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CM Revanth Reddy Launches Multiple Development Projects in Parkal

Direct Voice Reporter
Perugu Raju Parkal, August 16: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inaugurated several major development projects and laid foundation stones for a number of key infrastructure and welfare initiatives during his visit to Parkal. The Chief Minister laid the foundation stones for the following projects: Young India Integrated Residential School at an estimated cost of 200 crore. Various development works in Parkal Municipality with an estimated cost of ₹82 crore. "A four-lane road from Parkal to Erragattu Gutta at a cost of ₹65 crore. An Advanced Technology Centre (ATC) at a cost of 45.15 crore. "Parkal Indira Mahila Dairy Plant at Lyadella village in Damera Man



dal, with an estimated cost of 32.17 crore. Development and plan ned infrastructure works in Akkampet village at an estimated cost of ₹10 crore. "Development works at Sri Kunku meshwara Swamy Temple at a cost of 25 crore. "Township Under Land Pooling Scheme at Atmakur. A 33/11 KV electricity sub-sta-

tion in Parkal town at a cost of 3 crore. An Electricity Divisional Engineer's Office at a cost of 1.10 crore. The Chief Minister also inaugurated several completed projects, including: A 100-bed Area Hospital in Parkal, constructed at a cost of ₹35 crore. An advanced SPM Centre at Atmakur, constructed at a cost of

₹1 crore. The new Government Degree College building in Parkal, constructed at a cost of ₹5 crore. The development projects are expected to strengthen infrastructure, healthcare, education, employment opportunities, power supply and connectivity in Parkal and the surrounding areas

We Will Make Mulugu a Model District Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy

State Bureau Chief August 16: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said that with the blessings of Kakatiya and Mulugu representative Sammakka Saralamma, Mulugu district will be developed in all sectors and made a model district. He said that special attention is being paid to the education, medical, irrigation, roads, employment and tourism sectors in tribal areas. He announced that the spiritual and tribal cultural splendor of Medaram will be developed to showcase it to the world and special funds will be sanctioned for the Mallur Narasimhaswamy Temple. He announced that Jampannavagu will be comprehensively developed and check dams and bathing ghats will be constructed in the necessary areas. He said that free training in German, Japanese and Korean languages will be provided to the youth of Mulugu and they will be prepared for international job opportunities. As part of his tour of Mulugu district, CM Revanth Reddy launched several development programs on Sunday and made key promises to the district. A plan to develop 2,145 rural roads covering 7,448 km across the state at a cost of Rs. 16,007 crore was launched from Mulugu. The new integrated district office complex built at a cost of Rs. 63.50 crore was inaugurated and the statue of Telangana Thalli was unveiled. "Special worship to the goddesses CM Revanth Reddy, who arrived in



Medaram in a special helicopter from Kamareddy district, was given a grand welcome by ministers, MPs, MLAs and officials. Later, upon reaching the Sammakka Saralamma Gaddel, he was welcomed by tribal priests in traditional ways. The CM, who visited the goddesses, performed special pujas and the people of the state were filled with happiness and joy. "He prayed for good health. As part of his vow, he offered a 66 kg gold jaggery in a balance. After the pujas, the priests offered the Tirtha Prasadam to the CM, ministers and public representatives. The CM inaugurated the clean drinking water center set up in the Medaram temple premises. He instructed the officials to take steps to ensure continuous access to clean drinking water to the devotees. He said that it is every one's responsibility to protect the environment by planting trees in the temple premises. Medaram is recognized world wide. The CM announced that the Medaram Sammakka-Saralamma

temple complex will be developed in a unique way on the lines of Ramappa and Thousand Pillar Temples. He said that infrastructure will be provided to showcase the spiritual and tribal cultural splendor of Medaram to the world. He said that necessary steps will be taken to provide better facilities to the devotees. He said that special funds will be sanctioned soon for the development of the Mallur Narasimhaswamy Temple, and that besides providing facilities to the devotees visiting the temple, the Mallur area will be developed as a tourist destination. He said that keeping in mind the facilities and irrigation needs of Medaram devotees, the Jampannavagu will be comprehensively developed, and check dams and bathing ghats will be constructed at necessary places. He clarified that special attention will be paid to the projects required to eliminate the shortage of irrigation water in Mulugu, a coastal area of Godavari. "Better roads for villages" conne

ction Gattamma Temple in Mulugu district center. The CM unveiled the Rural Road Development Pillar nearby. The government has announced that 2,145 rural roads covering 7,448 km will be developed across the state at a cost of Rs. 16,007 crore. The plan aims to provide better connectivity from gram panchayats to mandal centers and main roads. With improved transport facilities in rural areas, agriculture, education, healthcare and employment sectors will benefit. New Collectorate with Rs. 63.50 crores CM Revanth Reddy inaugurated the newly integrated district office complex of Mulugu district, built at a cost of Rs. 63.50 crore. With the offices of various government departments being available at one place, government services will be more easily available to the people. The CM unveiled the statue of Telangana Thalli installed in the Collectorate premises. He reviewed the details of development programs worth about Rs. 868 crore undertaken in

Collector Ashish Sangwan Calls on CM Revanth Reddy

State Bureau Chief M.A. Samad Kamareddy 16, 2026: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy visited Bichkunda in Kamareddy district on Sunday to attend the wedding reception of the daughter of Jukkal MLA Thota Laxmi Kantha Rao. "On the occasion, Kamareddy District Collector Ashish Sangwan met the Chief Minister and welcomed him by presenting a bouquet. The Collector briefed the Chief Minister on key development and welfare initiatives being undertaken in the district. "The two also exchanged views on various matters related to the implementation and



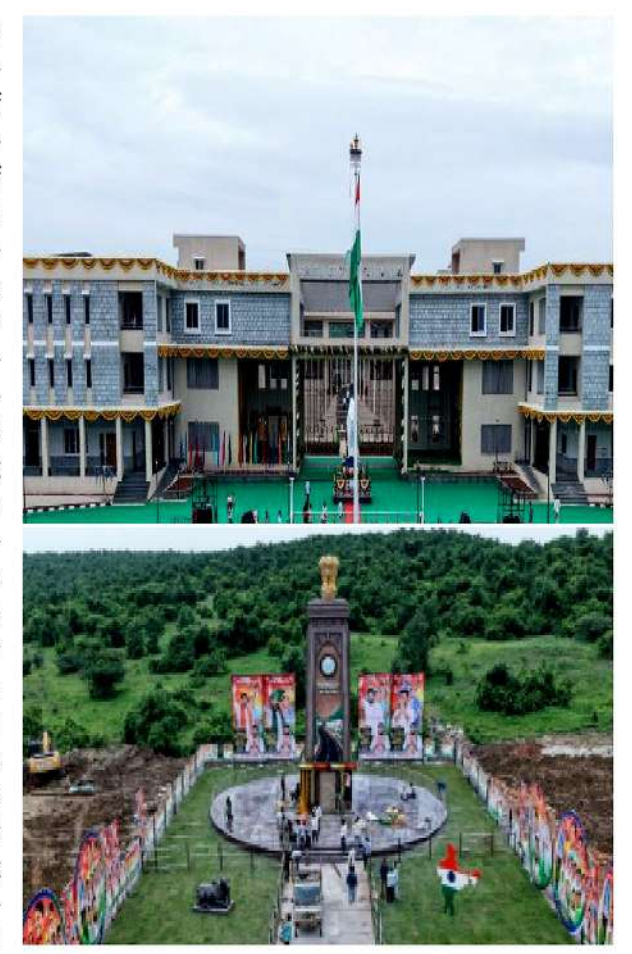
progress of government programmes in Kamareddy district. "Several public representatives, government officials and local leaders were present during the Chief Minister's visit.

the district. The CM said that steps will be taken to complete the construction of the district SP office and court buildings soon. "International opportunities for youth The CM said that special training programs will be organized to provide job opportunities to the youth of Mulugu district at an international level. He said that in line with the job opportunities in Germany, Japan and Korea, unemployed youth will be provided with free training in German, Japanese and Korean languages along with technical skills. Apart from providing quality education from nursery to class 12, English teaching will be pro-

vided, as well as advanced technology centers and polytechnics. He said that modern skills will be developed among the youth through institutions like colleges and skill universities. He said that the availability of a tribal university will be very beneficial for the students of this region. Distribution of pension "The CM handed over the social security pension grant documents and cheques to the disabled, single women and widows under the auspices of the Rural Development Organization in the premises of the Medaram temple. He said that steps will be taken to ensure that everyone who is eligible

gets the benefits of government welfare schemes. Later, the CM interacted with the members of the self-help women's groups and learned about their employment programs and economic development. He took a group photo with the members of the women's groups. He also spoke to the priests and drum players. Saree' sarees for women "CM Revanth Reddy said that his government is giving top priority to the welfare of women. He said that quality sarees are being provided to the children of Sammakka Saralamma under the name 'Saree'. He revealed that emerald green sarees will be distributed to

women in December this year. He said that the selection and design of sarees is being done under the supervision of Minister Seethakka. He said that the government is working towards strengthening women's associations and providing them with more employment opportunities. We will make Mulugu a model district. Speaking at the event, Minister Dhana sari Anasuya Seethakka said that the aim of the public government is to develop the Duttu mulu district in all sectors and make it a model district in the state. The CM He said that special priority is being given to the development



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Is This The Challenge Facing Rahul Gandhi?

