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Ration Card Is The Self-Respect Of The Poor Every Poor Family Is Assured Of Ration With Rice Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Distributes Smart Ration Cards

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August 15: Farmers sup-

port the food provider with confidence Indiramma houses for 7 lakh families in 2 years, 72 thousand government jobs filled BJP, BRS coin Bomma Borusu Sangar eddy Ambedkar Stadium Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that a ration card is not just a piece of paper, but a self-respect that satisfies the hunger of the poor. He made it clear that the idea of the people's government is that no poor person in Indiramma's kingdom should go hungry. He said that the credit for bringing ration shops to distribute essential commodities to the poor belongs to the Congress party. He said that the credit for providing rice to every poor family belongs to his government. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy made these comments at the smart ration card distribution program at Sangareddy Ambedkar Stadium. Ministers Uttamkumar Reddy, Damodar Rajanar simha Vivek Venkata swamy, PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, MP Suresh Shetkar, MLAs Sanjeeva Reddy, Naveen Yadav, former MLA Jaggareddy, Corporation Chairmen Nirma la Jaggareddy, Fahim, Giridhar Reddy, former Minister A. Chandras ekhar and others attended the program. Speaking on the occasion, the CM said that today one person is talking about rice, another about Indiramma's houses, and another about Aarogyasri. He criticized that both BJP and BRS are not different, they are

like a coin. He questioned the leaders of those parties whether they had ever thought of filling the stomachs of the poor by giving them rice. Revanth Reddy recalled that they had campaigned that there would be no electricity if the Congress government came to power. He questioned whether it had been 32 months since their government came to power and there had been no electricity for a single moment. He questioned whether it was true that farmers were being provided 24-hour free electricity in every village. He said that the government was supporting agriculture in addition to providing quality electricity to farmers. He criticized those who had said that if they sowed rice, they would be fine, but were now talking about rice. He said that the fact that a bonus of Rs. 500 per quintal for rice was being provided was before the eyes of the people. He said that the farmer's insurance amount was being increased by Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 12,000 per year. He said that Rs. 36 thousand crores have been deposited in the accounts of farmers so far through the Rythu Bharosa scheme. He said that Rs. 21 thousand crores have been spent in a way that is unprecedented in the country and up to Rs. 2 lakhs have been waived off by farmers. He said that Rs. 90 thousand crores have been transferred to the accounts of farmers for the paddy harvested by farmers in 32 months. He said that there is a culture in his government that respects farmers as kings. He said that he is proud



to say that he has spent Rs. 1.70 lakh crores for farmers in 2.5 years. On this occasion, he threw a challenge to former Chief Minister KCR. He called on him to come to the Legislative Assembly and discuss what good he has done for farmers and what injustice he has done in the past. He questioned whether the BJP leaders do not see this even though the Central Government reports say that there are debt-free farmers in Telangana. He said that his government will not back down on the welfare of farmers. "Indiramma's houses are a home for the poor The Chief Minister questioned whether those who said they would provide double bedroom houses had given them to anyone. However, he said that as the younger brother of the poor, he had sanc-

tioned 7 lakh houses in 2 years. He said that Indiramma houses are being constructed in every village. He made it clear that there is no village in Telangana state without an Indiramma house and there will never be one. He said that the government's goal is to provide a home for the poor. He said that his government is responsible for providing pensions to all single women. He said that pensions will also be provided to handloom and geetha workers. He assured that everyone who is eligible should apply and that the government is responsible for providing pensions to those who are eligible. He said that the government is giving top priority to the welfare of the poor. He said that along with food security, they are moving forward by providing houses,

pensions and other welfare schemes to the poor. Jobs for youth, assurance of future The Chief Minister said that 72 thousand government jobs have been filled in 2.5 years and notifications have been issued for another 10 thousand jobs. He advised the unemployed youth not to fall into the trap of those who make false promises. He clarified that it is the responsibility of his government to fill job vacancies from time to time every 6 months. He said that the Congress leadership is the leadership that stands by its word until it meets the dust. He said that the responsibility of providing jobs to the youth lies with them. He accused the miscreants of conspiring for politics and power. He advised the youth to prepare for job exams without falling for their deception. He clarified

that the rights of the people will not be denied and opportunities will not be removed. He said that he is moving forward by leading the devastated state towards development. He said that the job recruitment process will continue to provide a better future for the youth of the state. Even if conspiracies are made, the blessings of the people are there. "The Chief Minister accused some people of performing Aghora pujas and black magic on the govern-

ment. He questioned whether anyone would perform black magic on the people. He said that if he tells the truth, he will give notices to his Mahesh Kumar Goud. He questioned why those who post on social media kept the fact that they went to temples in Tamil Nadu a secret. He said that no matter how many black magic pujas they perform, God's blessings are on them. That is why he explained that Yellam palli was full even during the El Nino drought. He asked that



along with God's blessings, the blessings of the people should also be on them. He hoped that he would have the blessings of the people until 2034. The Chief Minister said that it was not in his hands whether Jagga Reddy should contest in Sangareddy or not, it was in Rahul Gandhi's hands. He said that Rahul Gandhi was like Lord Rama but Lord Hanuman. He said that this Hanu

man never disobeyed the words of Lord Rama. He said that even if Rs. 100 crores are spent, leaders like Jagga Reddy cannot be found. He said that even if he loses the elections, he leaves his family and stays with the people. He said that there is no leader like Jagga Reddy in Telangana. He asked that such leaders should be in public life and that the people should support

Jagga Reddy. Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy, Damodar Rajanarsimha, Vivek Venkataswamy, PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, MP Suresh Shetkar, MLAs Sanjeeva Reddy, Naveen Yadav, former MLA Jagga Reddy, Corporation Chairmen Nirmala Jagga Reddy, Fahim, Giridhar Reddy, former Minister A. Chandrasekhar, etc. participated in the program.

The World Is Looking At India Prime Minister's Powerful Speech at Independence Day Celebrations

National Bureau Chief
New Delhi August 15

The 80th Independence Day celebrations in the country were held on Saturday. Prime Minister Modi hoisted the national flag at the Red Fort. Later, he said... Many people have sacrificed their lives for the country's independence. He clarified that the vision of the country is Vikas Bharat 2047. He said that we have taken the resolve to develop the country and have worked hard for the development of the country in the last 12 years. He said that 25 crore people have been lifted out of poverty. He said that the country is developing very rapidly and no one can stop it.

He said that development has been achieved in all fields in 12 years. He commented that the country is moving forward with new enthusiasm. He said that the national flag is on every house and every heart is humming with Vande Mataram. He commented that we should dream big and move forward with a strong determination. He said that the world is looking at India, and we are taking self-reliant India forward with Make in India, Swadesh, and Vocal for Local. He commented that we are also making progress in the semiconductor sector. He said that we now have three semiconductor plants in our country. Critical He said

that production has also increased in the field of minerals. He said that agreements have been made with many countries and we are taking a step forward in the energy sector. He said that the country is taking steps towards nuclear energy. He said that five nuclear plants are coming to the country. He said that after Corona, wars have engulfed the world, and some have tried to turn the crisis into a positive one. The world is looking at India. Seven principles for the development of the country He said that the country will be boosted by the power of the seven pillars. The first of the seven pillars is manufacturing power, and he

wants to transform the country into a supply chain from design to supply. The second of the seven pillars is food production. He said that food exports should be chemical-free. He said that the quality of our products should be in the global market. The third of the seven pillars is technology. He said that along with the digital revolution, India needs to achieve self-sufficiency in key technologies like semiconductor chips and AI (artificial intelligence). He suggested reducing dependence on other countries and making India a global technology hub and a home of innovation. The fourth of the seven pillars is kinetic



energy, and he commented that fast connectivity should be increased in the country. He commented that bullet trains, new ports and highways are needed. He said that youth are the key to a developed India. He said that before 2014, there were only 400 medical seats in the country, and now they have increased to 800 medical seats. He said that free online coaching will be provided to poor students. He said that Maoists and Naxalites have been eradicated, but there are many Maoists in the country. He said that there is a need to find and eradicate such people. He said that as many policemen have died due to Maoists as there were soldiers who died in the war.

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Freedom, Hatred, Destruction, Tragedy!

