Today, those foundations are being expanded. The number of IIMs increased from 13 in 2014 to 21, while the number of AIIMS institutions increased from 7 to 20. Medical colleges have also expanded dramatically, providing substantially greater access to medical education. This expansion matters because a nation's future is ultimately built in its classrooms, laboratories and hospitals. From looking at the sky to reaching the Moon and the Sun Few stories demonstrate India's transformation better than its space programme. From launching satellites primarily for communication and development, India has progressed to missions such as Chandrayaan, Mangalyaan and Aditya-L1. India has demonstrated the ability to soft-land on the Moon, study the solar system and operate sophisticated space missions. The message is powerful: A country once struggling with basic necessities is now contributing to humanity's understanding of space. That achievement belongs to generations of Indian scientists and engineers, but the expansion of India's space ambitions in recent years has given the programme a new global visibility. From importing defence equipment to building it India's security environment has always demanded strong armed forces. For decades, however, India remained heavily dependent on foreign defence imports. The emphasis on Atmanirbhar Bharat and defence indigenisation has begun changing that equation. India is producing systems such as Tejas fighter aircraft, BrahMos, Akash air-defence systems, artillery platforms, helicopters and naval equipment, while defence production and exports have reached record levels. The importance of this change goes beyond military hardware. A nation that can design and manufacture its own defence systems possesses greater strategic independence. The Indian soldier deserves not only courage from the nation but also the best technology the nation can provide. Missiles, satellites and strategic confidence India's missile and strategic pro-

CM's Public Meeting Arrangements Complete in Sangareddy

Direct voice Bureau Chief SANGAREDDY August 14: Arrangements are being made on a large scale for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's public meeting scheduled to be held in Sangareddy on Saturday, TPCC Working President T. Jayaprakash Reddy (Jagga Reddy) said. Jagga Reddy, along with DCC President Nirmala Jagga Reddy, inspected the arrangements for the public meeting on Friday. He said preparations were underway to ensure the participation of around one lakh people in the meeting. He said that preparations for the programme were being

reviewed regularly with TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy, Damodar Raja Narasimha and Vivek Venkataswamy to make the meeting a success. The Chief Minister will unveil the statues of former Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Rajiv Gandhi at IB Chaurasta in Sangareddy, Jagga Reddy said. He added that around 50,000 people from the Sangareddy Assembly constituency alone are expected to attend the meeting. Criticising the previous government for providing ration cards inadequately, Jagga Reddy said the Congress



government had initiated the distribution of smart ration cards and would provide them to 1.05 crore beneficiaries across Telangana. "He also said German sheds were being erected at the venue to ensure that the public would not face any inconvenience in case of rain. Constituency Convener Chereyala Anjaneyulu, TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, Block Congress President George, and leaders Kiran Goud, Kuna Santosh, Hafez Shaik Shafi, Salauddin (Babbu) Faiz, Syed Arif, and others were present.

Warangal Police Officers' Association Elects New Executive Body

DIRECT VOICE Reporter Md Amzath, Hanumakonda Aug 14: Elections to the new executive body of the Warangal Police Officers' Association were conducted on Thursday at the Rani Rudrama Devi premises of the Warangal Commissionerate office. "The elections were held under the directions of Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shwetha, IPS. The process was conducted transparently under the supervision of Election Nodal Officer and Additional DCP Prabhakar Rao, Election



Management Committee member Additional DCP Srinivas, and ACPs Sadaiah and Nagaiah. "A total of 110 police officers from various ranks exercised their voting

rights. Police Commissioner N. Shwetha personally reviewed the election process and issued instructions to the officials to conduct the elections in a transparent manner. "In the election for President, Konda Karunakar, a constable attached to Dharma Sagar Police Station, defeated AR Head Constable T. Babu by a margin of 17

votes and was elected President. "B. Satish and B. Sharath Kumar were elected Vice-Presidents. Dame Sri E. Veerabhadra Rao was elected General Secretary, T. Naresh as Joint Secretary, S. Praveen Kumar as Executive Secretary, and B. Naresh as Treasurer. "M. Tulasi, C.H. Mahender Yadav, A. Ramesh, N. Praveen, M.D. Tajuddin and P. Sarvesh were elected as Executive Members. Police Commissioner N. Shwetha congratulated the newly elected executive body members.

Hospital construction should be completed by December Collector Ankit

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Bhadradi August 14 : District Collector Ankit conducted extensive field inspections in Illandu town on Friday. On this occasion, he inspected the construction work of a hundred-bed government hospital being built at a cost of Rs. 37.50 crore, water storage in Illandu lake, education, accommodation, food and basic facilities being provided to students at Sundimalla TGWRS school and college. He reviewed the respective issues with the relevant officials and issued several suggestions and orders. "The District Collector inspected the construction work of a hundred-bed government hospital being newly built at a cost of Rs. 37.50 crore in Illandu town at the field level. He inquired about the progress of the work completed so far and the ongoing work from the relevant officials. The officials reviewed the hospital construction map and discussed the provision of facilities such as inpatient and outpatient departments, ICU, emergency department, wards, waiting hall, toilets, etc. The Collector suggested that all departments should be

conveniently and planned so that patients and their assistants coming to the hospital do not face any difficulties. He stated that once the new 100-bed hospital is available, better medical services will be available to the people of the surrounding areas of Illandu. He ordered that emergency, ICU and other departments should be set up with necessary facilities so that emergency medical services are provided in a timely manner. The Collector clarified that an action plan should be drawn up to complete the construction work of the hospital by December and the pace of the work should be increased. He suggested that the construction company and the officials of the relevant departments should work in coordination. He ordered that the quality standards in the construction work should not be reduced under any circumstances and that the quality of the construction materials used should be checked from time to time. He clarified that the construction work should be carried out as per the specified standards without any compromise in the quality of the work.



In the same vein, the Collector inspected the Illandu pond. The officials were asked about the current water level, water storage, full water level, maximum water level, amount of water used for daily drinking water needs, water discharge, etc. The officials said that the full water level of the tank is 219.150 meters, the maximum water level is 219.750 meters, the full storage capacity is 45 MCFT, the water area is 136.23 acres, and the catchment area is 26 square kilometers. The officials explained that 0.0177 MCFT of water is being used for daily drinking water needs, which is equivalent to approximately 5.01 lakh liters. The collector suggested that the available water reserves should be used in

a planned manner, giving priority to drinking water needs. He ordered that water management should be undertaken keeping in mind future drinking water needs and steps should be taken to prevent water wastage. He spoke directly to the 10th grade students and inquired about the facilities provided in the school, education, textbooks, uniforms, accommodation, meals, etc. The principal explained to the Collector that the 10th grade students had achieved 100 percent pass rate in the last academic year. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector suggested that special activities be designed so that the students achieve 100 percent pass rate in this academic year as well, maintaining the re-

sults achieved last year. He directed that the students who are lagging behind in their studies should be identified and given special instruction, and that the teachers should continuously monitor the academic progress of each student. The Collector inquired whether the students were using the library, computer lab and other facilities in the school properly. The Collector inspected the canteen and inquired whether the students were being served meals as per the menu prescribed by the government. He inquired about the gas cylinders used for cooking, supply of food items, functioning of the Food Monitoring Committee, etc.