Criticism is natural in politics. It is the right of the opposition to question the ruling party, but that right has limits and responsibilities. Especially, the words and conduct of a person who is the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha should be in line with democratic standards. A grasp of issues, proposal of alternative policies, criticism based on facts, and respect for the traditions of the House are the criteria for effective opposition leadership. Looking at these standards, the need for introspection on Rahul Gandhi is clearly evident. The 2024 Lok Sabha elections have given some breathing space to the Congress. The Congress, which was limited to 52 seats in 2019, won 99 seats in 2024 and emerged as the main opposition party. The BJP won 240 seats. With this result, the Congress has become more responsible. Rahul Gandhi has been constitutionally given the post of Leader of the Opposition. This means that he not only has the right to criticize the government. He also has the responsibility to question the government and protect the interests of the country. Rahul should transform this into leadership skills. However, his political language has recently been heavily criticized. The latest example is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's attempt to make foreign policy revolve around embraces. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh reacted strongly to these comments made in August 2026. On the other hand, in the wake of the Congress leader's comments referring to Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, the Ministry of External Affairs also suggested that the India-Italy relationship be respected. Questioning the government on foreign policy is completely justified. But using foreign leaders for personal political satire is not in the national interest. It should be recognized that the words of the opposition leader speaking on behalf of India also have international impact. The responsibility of the opposition leader does not mean paralyzing the House. It is to highlight the government's mistakes, examine the bills in depth, work actively in committees, and suggest alternative solutions to public problems. When the proceedings of Parliament are repeatedly disrupted, both the ruling party and the opposition have a responsibility. Even if one party considers the protest as a political victory. In the eyes of the public, wasting the House's time is a loss to the people. Therefore, Rahul should personally play a more substantive and constructive role in the House. Another important criticism of Rahul Gandhi is that the Congress family continues to dominate. In 2024, Rahul was elected to the Lok Sabha from Rae Bareilly and Priyanka Gandhi from Wayanad. Sonia Gandhi went to the Rajya Sabha. Although these are constitutional elections held by the people, the question of how much opportunities are being provided to the new generation within the party cannot be avoided. The Congress, which talks about 'Jan Ki Baat', the political participation of the youth and the common man, should show the same spirit in its organizational structure. The Bharat Jodo Yatra has brought about some change in Rahul's personality. The yatra, undertaken in 2022-23, brought him closer to the people. However, converting the positivity generated by the yatra into a sustainable political organizational force has not been easy. While winning 99 seats in the 2024 elections is a step forward, it is only 18.2 percent in the 543-seat Lok Sabha. To convert this number into political influence as the Leader of the Opposition, the party needs to be strengthened across the country. The Congress has paid a price for the politics of personal attacks in the past. Although the 'Chowkidar Chor Hai' campaign in 2019 led to a fierce political fight, it did not translate into the Congress's election results in its favour. The party has an opportunity for revival. That opportunity should be used not with continuous personal attacks on Modi, but with clear alternative policies.

Smart Ration Cards Bring Transparency to PDS :

Nizamabad, August 16, 2026 : The Telangana government's digital smart ration card distribution programme was organised on a grand scale in a festive atmosphere at Bhooma Reddy Convention Hall in Nizamabad on Saturday.

Government Adviser

P. Sudarshan Reddy was the chief guest and handed over 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 and other elected representatives and officials attended the programme.

The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the singing of Jaya Jayahe Telangana.

Addressing the gathering, Government Adviser

P. Sudarshan Reddy said the State government was committed to ensuring food security and dignity for poor families. Under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the government was supplying fine rice through the public distribution system to ensure that economically weaker families received quality food.

He said the digital smart ration cards would strengthen the public distribution system by improving transparency, accountability and monitoring. Officials were instructed to prevent diversion of subsidised rice and ensure that the benefits reached genuine beneficiaries.

Sudarshan Reddy said the smart cards would also provide greater convenience to beneficiaries, enabling them to access ration supplies more easily. He added that the government was continuing welfare and development initiatives despite financial challenges, with focus on agriculture, education, employment, infrastructure and public services.

Collector Bhavesh Mishra said approximately 4.77 lakh families in Nizamabad district had been covered under the smart ration card programme. He assured that the cards would be distributed in a planned and transparent manner without leaving out any eligible family.

He explained that the smart cards incorporated nine security features using modern technology.



The system would help eliminate fake and duplicate beneficiaries, prevent irregularities and ensure that ration benefits reached eligible families directly.

Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. Bhupathi Reddy said the Congress government had implemented several welfare initiatives, including Rythu Bharosa, Kalyana Lakshmi, free RTC bus travel for women, 200 units of free power and fine rice for poor families. He said the introduction of digital ration cards marked an important step towards technology-based public administration.

Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta and Armoor MLA Paidi Rakesh Reddy called for strict supervision of the public distribution system to ensure that every eligible family received its rightful benefits. They also urged the authorities to prevent any irregularities in the distribution of fine rice.

Several public representatives, including NUDA Chairman Kesha Venu, Market Committee Chairman Muppa Gangareddy, District Library Organisation Chairman Anthireddy Rajireddy, along with senior officials, municipal representatives, ration dealers and beneficiaries participated in the programme.

The large turnout of beneficiaries and the festive atmosphere marked the launch of the smart ration card distribution as a significant step towards a more transparent and technology-driven public distribution system.

Comprehensive Development of Bhadradi Kothagudem is the Government's Goal

Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao Highlights Irrigation, Roads, Tourism, Agriculture, Education and Healthcare



Bhadradi Kothagudem : State Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, Handlooms and Textiles, Tummala Nageswara Rao, extended his heartfelt Independence Day greetings to the people of Bhadradi Kothagudem district on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day.

Paying rich tributes to the great freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the nation, the Minister said that their ideals should inspire everyone to contribute to the development of the country and protect democratic and constitutional values.

Priority to Irrigation and Farmers

The Minister said that the government is giving top priority to irrigation projects aimed at supporting farmers. He highlighted the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project, stating that the main canal and three pump houses have been completed.

Through the Enkoor Link Canal, irrigation water has been supplied to 1,11,818 acres of Nagarjuna Sagar ayacut. He said that despite inadequate rainfall during the kharif season, Godavari waters were diverted through the Sitarama project to provide irrigation to farmers and protect their crops.

The project is expected to provide new irrigation facilities to 1,57,574 acres and stabilize irrigation for another 42,935 acres in the two districts.

Road and Transport Connectivity

The government is focusing on improving road connectivity across Bhadradi Kothagudem district, the Minister said.

He stated that the Jagdalpur-Amaravati National Highway has been completed, while works on the Kothagudem-Hyderabad road via Valigonda are progressing.

New proposals have also been prepared for the Kothagudem-Jaggayyapeta and Bhadrachalam-Eturnagaram-Koutala roads, besides a double road connecting Kothagudem-Mulakapalli-Dhammapeta towards Eluru.

Improved connectivity would boost agriculture, industries, trade and tourism while creating new employment opportunities for local youth, he said.

Bhadrachalam to be Developed as a Major Spiritual Tourism Centre

The Minister said that Bhadrachalam is one of the country's prominent spiritual destinations and attracts lakhs of devotees every year.

With the upcoming Godavari Pushkarams in mind, the government is taking up development works to provide better facilities to devotees visiting Bhadrachalam from across the country and abroad.

He said that Rs.350 crore has been sanctioned for the development of the Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy Temple, and works are being taken up at a faster pace.

Railway and Airport Connectivity

The Minister said that the railway line from Pandurapuram to Malkangiri has been sanctioned and efforts are being made to complete the works up to Sarapaka on a priority basis for the convenience of devotees and the public.

He also said that steps are being taken for land acquisition and other requirements for establishing a Greenfield Airport at Kothagudem, based on the feasibility report and recommendations of the concerned agencies.

Major Push for Farmer Welfare

The Minister said that farmer welfare remains the first priority of the people's government.

Under the farm loan waiver scheme, 63,614 farmers in the district have benefited from loan waivers worth Rs.455.33 crore.

He said that Bhadradi Kothagudem is emerging as an important hub for oil palm and cocoa cultivation. Oil palm cultivation is already being undertaken across 91,438 acres in the district.

The government is working to develop Bhadradi Kothagudem as a major oil palm hub in Telangana and is also encouraging industries based on cocoa, chilli and cotton to increase farmers' income and generate employment.

Welfare Schemes Benefiting Lakhs of People

More than 9.67 lakh people in the district are benefiting from the food security scheme, the Minister said.

Under the Gruha Jyothi scheme, free electricity up to 200 units is being provided to 1,88,964 consumers in the district.

Women have also benefited from free bus travel, with 5.44 crore free journeys recorded in the district so far.

Under the Indiramma Housing Scheme, 19,008 houses have been provided to beneficiaries in the district.

Focus on Education and Healthcare

The Minister said that construction works for the Government Medical College and Nursing College are being carried out at a cost of Rs.230 crore.

80th Independence Day Celebrations Held in Manuguru with Patriotic Spirit

MLA Payam Venkateswarlu Hoists National Flag at Several Locations



The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held grandly across Manuguru Mandal on Saturday with patriotic fervour, national spirit and enthusiasm. Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu participated in the celebrations held at several locations in Manuguru town and hoisted the National Flag.