Independence was an unprecedented event in the history of India. However, we cannot forget the dark memories left by the partition of 1947. It is as historically wrong to deny the role of Congress in the freedom struggle as it is to say that Congress alone brought independence. Independence was the collective result of the sacrifices made by leaders like Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh and others, as well as revolutionaries, farmers, workers, students, common people and many organizations, but at the same time, why did the country have to be divided? Who paid the price for it? Pakistan declared its independence on August 14, 1947, and India became an independent nation on August 15. However, the final borders for partition were announced on August 17. British lawyer Sir Cyril Redd was given only a few weeks to draw the borders. Complex regions like Punjab and Bengal had to be divided based on population, geography, and administrative needs. The situation of not knowing in which country their village and house would be, while the independence celebrations were taking place, filled millions of families with fear. The British National Archives also states that the two-day gap between the declaration of independence and the borders caused great uncertainty among the people. "Partition was not just a line drawn on a map. It was a human tragedy that tore apart the lives of millions. According to various historical estimates, more than 1.5 crore people migrated between India and Pakistan. The National Archives estimates that more than 15 million people crossed the border. Another official historical source states that one million people died and more than 75,000 women were raped. Although historians' estimates of the death toll differ, the tragic fact that millions of lives were lost is indisputable. The trains carried not only refugees but also the horror stories of families fleeing violence. Some trains, when they reached their destinations, were filled with corpses instead of passengers, leaving a scar on humanity. To blame any one person or party for this tragedy would be to distort history. The Muslim League's demand for a separate Muslim nation, the growing political differences between the Congress and the League, the rapid transfer of power by the British rulers, religious violence, and mutual suspicions all combined to aggravate the situation. The Mountbatten Plan was announced on June 3, 1947. Subsequently, the representatives of the Congress, the Muslim League, and the Sikhs accepted the Partition Plan. Although Gandhi was against partition, the Congress Working Committee passed the Partition Resolution on June 13. Thus, the Congress leadership did not completely escape historical responsibility. But to place the entire responsibility on it is also beyond the facts. Mahatma Gandhi's role should also be seen in a holistic manner. When the entire country was immersed in the celebrations of Independence, he was not in Delhi for the official celebrations, but in the Hyderi Mansion in Beliaghata, Calcutta. According to the Gandhi Heritage Portal, he was there from August 13 to September 7, making peace efforts between the Hindu and Muslim communities to stop the violence. He also spent August 15 in fasting and prayer. In late August, he went on a hunger strike against the violence in Calcutta. He ended his fast on September 4 after receiving assurances of peace. Therefore, portraying Gandhi as a mere "spectator" during the Partition is not consistent with historical evidence. But that does not mean that there should be no questions about the decisions taken by the Congress leadership, including Nehru and Patel. So why did the last chances of keeping the country united fade? Why could they not build a more effective alternative to religious politics? Why did the British government accept the hasty transfer of power? Why did they not make proper advance arrangements for the safety of the people?

Grand Independence Day Celebrations at Hasanparthy Police Station Tribute Paid to Constable Dhanunjay

I. Santhosh Bureau Chief (Warangal) – August 15 : India's 80th Independence Day celebrations were held with great fervor and solemnity on the premises of the Hasanparthy Police Station. Inspector Mahender hoisted the national flag and extended Independence Day greetings to the police personnel and the public. He acknowledged the services rendered by the police in safeguarding the nation and maintaining law and order. "Following the flag-hoisting ceremony, the police

personnel paid a heartfelt tribute to Constable Dhanunjay of the Hasanparthy Police Station, who had recently passed away in a tragic road accident. Inspector Mahender expressed deep sorrow over the loss, describing Dhanunjay's death as an irreparable loss to the police department, noting his immense dedication to duty. The station staff observed a two-minute silence to pay their respects and pray for the peace of his soul. Assurance was given that the



police department would always stand by Dhanunjay's family. Sub-Inspectors Devender, Ravi, and Sujith, along with Assistant Sub-Inspectors and other police personnel, participated in the event.

Independence Day Celebrations A Feast For The Eyes At The Press Club Vemula Nagaraju, President of Greater Warangal Press Club, Unfurled the National Flag The Committee Members, Leaders of Various Unions, and Senior Journalists who Attended

Bureau Chief Hanumakonda Aug 15 : 80th Independence Day celebrations were held at the Greater Warangal Press Club on Saturday. Press Club President Vemula Nagaraju attended and unfurled the tricolor flag. Press Club committee officials, leaders of various unions and senior journalists participated in the independence celebrations. After the flag salute, Greater Warangal Press Club President Vemula Nagaraju announced that a suitable plan will be formulated to allot houses to the members of the Greater Warangal Press Club soon. He said that the TUWJLU leaders will announce the relevant procedures in 10 days. Only those who like the rules should ap-

ply, and they will be screened by the Housing Committee. He said that he will do it, and only then will they be admitted as members. He said that priority will be given to TUWJLU members, and that they will give priority to TWJF members and neutrals as they are allies. He said that the development work being done in the Press Club is being done with the funds received from the government, and that the club funds have been spent with the unanimous decision of the committee for the insurance of the members. He said that some people are making it their business to throw mud at them and are saying false things, filing cases, and that they are not afraid of their dirty



politics. This work in order, General Secretary Bollaram Sadayya, Treasurer Botla Amar. Upa. Chairman Kodipelli Durga Prasada Rao. Yamsani Srinivas, Joint Secretary Podichetti Vishnu vardhan, Valisetty Sudha kar, EC members MD. Nayi mpasha. Sanjee vaiah, Balvari Vijay. TUWJ IJU Hanmakonda District President Gaddam Kesavamurthy, Secretary Uta kuri Sairam, State leaders Gadipelli Madhu, PV Madan Mohan, Kankana Santosh, Pinna Siva kumar, TWJF State Secre-

tary Bokka Dayasagar, journalists Vijayabaskar, Antadu Pula Srinivas, Adupa Sambasivarao, Jannu Swamy, Booram Prashanth, Venu, Shobhan Babu, Dhanunja, Nagaraju, Ramesh, and others participated.

Now that the Government of India has Announced the Caste Column in the Census of India

State Bureau Chief Hyderabad August 15 : The second phase is to be started from January 2027. Our community people have various names in various regions, such as Munnuru Kapu, Telaga, Vanne Kapu, Palle Kapu, Lakka mari Kapu, Naidu, Kamma Kapu, Reddy, etc. I want the grouping of all these into one category, which is not being done by the Government of India. They have only given the option to include the name of the caste. Therefore, I request all the Munnuru Kapu community members from the entire Telangana region to specifically say that they belong to Munnuru

Kapu. Otherwise, our grouping will not be done, and our community population will be shown in divisions that may not serve the purpose. As you all know, it is important for political aspirations of the community. Therefore, I request all the members of the community to stick to one particular name, Munnuru Kapu, while filling in the caste census. The census personnel are going to come to your house, and they may also guide you, but this particular aspect may be missing from their understanding. We must note it, stick to it, and adhere to the instructions.



Even Though the Power has Changed in Telangana the Debt Spirals and Financial Dilemmas have Not Changed

They are becoming more complicated. On the one hand, the burden of implementing the six guarantees that were made for electoral gains, and on the other hand, the debt burden inherited from the previous government is weighing on the necks of the current rulers. The most complicated issue in this political chessboard has now become the retirement crisis of government employees. This year, more than 9,700 employees in the state are retiring. Last “The government, for political reasons and to appease the protests of the unemployed, increased the retirement age to 61 years. But, with the temporary relief period over and thousands of people retiring at once... the burden of immediate payments of thousands of crores of rupees in the form of gratuity and pensions has fallen on the current government. Although this is a flaw in the political strategies of the previous government, how it will be overcome now has become a test of the efficiency of the current rulers. According to the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reports, Telangana's revenue deficit of Rs. 9,235 crore is not just due to financial reasons, but also strong political reasons. For vote bank politics, the lion's share of the budget resources are being diverted to free schemes (cash transfers). Due to this, the investment expenditure that paves the way for the state's progress is being severely hampered..The CAG reports warn. The priorities of the rulers are only keeping in mind the next elections. The Central Government The government is in a state of retirement !With the reduction in grants and the state's own revenue sources slowing down, Telangana's economic chariot is heading towards a defenseless valley. Although Telangana's tax revenue is promising... unproductive expenses and cash transfers to free schemes are hampering investment spending. Even in the current budget estimates, about 21%-24% of revenue income has to be allocated for six guarantees alone. In this context, the burden of employee salaries and pensions is in danger of pushing the state into a defenseless financial valley.It is a major political contradiction that the working and teaching classes, which played a major role in the Telangana movement, are now having to go around the governments for their own rights. Six installments of dearness allowance (DA) arrears are pending. Criticism is growing that the government is delaying the implementation of the new Pay Revision Commission (PRC) recommendations. Pressure is increasing from the employee unions on their implementation. The funds allocated for pensions in the budget have been halved in the first quarter itself.The meltdown is a testament to the lack of forethought on the part of the rulers. Measures like bringing an ordinance on the regularization of benefits for temporary employees to cover up the shortage of funds are just political moves that will pass the time and not a permanent solution to the problem. The Rs. 14,736 allocated for pensions in the budget Statistics show that almost half of the funds out of crores have already been spent in the first quarter itself. The High Court has also repeatedly ordered that the financial benefits of retired employees be paid on time. Although steps have been taken to cope with this pressure, such as bringing an ordinance on the regularization of benefits for temporary employees, they are only temporary relief and not permanent solutions. The lack of advance planning of the previous government, and the pressure of the current government's election promises... The only thing that is torn between these two is the state treasury. Rather than blaming anyone here, the naked truth is that this financial imbalance has arisen due to vote bank politics that has been going on for decades. What is needed now is not political criticism, but transparentOnly economic restructuring. Pointing out the mistakes of the previous government“ Instead of just releasing white papers, the current rulers should clarify their stance on reforms. They should abandon the tendency to rely solely on land sales and liquor revenue... They should act strategically to attract long-term industrial and non-oil investments. They should ensure that these sectors generate stable returns, and if Telangana's economic chariot is to be properly aligned, the government must immediately take some tough, reformist decisions. Instead of relying solely on debt, the eligibility of beneficiaries in welfare schemes should be reviewed and wasteful spending should be curbed. Positive discussions should be held with the employee unions to settle the claims of employees who retire not in a single installment but in the form of bonds or in the form of phased payments with interest. As important as development and welfare schemes are... it is equally important to protect the rights of employees who have served the government for decades and then retire. If the rulers do not put aside political gains and act with long-term plans... the future of Telangana will have to face a severe economic crisis... From an electoral political perspective, the families of retired employees who have not received their dues will have to face the wrath of their children.