We Can Bring About Political Change in Telangana

Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy



Bureau Chief Nalgonda August 14“Munugode MLA and senior Congress leader Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy made sensational remarks. He stated that a change in Telangana's politics is necessary and that, with honest and dedicated leaders, such a transformation makin to the one seen in Tamil Nadu could be achieved. He made these comments while attending a book launch event for artist Epur Somanna in Hyderabad. He expressed deep dissatisfaction over individuals with no ties to the Congress party holding key positions in the Revanth Reddy government, noting that it is distressing to see those who previously opposed the Congress party now in power.

Must Work Effectively for Problem Resolution and Coordination

District SP Rohit Raju, IPS



Bureau Chief August 14 :The elections for the new executive committee of the Bhadradi District Police Officers' Association have concluded successfully. On Friday, District SP Rohit Raju (IPS) congratulated the newly elected office bearers including the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Organizing Secretary, Treasurer, and executive committee members. The SP expressed his hope that the new committee would work effectively to ensure the welfare of police officers and staff, resolve issues, and foster coordination. He advised them to strengthen mutual cooperation

and unity within the police department and to serve as an inspiration while discharging their duties. The SP assured that the district police department would extend full support to the association's efforts regarding the welfare of police officers and personnel. New Executive Committee: President: S. Ramakrishna (Head Constable, Bayyaram); Vice-Presidents: Krishna Rao (Welfare Reserve Inspector) and Pathan Nagulmeera Khan (SI, Komaram); Secretary: Srinivas (SB Inspector); Joint Secretary: B. Shankar (PC, Kothagudem 1-Town Police Station); Organizing Secretary: K. Veeresh Kumar (PC,

DAR, Bhadradi Kothagudem); Treasurer: M.D. Rafi, a Head Constable at the Kothagudem Traffic Police Station, was elected. Additionally, the following were elected as members of the new executive committee: Bhadrachalam PC B. Ravindar, Kothagudem Three-Town PC Y. Chiranjeevi, Dammam PC A. Ramakrishna Reddy, Lakshmidevipalli ASI K. Kasturi, ARPC B. Krishnaiah, and ARPCM. Chandrasekhar. District police officials and staff extended their congratulations to the new executive committee. AR DSP Satyanarayana, along with members of the Police Officers' Association and staff, participated in the event.

Purification Is a Hoax, A Play Played By BJP - Congress ranks march in solidarity with Kharge

Congress ranks stage half-naked Satyagraha rally in protest against Haldwani incident

Organized by DCC President Ayub, MLCs and MLAs participated

Bureau Chief Warangal August 14: Strongly condemning the humiliating act committed against All India Congress Committee President Mallikarjun Kharge in Haldwani, Uttarakhand, and as per the orders of AICC and TPCC, this Satyagraha rally started from Venkatarama Junction on Friday under the leadership of Warangal District Congress Party President Mohammed Ayub. The Congress party ranks staged a half-naked demonstration and continued till the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Kasibugga. Wardhannapet MLA KR Nagaraju and MLC Baswaraju Saraiah attended the event as chief guests and expressed solidarity with the Congress ranks. Later, they anointed the statue of Dr. BR Ambedkar with milk, garlanded it, paid tributes and raised slogans of Jai Bhim. “Speaking on the occasion, District Congress Party President Ayub said, The shameful act committed against Congress Party National President Mallikarjun Kharge in Haldwani is extremely painful. He said that insulting and

discriminating against a person in the name of caste and religion is completely against the spirit of the Indian Constitution. He lamented that BJP and RSS supporters have staged a sham drama by bringing and purifying holy Ganga water in front of temples and mosques. He said that the Congress Party will continuously fight for a society free from caste and religious discrimination and for the protection of constitutional values. He reminded that the Constitution of India has provided equality, social justice, brotherhood and freedom to every citizen and it is everyone's responsibility to protect these values. It is unfortunate that regressive ideas like caste discrimination and untouchability are being promoted while the country is moving towards development. Mohammed Ayub made it clear that no one has the right to look down on anyone based on their caste, religion or social background. He said that the Congress Party will always fight for social justice and equality and will



strongly oppose any action that violates constitutional values in a democratic manner. Ayub said that he expresses complete solidarity with Mallikarjun Kharge on behalf of the Warangal District Congress Party. He said that he will continuously fight under the leadership of the Congress Party to protect social harmony, democratic values and constitutional rights in the country. He said that through this program, the message that the Congress Party stands united against discrimination, for social justice and for the protection of the Constitution has been conveyed to the people. “Former corporators, public representatives, presidents of state, district, mandal, urban and divisional Congress committees, leaders of affiliated associations, Youth Congress, Women's Congress, leaders, activists and others participated in the program in large numbers.

CM's Visit Arrangements Should be Made in a Proper manner

District Collector Chahat Bajpai, CP Shwetha instruct officials

Bureau Chief Warangal August 14“In the backdrop of Telangana State Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu laying the foundation stone and inauguration of several development programmes in Parakala, Hanamakonda district on the 16th of this month and participating in the public meeting to be held afterwards, District Collector Chahat Bajpai and City Police Commissioner Shwetha have instructed officials to make proper arrangements for the visit. On Friday, District Collector Chahat Bajpai, CP Shwetha along with ISW SP Basha inspected the public meeting premises in Parakala at the field level. On this

occasion, a coordination meeting was held with officials of various departments and the arrangements to be made for the successful conduct of the Chief Minister's visit were reviewed. “The Collector and CP inspected the arrangements related to waterproof tents, assembly platform, people, VIPs, traffic control, parking, sanitation, toilets, drinking water supply, etc. set up in the assembly premises. The officers were instructed to make appropriate arrangements so that the people coming for the tour do not face any inconvenience. Special attention should be paid to sanitation management,



drinking water supply, electricity, parking, etc. in the assembly premises. Police officers were instructed to take action with advance planning so as not to disrupt traffic. The officers of all departments were advised to work in coordination with each other and effectively discharge the responsibilities assigned to them. It was made clear that all the work should be completed in advance without any shortcomings in the arrangements related to the Chief Minister's visit. “GWMC Commissioner T. Venkanna, DCP Ankit, district officers, officers of Revenue, Engineering, Municipal, Police and other departments participated in this program.

Insulting Kharge is an Insult to the Self-respect of Dalits and Tribals Across the Country

Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavya

Bureau Chief Warangal August 14“A Satyagraha protest was held on Friday under the aegis of the Hanamakonda District Congress Committee (DCC) to condemn the manner in which BJP leaders treated AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge. Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavya participated in the event which began at Ambedkar Junction under the leadership of DCC President Inagala Venkatrami Reddy alongside Warangal West MLA Naini

Rajender Reddy and Wardhannapet MLA KR Nagaraju. Subsequently, Dr. Kadiyam Kavya garlanded the Ambedkar statue and joined a protest rally, walking from there to the Gandhi statue in the Public Gardens. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kadiyam Kavya stated that insulting AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge was not merely an insult to an individual, but an affront to the self-respect of Dalits and Tribals nationwide. She remarked

that it was deeply distressing to see such disrespectful behavior directed at a leader like Kharge, whom the Congress party had elevated to the highest position of National President. She made it clear that the Congress party would continue its struggle until the BJP apologized for the incident. She further observed that there appears to be a continuing pattern of insults directed at figures like Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram. The MP

expressed regret over having to protest against such an incident just a day before Independence Day. She alleged that the BJP pursues politics that divide people along caste and religious lines. MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavya also sharply criticized the Central Government's conduct while public issues were being raised in Parliament. She noted that while incidents involving students needed to be questioned in the House, the sessions concluded with-

out Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah even attending. She criticized the Central Government for passing bills of its choice without providing full information to MPs or the public. She stated that while broad discussion and public opinion are essential for critical issues like delimitation, the BJP government is acting arbitrarily. She remarked that arresting students individually and subjecting them to harassment

after they had staged a protest goes against the spirit of democracy. Dr. Kadiyam Kavya asserted that for India to remain a secular nation and for every citizen to live with dignity exercising the rights guaranteed by the Constitution drafted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is crucial to strengthen the Congress party. She stated that the Congress, under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, is continuously fighting to uphold the Constitution and ensure social justice. She



called upon every Congress worker to work like a soldier to strengthen the party and move forward with the goal of seeing Rahul Gandhi become the Prime Minister. They urged the people to unite to safeguard democratic values and prevent the recurrence of such incidents. A large number of TPCC and DCC leaders, public representatives, and Congress party leaders and activists participated in the event.