The MLA participated in programmes organised at the 14-Tyre Union Office, Coal Workers' Office, 12-Tyre Union Office, Gumasta Association Office and Gandhi Bomma Centre, among other places. After hoisting the National Flag, he paid his respects to the Tricolour. The programmes continued with the singing of the National Anthem.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu said that many great leaders had sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country. He said that the freedom enjoyed by people today is the result of their sacrifices and struggles. He called upon everyone to remember the sacrifices of freedom fighters and pass their ideals and spirit of patriotism on to future generations.

He said the courage, sacrifice and patriotism of the freedom fighters should inspire the younger generation. He urged people to protect the unity, integrity and brotherhood of the nation and move forward as responsible citizens.

Independence should not be limited to celebrations alone; working responsibly for the develop-

ment of the nation is the true spirit of patriotism, the MLA said.

He stated that his efforts for the development and welfare of the people of Pinapaka constituency would continue. He assured that he would work towards resolving public issues, improving basic infrastructure and taking the constituency forward in all sectors.

The MLA also called upon workers, traders, women, youth, farmers, poor people and those dependent on various occupations in the Manuguru region to move forward with unity. He wished that every family should progress through better education, healthcare, employment and economic opportunities.

On the occasion of the 80th Independence Day, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu conveyed his heartfelt Independence Day greetings to the people of the country and the people of Pinapaka constituency. He wished for the continued development of the nation and for peace, happiness and brotherhood among all citizens.

Mandal and town presidents, district leaders, sarpanches, deputy sarpanches, ward members, union leaders, Gumasta Association representatives, coal workers' leaders, women leaders, Congress party leaders, workers, supporters and local residents participated in the celebrations in large numbers and marked the 80th Independence Day with patriotic spirit.



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of Mulugu constituency under the leadership of Revanth Reddy. He said that allocating 5,000 Indiramma houses to Mulugu constituency is a testament to the sincerity of the government. He said that priority is being given to Potlapalli lift irrigation and Ramappa-Lakkanavaram connection works with Rs. 200 crore in the irrigation sector. He said that the government has paid special attention to the development of Sammakka Saralamma Sannidhi as well as education, medicine, tourism, housing construction, irrigation, employment and infrastructure.

He said that the public government will release funds for works that were previously limited to stone laying and take them forward. He said that efforts are being made to take Mulugu region to a level where it can compete with developed areas like Hyderabad. During the CM's visit, a large number of people flocked to Medaram and Mulugu areas. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka, Adhuri Lakshmanu Mar, PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, MPs Balaram Nayak, Vem Narender Reddy, Government Whip Dr. Ramachandra Nayak, MLAs Kadiyam

Srihari, Gandra Satyanarayana Rao, Nayani Rajender Reddy, Koram Kanakiah, Payam Venkataeswarlu, Tellam Venkata Rao, Jare Adinarayana, Murali Nayak, Amdali Samelu and others participated in the programs. District Collector Borkhade Hemanth Sadeva Rao, SP Sudhir Ramnath Kekani, District Forest Officer Vikas Meena, Endowment Department Commissioner Hanumantha Rao, SERF CEO Divya, Medaram EO Veeraswamy, other officials, public representatives, and members of women's organizations participated.

National Conference should be made successful CPI(ML) Red Star District Secretary Gogarla Tirupati speaking



Budde Rajesh Direct Voice Reporter Asifabad, August 16: CPI(ML) Red Star Komuram Bheem district secretary Gogarla Tirupati gave a call to make the 13th National Conference to be held at Raichur in Karnataka state from September 16 to 20 a grand success. "Speaking at a meeting held in Asifabad town, he alleged that workers, farmers, students, youth and women are facing difficulties due to the pro-corporate policies of the Central Government. He demanded that privatization of public sector enterprises be stopped and measures be taken to solve public problems. He urged people to turn up in large numbers for the national conference." "Adivasi Bharat Mahasabha district president Pendur Priyanka, Komuram Bheem district president Sidam Sridevi, Sidam Nagesh, Chakati Dunderao, Priya, Anil and others participated in this programme.

National Flag Hoisted at Baser Railway Outpost



State Bureau Chief M.A. Samad Baser, Nizamabad August 16, 2026: "The 80th Independence Day was celebrated with great patriotic fervour at the Baser Railway Outpost under the jurisdiction of Nizamabad Railway Station. "Mohammed Mehboob, Railway Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police, hoisted the National Flag at the outpost, marking the historic occasion. Railway police personnel, railway staff, Government school teachers and students, and members of the local

community participated in the celebrations." Following the flag hoisting, Mohammed Mehboob greeted the participants on the occasion of Independence Day and distributed sweets to the police personnel, railway staff, teachers, students and local residents. The celebrations reflected the spirit of patriotism, unity and respect for the nation. "The gathering also remembered the sacrifices of the freedom fighters and acknowledged the responsibility of every

citizen to uphold the country's unity, integrity and democratic values. Railway Head Constable Raghupathi, RPCs Murli, Suresh and Tirupati, Railway Station Master In-charge Ravinder, Government school teachers and students, railway staff and local people were present. "The programme concluded in a warm and patriotic atmosphere, with the participants expressing their pride in the nation and celebrating the 80th Independence Day with enthusiasm.

Bureau Chief Warangal

August 16: Widespread discussion in Congress over MLA's political conspiracies. Strong opposition within one's own party... resentment among the Ironclad faction Revuri arrived ten days before the elections.. Inugala played a key role in the victory. Discussion on the absence of the DCC President, an attempt to distance the leader from the constituency, even though they say they will walk together, in the presence of the PCC President. High voltage political debate in Parakala Congress MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy's failure to invite Hanmakonda DCC President Inugala Venkatrami Reddy to the meeting attended by CM Revanth Reddy in Parakala has led to a large-scale debate in the Congress. Is there a political strategy behind the MLA keeping Inugala, who has been supporting the party in the constituency for ten years, away from the Chief Minister's meeting? Have conspiracies begun to suppress him politically? Questions are being raised within the party ranks. His supporters are deeply offended by the fact that Inugala was not invited even to a public meeting that was not related to protocol. The latest development has reportedly angered Inugala's fans. This incident has further fueled the debate that there is a backlash within the party over the MLA's behavior. Revuri, who did not invite Inugala to the CM meeting. There are differences of opinion within the Congress ranks over not inviting Inugala Venkatrami Reddy to the Parakala meeting attended by CM Revanth Reddy. They are questioning the reason why

MLA what kind of political ethics is this..?

Revuri keeps Inugala away from CM's Meeting Crackdown on the leader who has kept the party afloat for ten years..?



Inugala, a key leader of the party and the president of Hanmakonda DCC, was not invited even though it was a public meeting unrelated to protocol. His associates say that Inugala, who is the president of Hanmakonda District Congress, has a good hold on Parakala. They allege that many factors behind the scenes influenced the party ticket being finalized from the BJP during the last elections without even wearing the Congress scarf. On the other hand, it is noteworthy that Revuri's followers also recall that Inugala provided full support to his victory as an MLA from Parakala. However, criticism is being expressed from party leaders for not even inviting such a leader to the CM's house. Ten years of party service.. Key role in Revuri's victory Inugala Venkatrami Reddy's circle recalls that even when the Congress party was weak, Inugala stood by the workers for ten years. It is said that he has a special attachment in the constituency as a leader who worked for the party during difficult times. It is said that Revuri Prakash Reddy

joined the Congress party just ten days before the elections, and that during that time Inugala played a key role in the party's candidacy, election preparations and coordination of workers. They are criticizing that Revuri Gatte won the last election with the help of Inugala, and that it is ungrateful to politically distance a leader who cooperated during the election. They are questioning the efforts being made to reduce Inugala's political importance while saying that they will run together. Discussion on conspiracies to suppress the InugasThere is a discussion in the Congress that Revuri has gradually started efforts to reduce the influence of the Inugas in the constituency after the election victory. Now, there are suspicions that not inviting the CM to the assembly is also part of the same political strategy. It is reported that there is a large-scale discussion in the party on whether the MLA is taking every step to weaken the Inugas politically by reducing their hold on the constituency and their connection with the

workers. There are allegations from the Inugas that efforts are being made to distance the constituency from politics even though they are saying that they will walk together. Some Congress leaders are of the opinion that reducing the importance of a leader who has worked for the party for ten years is likely to increase dissatisfaction among the workers at the field level. "Where is the DCC president?" There is also a discussion within the party ranks about the absence of Hanmakonda DCC President Inugala Venkatrami Reddy when PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud was present on the stage of CM Revanth Reddy's meeting. Leaders are raising questions about not inviting Inugala, who is the District Congress President, to a key program. How the DCC President was absent while the PCC President was on the stage has now become a topic of discussion. Some Inugala members and fans are expressing anger, asking how the PCC President could even be silent on this matter. Many leaders are saying that the

absence of the DCC President in an important program related to the district party raises questions about the internal coordination of the party. There is a discussion going on within the party that there is strong opposition to Revuri's behavior within the party. It is reported that some leaders are warning that if the perception that there are attempts to politically suppress the Inugas grows, it will harm the Congress party. They say that not giving minimum respect to a leader who has worked for the party for ten years will send the wrong signals to the workers. They suggest that there is a need to remove the resentment in the Inugas community and bring all the leaders together. They believe that if such developments continue, the distance between the leaders is likely to increase and affect the party cadre. High voltage in the Congress in the past The exclusion of Hanmakonda DCC President Inugala Venkatrami Reddy from the CM House, a discussion on attempts to reduce his political importance in the constituency, the issue of the absence of the DCC president coming to the fore in the presence of PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, and dissatisfaction within his own party over the behavior of MLA Revuri have led to a high voltage discussion in the Congress in the past. It has now become interesting to see how the party leadership will address the propaganda that the Inugas are being politically suppressed, how the political equations between Revuri and Inugas will evolve, and whether the two leaders will work together in the future.