Yamsani Srinivas
Senior Journalist

80th Independence Day Celebrations Held Grandly by Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Federation

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 15 : The 80th Independence Day celebrations were organized on a grand scale under the aegis of the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Federation (TUWJF) Warangal Joint District Committee. A large number of journalists from the four districts comprising the erstwhile Warangal district attended the event, saluted the national flag, and paid tribute to the sacrifices of freedom fighters. Speaking on the occasion, Warangal Joint District President Mohammed Sajid Pasha expressed his delight at seeing federation members from all corners of the district gather on a single platform to mark Independence Day. He highlighted that the Warangal district committee has undertaken numerous service activities under the leadership of State President M.A. Majid, State General Secretary Syed Ghouse Mohiuddin, and state leader Ahmed Jilani. He further noted that federation members are currently serving on accreditation committees across the four districts of the region, describing this as a significant achievement for the federation. He called upon journalists to remain united so they could secure more government welfare schemes and rights. Federation advisors Waheed Gulshan and Ismail Jabi spoke on the occasion, commending the Federation for organizing the 80th Independence Day celebrations. They recalled that the nation attained freedom thanks to the sacrifices of numerous freedom fighters. Extending their Independence Day greetings to all citizens



and fellow journalists, they noted that people across the country were celebrating the occasion in a festive atmosphere. “Participants in the event included President Mohammad Sajid Pasha, Treasurer Mohammad Amir Khan, Advisors Waheed Gulshan and Ismail Jabi, Joint Secretaries Feroz Khan and Riyazuddin, Organizing Secretary Yahya Jabri, and Federation members Iqbal Ali, Mohammad Bashir, Mohammad Amjad, Hanif Sharif, Mohammad Rafi, Mushtaq Hussain, Zafar, Javed, Sarwar, and others.

Grand Independence Day Celebrations; Tricolour Flags Flutter Proudly

Bureau Chief, Hanamkonda, August 15 : The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held with great enthusiasm on Saturday in Gopalapuram, located in the 56th Division of Hanamkonda. Konka Haribabu, the 56th Division Congress Party President, hoisted the national flag at the Congress party office. Dulam Sadanandam Goud, President of the Gopalapuram Goud Sangham,



unveiled the national flag. Goud Sangham leaders including Dulam Srinivas, Dulam Suren der, Chinta Srinivas, Dulam Pavan, Jakku Srinivas, Vallala Raj Kumar Goud, Perumandla Arun Kumar Goud, and Chinta Ramesh Goud participated in the event.

Supreme Court Expresses Strong Dissatisfaction with Centre's Stance on Food Packet Labels



T. Venkat Rathod, Bureau Chief, Khammam August 15: On Thursday, the Supreme Court issued a stern warning to the Central Government regarding the labeling of packaged food products containing high levels of salt, sugar, and saturated fats. The Court bluntly told the Centre, "If you cannot do it, we will." It made it clear that the government should not yield to corporate pressure on matters concerning public health, particularly the health of children. A bench comprising Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice K. Vinod Chandran heard a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed on this issue. The bench expressed strong dissatisfaction with the approach taken by the Central Government and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) regarding warning labels on food products. The petitioner's counsel argued that clear warning labels should be displayed on the front of the packages to create awareness about high sugar, salt, and saturated fat content.

Independence Day Celebrations Hosted by the Government Drivers' Association

Bureau Chief, Hanamkonda, August 15 : The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held with great enthusiasm on Saturday at the Telangana Government Drivers' Association office (serving the undivided Warangal district) in Subedari, Hanamkonda. District President Md. Shabir and others paid floral tributes to the portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R.



Ambedkar and hoisted the national flag. Association General Secretary A. Prakash, Treasurer Udari Krishnamurthy, Venkata Swamy, Vali Pasha, Lakshman, Nikhil, Satish, Lakshmi Kantharao, and others participated in the event.

Grand Independence Day Celebrations at Alfores Educational Institutions Students' Cultural Performances Captivate the Audience

Direct Voice Karimnagar August 15.

Dr. V. Narender Reddy, Chairman of Alfores Educational Institutions, attended the grand Independence Day celebrations held at the Alfores campus in Karimnagar as the chief guest. He paid floral tributes to the portraits of Mother India and Mahatma Gandhi and honored their sacrifices. Noting that India is developing rapidly particularly making strides in the agricultural sector and infrastructure he urged students to work hard to fulfill their parents' aspirations, achieve their goals, and earn a distinguished reputation in society. He also mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is formulating special plans for the country's development and that the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is achieving excellent results and benefiting people from all walks of life. It was

stated that Alfores Educational Institutions are achieving outstanding results year after year, with students securing coveted seats and further enhancing the institution's reputation. Cultural programs performed by the students featuring them as "Unity in Diversity," pyramid formations, and portrayals of national leaders offered food for thought. Prizes were awarded to students who excelled in the various talent competitions and academic tests held as part of the celebrations, and they were congratulated on their achievements. Principals, faculty members, teachers, and students from various schools and colleges participated in the event. Karimnagar, August 15 Dr. V. Narender Reddy, the head of Alfores Educational Institutions, attended the grand Independence Day celebrations held at the Alfores campus in Karimnagar as the chief

guest. He remarked that India's freedom movement serves as an ideal and a guiding light for many nations across the globe. He paid floral tributes to the portraits of Bharata Mata and Mahatma Gandhi displayed on the premises and honored their sacrifices. Noting India's rapid development particularly its strides in the agricultural sector and infrastructure he urged every student to work hard to fulfill their parents' aspirations, achieve their goals, and earn a distinguished reputation in society. It was stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is formulating special plans for India's development, and that the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is achieving excellent results and benefiting people from all walks of life. It was further noted that Alfores Educational Institutions are achieving increasingly impressive results year after year, with students



securing coveted admissions and enhancing the institution's reputation. Cultural programs performed by the students featuring themes such as "Unity in Diversity," pyramid formations, and portrayals of national leaders offered food for thought. Prizes were awarded to students who excelled in the various talent competitions and examinations held as part of the celebrations, and congratulations were extended to them. Principals, faculty members, teachers, and students from various schools and colleges participated in the event.

Chief Minister to Launch Development Works Worth Rs. 484.42 Crore in Parkal

Direct Voice Bureau

Chief Warangal August 15 : Parkal MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy stated that the government is prioritizing the development of the Parkal constituency. He announced that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to visit Parkal on the 16th of this month. During the visit, the Minister will lay foundation stones and inaugurate development projects worth a total of ₹484.42 crore. Foundation stones will be laid for projects costing ₹443.42 crore, including

improvements to the Parkal municipality's drinking water supply, internal CC roads, development of the Kumkumeshwara Swamy Temple, an Urdu Ghar-cum-Shadikhana, the Akkampakpet Model Village, a dry waste plant, a Young India Integrated Residential School, an Advanced Technology Center, the Parkal-Erragattugutta four-lane road, an electrical substation, and an NPDCL division office. Additionally, the Chief Minister will inaugurate three major projects worth ₹41 crore: a 100-bed hospital, the Parkal Degree College, and an NPDCL modern division office/SPM shed at Atmakur. The MLA emphasized the government's commitment to developing education, healthcare, drinking water facilities, roads, electricity, and infrastructure in the Parkal constituency, noting that the Chief Minister's visit would further boost the constituency's development. MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy stated that support would be received.

Kuruma Sangham President Hoists National Flag

Direct voice, Warangal, Mandala Harish, August 15:

The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held with patriotic fervour under the auspices of the Mandal Kuruma Sangham. Mandal Kuruma Sangham President Harish hoisted the National Flag and paid tribute to the nation. "Speaking on the occasion, Harish remembered the sacrifices of the freedom fighters and called upon everyone to uphold national unity, integrity and democratic values. Kuruma Sangham leaders, committee members, youth and local residents participated in the celebrations and joined in the singing of the National Anthem.