Madhira Development Works Must Be Completed Speedily And With High Quality Quality Standards Must Be Strictly Adhered to District Collector Diwakara T.S.

T Venkat Rathod Bureau Chief Khammam August 14.: District Collector Diwakara T.S. inspected the ongoing Under-ground Drainage (UGD) and Vaira Tank retaining wall construction works in Madhira town. He directed officials to ensure the projects are completed speedily and in compliance with quality standards so they can be made available for public use. On Friday, the Collector inspected the UGD and retaining wall works in Madhira town. He visited the sites and inquired about the work completed so far, construction progress, the pace of work, and the quality of construction materials. He emphasized that the projects initiated by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka must proceed according to the set targets. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Diwakara T.S. stated that the completion of UGD works would improve sanitation conditions in Madhira town and provide a permanent solution to the

sewage problem. He advised that the work be executed in a planned, phased manner within the stipulated deadline, ensuring no inconvenience to the public. He also directed officials to make alternative arrangements to avoid disrupting public movement during the UGD works and to undertake road restoration immediately after the work is completed. Instructions were issued to implement safety measures and set up warning boards to alert the public. "Similarly, the Collector inspected the retaining wall construction work at the Wyra Tank in Madhira and inquired about the details from the concerned officials. It was noted that once completed, the retaining wall would mitigate flood and water-flow risks in the tank's catchment area, thereby helping to protect both people and property. Emphasis was placed on the necessity of quality testing for materials such as cement, sand, gravel, and steel and the need for engineering officials



to supervise every stage of construction. Officials were instructed to immediately resolve any technical issues to prevent work stoppages, continuously monitor progress to ensure timely completion, and diligently execute all development projects. The Collector directed officials from various departments to coordinate effectively and supervise the work closely. He emphasized that the primary objective should be to achieve government-set targets while providing quality infrastructure to the public.

Cabinet Meeting Chaired By CM Revanth At the Secretariat Decision To Form Special Committees To Organize The onference

Yamsani SAI State Bureau Chief Warangal August 14 : Telangana Rising Global Summit 2.0 to be held on December 7th, 8th and 9th. The state cabinet has decided to organize the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2.0. The conference will be held on December 7, 8, and 9. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Sridhar Babu, Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Vivek Venkataswamy have formed a sub-committee and special committees to organize the conference. Just like last year's Telangana Rising 2047 Vision was unveiled, this time the cabinet approved the organization of the Telangana conference



with the theme of Invest. On this occasion, the Future City Plan was unveiled. In the cabinet meeting chaired by CM Revanth Reddy, several key decisions were taken including the Telangana Rising Summit, distribution of smart ration cards, and subsidy for the poor. Cabinet meeting Minister Ponguleti announced the decisions of the cabinet meeting. The ministers explained that this time the conference will be held to showcase to the world the immense opportunities for industries and investments in our state, mainly in the D.F aerospace, and pharmaceutical sectors. "Distribution of smart cards today" In-

dependence Day celebrations "On the occasion, the cabinet decided to conduct a grand program of distribution of smart ration cards to the beneficiaries of the Besan-Radar in the state. It was also decided to make arrangements in all the districts for this. During the previous government's tenure,

there were 2.81 crore ration card beneficiaries in the state but after the Praja government came to power, new ration cards were issued, Minister Ponguleti said. He said, 62 lakh new ration cards. He said that Abdi has contributed. He said that there are a total of 3.42 crore ration beneficiaries in the state today. The government has made all arrangements for issuing smart cards to them. The minister said, Ponguleti. Bonus for seven types of Sanna To promote the cultivation of seven types of Nanna Thasyam for the monsoon crop and to educate farmers to increase the cultivation of those seven types.

help build self-confidence in girls and equip them with the ability to protect themselves during emergencies. DCP Anuradha of LB Nagar, Usha Rani of Women Safety Wing, several Inspectors, and other Karate instructors Moiz, Rajasekhar, Anil, and Veena participated in the program.

State Bureau Chief Karimnagar August 14: Malkajgiri Commissionerate Police Commissioner B. Sumathi inaugurated the 'Dheera' program on Thursday at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Gurukul School in Munaganoor, Thorur Division. The program is being run under the Women Safety Wing. As part of this, training for girls on self-defense, discipline, mental courage, and personal safety through martial arts was launched. On this occasion, CP Sumathi felicitated Karate trainer K. Vasanth Kumar, who is providing martial arts training to the girls. Officials stated that such training programs will



'Har Ghar Tiranga' Program Celebrated Grandly Under NCC Auspices



Bureau Chief, Khammam, August 14. The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' program was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Thursday under the aegis of the NCC to mark Independence Day. NCC cadets and students actively participated in the event held at SR & BGNR Government Degree College in Khammam. "Holding national flags and raising patriotic slogans, the students and cadets demonstrated their patriotism and commitment to national unity. Organizers urged everyone to hoist the national flag at every home and strengthen the spirit of patriotism while honoring the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and soldiers. M.A. Farah, 'Mrs. India' first runner-up and 'Fit India' ambassador, was a special attraction at the event; she enthusiastically joined the NCC cadets and students, holding the national flag. Many appreciated her efforts to foster awareness about health and fitness alongside patriotism among the youth. NCC cadets, college students, faculty members, ex-servicemen, officials, and various dignitaries participated in the event. The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' program was conducted in a spirited atmosphere, reflecting patriotism, national unity, and reverence for the tricolor flag.

Secular Writers Forum To Hold State Conference In Khammam On 16th

Bureau Chief Bhadradi August 14 : The second state conference of the Secular Writers Forum will be held on 16th of this month at the function hall of the venue, said the Secular Writers Forum officials. On Friday, the poster of the state conference was unveiled by renowned poet Jeevan and the pamphlet was unveiled by Sparsha Bhaskar, the in-charge of Sparsha Adhyayan Vedita. Jeevan and Bhaskar said that these conferences are being organized with the

aim of protecting the basic democratic principles of the Constitution such as democratic cultural dialogue - multicultural existence, justice, freedom, equality and fraternity. They said that the conference will begin at 10 am on the 16th at the Vedika Function Hall. In the conference on the topic of democracy and cultural dialogue, prominent poet and analyst Prasen will deliver the inaugural address, while Jahaara will speak on the topic of democracy, citizenship issues and chal-



lenges, and Jeelukara Srinivas will speak on the topic of multiple entities in literature. They said that R. Sitaram will speak on the topic of current social context and group practice. Jeevan and Bhaskar said that Mettu Ravinder, Pasunuri Ravinder, and Sunkireddy Narayana Reddy will act as presidents on various occasions. They asked that these conferences, which will be held as writings and practices, should be successful, bringing together India with values such as protection of democracy, justice, freedom and so on. Poets Sitaram, Prasen, Ramesh Kumar, Phani, Madhavi, Kannaju, Subhashini, Chirra Ravi and others participated in the poster and pamphlet release program.