CP Reviews POCSO Case Progress in Nizamabad

State Bureau Chief

M.A.Samad Nizamabad August 16, 2026: Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, held a detailed review meeting on the investigation and progress of POCSO cases at the Mini Conference Hall of the Police Commissionerate office on Sunday. The Commissioner reviewed cases registered at different police stations concerning sexual offences against children. He examined the investigation status of each case, including the identification and arrest of accused persons, collection of evidence, witness statements, victim statements and other pending aspects. He directed investigating officers to speed up the process and ensure that

accused persons are identified and arrested at the earliest. Special emphasis was laid on ensuring speedy justice while protecting the safety, privacy and dignity of child victims. "The Commissioner instructed officials to make effective use of scientific and technical evidence, including CCTV footage, mobile phones and other digital evidence. He also directed them to complete FSL examinations and medical examinations of victims and accused without delay and obtain the necessary reports promptly. "Officers were further instructed to carefully record witness statements and preserve crucial evidence so that cases are presented strongly before the



courts. He stressed that charge sheets should be filed immediately after completion of the investigation and there should be no unnecessary delay in POCSO cases. "Sai Chaitanya directed the concerned officers to closely monitor every pending case and immediately report any technical or administrative difficulties to senior officials. He said the police department would adopt a strict approach towards crimes against children and focus on speedy, scientific and effective investigations to ensure that offenders are punished as per law. "DCP (Admin) N. Shubham Prakash, Nizamabad ACP Prakash Yadav, Armoor ACP Venkateshwara Reddy, Bodhan ACP Srinivas, Special Branch Inspectors Sridhar Reddy and Mallesh, CCRB Inspector R. Anjaiah, CIs, IT Core personnel and other officials attended the meeting.

Telangana Governor Calls for Collective Participation in Building Viksit Bharat



Hyderabad: Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday called upon every citizen to contribute to the building of a developed and self-reliant India, drawing inspiration from the sacrifices, courage and patriotism of the freedom fighters.

The Governor was speaking after unfurling the national flag at the 80th Independence Day celebrations held at Lok Bhavan here. He also received the ceremonial salute from the police personnel.

The Governor's spouse Janaki Shukla, Special Chief Secretary to the Governor M. Dana Kishore, Joint Secretary K. Shashikiranachary, and officers and employees of Lok Bhavan participated in the celebrations.

Extending his greetings to the people of Telangana and the nation on the occasion, Shukla recalled the immense sacrifices made by freedom fighters and national leaders in securing India's independence.

He said their courage, sacrifice and patriotism should continue to inspire the nation in its journey towards a developed and self-reliant India.

The Governor said India's strength lies in its unity in diversity and that the country, by upholding these values, continues to provide direction and inspiration to the world.

India, as the world's largest democracy, is moving rapidly towards becoming the world's third-largest economy, he said, adding that the country was progressing with confidence towards the goal of Viksit Bharat.

Describing Telangana as an important growth engine in the country's development journey, hri Shukla said Hyderabad had established itself as one of India's prominent growth centres. Though Telangana is a young State, it has earned a distinct identity within a relatively short period, he said.

The transformation in the agriculture sector through irrigation projects, coupled with Hyderabad's growing presence in information technology, Artificial Intelligence, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, was contributing to the State's development.

Telangana, he said, was emerging as a global centre for innovation, technology and development. The Governor stressed that economic and technological progress must go hand in hand with social well-being and youth empowerment.

He said making programmes such as TB Mukht Bharat and Nasha Mukht Bharat into broad-based public movements in Telangana was among his priorities. He called upon citizens, institutions and the youth to participate actively in efforts to eliminate diseases such as tuberculosis and protect young people from drug abuse.

Shukla also underscored the importance of national security and paid tribute to the valour and sacrifices of the armed forces and security personnel serving continuously along the country's borders.

Their vigilance, dedication and sacrifice, he said, enabled the nation to move forward on the path of development with confidence and without fear.

CM Revanth: We Secured Welfare, Growth

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday said the fruits of the Congress government's 32 months of hard work were becoming visible across Telangana, with record job creation, a surge in investments, major infrastructure projects and an expanded welfare network driving the state's growth. He said Telangana's per capita income had reached ₹4,18,931 in 2025-26, according to the latest RBI statistics, 91 per cent higher than the national average.

Addressing the Independence Day celebrations after hoisting the National Flag at Golconda Fort, Revanth Reddy said the government had demonstrated that welfare and development could move together while creating employment in both government and private sectors. He said the government would not compromise on securing Telangana's rightful share of Krishna and Godavari waters and would complete pending irrigation projects, including Thummadihatti and Palamuru-Rangareddy.

Revanth Reddy said more than 72,000 government jobs had been filled after completing recruitment for Group-I, II, III, IV posts and via the Mega DSC, while notifications had been issued for another 456 posts through TGPSC and 7,437 posts through the Police Recruitment Board. The Young India Skills University (YISU) had trained 1,190 youth in advanced skills, with 838 securing jobs, while 40,000 youth participated in job fairs under the 99-day Praja Palana-Pragathi programme and 5,700 found employment. Sixty-five government ITIs and 57 polytechnics were being upgraded into Advanced Technology Centres.

The Chief Minister said Telangana had attracted ₹1.29 lakh crore in investments through TG-iPASS, creating potential employment for more than 78,000 people, while MoUs worth ₹5.75 lakh crore were signed at the Telangana Rising Global Summit-2025. The state would host the global summit again this year to showcase



investment opportunities. He said Telangana had emerged as a top achiever in business reforms and was targeting new opportunities in life sciences, semiconductors, electronics and advanced manufacturing through the Next-Gen Life Sciences Policy-2026.

The IT sector remained a major engine of growth, with exports reaching ₹3.97 lakh crore in 2025-26 and direct employment rising to 12.14 lakh. Hyderabad now had more than 355 global capability centres, including 40 established in 2026 alone. Telangana was also emerging as a major destination for data centres, cloud computing and artificial intelligence, with Amazon announcing an additional \$7 billion investment. A major hyperscale, AI-ready cloud infrastructure campus was coming up in Bharat Future City and Chandanvelly.

On infrastructure, Revanth Reddy said Telangana was competing not with other States but with the world. Projects included the 360-km Regional Ring Road, 6,092 km of roads under HAM and radial road networks, and 122.9 km of new Metro Rail corridors under Phase-II. The government was also prioritising the revival of Mamnoon airport and development of a joint-use airfield at Adilabad. HYDRAA was protecting lakes, drains and government land, while the Musi rejuvenation programme covered 55 km, with 39 STPs and plans to divert 2.5 tmc ft of Godavari water to the river.

He said the government was simultaneously strengthening farmer welfare, having waived crop loans up to ₹2 lakh for more than 25 lakh families, provided over ₹36,000 crore under Rythu Bharosa and spent nearly ₹1.70 lakh crore on agriculture and allied welfare in 32 months. Telangana had surpassed Punjab in

paddy cultivation and yield and procured a record 81.12 lakh metric tonnes of paddy through 8,575 centres.

The government's welfare initiatives, he said, included free RTC travel for women, free power up to 200 units for 53.09 lakh families, ₹500 gas cylinders for 42.90 lakh families, new smart ration cards, fine rice for 93 lakh families, and 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses in the first phase, besides another 2.5 lakh sanctioned houses. One lakh Indiramma houses were also being constructed in Hyderabad. Social security pensions were being provided to 43 lakh people, with another 2.25 lakh beneficiaries to be added.

The Chief Minister said Telangana was also pursuing social justice through SC sub-categorisation and legislation seeking 42 per cent reservation for BCs, while minimum wages had been revised for 1.11 crore workers. In education, 105 Young India Integrated Residential Schools had been sanctioned, while scholarships and fee reimbursement were supporting 11 lakh students. Arogyasri coverage had been doubled to ₹10 lakh, with new hospitals and medical colleges strengthening public healthcare.

He said the government's long-term Telangana Rising-2047 vision aimed to make the State a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion economy by 2047, raise its share of national GDP to 10 per cent and develop Bharat Future City as a net-zero smart city and global hub for AI, data centres, advanced manufacturing, research and innovation.

Welfare Schemes Aim To Brighten Lives of Poor: Ponguleti

HANAMKONDA: Revenue and housing minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the government's objective was to ensure food security and provide every eligible poor family with a house.

Ponguleti, along with Warangal MP Kadiam Kavya, MLC Baswaraju Saraiah, MLAs Nayini Rajender Reddy and K.R. Nagaraj and Collector Chahat Bajpai, distributed smart ration cards to beneficiaries.

Speaking at a smart ration card distribution programme at Ambedkar Bhavan in Hanamkonda on Saturday, The minister said the government was implementing several welfare measures, includ-



ing the supply of fine rice, free electricity, Indiramma houses and educational support. He said 4.50 lakh Indiramma houses had been sanctioned across the State, while another 2.50 lakh houses were being provided in the second phase. The government would continue its efforts until every eligible poor family had a house, he said.