Grand Independence Day Celebrations Organized by the Padmashali Association

Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Bhadradi Kothagudem August 15: The 80th Independence Day celebrations were grandly organized under the auspices of the Padmashali Association in Manuguru Mandal, Bhadradi Kothagudem district. On this occasion, Dr. Dussa Sammayya State Secretary of the Telangana Region Padmashali Association and Mandal President of the Manuguru Padmashali Association hoisted the national flag. Speaking afterwards, he called upon everyone to honor the

sacrifices of freedom fighters and to fulfill their respective responsibilities toward the nation's development, unity, and integrity. He expressed the hope that the youth would move forward with a spirit of patriotism and service. Participants in the event included General Secretary Kota Srinivas; Working President Rudra Nagaraju; Maheshwararup Ramesh; Honorary Presidents Gundla Venkateswara Rao (GV) and Korivi Basavayya; Secretary Kuri Narasimha Rao; and others such as Gangaseti Srinivas, Tati



Satyanarayana, Elagandula Narendar, Erram Ratnakar, Venakala Venkanna, Gundarapu Venkateswara Rao, Venagala Istaru, Amanchi Prasad, Dasari Swami, Anipreddi Narasimha Rao, Amanchi Satyanarayana, Kuchana Ravi, Kanuru Srinivas, and Poluri Krishnaiah.

Independence Day Celebrations at Pranam Day Care Center for the Elderly

Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Jangaon August 15:

Independence Day celebrations were held with great enthusiasm today at the Pranam Day Care Center for the Elderly in Jangaon district headquarters. Dr. D. Lavakumar Reddy, Chairman of the Jangaon District Red Cross Society, hoisted the national flag. He paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives to secure independence from the clutches of British rule. Earlier, the Day Care Center Superintendent, Kanana Parashuramulu, delivered the welcome address and briefed the gathering on the center's activities. In the sports

competitions held on the occasion, Balni Vidyasaagar won the first prize and N. Venkateswara Rao won the second prize in carroms. Similarly, Palle Yadagiri secured the first prize and Lagishetti Shankaralingam secured the second prize in chess. The event was attended by Alladi Prabhakar Rao (State Secretary, Telangana All Senior Citizens Association), Teegala Siddhimalliah (District President), T. Venkatamalla Reddy (Secretary), Duda Ramesh, and L. Shankaralingam, Pabba Chandrasekhar, Vanamala Somaiah, Renukunta Krishna, B. Veerayya, Nagabandi



Ravinder, Bachu Ramesh, Macharla Ramulu, Kasam Vijay Kumar, Gnaneshwar, Ramini Srinivasulu, Karampudi Satyanarayana, Sri Bhashyam Raghu, Lagishetti Veeralingam, Venkateswarlu, Mohamad Jabbar, Gottam Sridhar Reddy, K. Lakshminarasayya, Balaraju, Sukeshini Rani, P. Manjula, and others participated.

History Teacher Balayogi Receives Certificate of Appreciation



Bureau Chief Bhadradi August 15 : Thomalla Balayogi, who works as a history teacher at Bhadrachalam Tribal Gurukul College, received a certificate of appreciation as the best teacher. Project Officer B. Rahul presented a certificate of appreciation to Balayogi at the Independence Day celebrations held at ITDA on Saturday. Balayogi received a cash award for the best essay in August 2025. He said that he had been awarded the best teacher at the Republic Day celebrations of the same year. Achieved. Many expressed their happiness at Balayogi receiving the certificate of appreciation for the third time in a row. For the last six years, Balayogi has been working as a history teacher in various government colleges. He worked as a history/civics teacher at Charla Government Junior College from 2000-2010. He served as the Principal of Mother Teresa Degree College from 2010 to 2013. He served as a History Lecturer at Bhadrachalam Government Junior College from 2017 to 2020. He has been working as a History Lecturer at Bhadrachalam Tribal Gurukul College since 2020.

Grand Independence Day Celebrations in the Village



T. Venkat Rathod, Bureau Chief Khammam August 15 : Grand celebrations marking India's 80th Independence Day were held at the Panchayat office in Tanikella village, Konijarla Mandal. The event was attended by the Village Sarpanch, Konijarla Mandal CPI leaders, a former Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat staff, the Village Secretary, local leaders, and others. Saplings were planted to mark the occasion. Village Sarpanch Gadala Kalavathi and others emphasized the need to specially honor the sacrifices made by martyrs.

SR University Celebrates Independence Day with Patriotic Fervour

Bureau Chief Warangal, August 15.

SR University celebrated the 80th Independence Day of India with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm on the university campus. The celebrations brought together students, faculty, staff and members of the university community to commemorate the nation's independence and honour the sacrifices of the freedom fighters. Prof. Deepak Garg, Vice Chancellor, SR University, was the Chief Guest of the celebrations and unfurled the National Flag in the presence of the university community. The National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets presented an impressive Guard of Honour to the Chief Guest, reflecting discipline, dedication and patriotism. The NCC cadets also participated in the ceremonial parade, while members of the National Service Scheme (NSS) actively participated in the Independence Day celebrations. The participation of NCC and NSS volunteers added to the patriotic spirit of the occasion and highlighted the university's commitment to nurturing responsible and socially conscious citizens. The celebrations were attended by Prof. P.V. Ramana Rao, Registrar, and Prof. R. Archana Reddy, Dean – Operations & Growth, along with senior university officials, faculty members, staff and students. The ceremony featured the unfurling of the National Flag, the National Anthem, ceremonial activities by NCC cadets and the participation of the university community. The campus resonated with patriotic spirit as students and staff joined together in paying tribute to the nation and its freedom fighters. "The



Independence Day celebrations concluded with a renewed commitment among the university community to uphold the values of unity, integrity, discipline and service, and to contribute meaningfully towards the progress and development of the nation.

Pushkar's Works Start Soon The Tender Process Must Be Completed by the End of this Month - Minister Sridhar Babu

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad August 15 :

Don't compromise on quality. Co-ordination between departments is a must. Minister Sridhar Babu at the Cabinet Sub Committee meeting on Godavari Pushkaram IT and Industries Minister Duddi Sridhar Babu has instructed the officials to take steps to start the work in the first week of September under any circumstances, stating that the government has taken the most ambitious step. He clarified that the tender process should be completed by the end of this month. A review meeting was held on the Godavari Pushkaras at the Secretariat on Friday under the chairmanship of Cabinet Sub-Committee Chairman Sridhar Babu. On this occasion, the committee members reviewed the department-wise preparations and progress of the projects and gave directions to the officials. Speaking, Sridhar Babu said that the state government has allocated Rs. 1000 crores have been allocated. He suggested that special officers should be appointed for Tier-1 areas where there is a high influx of devotees and special command control centers should be set up in important areas. The concerned branch officials should take steps to ensure that the work is completed within the stipulated time. He clarified. He advised the officials of the Endowment Department to make a special dashboard available to know the work progress on a daily basis. He clarified to the officials that the suggestions and recommendations of the Cabinet Sub Com-



mittee members must be taken into consideration and action should be taken accordingly. Ministers Ponnampalapati, Konda Surekha, Tummala Nageswara Rao, Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Vivek Venkata Swamy, Aduri Laxman Kumar, Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy and senior officials participated. RTC's basic activities Review of the report It has been proposed to make 85 Pushkara Ghats and 22 RTC bus stations near them fully accessible during Pushkara festival in the old five districts. Keeping in mind the congestion, infrastructure like buildings, platforms, passenger facilities, sanitation, drinking water, electricity facilities, roads etc. have to be developed in the bus stations. Disaster boats, rescue teams, Hydra teams etc. "Coordination arrangements need to be made. It has been estimated that about 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. Keeping in mind the increasing rush of devotees, temporary bus shelters, passenger waiting areas, parking and other facilities should be set up. It is estimated that a total of Rs. 22 crore is required for 22 areas at a cost of about Rs. 1 crore each. Temporary bus stations, passenger halting areas and parking will be set

up in areas where there are no permanent RTC bus stations. Total infrastructure cost Rs. 66 crores are required for the modernization of bus stations, Rs. 22 crores for temporary bus shelters and other facilities, totaling Rs. 88 crores. Due to the implementation of the Mahalakshmi scheme, there is currently a high demand for RTC buses from women passengers. Since there is a possibility of further increase in congestion during Pushkaram, it has been proposed to run about 30% more buses compared to the previous Pushkarams. Due to the demand of passengers, Connectivity between Ghats and RTC bus stations will be enhanced. Special activities will be taken up during peak hours. Parking areas, temporary bus shelters and shuttle buses will be arranged between the Ghats. A comprehensive route map will be prepared with all the identified Ghats, related bus stations, distances, road routes and connectivity details. RTC advance activity TGS RTC has prepared advance arrangements for the transportation of devotees during Pushkara. Apart from running buses from all over the state, special arrangements will be made for the devotees coming from Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala to have no problems in public trans-