Questioned In This Country For Some Time Is A Traitor A Foreigner

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanur
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August 14 : Home Minister Amit Shah, who has been avoiding the media in Parliament for the last 20 days, has come to a situation where he has no choice but to answer. The mainstream media did not even cover the Delhi agitations. But Jharkhand has covered the ongoing protests well. This is just a play played by the BJP. On one hand, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat talks to the media that the genji are traitors of the country and that the authorities should listen to their demands and solve their problems. All kinds of double standards are possible only for our political parties. That is why the youth of this country have lost faith in our traditional political parties. They are not dependent on any party. They are taking independent leadership and are agitating for the solution of problems. The famous Indian English poet and writer Ruskin Bond wrote a poem called 'If only rats roared.' It contains all such absurd and improbable things. But even smaller creatures, cockroaches, roared in the national capital to

Pradha n. Moreover, as a result of their roar, the examination law has got more fangs. The investigation into the leakage of water UG question papers has intensified. Above all, a consciousness has been ignited among the dormant student youth. Lathis, bullets and barricades could not stop them. The anti-corruption movement that took place at Jantar Mantar took the Delhi seat It was a huge uproar. Thousands of young people, led by Cockroach Janata Party founder Abhijit Deepke, questioned the government's incompetence. This was fueled by Sonam Wangchuk's hunger strike. Parliament's activities were paralysed. The Prime Minister had to resign in a desperate situation. Another demand was compensation of Rs 1 crore to the families of the water victims. Although the Act to strictly conduct the tests was passed in 2024, it was not implemented properly. Now, some more classes have been added to it and 10 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 10 crore have been included in this Act for

day and forced the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Moreover, as a result of their roar, the examination law has got more fangs. The investigation into the leakage of water UG question papers has intensified. Above all, a consciousness has been ignited among the dormant student youth. Lathis, bullets and barricades could not stop them. The anti-corruption movement that took place at Jantar Mantar took the Delhi seat. It was a huge uproar. Thousands of young people, led by Cockroach Janata Party founder Abhijit Deepke, questioned the government's incompetence. This was fueled by Sonam Wangchuk's hunger strike. Parliament's activities were paralysed. The Prime Minister had to resign in a desperate situation. Another demand was compensation of Rs 1 crore to the families of the water victims. Although the Act to strictly conduct the tests was passed in 2024, it was not implemented properly. Now, some more classes have been added to it and 10 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 10 crore have been included in this Act for

those responsible for leakage. Cockroach Janat a Party is just an online party but it has a huge following. The youth, who have lost faith in traditional parties, expressed their support for it and risked their lives to participate in the agitation at Jantar Mantar. The mainstream media did not give it publicity. The BJS and its affiliated branches branded this movement as treason. They promoted them as anarchic forces and anti-social elements. But the CJP concentrated all its energies on the resignation of the Education Minister and compensation for the NEET victims and succeeded in that. Their desire was that the conduct of the examinations should be carried out in a disciplined manner because for some time now, examinations in the country have lost their sanctity and have become a mockery. Leakage of question papers has become common. As a result, students and youth have lost faith in the system. Employees have also had similar experiences. All this is a factor that has come together for the CJP. That is why they took part in this movement with de-

termination. Lathis with pellets and goats did not stand in the way of their courage. That is why the CJP was able to make its agitation successful even though no party directly participated. It gave a good message to the country. Inspired by this message, now the Genki movements have spread across the country. It is learnt that the youth are planning to hold agitations in Telangana state against the closure of schools and the release of notifications for the implementation of the job calendar. Similarly, in Andhra Pradesh state, we are hearing that the Gen Z youth are planning to hold agitations against the coalition government implementing anti - people policies. In some other states too, we are reading that the youth will be alert and will come out on the roads to protest the governments and their corrupt activities. Especially, reforms in the education system, leakage of question papers in exams, and corruption are going to be their main issues. The state of Jharkhand in eastern India is blocking the road today. There is a large protest there against the irregularities in the ex-

ams conducted by the Jharkhand Public Service Commission and the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission. Youth protests. Jharkhand Lok Tantrik Krantikari Morcha leader Devendranath Mehto has been on a hunger strike for over nine days and has lost 10.5 kg. Police resorted to lathicharge during the protests on Monday. Protesters are holding their protests at Kaipal Singh Munda Stadium in Ranchi. The incident against them In protest against the lathicharge, the state BJP president, former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi, the leader of the opposition in the assembly, called for a state bandh on the 11th of this month. The youth became even more agitated when the police used tear gas shells and water cannons. They ignored the barricades. They expressed their protest by dancing on them. They are demanding the cancellation of the 14th GCSC preliminary examination and a CBI or judicial inquiry into it, alleging a lack of transparency in the JSSC recruitment. Their main demand is that justice be done to the deserving ones. The former chairman of JPSC

was arrested on this occasion. The government has also decided to cancel three exams. The double standards of the main parties are evident in these movements. While the Bharatiya Janata Party, which opposed and suppressed the protest movement at Antar Mantar in Delhi, is the opposition in Jharkhand and is demanding the cancellation of the exams, it is noteworthy that the Congress Party, which came to support the Delhi movement, is making noises in Jharkhand and supporting the leadership there. That is why the youth of the country have developed aversion, aversion and opposition to traditional political parties. The youth's opposition has gone so far that they are not even willing to invite the Chief Justice of India as the chief guest. Students of the prestigious Hyderabad NALS AR University have submitted signed letters to the Vice Chancellor and Registrar refusing to receive their degrees from him at the main convocation ceremony. Earlier, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences had postponed the CJJ program. That is, the Chief Justice's com-

ments on the youth and his attitude towards watching the videos of the police brutality against the protesters have hurt the youth of this country a lot. The decision to expel the CJI expresses their anger. The frustration and despair among the youth of the country are being exposed through these protests. The resignation of individuals or ministers is only a temporary solution. But it is clear that they want a system free of irregularities, irregularities and corruption. They are demanding a system with transparency for competitive exams or jobs. They are ready to fight with anyone for that. Be it Delhi or Ranchi, the youth are issuing warnings to those in responsible positions. The BJP IT cell has spewed venom on the movement in Delhi. Similarly, in Ranchi, a person said to be from the RSS spilt ink on the president of the All India Students Association, Neha Bora, but she did not budge. She is ready to write new history with the same ink. Students and youth held protests in Delhi on July 20 and Ranchi on August 10. They took to the streets. Home Minister Amit Shah, who has been

avoiding Parliament and the media for the past 20 days, is now forced to answer questions. "The mainstream media did not cover the Delhi agitations. But the protests in Jharkhand were well covered. This is just a play played by the BJP. On one hand, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat talks to the media that the Gen Ji are not traitors and that the governments should listen to their demands and solve their problems. Such double standards are possible only for our political parties. That is why the youth of this country have lost faith in our traditional political parties. They are not depending on any party. They are taking independent leadership and are taking up agitations to solve their problems. They are demanding transparency in the examination system. The seriousness of the unemployment problem is being highlighted. The failures of the rulers are being exposed. Injustice and irregularities are being questioned. The one who has been questioned in this country for some time is a traitor, a foreigner.