The new smart ration cards carry QR codes, enabling benefi-

ciaries to obtain essential commodities from ration shops in nearby areas, Ponguleti said.

He said the government was focusing on development alongside welfare and announced that an underground drainage project costing around Rs.5,700 crore was being taken up in Warangal.

Kadiam Kavya said the government was working to accelerate Warangal's development through major projects, including Mamnoon airport, the railway coach factory, the Mega Textile Park and the underground drainage project. MLAs Nayini Rajender Reddy and K.R. Nagaraj said the government was according high priority to the welfare of the poor and weaker sections.

Data Act a Death Blow to RTI and Press Freedoms

Professor Madabhushi Sridhar

NATIONAL Bureau Chief New Delhi August 16""Can the Parliament amend the RTI Act through the DPDP Act? Although there is no constitutional prohibition on amending another law through an act, the main question is whether this amendment violates the essence of fundamental rights or not. This is not an ordinary amendment. It will kill the entire RTI brutally. It seems that every piece of information that survives will be theirs. It is not allowed to ask a single word in it. It is prohibited by law to ask for the details of even a village officer. The details of the decisions of the district collector should be heard if they say it. Whatever the minister says, it should not be asked under RTI. It should not be asked under RTI. It should not be asked under the details of the collector. Whether it is a minister or a chief minister, if information is asked under RTI, it is private information, so does that mean we have RTI?""The amendment to the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 through Section 44(3) of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 has put the foundations of our democracy and the "right to know" of citizens under serious threat. The right to information is integral to the freedom of expression and speech guaranteed by Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. However, in the name of the new data protection law, the government is clearly trying to undermine that right to information. Data protection controversy reaches the Supreme Court. On August 7, the Supreme Court bench (a bench comprising Justice Jaimalya Bagchi and Chief Justice Suryakant) recognized the seriousness of these petitions and transferred the hearing to a five-judge Constitution Bench. It is a positive development for democrats and RTI activists. It remains to be seen how long it will last. The basic

constitutional questions before the court.. This question is about the personal information - scope of exemption conflict. Does the word "personal information" provide a clear exemption constitutionally? Or does it give excessive powers to the authorities to deny information at will (arbitrary denial)? Not at will, but if it says not to ask us completely, it is not to say that it is excessive. This law says not to ask at all. The conflict between public interest vs. personal privacy. Can the right to privacy completely suppress public interest? Or should we maintain a balance between the two based on the principle of proportionality test? One law is killing another law. It remains a law that cannot survive. Is the removal of 'public interest protection' legal? Is the removal of the "public interest override" in the old Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act constitutionally valid through Section 44(3)? Every state had an RTI Act. Therefore, if RTI Acts were made with various differences, many difficulties would arise. Therefore, the Centre and Parliament have decided that a law that can strengthen the great right to information and journalism, such as a great reform of the Constitution through a fundamental right, should be made a uniform law across the country. This is a historic moment. Should we interfere with the freedom of the investigative press, which is a part of it? Will the DPDP constitutional framework protect Article 19(1)(a), especially investigative journalism? The issue of institutional autonomy (Data Protection Board). Are the unlimited powers granted to the executive and the appointments of the Data Protection Board violating Articles 14, 19, 21 as well as the constitutional principle of separation of powers and the federal system (Separation of Powers)? This is what crores of

people are asking as the petitioner asked. Violation of the right to know of citizens is a key petition. The Supreme Court is currently considering three major writ petitions (WP(C) Nos. 177/2026, 211/2026, 212/2026) filed on this issue: "Venkatesh Nayak vs. Union of India (WP(C) No. 177/2026): RTI activist Venkatesh Nayak has filed a petition alleging that Section 44(3) arbitrarily restricts the right to know of citizens. The Reporters Collective Trust and Others vs. Union of India (WP(C) No. 211/2026): The Reporters Collective led by Nitin Sethi has challenged the DPDP Act, alleging that it restricts the collection of information by journalists, researchers and whistleblowers. National Campaign for People's Right to Information (NCPRI) vs. Union of India (WP(C) No. 212/2026): A petition was filed alleging that the information system has been crippled. Petitions filed by journalist Geeta Seshu and SFLC were also filed by the government. The distinction between data and personal data has been brought to the attention of the court. The serious dangers lurking under Section 44(3) According to the original provision of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005: Officials were exempted from disclosing personal information even if it was not related to public activities or was likely to infringe upon the privacy of the individual. However, if the official believes that there is a larger public interest, the information must be disclosed. Moreover, the principle of "no information shall be denied to any citizen which is not negotiable to Parliament or the Legislative Assembly" was enshrined in this. The amendment brought by Section 44(3) of the DPDP Act replaced this long and balanced provision with a single phrase "information relating to personal information". This has completely obliterated

the 'public interest override' and the 'legislative equality clause' and has turned it into a surveillance state. Through Section 44(3) of the DPDP (amendment to Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act), corruption, misappropriation of assets and funds by officials has been made possible in the name of personal information. This is a big blow to Article 19(1)(a) (freedom of speech) and Article 14 (equality). But according to the Puttaswamy judgment, the 'right to privacy' (right to Privacy is a fundamental right; it is clear that this amendment is to protect it. The Supreme Court will have to discuss the issue of public interest versus personal privacy balance (proportionality test). The DPDP, by using Section 17(1)(c) and 17(2) to violate Article 14 and Article 21 (right to life and liberty), and by giving broad exemptions from data processing to government agencies, clearly promotes a 'surveillance state'. They are grabbing more powers under the pretext that government powers are essential to prevent crimes, such as protecting national security and maintaining law and order. The Supreme Court should examine the reasonable restriction proportionality test. This is a violation of Article 19(1)(a) and Article 14 under Section 36, Rule 23(2) of the DPDP. The government is explaining that the government has unlimited powers to obtain information, but can keep it secret without the knowledge of the data owner. What is clear is that it is being ruled unilaterally. That is, if it means manifest arbitrariness - a direct test of tyranny, it is hoped that the Supreme Court will be able to do so. The federal principle of separation of powers, Article 14, 21 (Separation of Powers) under Section 18, Rules 17(1), (2) of the DPDP, is seriously hampered by the separation.

Officers should work responsibly

Baldia Special Officer/Hanumakonda Collector Chahat Bajpai
Special Officer hoisted the flag at the Baldia headquarters
Officers presented certificates of appreciation to the staff who provided the best services



Warangal : Baldia Special Officer/Hanumakonda Collector Chahat Bajpai opined that the officers and staff working in the Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation should work responsibly.

He attended the program organized on Saturday to commemorate the 80th Independence Day at the Baldia headquarters premises as the chief guest in the status of a special officer and hoisted the national flag, offered salute, and sang the national anthem and the state anthem. Speaking at a meeting organized on this occasion, the Special Officer/District Collector said, "Remembering the sacrifices of the freedom fighters, we called upon them to practice the patriotism and spirit of service they showed in our lives. We are working hard to take GWMC forward on the path of further development with the participation of the people." "Remembering the rights and responsibilities that independence has given us, the Collec-

tor wished that everyone should be a partner in building a clean, safe and developed society.

Later, the Special Officer and Commissioner jointly presented certificates of appreciation to several officers and staff who provided excellent services.

On behalf of Hanamkonda district, Additional Commissioner Jona, Deputy Commissioner Birru Srinivas, Deputy Engineer Roja Rani and Sanitary Inspector CH Raju received certificates of appreciation from Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy regarding the GWMC area. On behalf of Warangal district, Sanitary Supervisor Golkonda Srinivas of GWMC was selected as the best employee and received a certificate of appreciation from Minister Surekha.

Additional Commissioner Jona, Superintendent Raj Kumar, Chief Health Officer Dr. Raja Reddy, In-charge City Planner Ravinder Radekar, Accounts Officer Shiva Lingam, DFO Shankar Lingam, In-charge CHO Laxma Reddy, Deputy Commissioners Prasanna Rani, Sammaiya Birru Srinivas, Secretary Anil Babu and others participated.

Glorious Independence Day celebrations in Hanmakonda

MINISTER AND MINISTER IN-CHARGE OF THE JOINT WARANGAL DISTRICT
PONGULETI SRINIVAS REDDY UNFURLED THE NATIONAL FLAG



Hanamakonda : India's 80th Independence Day celebrations were held on Saturday at the Police Parade Grounds in the Hanmakonda district center. The chief guest of the celebrations was the Minister for Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations, Minister in-charge of the joint Warangal district Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, who unfurled the national flag and received a police sa-

lute. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the state government is working to commemorate the sacrifices of the freedom fighters and in line with their aspirations, giving top priority to public welfare and development. He explained the various development and welfare programs undertaken by the government in Hanmakonda district and the progress achieved. He said that

the government is constantly working to provide better infrastructure and quality civil services to the people.

Later, he extended his greetings to the people on the occasion of Independence Day. He called on everyone to fulfill their responsibility for the comprehensive development of the country.

On this occasion, Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, MP, MLAs, MLCs and other public representatives paid tribute to the freedom fighters and their family members. He praised the sacrifices and services they made for the country's independence as memorable.

The stalls and exhibitions of development programs organized under the auspices of various government departments were a special attraction. The departments of Agriculture, Panchayat Raj, Medical and Health, Fisheries, Housing, Education,



GWMC, Revenue and Animal Husbandry explained the programs being implemented by their departments through stalls and exhibitions.