port. TGS RTC has prepared the Pushkara Ghats in various regions, the bus depots allocated to them, buses, trips and development works to be undertaken at the Ghats as per the plan. The details are as follows. The main ghats of Karimnagar region are Dharma puri, Errandi, Kaleshwaram, and Valgonada. Depots Godavari, Huzurabad, Jagityala, Karimnagar-1 Parakala, Bhupalapally, Karimnagar-2, Korutla, Manthani, Siricilla, Vemula wada. A large number of buses and trips have been prepared for Dharmapuri and Kaleshwaram as part of the Pushkaram. The main ghats of Nizamabad region are Pochampad, Kandakurti, Tadapakala, Donchanda, Gumiryal, Savel, Tungini, Ummada, Basara, Tadbiloli, Kosli, Binola. Depots: Armur, Kamarreddy, Nizamabad, Banswada, Bodhan. Facilities to be provided: Water, electric lights, tables, tents in Pochampad, Kandakurti, Donchanda, Tadbiloli and other areas. Main Ghats of Adilabad Region: Basara, Mudhol, Nirmal, Khanapur, Mancherla, Gennaram, Laxetipet etc. Depots Bhainsa, Hyderabad, Secunderabad city city city buses, Nirmal, Mancherla Special: A large number of special buses have been allocated to the Basara shrine from the Hyderabad and Secunderabad city depots as well as the Bainsa

depot. Warangal Region Main Ghats Kaleshwaram, Ramannagudem, Mangapet, Mullakattu. Depots Hanumakonda, Narsampeta, Thorur, Janagama. Facilities to be provided: Establishment of a temporary bus station in the Kaleshwaram area to accommodate the influx of passengers, Major Ghats of Khammam Region: Bhadrachalam, "Parnasala", Ramanujavaram, Chinnavigudem, Mothegadda, Dummugudem, Edullabayarum, Kothagudem, Chintiriyala, Nellipaka. Related Depots: Khammam, Manuguru, Sathupalli, Kothagudem, Illendu, Madhira Bhadrachalam. Special feature: Bus services have been arranged through Manuguru, Bhadrachalam, and Kothagudem depots to facilitate devotees to reach the ghats in Bhadrachalam and surrounding areas. RTC to make basic arrangements at the ghats "Drinking water: Drinking water facility for travelers at major ghats like Kandakurti, Pochampad, Tadniloli in Nizamabad and Adilabad districts. Tents to protect devotees from sun and rain, and benches to rest. Maintenance of high-mast lights at ghats and bus points to provide safety during the night. Temporary bus terminals. Special temporary bus stations will be set up at Kaleshwaram and other congested areas to facilitate easy boarding and disembarkation of passengers.

80th Independence Day Celebrations Held Grandly at RTO Office

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Bhadrachalam August 15 :

The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held in a grand manner at the RTO office in Bhadrachalam on Saturday, August 15, 2026, with patriotic spirit and national pride. On the occasion, Sri Sangam Venkata Pullaiah unfurled the National Flag and participated in the flag salute. Speaking on the occasion, he said that India's independence was the result of the sacrifices and struggles of countless freedom fighters. He called upon everyone to remember their sacrifices and work responsibly for the unity, integrity and development of the nation. He urged gov-

ernment officials and staff to provide better services to the public and work with dedication towards public welfare. He further stated that the participation of every citizen is vital for the progress and development of the country. Dr. Vemula Kameswara Rao, Assistant Professor, attended the programme as the chief guest and explained the importance of Independence Day and the history of India's freedom struggle. He recalled the sacrifices of great freedom fighters, including Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Bhagat Singh. "Dr. Kameswara Rao said that protecting the freedom



achieved through the sacrifices of our great leaders and taking the nation forward on the path of development is equally important. He stressed the need to educate the present generation about the freedom struggle and constitutional values. He called upon the youth to move forward with education, discipline, moral values and patriotism and actively contribute to the progress of the nation. He also urged everyone to uphold national unity, social responsibility and the spirit of public service. AMVI Park, AMVI Rajasekhara Reddy, RTO office officials and staff participated in the celebrations. The programme was conducted with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit and concluded with the National Anthem.

Smart Ration Cards Distributed in Festive Atmosphere

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad : Nizamabad, August 15, 2026 : "The distribution of digital smart ration cards, a flagship initiative of the Telangana government, was held in a grand and festive atmosphere at Bhooma Reddy Convention Hall in Nizamabad on Saturday. Government Adviser P. Sudarshan Reddy, who attended as the chief guest, distributed smart ration cards to beneficiaries. Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy, Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta, Armoor MLA Paidi Rakesh Reddy, Mayor Uma Rani, State Minorities Commission Chairman Tariq Ansari, State Urdu Academy Chairman "Taher-Bin-Hamdan, Collector Bhavesh Mishra, Additional Collector Bhujanga Rao, Armoor Sub-Collector Abhigyan Malviya, Trainee Collector Suresh, State Agriculture Commissioner Gadugu Ganga dhar and other public representatives and officials participated. "The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and the singing of Jaya Jayahe Telangana."Speaking on the occasion, Govern-

ment Adviser "P. Sudarshan Reddy said the State government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was committed to ensuring food security for every poor family holding a ration card. He said the government was supplying fine-quality rice to poor families so that they could have nutritious food with dignity. He said the introduction of digital smart ration cards would bring greater transparency, accountability and efficiency into the public distribution system. Officials were directed to ensure that not even a single grain of rice meant for poor families was diverted or misused. "Sudarshan Reddy said smart ration cards would make it easier for beneficiaries to access ration supplies and provide greater flexibility in obtaining essential commodities. Despite financial constraints, the government was continuing welfare and development programmes covering infrastructure, agriculture, education, employment and public services, he added. "Collector Bhavesh Mishra said digital



smart ration cards had been allotted to around 4.77 lakh families in Nizamabad district. He said systematic measures had been taken to ensure that no eligible family was left out and that the cards were distributed transparently. "The Collector said the smart cards had been designed using modern technology with nine security features, which would help prevent fake and duplicate beneficiaries and curb irregularities in the distribution of ration rice. The system would ensure that the benefits reached eligible families directly. Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy said the Congress government had introduced several welfare measures, including Rythu Bharosa, Kalvana Lakshmi, free

travel for women in RTC buses, 200 units of free electricity and fine rice for poor families. He said the issuance of new ration cards had received renewed attention after the Congress government came to power. "He described digital ration cards as another important step towards technology-driven and transparent governance and said the government was working towards building a Rising Telangana by 2047. "Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta and Armoor MLA Paidi Rakesh Reddy stressed the need to ensure that all eligible families received the full benefits of the public distribution system. They called for strict measures to prevent irregularities in the distribution of fine rice

and urged officials to take steps to avoid difficulties faced by farmers during the previous paddy procurement season. "NUDA Chairman Kesha Venu, Nizamabad Market Committee Chairman Muppa Ganga reddy, District Library Organisation Chairman Anthireddy Rajireddy, DRO Geetha, Municipal Commissioner Dilip Kumar, RDOs Rajendra Kumar and Vijaya Kumari, Trainee RDO Sandeep, DSO Srikanth Reddy, Civil Supplies DM Praveen, municipal chairpersons, corporators, councillors, sarpanches, ration dealers, local body representatives, officials from various departments and a large number of people attended the programme.

Give Up the Colonial Mindset and Learn Our History K. Kavitha

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad Hyderabad, August 15, 2026 : The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at the Telangana Rakshana Sena State Office with patriotic fervour. Party President Kalvakuntla Kavitha hoisted the national flag and conveyed her warm Independence Day greetings to the people. "Addressing the gathering, Kavitha said that understanding the nation's history and the sacrifices of previous generations was essential for building a better future. She urged parents and teachers to educate children about the struggles and sacrifices made during India's freedom movement. Kavitha said the people must remember the exploitation and atrocities committed during British rule, including the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, the impact of man-made famines and the large-scale use of Indians in the two World Wars. "She alleged that the British exploited India's natural and economic resources and pursued a policy of divide and rule. She also said that the partition of



the country at the time of Independence created long-standing differences between India and Pakistan. "Kavitha demanded that the wealth taken from India during the colonial period, including the Kohi noor diamond, be returned. She said the Telangana Rakshana Sena would continue to raise its voice for the return of India's historical wealth. "She also called for an end to the colonial mindset that continues to influence society. "Speaking English should not be

considered a measure of superiority. We must respect our own language, culture and heritage," she said. "Kavitha stressed that the younger generation should know the truth about India's past, the sacrifices of freedom fighters and the hardships faced under colonial rule. British rule may have ended, but we must also free ourselves from the colonial mindset. Only those who understand history can build a strong and better future," Kavitha said.