E-visa System For 172 Countries

National Bureau New Delhi August 14.

The Union Government has taken a crucial decision to further enhance the ease of travel for international travelers visiting India. The Union Home Ministry has issued a new notification allowing e-visa holders to enter 10 more international centers, including the famous Attari land port on the Indo-Pak border in Punjab. With the addition of nine land ports and two airports to this list, the number of international centers across the country that are allowed to enter India through e-visa has reached 88.

According to the recently revised rules released by the Center, out of the total 88 centers that allow entry to foreign travelers, there are 37 airports, 38 seaports and 13 land ports. However, the airports of Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, and Tirupati, the spiritual city of Andhra Pradesh, have been newly included in the e-visa list. Also, along with Attari in Punjab, Raxaul, Rupaidiha, Jogbani, Darrang, Gede, Ghojadanga, Haridaspur, Jaigaon, Dawki, More border areas have been identified as e-visa checkposts. Despite the relaxation of e-visa

rules for foreigners, this facility has been kept away from Pakistani citizens. India is not granting any e-visas to people holding Pakistani passports or travelers of Pakistani origin. The e-portal has clarified that such people will have to apply for a regular visa directly through Indian embassies or consulates abroad in the normal manner. E-visa services, which were launched in 2014 for citizens of only 43 countries, simplifying Indian visa rules, are now available to citizens of 172 countries worldwide. The e-visa facility is being implemented for a total of 17

different sub-categories including tourist, business, medical, student, group travel, cruise, transit and mountaineering. More than 95 percent of the applications filed for e-visas are being processed and cleared by the authorities within just 72 hours. Currently, with the e-visa entry status being granted to key land ports like Attari as well as Bhopal and Tirupati airports, transportation will be made easier for foreign tourists and businessmen.

Spreading Like Wildfire Initially Thought To Be Limited

The drug problem in the Telugu states is spreading like wildfire. Initially thought to be limited to Hyderabad, drugs are now being caught everywhere. Finally, the fact that doctors, teachers and students are also among the drug peddlers is making everyone confused. The recent cases are opening the eyes of the authorities who were previously under the illusion that drug dealing was only happening in pubs and clubs. For example, all the doctors meet at one place on the weekend. It looks like a normal gathering. But if the police come by mistake. They all get confused. They try to escape. In such cases, the police are shocked to see drugs found with the doctors. At the same time, the culture of drugs being found in school bags and college canteens has also become very well known. Even though the police have already warned the management of educational institutions many times.. they raised their hands saying how can they keep an eye on every student 24 hours. Finally, the drug kingpins who are pushing the future of the nation into darkness without finding drugs in the campus are not being punished quickly, which makes it impossible to stop the flood of drugs. Three lakh cases were registered across the country under the NDPS Act between 2022-24. 3.75 lakh people were arrested. But, only 268 people have been sentenced. Inspections, confiscation of samples, errors in transportation, and delays in forensic tests are all giving a boon to the miscreants. The lack of special NDPS courts in many states is also causing a backlog of cases. Currently, up to four lakh related cases are pending in the courts. To get all these cases resolved as soon as possible, special courts should be set up everywhere

as per the need. Adequate training should be provided to the personnel in investigating drug cases. All states should work in coordination to curb the menace of the masses. Above all, parents should be aware of what their children are doing. They are being careful. But students who are addicted to drugs continue to take drugs in some way. For the convenience of students.. Drug chocolates and drug cigarettes have become widely available. If the authorities close one door to drugs. Four more doors are opening. That is why even though special teams named Task Force and Eagle have been formed, it is not possible to curb drugs to the desired extent. Teachers who are supposed to teach students.. are abandoning their work and supplying drugs to students. In the transportation case that came to light two days ago in Vadakara, Kerala, the police have arrested three teachers along with a delivery boy. As part of the investigation, the police examined the WhatsApp messages and bank account transactions of the accused and found that a kingpin was involved behind the supply of drugs. Teachers who are supposed to shape the future of students are not involved in such irregularities and trampling on obstacles for their personal lives. The youth are also destroying their future. They are preparing to sell drugs to get money to buy them. They are also resorting to thefts and robberies. Under the influence of marijuana, they are creating panic by getting into fights on the streets at night. Their lives are in turmoil and they are finally committing suicide. In the pursuit of money We should be vigilant and observe changes in their behavior from time to time. Teachers should come

forward voluntarily and constantly educate students about the ill effects of drugs and guide them on the right path. Otherwise, we have no hesitation in saying that the future of India will become more dangerous than we can imagine. For this reason, the Center is preparing to conduct drug culture checks in the country's higher educational institutions, including IITs and IIMs. As part of this, voluntary drug tests are going to be conducted for students in all higher educational institutions, starting with IITs and IIMs, at the time of admission. The Center has given instructions to this effect. Candidates seeking admission in the respective institutions should voluntarily undergo a urine test for the detection of drugs such as amphetamines, cocaine, marijuana, benzodiazepines, and phencyclidine along with their admission documents. The programme, launched by the Higher Education Department of the Union Ministry of Education, is part of the central government's efforts to tackle the drug problem in the country. The Narcotics Control Bureau has included it in the Drug Control Vision Document 2026-29. According to this, drug tests will be conducted on about 10 lakh students in 170 centrally funded higher educational institutions in a phased manner over the next three years. Prime Minister Modi launched the mission to conduct drug tests on 10 lakh students by 2029 on August 2. He named it *Nasha Mukta Yuva* for *Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan*. The National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre at Delhi's AIIMS has issued guidelines for drug tests for students of colleges and universities in this regard. It has been suggested that drug tests should be completely voluntary and con-

fidential, should not lead to any adverse consequences on the students who undergo the test, and should be kept for counselling purposes only. This drug testing program will be implemented in three phases. In the first phase, this year, IITs, IIMs, and IITs will be implemented in the Central University. Next year, it will be implemented in 32 NITs, eight RISRs, three SPAs, 25 triple ITs, and four centrally funded JNTUs. After that, in 2028-29, these will be expanded to 46 Central Universities and four deemed-to-be universities. Drugs may give temporary excitement, but they can destroy your entire life, Prime Minister Modi warned the youth. He called on the youth to stay away from drugs and become partners in the development of the country, and to take

pledge to this extent. Therefore, they should first take care of their own children, are they returning home from schools and colleges on time.. or..? What are they carrying in their bags..? What kind of friends are they hanging out with..? Experts as well as governments suggest that it is essential to follow minimum precautions like Because if every home takes the resolve to become drug-free, it won't be difficult for Hyderabad and the Telugu states to automatically become drug-free.



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Government Approves Mission Bhagiratha Works for 108 Villages and Habitations in Mulugu Constituency



Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Mulugu August 14: Rs 20.96 Crore Allocated for Additional Infrastructure "The State Government has approved works worth Rs 20 crore 96 lakh 49 thousand under the Mission Bhagiratha scheme to enhance facilities across 108 villages and habitations spanning Mulugu district and the Kothagudem and Gangaram mandals of Mahabubabad district. In this regard, the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department issued GO No. 428. Construction work on infrastructure including overhead service reservoirs, pipelines, and borewell has commenced as part of creating additional and alternative facilities in these villages. The government has released these funds with the aim of completing the projects in coordination with Gram Panchayats and ensuring the supply of safe drinking water to every household. Upon completion of these works, a permanent solution to water-related issues will be achieved for the villages and habitations in the Mulugu constituency.