Similarly, the patriotic and cultural programs organized by the students of government schools added more charm to the celebrations and impressed the audience.

Later, Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy presented certificates of appreciation to the officers and employees who showed excellent performance in the performance of their duties.

Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavya, MLC

Baswaraju Saraiah, Warangal West MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy, Vardhannapet MLA KR Nagaraju, Warangal Police Commissioner Shwetha, Hanamkonda District Collector Chahat Bajpayee, GWMC Commissioner T. Venkanna, Kakatiya Urban Development Authority Chairman Inagala Venkatrami Reddy, DCP Dhara Kavitha, Adanav Collector Ravi, DRO Srinivas, public representatives, district officials of various departments, city dignitaries, students and people participated in this program in large numbers.

80th Independence Day Celebrations Held Grandly in Nagarkurnool



Nagarkurnool : The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour across Nagarkurnool district. District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil hoisted the National Flag at the Collectorate. Later, District Superintendent of Police Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil hoisted the National Flag at the SP Office.

The main celebrations were held at the Police Parade Ground, where State Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Dr. G. Chinna Reddy unfurled the National Flag. Nagarkurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi, MLA Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy and MLA Vamshi Krishna attended the programme.

The celebrations featured an impressive police parade followed by a colourful display of tableaux presented by various government departments. Cultural performances by students added further enthusiasm to the celebrations.

The programme also included the presentation of awards to officials, employees, students and others who had excelled in various fields. Independence Day celebrations were also organised grandly at several government schools and government colleges across the district, with students and teachers participating enthusiastically in patriotic programmes.

Eligible Families Must Get Welfare Benefits, Ineligible Beneficiaries Must Be Checked

Smart Ration Cards Launched | 3,14,308 Cards Issued | Minister Tummala Calls for Welfare Benefits to Reach the Eligible | Focus on Education and District Development

KOTHAGUDEM | AUGUST 16, 2026: State Agriculture, Co-operation, Marketing and Handlooms Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao directed officials to ensure that government welfare benefits reach every eligible poor family. He made it clear that eligible beneficiaries should not be left out and ineligible persons should not continue receiving free welfare benefits.

Speaking at the Smart Ration Card distribution programme held at Kothagudem Club on Saturday, the Minister said, "Do not leave out the eligible and do not provide free welfare benefits to the ineligible." He appealed to those who are no longer eligible for food security benefits to voluntarily return their ration cards to the government.

The Minister said the government was giving top priority to food security and providing six kilograms of free rice per month to every member of eligible families. He said quality fine rice was being supplied to ensure that genuine poor families receive proper food security.

Focus on Education

Minister Tummala said the government was taking steps to establish Young India In-



tegrated Schools across all constituencies in the district. He stressed the importance of quality education for children from poor families and said Ekalavya, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and Gurukul schools were providing quality education to poor and tribal students.

Development of Bhadradi Kothagudem
The Minister said Bhadradi Kothagudem district had immense potential in natural resources, forests, tribal culture, industries and agriculture. He called upon public representatives to work together for the comprehensive development of all five constituencies.

He said ₹420 crore had been sanctioned for the Kothagudem bypass road. He also said efforts were being made to establish an airport after examining the identified site and preparing a feasibility report.

A new national highway connecting Kothagudem with Hyderabad had also been sanctioned, while the Pandurapuram-Malkangiri railway line would further strengthen railway connectivity in the district, he said.

Sitarama Project to Benefit Three Lakh Acres

Minister Tummala said the government was taking steps to provide irrigation facilities to all five constituencies through the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project.

He said funds had been made available for land acquisition and tenders were ready in areas where land acquisition had been completed. The project, once completed, would increase the cultivated area and improve the economic condition of farmers.

He said nearly three lakh acres could receive irrigation by filling tanks through the Sitarama Project and urged public representatives to speed up land acquisition for the distribution canals.

"Political Positions Are Temporary, Devel-



opment Works Are Permanent"

The Minister said special attention was being given to the development of Kothagudem town. Infrastructure was being strengthened in view of the proposed corporation, and approval had been given for a new bus stand.

"Political positions are not permanent. Development works done for the people remain permanent," Minister Tummala said, urging public representatives to use their positions for public service.

3,14,308 Smart Ration Cards Issued

District Collector Ankit said a total of 3,14,308 laminated Smart PDS Ration Cards had been issued across the district's five constituencies.

Constituency-wise, 86,001 cards were issued in Kothagudem, 76,321 in Pinapaka, 41,291 in Bhadrachalam, 65,484 in Aswaraopeta and 45,211 in Illendu.

The Collector said Smart Ration Cards would ensure transparent recording of beneficiary details and help eligible families receive government welfare schemes effectively.

He also advised farmers to choose crops requiring less water in view of the lower water storage levels in district tanks due to deficient rainfall.

Later, Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao distributed Smart Ration Cards to beneficiaries from the five constituencies.

Kothagudem MLA Koonamneni Sambasiva Rao, Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkata Rao, Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu, Illendu MLA Koram Kanakaiah, Kothagudem Corporation Mayor Ganesh, District Library Organisation Chairman Pasupuleti Veerababu, Additional Collector Venugopal, Kothagudem Sub-Collector Mrunal Shrestha, Additional Collector Vidya Chandana, Zilla Parishad CEO Nagalakshmi, Civil Supplies officials, public representatives, ration dealers, beneficiaries and members of the public participated in the programme.

Grand Independence Day Celebrations in Kamareddy :



Kamareddy August 16, 2026 :: The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held in a grand and festive atmosphere at the Indira

Gandhi Stadium in Kamareddy on Saturday.

Telangana State Backward Classes Welfare and Development Advisor V. Hanumanth Rao, the chief guest, unfurled the National Flag and received the ceremonial salute from the police. He extended Independence Day greetings to the people and addressed the gathering, highlighting the district's development and various welfare and development programmes being implemented by the government.

Hanumanth Rao visited the exhibition stalls set up by different departments, showcasing their achievements and ongoing programmes. Stalls of Agriculture,

Horticulture, District Rural Development Agency, Animal Husbandry, Forest, Education, Medical and Health, Women and Child Welfare, Mission Bhagiratha, Irrigation and Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan were among those displayed.

On the occasion, certificates of appreciation were presented to employees who rendered outstanding services, while medals were awarded to police personnel for their achievements. Freedom fighters and their family members were also felicitated with honour.

The cultural programmes presented by school-children were a major attraction of the celebrations. The students performed patriotic songs and cultural programmes with enthusiasm, filling the venue with a spirit of patriotism and national pride. The chief guest, elected representatives and senior officials appreciated the children for their impressive performances.

District Collector Ashish Sangwan, Yellareddy MLA Madanmohan Rao, District Library Department Chairman Madhav Chandrakanth Reddy, Municipal Chairperson Ippapalli Uma Rani, District SP Rajesh Chandra, Additional Collector Victor, Additional Local Bodies Collector N.Y. Giri, DRO Pandu, public representatives, district officials, employees, freedom fighters, students and members of the public participated in the celebrations.

80th Independence Day Celebrations Held Grandly at Vijetha Olym Pead School

Nirmal District : The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held grandly at Vijetha Olym Pead School, located at Priyadarshini Nagar, Road No. 7, in Nirmal district headquarters. The school's students enthusiastically participated in the celebrations and showcased their talents.

On the occasion, the National Flag was hoisted on the school premises, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Students, teachers, the principal, and the school management paid their respects to the Tricolour and expressed their patriotic spirit.

The students' dance performances and cultural programmes were the main attractions of the event. With the enthusiastic participation of the students, the school premises turned festive and vibrant. The programmes were conducted to remember the sacrifices of the freedom fighters and to promote patriotism and national unity. The celebrations concluded on a colourful and memorable note.



Smart Ration Cards Bring Transparency to PDS :



Nizamabad, August 16, 2026 : The Telangana government's digital smart ration card distribution programme was organised on a grand scale in a festive atmosphere at Bhooma Reddy Convention Hall in Nizamabad on Saturday.

Government Adviser P. Sudarshan Reddy was the chief guest and handed over smart ration cards to beneficiaries. Nizamabad Rural MLADr. R. Bhupathi Reddy, Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta, Armoor MLAPaidi Rakesh Reddy, Mayor Uma Rani, State Minorities Commission Chairman Tariq

Ansari, State Urdu Academy Chairman Taher- Bin-Hamdan, Collector Bhavesh Mishra and other elected representatives and officials attended the programme.

The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the singing of Jaya Jayahe Telangana.

Addressing the gathering, Government Adviser

P. Sudarshan Reddy said the State government was committed to ensuring food security and dignity for poor families. Under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the government was supplying fine rice through the public distribution system

tem to ensure that economically weaker families received quality food.

He said the digital smart ration cards would strengthen the public distribution system by improving transparency, accountability and monitoring. Officials were instructed to prevent diversion of subsidised rice and ensure that the benefits reached genuine beneficiaries.

Sudarshan Reddy said the smart cards would also provide greater convenience to beneficiaries, enabling them to access ration supplies more easily. He added that the government was continuing welfare and development initiatives despite financial challenges, with focus on agriculture, education, employment, infrastructure and public services.

Collector Bhavesh Mishra said approximately 4.77 lakh families in Nizamabad district had been covered under the smart ration card programme. He assured that the cards would be distributed in a planned and transparent manner without leaving out any eligible family.