Nizamabad Marks 80th Independence Day with Focus on Welfare and Development

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad Nizamabad, August 15, 2026 : On the occasion of the 80th Independence Day, I extend my warm greetings to the people of Nizamabad district, public representatives, freedom fighters, families of Telangana martyrs, officials, media representatives and my best wishes and blessings to all students. "India has completed 79 years of Independence and has made remarkable progress in several fields while upholding the spirit of "Unity in Diversity." The nation continues to demonstrate its strength and stature before the world. On this historic occasion, it is our duty to remember and pay tribute to all those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country. "The freedom struggle led by Mahatma Gandhi remains an inspiration to the entire world. Through the weapon of non-violence, India won a historic struggle and introduced a new path of resistance to the world. After achieving freedom from British rule, the nation under the leadership of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru began the equally important battle against poverty, inequality and untouchability and laid strong foundations for democratic governance. "True freedom means ensuring that every citizen has access to basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing and has the opportunity to grow independently with dignity and freedom. "I am pleased that welfare and development programmes such as Rythu Bharosa, Mahalakshmi, Gruha Jyothi, Cheyutha, Rythu Runa Mafi and Indiramma Indlu are being implemented effectively in Nizamabad district. The district is progressing in various sectors and setting an example in the implementation of welfare and development programmes. "During the 2026 Vanakalam season, paddy has been cultivated on 3.87 lakh acres, maize on 52,000 acres, soybean on 35,000 acres and red gram on 900 acres. "To improve soil fertility, 4,192 quintals of Sunnhemp seed and 136 quintals of Dhaincha seed were distributed to farmers at a 50% subsidy. "Adequate quantities of fertilizers have been supplied without shortage, including 42,983 MT of urea, 11,554 MT of DAP, 1,913 MT of potash and 38,067 MT of complex fertilizers. At present, substantial stocks are available in the district. "Under Rythu Bima, ₹39.30 crore has been directly deposited into the bank accounts of nominees of 786 eligible deceased farmers during 2025-26. "Under Rythu Bharosa, ₹316.21 crore has so far been deposited directly into the bank accounts of 2.75 lakh farmers for the 2026 Vanakalam season. "A total of 4,77,780 Food Security Cards are benefiting 16,09,447 people in the district. Fine rice has

been distributed through fair price shops since April 2025. "For August to October 2026, 30,130 MT of free rice has been allocated. "Under the Mahalakshmi scheme, subsidised LPG cylinders at ₹500 are being provided. So far, 2,47,603 beneficiaries have received subsidy for 14,87,826 cylinders, involving ₹46.86 crore. "During Rabi 2025-26, 7,42,305 MT of paddy was procured from 1,09,734 farmers through 669 procurement centres, with ₹1,772.14 crore deposited into their accounts. "Under the ₹500-per quintal bonus scheme for fine paddy, 5,99,423 MT was procured from 97,041 farmers, and ₹299.71 crore was paid as bonus. "Under the Indiramma Indlu housing scheme, 16,924 houses have been sanctioned in Nizamabad district. Of these, 9,624 houses have been completed and 7,300 are under progress, with ₹438.30 crore spent so far. "Women passengers in the district have made extensive use of the free bus travel facility. So far, nearly 9.86 crore women passenger journeys have been covered, resulting in savings of approximately ₹421.51 crore for women. Around one lakh women passengers are benefiting from the scheme every day. "Under the Gruha Jyothi scheme, 2,00,000-unit-free electricity benefit has been provided to eligible households. So far, 2,72,300 families have received zero bills every month, with a subsidy of ₹296.25 crore. "A total of 17 new 33/11 KV substations have been sanctioned at a cost of ₹45.36 crore. Two substations have already been commissioned, work on 10 is progressing and five are under the tender process. "The government has sanctioned 28 buses for 28 Mandal Samakhya. Under the Cheyutha pension scheme, 2,63,487 beneficiaries receive ₹56.73 crore every month. "Under Stree Nidhi, ₹242.63 crore in loans was sanctioned against a target of ₹246 crore during 2025-26, achieving 98.85% progress. Nizamabad district secured the first position at the State level in Stree Nidhi loan disbursement and recovery and received an award. "Under employment guarantee programmes, 1.32 lakh workers from 96,744 families were provided employment, generating 29.07 lakh person-days with an expenditure of ₹86.19 crore. "Under the Jal Siri programme, works including farm ponds, recharge pits, community soak pits and borewell recharge structures are being taken up to improve groundwater levels and provide additional income opportunities to farmers. "Through bank linkage, 400 Self-Help Groups have received interest-free loans amounting to ₹46.49 crore during the current financial year. "A target of 1,600 acres has been fixed for oil palm cultivation. Administrative approval has been obtained for 1,526 acres covering 564 farmers,

while oil palm plantations have already been established on 166 acres. Under micro and sprinkler irrigation, equipment has been installed in 4,691 acres, with work progressing for the remaining area. "The district has 405 fishermen cooperative societies with 24,663 members. During 2026-27, arrangements are being made to release 4.54 crore fish fingerlings in 967 tanks with 100% subsidy. Mid-day meals are being provided to 97,720 students in 1,159 schools. Students receive eggs three times a week and ragi porridge three times a week. "In the 2025-26 SSC examinations, 22,961 out of 24,365 students passed, achieving an impressive 94.24% pass percentage. "Under the Amma Adarsha Schools programme, 42.23 crore was sanctioned for additional classrooms, toilets and drinking water facilities. Four Young India Integrated Residential Schools have been sanctioned in Malkapur, Pothangal, Bellal and Ankapur at a total estimated cost of ₹800 crore, and works are progressing. Under the National Health Mission, 27.28 crore was spent during 2025-26 on various healthcare services. The Telangana Diagnostics Hub is providing 134 types of tests free of cost. Since January 2026, 2,96,774 samples have been collected and 5,98,708 tests con-



ducted. Special health services for senior citizens above 60 years are being provided at PHCs and Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, including screening for diabetes, heart diseases, cancer, dental and eye problems, along with physiotherapy services. "Under Rajiv Aarogyasri, the health coverage limit has been enhanced to ₹10 lakh. From January to July 2026, 16,055 beneficiaries received Aarogyasri services through government and private hospitals. "The district has 1,501 Main Anganwadi Centres under five ICDS projects. These centres provide supplementary nutrition, pre-school education, immunisation and health services to children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. "Under Operation Smile-12, 119 boys were rescued during July 2026 and counselling was provided to the children and their parents. "Under various welfare schemes, residential facilities, scholarships and financial assistance are being provided to students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. "For ST students, ₹9.15 crore was spent under pre-matric and post-matric scholarships, benefiting 6,128 students. "For BC students, 34 hostels are being operated for 3,254 students, besides scholarships and fee reimbursement support. "Under minority welfare programmes, financial assistance is being provided to eligible minority widows, single women, orphans and divorced women under the Indiramma Women's Scheme etc.

FROM INDEPENDENCE TO SELF-RELIANCE: INDIA’S DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY, 1947–2026

From Hunger to Food Security... From Darkness to Electrification... From Illiteracy to a Knowledge Society — India’s 79-Year Journey!!

“When India attained independence on August 15, 1947, the country was burdened with numerous problems. Having emerged from colonial rule, India had a weak economy. Industrialisation was limited, agriculture was largely dependent on rainfall, and shortages of food grains, poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, poor health, and low standards of living were major obstacles to national development. Rural areas lacked basic infrastructure. Electricity, roads, irrigation, healthcare centres, higher educational institutions, and industries existed only on a limited scale. Under these circumstances, the greatest challenge before independent India was not merely to preserve political freedom, but to use that freedom to improve the economic, social, educational, health, and living standards of its people.”

“An examination of India’s journey from 1947 to 2026 shows that this transformation did not take place in a single phase. The country evolved through several stages, including planned economic development, the agricultural revolution, industrialisation, the economic reforms of 1991, the expansion of the services sector, the information technology revolution, digital infrastructure, modern transport systems, space research, the expansion of healthcare, and the growth of higher education institutions.”

“INDIA AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE” “At the time of independence, India was primarily an agriculture-based economy. The majority of the population lived in villages and depended on agriculture for their livelihood. However, agricultural productivity was low. Irrigation facilities were limited, while modern seeds, chemical fertilisers, mechanisation, and scientific farming practices were not widely available.”

“The situation in education was even more backward. According to the first Census of independent India conducted in 1951, India’s literacy rate was only 18.3%. Female literacy was even lower, at just 8.9%. By 2011, the overall literacy rate had increased to 73.0%, while female literacy had risen to 64.6%. These figures clearly demonstrate the revolutionary expansion of education in post-independence India.”

“THE BEGINNING OF PLANNED DEVELOPMENT” “After independence, India chose the path of planned development. The Planning Commission was established in 1950, and the First Five-Year Plan was launched in 1951. Efforts began to develop agriculture, irrigation, electricity, industries, transport, and education simultaneously. Priority was given to heavy industries, steel plants, heavy machinery manufacturing, power projects, and large dams. Steel plants at Bhilai, Rourkela, and Durgapur became foundations of India’s industrial structure. Large irrigation and power projects such as Bhakra Nangal emerged as symbols of modern India’s nation-building process.”

“AGRICULTURE: FROM HUNGER TO FOOD SECURITY” “In the early years after independence, food-grain shortages were a major challenge for India. As the population increased, agricultural production failed to grow sufficiently. The country was compelled to import food grains from abroad.”