Important Notice to Devotees of Pillalamarri Shivalayam Temple - Suryapeta



Direct Voice Reporter Budde Rajesh Aug 14:

Date: From Thursday, 13/08/2026 to Thursday, 10/09/2026 - Details of special pujas being performed at our temple on the occasion of Sravana Masam.

During Sravana Masam, on every Friday, for Sri Saraswati Amnavaru - Abhishekam at 7:00 AM, new vastralankaram, and Kumkuma Puja by women devotees for Sri Chakra Devatha will be performed.

During Sravana Masam, on every Monday at 5:00 AM early morning, special Rudrabhishekam with Panchamrutas will be performed for Brahmasutra Shivalingas.

During Sravana Masam, on Pournami, Amavasya and Arudra Nakshatram days, special Rudrabhishekam will be performed for Lord Eshwara.

In Sravana Masam, on September 4th on the occasion of Sri Krishnashtami, in the evening Uttotsavam (Utlugotte) program and procession of Shiva-Parvati Utsava Murtis in the village streets will be held.

Hence, all devotees are requested to visit and have darshan of Swamy during this Sravana Masam and be blessed

EC Won't Ask Money, Beware of Fraudsters, CEO Tells Voters

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudarshan Reddy on Thursday warned voters against fraudulent messages circulating in the name of the Election Commission of India (ECI) seeking bank account details and other personal information.

The CEO said fraudsters were targeting voters apprehensive about losing their votes and attempting to obtain their banking credentials.

He said messages circulating on social media were creating panic among voters by claiming that Election Cards and Enumeration Forms had been rejected due to a mismatch. The messages then sought personal and banking details from voters.

"They are asking voters to call a number and are sending messages with a link on WhatsApp, to fill up the form and pay '5 either by net banking or credit or debit card and seeking bank details viz., login password, CVV number, ATM PIN etc," the CEO stated in a press note.

The official clarified that neither the ECI nor the Telangana CEO sends messages asking voters to pay '5 online. "The electors are advised to be wary of such fraudulent messages and calls received in the name of ECI or CEO and not to respond to such fraudulent messages and calls. If such messages or calls are received, they can also report to the nearest police station," the CEO added.



Mahindra University Sets Up India's Second HackerFab to Build Semiconductor Talent

- Following the student-led HackerFab at IIT Bombay, Mahindra University will set up India's second HackerFab and the first fully university-sponsored, student-led open-source semiconductor fabrication facility.
- Gives students hands-on exposure to semiconductor fabrication, including building critical fabrication equipment.

Hyderabad, August 2026: Mahindra University today announced the launch of India's second HackerFab, following the student-led HackerFab at IIT Bombay, and the first university-sponsored, student-led open-source semiconductor fabrication facility. The initiative strengthens the University's contribution to India's semiconductor ambitions and the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The initiative will help build indigenous skills and technical capabilities for semiconductor manufacturing by enabling students to design and develop low-cost fabrication tools for education and research. Based on the open-source HackerFab model, it will give students practical exposure to semiconductor fabrication while helping build India's talent base in this strategically important sector.

Led by students from the University's B.Tech. in VLSI Design & Technology programme, the HackerFab will focus on building core semiconductor fabrication equipment, including a maskless photolithography system, RF sputtering chamber, spin coater and tube furnace. This hands-on approach complements Mahindra University's plans to establish a cleanroom facility for teaching and research, giving students exposure to both chip design and fabrication.

Mr. Anand Mahindra, Chairman, Mahindra Group and Chancellor, Mahindra University, said, "Every great Indian innovation started with someone taking something apart to see how it worked. HackerFab gives students a license to do exactly that. To fail loudly, fix it, try again, no permission needed. That's how you build a generation unafraid to build. That's the India I want Mahindra University to help create."

Dr. Yajulu Medury, Vice Chancellor, Mahindra



University, said, "India's semiconductor ambitions will need engineers with a practical understanding of both design and fabrication. HackerFab takes learning into the lab, where students will build equipment, test ideas and understand the fabrication process first-hand. Together with our VLSI programmes and planned cleanroom, it strengthens our focus on developing industry-ready semiconductor talent for India."

HackerFab was started at Carnegie Mellon University's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in 2023 as an open-source initiative to make semiconductor microfabrication more accessible through low-cost, student-built equipment. The model has since been adopted by institutions internationally and in India.

Students at IIT Bombay started India's first student-built HackerFab in August 2025. They have built prototypes of tools used for semiconductor manufacturing in-house, including maskless lithography, spin coating, sputtering and furnace systems, giving undergraduate engineers practical exposure to the flow and systems used in semiconductor fabs.

The initiative expands on Mahindra University's investments in semiconductor education. The University launched its M.Tech. in VLSI & Embedded Systems in 2023, followed by a B.Tech. in VLSI Design & Technology in 2024, in alignment with the Government of India's semiconductor priorities. Students have access to industry-leading tools and platforms, including Synopsys and Cadence EDA suites, along with hardware support from AMD and Silicon Labs.

With HackerFab, Mahindra University is bringing semiconductor design, fabrication and research closer together. As India builds its domestic semiconductor capabilities, the University will continue to focus on developing engineers with the technical knowledge and practical experience required to contribute to the country's technological self-reliance.

Patriotic Spirit Soars in Nagar Kurnool During Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra

Nagarkurnool : A grand Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra was organised under the leadership of BJP Nagar Kurnool district president Vemula Narendra Rao on the occasion of Independence Day. BJP Telangana State Secretary Pothuganti Bharat Prasad attended the programme as the chief guest.

Hundreds of school and college students, youth, party leaders and activists participated in the rally carrying the national flag. The streets of Nagar Kurnool were adorned with the tricolour as the participants marched enthusiastically. The town reverberated with patriotic slogans such as "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram."

Speaking on the occasion, Pothuganti Bharat Prasad said that it was the responsibility of every Indian to remember the great personalities who sacrificed their lives for the country's freedom. He called upon the youth to learn about the history of the freedom movement and play an active role in nation-building.

He said the Tiranga is not



merely a national flag but a symbol of India's history, sacrifices, unity and national pride.

Responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call, he urged every family to proudly hoist the national flag at their homes during the Independence Day celebrations and make the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign a success.

"The Tiranga should fly over every home and India should live in every heart. That is the true spirit of Independence Day celebrations," he said.

District General Secretary Nagendra Goud, OBC Morcha president Jetty Venkatesh, Mahila Morcha president Padma Yadav, among others, participated in the programme.

Commissioner Inspection of Residential College in Hoti



Zaheerabad August: In Zahirabad Muncipal limits Hothi-K TGRJC visited the Muncipal Commissioner on Thursday. Zaheerabad Commissioner G.Prabhakar inspected TG Residential School & College and to review the cleanliness and maintenance of sanitation in the school and college premises. During the inspection, the Commissioner instructed the concerned staff to ensure proper sanitation, maintain cleanliness in and around the campus, and provide a hygienic environment for students and staff.