He explained that the smart cards incorporated nine security features using modern technology. The system would help eliminate fake and duplicate beneficiaries, prevent irregularities and ensure that ration benefits reached eligible families directly.

Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. Bhupathi Reddy said the Congress government had implemented several welfare initiatives, including Rythu Bharosa, Kalyana Lakshmi, free RTC bus travel for women,



200 units of free power and fine rice for poor families. He said the introduction of digital ration cards marked an important step towards technology-based public administration.

Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta and Armoor MLAPaidi Rakesh Reddy called for strict supervision of the public distribution system to ensure that

every eligible family received its rightful benefits. They also urged the authorities to prevent any irregularities in the distribution of fine rice.

Several public representatives, including NUDA Chairman Kesha Venu, Market Committee Chairman Muppa Gangareddy, District Library Organisation Chairman Anthireddy Rajireddy, along with

senior officials, municipal representatives, ration dealers and beneficiaries participated in the programme.

The large turnout of beneficiaries and the festive atmosphere marked the launch of the smart ration card distribution as a significant step towards a more transparent and technology-driven public distribution system.

Netaji Walkers Club Celebrates 80th Independence Day with Grandeur

MANUGURU: The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held in a grand manner under the auspices of the Netaji Walkers Club at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Stadium in Manuguru on Saturday.

Netaji Walkers Club Honorary President Nasireddy Vijay Bhaskar Reddy unfurled the National Flag. The gathering then joined in the National Anthem, expressing their patriotism and respect for the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Honorary President Nasireddy Vijay Bhaskar Reddy and General Secretary Ravulapalli Ramamurthy recalled the sacrifices of the freedom fighters who laid down their lives for India's independence. They said that the freedom and rights enjoyed by citizens today are the result of the sacrifices and struggles of countless freedom fighters.

They called upon everyone to draw inspiration from the ideals of the freedom fighters and contribute their share towards the development of the nation. They also urged the younger generation to uphold national unity, integrity and patriotic values.

Netaji Walkers Club Treasurer Vaddanam Ramesh, Vice President Jonnalagadda Venkateshwarlu, Deshaboyina Tirupathi Rao, Prasad, Korimella Srinivas, Gold Shankar, Hemadri, Bhadru, Hathi Ram, RMP Srinivasa



Reddy, Elia, Ramireddy, Yakaiah, Ravinder, Vagaboyina Nageswara Rao, Kancharla Murali, Chandu, Vineel, Chintamalla Ramesh, Baburao, Santosh, Rambabu, Maskin, Sura Madhu, C.H. Ramu, Gurram Srujan, Boshetti Ravi, Lalu, Sagar, Srinu, Vinod, Ranjith, Arun and other club members, students, locals and walkers participated in the celebrations.

Patriotic Spirit Fills Netaji Stadium

The Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Stadium echoed with patriotic slogans as members of the Walkers Club, students and local residents enthusiastically participated in the Independence Day celebrations. The gathering paid rich tributes to the freedom fighters and celebrated the spirit of India's independence with pride and enthusiasm.

Welfare Benefits for Every Family is the Government's Goal

Nirmal District : New Digital Ration Cards to Benefit People in Multiple Ways: Government Whip Vemula Veeresham

The distribution of new digital ration cards was held in a grand manner on Saturday evening at Sagar Convention near Kadthal in Nirmal Rural Mandal. Government Whip Vemula Veeresham participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the government has been working with the welfare of poor people as its primary objective since assuming office. He stated that the new digital ration cards were introduced with the aim of ensuring that every eligible poor family receives the benefits of government welfare schemes.



Naidu Says Modi's Viksit Bharat, AP's Swarna Andhra Complementary

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday called upon the 5.5 crore people of Andhra Pradesh to collectively resolve and transform the state from development to prosperity, making AP a leading state of India by 2047.

Addressing the 80th Independence Day celebrations at Amaravati after unfurling the National Flag and receiving the ceremonial salute, the CM said freedom enjoyed by Indians is a result of decades of struggle and sacrifices by countless freedom fighters. He urged people to think about what they could contribute to the nation, though individual achievements are also part of nation-building.

"Let us work with nationalistic spirit and patriotism and make the country and Andhra Pradesh number one by 2047," Chandrababu Naidu said, calling for sustained efforts over the next 20 years. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat and the state's Swarna Andhra goals are complementary.

The Chief Minister declared that the previous government had pushed the state 30 years back through arrogance, inefficiency, corruption, and anarchy, weakening institutions and damaging the economy. The coalition government had taken up the task of rebuilding the state and had brought visible change in 26 months, he maintained.

Naidu asserted that the NDA alliance government is steering AP from destruction to development, crisis to stability, and uncertainty to confidence. The state's growth rate had risen to 11.3 per cent, while debt restructuring of 370 loans has helped save ₹8,269 crore in interest burden. In 26 months, ₹1.50 lakh crore have been spent on welfare and ₹1.34 lakh crore on development.

The AP CM said the state government has filled 15,941



teacher posts despite hurdles to the Mega DSC. He promised to conduct DSC recruitment every year, pointing out that a job calendar with 10,000 posts has already been released this year.

Naidu mentioned that 28 new industrial policies have been introduced and agreements have been signed for investments worth ₹24 lakh crore. Approvals have been given for industries worth ₹14 lakh crore, which are expected to generate 11 lakh jobs. Foreign direct investment has increased six-and-a-half times in two years.

Naidu said nearly ₹25,000 crore have been spent on irrigation projects in 26 months. An irrigation calendar has been issued to complete 36 major projects at a cost of ₹35,000 crore over the next three years. 89 per cent of Polavaram works have been completed and the project would be dedicated to the nation before the Pushkarams next year. Vamsadhara-Nagavali River-Linking Project is 73 per cent complete, while the Veligonda

Phase-I works would soon fulfil a 30-year-old dream.

The CM spoke about Greenfield ports at Ramayapatnam, Machilipatnam, and Mulapeta progressing rapidly, while modern fishing harbours are being built at Juvvaladinne, Nizampatnam, Machilipatnam, and Uppada. The state has ₹64,000-crore worth railway works and ₹38,000-crore worth highway projects under execution. Amaravati, being developed as a blue-green, deep-tech, carbon-neutral, and pollution-free global city, would symbolise the self-respect of the people of AP.

Naidu said the state government is working towards women's economic empowerment by marketing their products under the Swayam brand. Tourism had been accorded industry status, attracting ₹19,390 crore in investments in two years.

The Chief Minister underlined that every farmer would receive ₹20,000 under Annadata Sukhivhava, while modern technology is being introduced in agriculture. State government is planning to develop Rayalaseema into a horticulture hub with an investment of ₹1 lakh crore and establish an Indian School of Agriculture.

Naidu underlined that the government has adopted "people first" governance, strengthened public safety, and given police the freedom to act against crime. The Eagle Task Force is cracking down on ganja and drugs, he stated.

Earlier, contingents of APSP, CRPF, Karnataka Police, NCC, and Scouts participated in the parade and presented a ceremonial salute. Government departments showcased colourful tableaux highlighting development initiatives.

The CM later presented police medals to officers and personnel for distinguished service.

India Poised to Lead World: Pawan Kalyan

KAKINADA: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan said India was steadily emerging as a stronger, more capable and self-reliant nation and was poised to lead the world, with the responsibility of carrying the journey forward resting particularly on the younger generation.

Addressing the 80th Independence Day celebrations in Kakinada on Saturday after unfurling the National Flag and receiving the guard of honour, Pawan Kalyan said the occasion was significant as India marked eight decades of Independence. One generation had fought for freedom, another had safeguarded it and the present generation had the responsibility of strengthening nation-building, he said.

He said the National Song 'Vande Mataram' was completing 150 years this year and called upon people to give true meaning to the freedom secured through the sacrifices of freedom fighters.

Pawan Kalyan said Kakinada had a special place in the freedom movement as the All India Congress Session held there in 1923 contributed to the growth of national consciousness.

Referring to the challenges faced by the coastal region, including cyclones, sea erosion and heavy rains, he said fishermen, farmers, weavers, workers and youth



continued to contribute to society through their daily efforts. Their contribution was an integral part of nation-building, he said.

He said Andhra Pradesh was playing a key role in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 through coordination between the Central and State governments. He said the State had received ₹4,597 crore as its share of advance tax funds released recently by the Centre.

Pawan Kalyan said the government was improving connectivity in tribal areas under the Adavitalli Bata programme, with 2,310 km of roads being taken up at a cost of ₹2,078 crore. Of this, 905 km had already been completed, he said.

He said unfinished drinking water projects in Pulivendula, Dhona and Uddanam were being completed under programmes including Jal

Jeevan Mission and AMRUT. Mega Water Grid works were also being accelerated in Chittoor, Prakasam, Palnadu and the erstwhile Godavari districts to provide drinking water to 1.3 crore people at a cost of ₹8,000 crore.

The government had also launched 10 Mega Multi-Village Schemes worth ₹9,335 crore to provide drinking water to nearly 6,500 villages, he said.

Pawan said forest and environmental conservation efforts were being strengthened through scientific methods, technology and public participation, with a target of planting 10 crore saplings.

District collector Harendhira Prasad, SP G. Bindu Madhav and others were present. Pawan Kalyan's wife Anna Lezhneva also attended the celebrations.