“The Green Revolution, which began in the mid-1960s, transformed the history of Indian agriculture. High-yielding varieties of seeds, expansion of irrigation, increased use of fertilisers, agricultural research, extension services, and access to agricultural credit together contributed to a rapid rise in agricultural production. According to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, compared with 1950–51, India’s food-grain production has increased approximately fourfold, horticultural production sixfold, fish production ninefold, milk production sixfold, and egg production twenty-sevenfold. This was not merely an increase in production. It represented a historic transformation in which India moved from dependence on the world for food to achieving food security. However, despite increased agricultural productivity, issues such as farmers’ incomes, the sustainability of small farmers, water scarcity, groundwater depletion, climate change, and fluctuations in market prices remain to be addressed.

BUILDING AN INDUSTRIAL INDIA Building India’s industrial sector was another major objective after independence. During the 1950s, emphasis on heavy industries laid the foundation for sectors such as steel, machinery, coal, electricity, chemicals, fertilisers, and engineering.”

“Subsequently, sectors such as automobiles, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, electronics, information technology, telecommunications, and space technology expanded.”

“The economic reforms of 1991 marked another major turning point in India’s industrial history. By reducing economic controls, expanding opportunities for foreign investment, and providing greater scope for the private sector, the reforms connected Indian industry more closely with the

global economy.”

“Today, advanced technology is receiving increasing importance in manufacturing. According to the Economic Survey 2025–26, medium- and high-technology activities accounted for 46.3% of India’s manufacturing value added.”

“However, manufacturing still needs to play a larger role in the Indian economy. In 2023–24, manufacturing accounted for 14.3% of total Gross Value Added at current prices.”

“EDUCATION: FROM 18.3% LITERACY TO A KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY” “One of the greatest achievements of independent India has been the expansion of education. While the literacy rate was only 18.3% in 1951, it had risen to 73.0% by 2011. The transformation in women’s education is even more significant. Female literacy increased from just 8.9% in 1951 to 64.6% in 2011.”

“Higher education also underwent a massive transformation. According to data from the Ministry of Education, India had only 20 universities in 1950, whereas their number had increased to 677 by 2014.”

“The Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institute of Science, Central Universities, Institutions of National Importance, medical institutions, and agricultural universities have contributed significantly to the development of skilled human resources. The expansion of elementary education, the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the Right to Education Act, and the National Education Policy brought education closer to ordinary citizens. However, alongside quantitative expansion, issues such as educational quality, research, employment-oriented skills, equal opportunities in higher education, and strengthening public educational institutions remain crucial.”

“HEALTHCARE: FROM LOW LIFE EXPECTANCY TO IMPROVED LIVING STANDARDS” “At the time of independence, India faced serious challenges from infectious diseases, malnutrition, infant mortality, and maternal health problems. Medical services in rural areas were extremely limited. The expansion of primary health centres, vaccination programmes, family welfare programmes, the public healthcare system, the growth of medical colleges, the development of the pharmaceutical industry, and national health programmes gradually transformed India’s healthcare sector.”

“According to World Bank data, life expectancy in India had reached approximately 72 years by 2024.”

“At present, millions of people are served through health facilities across the country. According to Union Health Ministry data, by the end of 2023–24, 172,148 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs were operational, of which 134,650 centres were providing 12 key health services. However, challenges such as public health expenditure, shortages of healthcare personnel in rural areas, unequal distribution of doctors, high private healthcare costs, and nutritional problems continue to exist.

ELECTRICITY: FROM DARKNESS TO ENERGY SECURITY” “At the time of independence, India’s electricity generation capacity was extremely limited. Electricity access in rural areas was very low. Government investment in the power sector, major hydropower projects, coal-based power plants, nuclear power, and later the development of solar and wind energy completely transformed India’s electricity system. By the end of 2025, India’s total installed electricity generation capacity had reached approximately 514 gigawatts. The share of renewable energy had also increased significantly. As of December 2025, total renewable energy capacity stood at approximately 258,008 megawatts, accounting for about 50.22% of total installed capacity.”

“This indicates a structural transformation taking place in India’s energy system. Solar power, wind power, green hydrogen, and battery storage are emerging as crucial sectors for the country’s future development.”

“ROADS: FROM RURAL PATHS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS” “Roads are among the most important components of infrastructure development. In 1950–51, India had a total road network of approximately 399,942 kilometres, while national highways accounted for only 19,811 kilometres. By 2019–20, the total road network had increased to 6,360,004 kilometres, while the length of national highways had grown to 132,995 kilometres.”

“National highways, expressways, rural roads, bridges, tunnels, and urban transport systems have accelerated economic activity across India.”

“RAILWAYS: FROM TRADITIONAL TRANSPORT TO A MODERN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM” “Although Indian Railways existed before independence, after independence they became a crucial instrument of national economic integration. Expansion of railway routes, electrification, modern signalling, dedicated freight corridors, faster trains, and improved railway stations have transformed the system.”

“Railways are not merely a means of passenger transportation. They function as an economic lifeline, transporting agricultural produce to markets, raw materials to industries, and manufactured goods to different parts of the country.”

“IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES” “Af-

ter independence, large dams, canals, and irrigation projects were constructed. Irrigation played a crucial role in increasing agricultural productivity.”

“However, today water management has emerged as a new challenge. Excessive groundwater extraction, irregular rainfall, climate change, urbanisation, and industrial water requirements are factors that may affect India’s future water security. Therefore, water conservation, river rejuvenation, restoration of tanks, micro-irrigation, and rainwater harvesting need greater emphasis in India’s future development.”

“FROM SPACE TO DIGITAL INDIA Soon after independence, India laid the foundation for space research. Satellite launches, weather forecasting, remote sensing, communication systems, navigation, Chandrayaan, and Mangalyaan missions demonstrated India’s scientific and technological capabilities to the world.”

“At the same time, the information technology sector connected the Indian economy with the global services sector. Cities such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Chennai, Gurugram, and Noida emerged as major centres of technology, industry, services, and start-ups.”

“The internet, mobile phones, digital payments, digital public infrastructure, Aadhaar, and direct benefit transfers have brought new transformations to India’s economic and social systems.”

“THE ECONOMY: FROM A SMALL ECONOMY TO A GLOBAL POWER After independence, India’s economy was relatively small. Through a planned economic system, efforts were made to increase domestic production, savings, investment, and infrastructure.”

“A new phase began with the economic reforms of 1991. According to World Bank data, India’s Gross Domestic Product at current prices increased from approximately \$320.98 billion in 1990 to about \$3.956 trillion in 2025. Per capita income also increased substantially during the same period.”

“India has now established a significant position in the global economy. The services sector, information technology, pharmaceutical industry, automobiles, telecommunications, financial services, and the digital economy have become important pillars of economic growth.

POVERTY REDUCTION AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION At the time of independence, poverty was widespread in India. Rural poverty, food shortages, unemployment, and illiteracy were major barriers to development.”

“Government welfare programmes, rural employment, food security, expansion of education, healthcare schemes, banking services, self-help groups, and rural infrastructure development have contributed to poverty reduction.”

“According to the World Bank, in 2022, an estimated 5.3% of India’s population was below the threshold of \$3 per day.”

“However, poverty reduction alone cannot be considered a sufficient measure of inclusive development. Income inequalities, quality of employment, social security, women’s economic participation, and the rural–urban divide must also remain part of the development debate.”

“FROM RURAL INDIA TO URBAN INDIA” “In 1947, India was predominantly a rural country. Today, urbanisation is rapidly increasing. Villages are becoming connected through roads, electricity, mobile phones, internet services, banking, education, and healthcare. At the same time, cities have emerged as centres of economic growth.”

“However, rapid urbanisation has also created challenges related to housing, drinking water, sewage management, public transport, pollution, and waste management. Therefore, sustainable urban development is an urgent necessity for India’s future.”

“THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN INDIA’S DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY” “After independence, significant progress was made in women’s education, health, political participation, employment, self-help groups, and higher education. The remarkable rise in female literacy is clear evidence of this transformation.”

“However, greater progress is still required in areas such as women’s labour-force participation, equal wages, leadership opportunities, safety, property rights, and equal representation in higher education.”

“SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY” “Independent India laid institutional foundations for scientific research. The country developed its own capabilities in nuclear energy, space research, agricultural science, pharmaceuticals, information technology, biotechnology, and medical research.”

“In recent years, areas such as artificial intelligence, semiconductors, robotics, space technology, quantum technology, and biotechnology are expected to influence the future Indian economy.”

“CHALLENGES EMERGING ALONGSIDE DEVELOPMENT” “Although India’s achievements during its 79-year journey are remarkable, it is equally important to ask whether the benefits of development have reached everyone equally.”

“Agrarian distress, adequate employment for youth, skill shortages, income inequali-

ties, environmental pollution, climate change, water scarcity, urban congestion, healthcare costs, and quality-related issues in education continue to pose major challenges.”