Police Intensify Checks at Borgoan Bridge

Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya Personally Monitors Nakaband



Direct Voice Bureau Nizamabad, August 14, 2026 : Nizamabad Police conducted an extensive Nakabandi operation at Borgoan Bridge on Friday evening as part of measures to prevent crimes, curb illegal activities and strengthen road safety. The operation was carried out simultaneously at police stations across the Nizamabad, Armoor and Bodhan divisions. At Borgoan Bridge under the jurisdiction of Nizamabad Fourth Town Police Station, Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, personally supervised the vehicle checking operation. Police stopped cars, two-wheelers and

other vehicles and verified driving licences, RCs, insurance documents and number plates. Vehicles with suspicious movements were subjected to detailed checks, while the particulars of drivers and vehicles were also verified. Speaking during the inspection, Commissioner Sai Chaitanya directed motorists to carry all mandatory vehicle documents and ensure that their number plates comply with traffic regulations. He warned that strict action would be taken against motorists found violating traffic rules. “The Commissioner said the police

Cabinet Sub-Committee Meeting on Godavari Pushkaralu – 2027

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad, August 14. The Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting on Godavari Pushkaras - 2027C has begun. Ministers of various departments attended this meeting chaired by Minister Sridhar Babu. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Konda Surekha, Tummala Nageswara Rao, Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Vivek Venkata Swamy, Adluri Laxman Kumar, Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy and senior officials of various departments participated. A key review was held on the progress of the preparations for the Pushkaras and directions were given to the officials. Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar proposed to make 85 Pushkara Ghats in the old 5 districts and 22 RTC bus stations near them fully accessible on the occasion of Godavari Pushkaras. Keeping in mind the rush of passengers, buildings, platforms, passenger facilities, sanitation, drinking water, electricity facilities, roads and other infrastructure at the bus stations He said that facilities need to be developed. He clarified that teams like Disaster Boats, Risk Teams, Hydra need to be set up to coordinate. He further revealed that it is estimated that approximately Rs. 3 crore is required for the development of each bus station, and a total of Rs. 66 crore is required for 22 bus stations. Temporary bus shelters and facilities.. Temporary buses to cater to the increasing crowd of devotees during



Pushkaram Officials estimate that a total of Rs. 22 crore will be required for the establishment of shelters, passenger waiting areas, parking and other facilities, at a cost of about Rs. 1 crore per area, for 22 areas. Temporary bus stations, passenger holding areas and parking facilities will be set up in areas where there are no permanent RTC bus stations. For this, it is estimated that Rs. 66 crore will be required for the modernization of bus stations, temporary bus shelters, and Rs. 22 crore for other facilities, for a total of Rs. 88 crore. Provision of additional buses

With the Mahalaxmi scheme in place, there is currently a high demand for RTC buses. Since there is a possibility of further increase in traffic during the Godavari Pushkaram, it has been proposed to run about 30% more buses compared to the previous Pushkaras. Now, depending on the demand of passengers on a ghat-wise basis, connectivity between ghats and RTC bus stations will be increased. Passenger traffic by district “The cabinet has decided to take special action on peak days. Parking areas, temporary bus shelters and shuttle buses will be arranged

between the ghats. A comprehensive route map will also be prepared with details of all the identified ghats, relevant RTC bus stations, distances, road routes and connectivity. TGS RTC has prepared an advance action plan for the transport of devotees on the occasion of the prestigious 2027 Godavari Pushkara organized by the Telangana government. Public transport Apart from plying buses from all over the state, special measures have been taken to ensure that devotees coming from interstate like Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala do not face any problems in public transport. TGS RTC has the details of the Pushkara ghats in various regions, the bus depots allocated to them, buses, trips and development work to be undertaken at the ghats as per the plan.

GITAM Welcomes Freshers with ‘Celestia 2026’ An enthusiastic and camaraderie-filled celebration at the School of Technology

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief, Hyderabad August 14 : GITAM School of Technology, Hyderabad, hosted the eagerly awaited ‘Celestia 2026’ freshers’ party on August 14. The event welcomed the 2026-27 batch of engineering students with a spirited celebration filled with music, dance, entertainment, and a sense of camaraderie. It provided an exciting platform for freshers to interact with seniors and peers, forge new friendships, and become an integral part of the GITAM community. The campus buzzed with a festive atmosphere, featuring lively cultural performances, engaging games, music, and a host of fun activities. A major highlight of the event was the glamorous ramp walk, where freshers showcased their confidence, poise, personality, and style.

The audience was captivated by the enthusiastic participation and exciting performances. The eagerly awaited event concluded on a grand note with the honoring of ‘Mr. Fresher’ and ‘Miss Fresher’ by the GITAM leadership. Speaking on the occasion, the university leadership commended the student organizers for creating an engaging and welcoming platform for the new students. They noted that ‘Celestia 2026’ not only provided freshers with an opportunity to showcase their talents but also fostered team spirit, friendship, self-confidence, and a strong sense of connection to the GITAM community. The celebrations ended on a joyful note, with the freshers expressing their gratitude to their seniors and the organizers for providing a memorable start to their academic journey at GITAM.



Tiranga Rally Sparks Patriotic Spirit Across Nizamabad

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Nizamabad, August 14, 2026 : A massive Tiranga Rally organised by the BJP on Friday turned the streets of Nizamabad into a sea of national colours, as hundreds of participants marched from R.R. Chowrasta to Gandhi Chowk with patriotic fervour. Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta said the rally was aimed at strengthening national pride and inspiring people to respect the

sacrifices of those who fought for India’s freedom. He recalled that the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign was launched in 2022 as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav following Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s call. “He said the campaign has encouraged citizens to hoist the Tricolour at their homes and has helped create greater awareness about the country’s freedom struggle. Programmes like these, he added, promote

unity among people irrespective of caste, religion or region and encourage citizens to actively participate in nation-building. “Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta said carrying the Tricolour in a rally alone was not enough, stressing that patriotism should be reflected in people’s thoughts, values and actions. “Armoor MLA Rakesh Reddy urged the youth to study the lives and sacrifices of freedom fighters such as Bhagat Singh, Udhham

Singh and Chandra shekhar Azad. He said the freedom and security enjoyed by citizens today were made possible by the sacrifices of countless patriots. “The rally continued with great enthusiasm, with a 150-metre-long giant Tricolour becoming a major attraction. BJP District President Dinsh Kulachari, National Turmeric Board Chairman Palle Ganga Reddy, State Secretary Sravanti Reddy, corpora-



rators, senior leaders, district office-bearers, mandal presidents, voluntary organisation representatives and school students participated in the programme.

Allari Naresh's Film is Low-Budget Vishwambhara

THAT SAID, ALLARI NARESH HAS REINVENTED HIMSELF WITH HIS SERIOUS SUBJECTS THESE DAYS, AND COMEDY MOVIES HAVEN'T HELPED HIM IN RECENT TIMES.

Ever since the trailer of Allari Naresh's latest film "RUM", which is abbreviated to "Rambha Urvashi Menaka", was released, the content started to look familiar. From the likes of Chiranjeevi's Jagadeeka Veerudu Athiloka Sundari, to Rajendra Prasad's Rambha-Rambabu, the idea of 'apsaras' from heaven coming to Earth and running after a human is an idea seen many times. But here's the interesting part being discussed.

In recent times, Megastar Chiranjeevi's Vishwambhara has a similar concept of 'apsaras' coming from Vishwambhara lokam, coming to the earth, and the hero going there, though the movie is getting delayed. After watching the trailer of Allari Naresh's movie, many are getting a feeling that



this RUM is nothing but low-budget Vishwambhara. However, there are not many graphics in Allari Naresh's film but only comedy and comedy everywhere.

That said, Allari Naresh has reinvented himself with his serious subjects these days, and comedy movies haven't helped him in recent times. Now that he's coming up with a full-on comedy movie through RUM, many are wondering if he could come back to the former hit-machine status with this movie.