25 Serving, Retired Telangana Police Personnel Honoured on Independence Day

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday honoured 25 serving and retired police personnel with awards for their outstanding and meritorious services on Independence Day.

The awardees included ACB director Avinash Mohanty; EAGLE Force additional SP P. Krishna Murthy; 3rd TGSP commandant Syed Jameel Basha; IT&C inspector N. Gnana Sundari; Intelligence IGP Kartikey; DGP office SP K. Ram Kumar; Cyberabad DCP, crimes, A. Muthyam Reddy; ISW, intelligence, DSP K.V. Ramana; CAR Headquarters, Cyberabad, ACP A. Venugopal; Karimnagar Rural inspector Anumala Niranjan Reddy.



Other awardees were Ikram AB Khan, Gunti Venkateshwarlu, A. Laxmaiah, Abdul Rafeeq, Srinivasa Mishra, Komarabattini Ramu, Kunchala Balakashaiah, Mohd. Fazlur Rahman, Ranveer Singh Thakur, Peter Joseph Bahadur, Mohd. Moinullah Khan, V. Pathya Naik and Md Ayoob Khan. M. Venkateswar Goud was honoured with the Medal for Gallantry, while D. Pratap, DSP, received the Mukhyamantri Sarvonnatha Police Pathakam on the occasion of Formation Day-2026.

The honours recognised the dedication, courage and exemplary service of police personnel in maintaining law and order, protecting citizens and contributing to the effective functioning of the police department.

Andhra Pradesh's Largest School Hoists Flag Upside Down

Visakhapatnam: Chandrapalem High School, said to be the largest high school in the state with an enrolment of 3,200 students, came under scrutiny after the National Flag was reportedly hoisted upside down during the Independence Day celebrations on the school premises on Saturday.

Bheemili MLA Ganta Srinivasa Rao expressed serious displeasure over the incident and ordered a comprehensive inquiry into the lapse.

The MLA also objected to the manner in



which the Independence Day programme was conducted, alleging that members of the School Management Committee and other prominent local representatives were not invited to the celebrations.

He criticised the conduct of headmaster Venkata Rao and directed regional joint director Vijay Bhaskar and district educational officer Prem Kumar to conduct a detailed inquiry and submit a report at the earliest.

Ganta said he would bring the matter to the notice of Minister Nara Lokesh and seek the appointment of one of the three shortlisted candidates as the new headmaster to ensure the smooth functioning of the institution.

AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Highlights India's Journey Since Independence

Kakinada: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan participated in the Independence Day celebrations in Kakinada and hoisted the national flag.

Speaking on the occasion, Pawan Kalyan said the country is celebrating 150 years of the national song, Vande Mataram. Reflecting on India's eight-decade journey, Pawan Kalyan said one generation fought for the country's independence, another safeguarded it, while the next laid the foundations for nation-building. He said India is now moving towards becoming a strong, capable and self-reliant nation. He emphasised that it is the collective responsibility of the people to accelerate this journey and help the country achieve its goals.



TTD's Primary Mission Is Serving Devotees: B.R. Naidu

Tirupati: Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) chairman B.R. Naidu said serving devotees visiting Tirumala from across the world was the organisation's primary mission and protecting Sanatana Dharma remained its foremost commitment.

On the occasion of the 80th Independence Day, Naidu hoisted the National Flag and received the guard of honour at the TTD Parade Grounds in Tirupati on Saturday.

Addressing the gathering, Naidu said TTD was working to spread the glory of Lord Venkateswara

globally while giving priority to education, healthcare and religious services. He said efforts would continue to improve pilgrim services and uphold the principle that service to humanity was service to God.

He said a modern Annaprashadam kitchen was being planned at a cost of ₹120 crore with donor support. The SV Museum at Tirumala, developed at a cost of ₹145 crore, would soon showcase the services, festivals and jewellery of Lord Venkateswara through 3D and 7D presentations. Srivari temples were also being developed in several cities, while the

Amaravati temple was being developed at a cost of ₹140 crore. He warned that TTD would take legal action against false propaganda that hurt devotees' sentiments.

On the occasion, 38 officers and 281 employees, besides six employees each from SVIMS and SVBC, were honoured for outstanding service. They received five-gram Srivari silver dollars and appreciation certificates, while cash awards were given to 62 meritorious children of employees.



Big Opp & Challenge In Front Of Mass Raja

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On August 21st, Mass Raja Raviteja is coming up with the film “Irumudi”, whose trailer was released recently. Until now, there are different opinions on this film; however, after the release of the trailer, the film is carrying different expectations. But then, there is a big opportunity and a big challenge before the senior star hero through this movie. Here goes it.

Apparently, there are no big mass films at the box office right now, as the likes of Viswanath & Sons are not catering to the mass audience, while Korean Kanakaraju has also explored the max from the box office already. That presents a big opportunity before the movie, as a slight positive talk will also take the film’s reach to the next level. That’s a good sign, but then there is a threat too.

The biggest challenge is that Mass Raja has to prove anything in just 1 week with regard to the movie. Because on the 26th, the massive “Toxic” wave is going to hit the box office. Irre-



spective of the Day 1 talk, the film is likely to strike the box office very hard, leaving no scope for other movies to survive. That will make things challenging for Irumudi for sure.

Irumudi features Raviteja in the lead and is directed by Siva Nirvana, whose recent films haven’t done very well at the box office.

Comrade Kalyan confirms eagerly awaited release date

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Sree Vishnu’s upcoming film Comrade Kalyan has locked its worldwide release date. The makers announced that the film will arrive in theatres on October 9th, promising audiences a theatrical experience packed with action, entertainment, emotion and a slight revolutionary edge.

The release announcement was made through an intense new poster featuring Sree Vishnu in a rugged avatar, walking through a forest alongside a group of armed comrades. Sporting a dark-green outfit and a red scarf, the actor’s commanding look sets the tone for a film that appears to explore a world of rebellion, camaraderie and conflict.

Directed by Janakiram Marella, Comrade Kalyan is produced by Venkata Krishna Karthi and Seetha Karnati. Kona Venkat is presenting the film. The film songs composed by Vijai Bulganin have been super successful raising anticipation.

The October first week release places Comrade Kalyan in the festive theatrical window, giving Sree Vishnu’s entertainer perfect chance to score a blockbuster success. With its striking visual world and mass-oriented presentation, the film is expected to generate further curiosity as the release date approaches.

KOKA crosses gigantic 1 Million tickets milestone

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Varun Tej has delivered a big hit with his new movie Korean Kanakaraju. The movie is registering strong audience traction at the ticket counters and it has already crossed a gigantic milestone of 1 million+ tickets sold across BMS and District apps.

It is using the National Holiday Independence Day advantage perfectly. Many shows registering housefuls across the two states, today, showcasing the demand. It is trending with 2.34K tickets booked per hour in its second weekend. In a day and age when film run has become limited, KOKA trending in its second weekend with other big releases shows the box office stamina of Varun Tej.

Directed by Merlapaka Gandhi, the film’s entertainment value is being praised by audiences with many watching it on repeat in theatres. S. Thaman has composed the music, while UV Creations and First Frame Entertainment have produced the film, on massive scale.

Satya’s comedy timing is being praised by all. Varun Tej has become the talk of the town with his striking performance in two different shades. Trade analysts are predicting the movie to earn huge profits making use of big holiday weekend, further.

Sairabhanu FL: Graceful and Lovely

Begin typing your search above and press return to search. The newly released first look poster perfectly sets an engaging tone for this much-awaited romantic entertainer, leaving audiences eager for more.



Aadi Sai Kumar is back to charm the audience with his exciting new film, Sairabhanu. The newly released first look poster perfectly sets an engaging tone for this much-awaited romantic entertainer, leaving audiences eager for more.

The vibrant design prominently highlights the movie’s catchy tagline, “A Fun Filled Journey of Love, Faith & Destiny,” hinting at a captivating and emotional comedy. Aadi Sai Kumar looks fresh and handsome in a traditional white outfit, while leading lady Bandhavi Sridhar looks beautiful and graceful in a classic black burqa. Together, their warm chemistry while riding the motorcycle makes for a striking image.

Director Phani Krishna Siriki has crafted an engaging storyline aiming to bridge cultural differences through humor, faith, and deep emotion. Backed by passionate producer Razesh Danda, this visually appealing poster offers just a small glimpse of the beautiful journey the makers have in store for audiences.

Manasa Varanasi’s Divine Darshan at Tirumala

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Manasa Varanasi, the graceful Femina Miss India 2020 winner who reached the Top 13 at Miss World, is steadily carving a niche in South Indian cinema. A former computer science engineer and financial analyst from Hyderabad, she transitioned from pageantry to acting with elegance and determination. She made her movie debut in the 2024 Telugu film Devaki Nandana Vasudeva, playing the pivotal role of Satyabhama (alongside Satya, Radha and Rukmini).

Her poised screen presence earned her early recognition. In 2026, she starred as the lively Mithra in the bilingual romantic drama Couple Friendly opposite Santosh Sobhan, which resonated well with audiences. She is currently filming her Tamil debut alongside Sasikumar and exploring more Telugu projects. Recently, the actress was spotted at the sacred Tirumala temple seeking the divine darshan of Lord Venkateswara Swamy, dressed in a traditional green and cream saree with a warm namaste. Fans and devotees celebrated her humble spiritual visit. Govinda Govinda! May Lord Balaji’s blessings continue to light her path in cinema and life.