“India is simultaneously emerging as one of the world’s major economies while carrying the responsibility of further improving the living standards of hundreds of millions of people.”

“Development does not mean merely increasing Gross Domestic Product. True development means providing every family with a dignified life, every child with quality education, every citizen with accessible healthcare, every farmer with a stable income, every young person with skilled employment, every woman with equal opportunities, every village with basic infrastructure, and every city with a sustainable living environment.

1947 TO 2026: A HISTORICAL REVIEW “India, which gained independence in 1947 amid hunger, poverty, illiteracy, disease, and inadequate infrastructure, laid the foundations for planned development during the 1950s. During the 1960s, it moved towards food security through the Green Revolution. During the 1970s and 1980s, it expanded industries, electricity, agriculture, education, and healthcare. In 1991, economic reforms integrated India more closely with the global economy. After 2000, information technology, telecommunications, the services sector, and urbanisation accelerated. After 2010, major changes took place in digital infrastructure, financial inclusion, direct benefit transfers, roads, electricity, healthcare, and housing. During the 2020s, greater emphasis has been placed on manufacturing, renewable energy, space technology, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and the digital economy. The Economic Survey 2025–26 also identifies agriculture, industry, infrastructure, education and healthcare, skill development, rural development, urbanisation, and artificial intelligence as key sectors for India’s future development.

CONCLUSION: FROM INDEPENDENCE TO DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE The independence India achieved in 1947 was not merely a political event; it was a historic turning point that gave millions of people the opportunity to shape their own future. Comparing the problems India faced on that day with the India of today reveals the enormous scale of the transformation the country has achieved. From hunger to food security, from illiteracy to widespread education, from limited electricity to enormous power capacity, from limited industries to modern manufacturing, from inadequate roads to a vast road network, from limited medical services to an extensive public health infrastructure, from modest scientific capabilities to space research, and from a largely cash-based economy to digital transactions, India has undergone a remarkable transformation.”

“However, completing 79 years of independence does not mean that the development journey has ended. It means that the responsibility for the next stage has become even greater. As India moves towards the 80th anniversary of independence in 2027, it must not only remember its past achievements with pride but also confront future challenges with a scientific and progressive outlook.”

“The future of India will depend on higher agricultural productivity, advanced technology in industries, quality education, accessible healthcare, integrated infrastructure, clean energy, equal opportunities in the economy, employment for youth, equal participation of women, environmental protection, scientific research, and the effective integration of digital technologies. India achieved independence in 1947. The decades that followed were a period in which India demonstrated its capabilities. The coming decades must be a period in which those capabilities are converted into improved quality of life for every Indian. That is the true meaning of independence; that is the ultimate goal of development.”

“2. FROM INDEPENDENCE TO SELF-RELIANCE – INDIA’S DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY” “When India attained independence on August 15, 1947, the country was burdened with numerous challenges. Poverty, hunger, illiteracy, unemployment, poor health, industrial backwardness, and inadequate infrastructure were major obstacles to development.



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80th Independence Day Celebrations Held Grandly at Pegadapalli Mandal Headquarters



Kyasa Gangadhar Bureau Chief Jagtial, Pegadapalli August 15: The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held grandly at the Congress Party office in Pegadapalli Mandal headquarters on Friday. As part of the celebrations, a national flag hoisting ceremony was organized with patriotic fervour. Mandal Congress Party President Kadari Tirupathi hoisted the national flag. Following the flag hoisting, patriotic songs were sung and the significance of Independence Day was highlighted. AMC Chairman Burra Ramulu Goud, along with sarpanches and deputy sarpanches from various villages in the mandal, present and former public representatives, former MPTCs, senior Congress leaders, party workers, Youth Congress leaders and a large number of party members attended the programme and made it a success.

80th Independence Day Celebrations Held in Pegadapalli



Kyasa Gangadhar Bureau Chief Jagtial, Pegadapalli August 15: "The 80th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor at the Pegadapalli Mandal Centre. On the occasion, BRS Mandal President Loka Malla Reddy hoisted the National Flag. BRS Telangana State leader Oruganti Ramanarao, along with BRS mandal leaders, party workers and women leaders, participated in the celebrations and paid tribute to the nation.

80th Independence Day Celebrations at Arts College

Bureau Chief Hanumakonda, August 15: The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held in a grand manner on Saturday at Kakatiya University Arts and Science College in Subedari, Hanumakonda. On this occasion, the College Principal, Professor Sunkari Jyothi, hoisted the National Flag and thereafter paid her respects to the National Flag. She also received the guard of honour presented by the college NCC students. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Professor Sunkari Jyothi said that Arts College has a glorious historical legacy and, as the institution is soon set to complete 100 years, there is a need for the college to rise to an even higher level. She advised the faculty members to give special attention not only to teaching but also to research, innovations, and the overall development of students. She called upon students to cultivate patriotism, discipline, and social responsibility and become active participants in the development of the nation. Later, the Principal presented prizes to NCC and NSS students who had excelled in various activities and congratulated them. The programmes organized on the occasion of Independence Day to promote patriotism, national unity, and a spirit of service among the students were impressive. College Vice-Principal Rehman, Assistant Registrar Srilatha, college faculty members, NCC and NSS coordinators, students, teaching and non-teaching staff, and others participated in the programme.



Grand 80th Independence Day Celebrations at Disneyland High School

Direct Voice, Staff Reporter Poojari Satyanarayana Hanumakonda, August 15: The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held with great enthusiasm and grandeur at Disneyland High School in Oglapur village of Damera Mandal. School Founder Sri Dayyala Sadaiah unfurled the National Flag, marking the beginning of the celebrations. Prior to the flag hoisting, around 800 students participated in a grand rally from Damera Crossroads to the school campus. Marching in disciplined rows, the students performed an impressive March Past, which earned appreciation from the dignitaries and guests. The students' spectacular pyramid formations and karate demonstrations were among the major attractions of the celebrations. Patriotic speeches, patriotic songs and vibrant dance performances presented by the students further added colour and spirit to the occasion. Oglapur Sarpanch Kethipalli Sridhar Reddy attended the programme and addressed the students. He advised them to set high goals, focus on their future and contribute to the development of the nation. The Deputy Sarpanch and village elders also participated in the celebrations and conveyed their Independence Day greetings to the students. The chief guest, Retired MEO Balugu Gattaiah, spoke about the significance of Independence Day and the sacrifices made by the great freedom fighters. He urged the students to remember the values and sacrifices behind India's freedom and grow into responsible citizens of the country. He also extended his best wishes to all the students. The celebrations were attended by school founders Dayyala Mallaiah and Balugu Lakshminivasam, Correspondent B. Shobharani, Directors D. Rakesh Bhanu, Dinesh Chander and Dr. B. Pavan, D. Bhanuchander, Kavya Sri and Meena, along with Yamsani Srinivas, K. Venkat, Budde Rajesh, Amzath, K. Ellaiah and Indra Reddy. School staff, students, parents and village dignitaries also participated in the celebrations. With the students' display of patriotism, discipline and cultural talent, the Disneyland High School campus was filled with patriotic fervour and the spirit of the Tricolour.



Direct Voice Distributes Press Cards to Reporters

Warangal, August 15: Direct Voice English Daily has distributed official press cards to its reporters and staff members as part of strengthening its news-gathering network across Telangana. Press cards were handed over to State Bureau Chief Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu, Hyderabad bureau chief Anna Raju, Staff Reporter Kyasa Gangadhar, Reporters Budde Rajesh, Koduru Sathish Kumar, Mandala Harish Kumar, Satyanarayana Poojari, Md Amzath and Education Reporter Illandula Vijay Kumar, Staff Photographer Preugu Raju along with other members of the reporting team. The press cards were distributed under the guidance of D. Malla



iah, D. Sadaiah, B. Laxminivasam, Yamsani Srinivas and Chatimpu Editor K. Venkat, along with Direct Voice Chief Editor D. Dinesh Chander. The management stated that the accreditation of reporters reflects the organisation's commitment to strengthening professional journalism and expanding its coverage of public issues, education, government activities and developments across different regions. The editorial team congratulated all the reporters and called upon them to uphold journalistic ethics, accuracy, impartiality and responsibility while reporting news and representing Direct Voice.

Medals for Exceptional Service in Police Department

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Vemulawada, August 15. On the occasion of Independence Day celebrations, the state government presented prestigious Police Service Medals to police officers who rendered exceptional service in Rajanna Sircilla district. Govt Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas, District Collector Garima Agarwal, and District SP Mahesh B. Gitte IPS presented the medals to the selected officers. They were later congratulated. Speaking on the occasion, Adi Srinivas said that police officers and staff who work with dedication will get due recognition for their services. He congratulated the officers selected for prestigious service medals. Recipients:- Rajender, Head Constable, Mustabad PS - Best Service Medal- Nageshwar Rao, Communication SI - Service Medal Bhoomya Latha, Head Constable, Illanthakunta PS Service Medal Srinivas, Boinapalli PS - Service Medal