Modha Rathiri trailer promises a hilarious and meaningful wedding-night drama

Modha Rathiri trailer: A comedy drama that revolves around the hilarious happenings on a wedding night!

Chennai, Aug 13 (IANS) The makers of director Raja Karuppasamy's upcoming Tamil rural comedy entertainer, 'Modha Rathiri', featuring actors Rishikanth and Anishma Anilkumar in the lead, on Thursday released a hilarious trailer of the film, much to the delight of fans and film buffs.

Mythri Movie Makers, the production house that is producing the film, took to its social media timelines to share the link of the trailer. It wrote, "Vanakkam...Kalyanam ku polama? (Good day, can we go to the wedding?) The most entertaining and chaotic wedding is here. #ModhaRathiri Trailer out now. In Cinemas worldwide on 21st August."

The trailer begins with relatives who have come for the wedding, wondering why the newly wed couple haven't switched off the light in their room yet. From that point on, the film showcases a series of hilarious developments. Soon after the wedding, both the bridegroom and the bride are given advice by all sorts of people. While the bride is advised against speaking first, the bridegroom is asked to drink coffee. But just when one starts getting the impression that this film will have nothing but funny sequences, a couple of scenes in the trailer show that the film will have some meaningful points to make.

For instance, there is a voiceover that asks, "Did you think that marriage is a kind of a game where you could hit restart and start all over again whenever you wish?" Then, we also see Chethan, who comes as a priest in the film, define love. He says, "Even when you get sick of each other, you both must be able to bear one another." He also says, "Half the people in this village don't know why they are getting married?"

The trailer also gives the impression that there is a secret pertaining to one side which family members of the other side are not aware of. On the whole, the trailer promises a film that is both entertaining and meaningful.

For the unaware, the makers have already disclosed that Anishma plays a character called Muthuselvi while actor Rishikanth plays a character called Maruthanayagam in the film.

Sources close to the unit of the film had told



IANS earlier that Modha Rathiri will revolve around an ordinary village wedding that turns into an extraordinary rollercoaster of hilarious misunderstandings, unexpected twists and heartwarming emotions.

Set entirely over the course of a single night, the film, sources had said, would keep the laughs coming as one surprise would lead to another. Rishikanth is debuting as hero through this film while actress Anishma Anilkumar, who won appreciation for her outstanding performance in 'Sirai' and 'Youth', is playing the film's female lead.

Producer Naveen Yerneni of Mythri Movie Makers, speaking on an earlier occasion, had said, "The very first narration made us laugh, smile and imagine how audiences would react inside a theatre. That's when we knew this story deserved to be made. 'Modha Rathiri' has everything we enjoy as movie lovers: humour, emotions, relatable characters and endless entertainment. Raja Karuppasamy has brought that energy beautifully onto the screen & our entire cast and crew have worked with incredible passion to complete the film on schedule. We are excited to bring this entertainer to audiences worldwide on August 21, and we hope theatres are filled with laughter from beginning to end."

Director Raja Karuppasamy had said, "I couldn't have asked for a better beginning to my journey as a filmmaker. My heartfelt thanks to producers Naveen Yerneni sir and Y. Ravi Shankar sir for believing in me and trusting this story. Every actor, every technician and every member of our crew became part of this journey with complete dedication. More than anything else, I hope audiences walk out of theatres smiling, laughing and talking about these characters long after the film ends."

Apart from Rishikanth and Anishma Anilkumar, the film also features actors Chetan, A. Venkatesh, Bucks, Abdool Lee, Shelly Kishore, Sangeetha Balan, Banupriya, Sumithra Devi L., Varshini Karmegham, Karthikeyan, Velan, and Kowshik Kabilan among others.

The technical crew comprises Surendran Paranjothi as cinematographer, Ashok Arjunan as editor, and Bharath Sankar composing the music. Poornima Ramaswamy has designed the costumes while Art direction has been taken care of by A. Balumahendra.

Is Ritika Nayak Korean? Her BTS Connection Revealed

Ritika Nayak is currently enjoying a successful phase in her acting career. The young actress has made a name for herself in Telugu cinema with a series of popular films. Now, she is in the news for a different reason. Ritika recently spoke about her love for Korean pop culture and revealed her admiration for BTS member SUGA.

In a recent interview, Ritika was asked about the picture on her mobile phone wallpaper. She immediately showed her phone to the interviewer. Her wallpaper had a picture of the world-famous South Korean music group BTS. When asked about her favourite BTS member, Ritika quickly named SUGA.

Ritika also spoke about what she would do if she got a chance to meet SUGA in person. She said that she might not be able to speak much because she would be too excited. She joked that she would simply look at him and say, "Hi, I am a big fan of you."

The actress also shared her disappointment about BTS not including India in its current world tour plans. She said she hopes the group will visit India and perform live for fans in the future. BTS has a huge fan following in India, and Ritika is also a proud fan of the group.

Interestingly, Ritika's love for Korean culture has a connection with her latest movie. She is part of the film Korean Kanakaraju, which has a Korean connection in its title and story. Her interest in Korean music and BTS has now made the connection even more interesting for fans.

Ritika entered Telugu cinema with Ashoka Vanamlo Arjuna Kalyanam in 2022. She impressed audiences with her performance and later gained more attention with Mirai. Her recent film Korean Kanakaraju has added another success to her growing career.



Raashii Khanna returns as Megha Vyas, begins shooting for Farzi 2

Raashii Khanna has begun shooting for Farzi 2, returning as RBI officer Megha Vyas. The actress shared pictures from the sets on Instagram, offering fans a glimpse of her preparations.

Shahid Kapoor had started filming the second season in March

Mumbai: Actress Raashii Khanna is all set to return to the screen as RBI Officer Megha Vyas, as she has kick-started the shoot for one of the most anticipated series, 'Farzi 2'.

On Thursday, Raashii took to her official Instagram handle and treated the netizens to a couple of adorable clicks from the set of her next.

In the first pic, Raashii was seen relishing a crunchy hot mocha grande. We could also see her peeking out from her Vanity.

In another photo, Raashii smiled for the camera as she got her makeup done. The album further had a still of her holding a 500 rupee note, keeping in tune with the theme of the show.

"Crunchy red hat mocha grande with almond milk for..? #backatit #farzi2 (sic)," she captioned the post.

The lead of 'Farzi', Shahid Kapoor, commenced the shoot for the second season back in March this year.

Sharing the professional update on his Instagram handle, Shahid had posted a black-and-white photo with the makers of the show, Raj Nidimoru and Krishna Dasarakothapalli, on his official Insta handle, accompanied by the text, "Farzi 2 day 1... back at it!!!"

Before this, in February, Shahid had confirmed that 'Farzi 2' is happening with another social media post, which also included a picture of him with Raj Nidimoru and Krishna Dasarakothapalli. His post on Instagram Stories also had the text, "The fakers are back at it."

Created by the popular filmmaker duo Raj & DK, the primary instalment of the show saw Shahid, Raashii, Vijay Sethupathi, Kay Kay Menon, Bhuvan Arora, Regina Cassandra, and Amol Palekar as the core cast, along with others.

'Farzi' premiered on Amazon Prime Video on 10 February 2023 and was well received by the audience.

The eight-episode series revolved around a small-time con artist, Sunny (Played by Shahid Kapoor), who accidentally stumbles upon the dark world of crime.