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Where is the Delimitation Blow..!?

Direct Voice National Bureau Chief New Delhi August 20 "Is the country's political equation behind the voice of the South paving the way for a new political equation between the North and the South? The coming era in Indian politics Delimitation is one of the most influential issues. It is not just a process of changing the lines of constituencies. It raises fundamental questions such as how much political power each state should have in the country's parliament? How much influence should states have on the central government? Should states that have controlled their population be politically rewarded or should states with larger populations be given more representation? This issue has already become a common concern of the southern states in the 31st Southern Zonal Council meeting. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has said that the calculations should be continued on the basis of 1971 and the current 543 seats should be kept for another 25 years. "They requested that it be continued and that women's reservations should also be implemented within the current scope of seats. "This is not just a southern issue, it is a mistake to view the delimitation debate as a problem of only Tamil Nadu,



Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states. This is an issue that will affect the political future of the entire India. Because if the representation of the states in the Lok Sabha changes, the political mathematics required for government formation at the Centre will also change. If the difference between the population growth of the northern states and the population control of the southern states is reflected in the delimitation there may be changes in the political power map of the country. That is why the southern states are saying in one voice, "We should not be politically punished for our success in population control." "Why are the northern states important? The large states of northern India already play a key role in the country's politics. States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand will have a large population. If the Lok Sabha seats

are redistributed based on population, these states will have increased parliamentary representation. The reason for Tamil Nadu's lead in the Lok Sabha is clear. The state currently has 39 Lok Sabha seats. The Centre is arguing that Tamil Nadu's seats can increase in the proposed system. However, Tamil Nadu political circles say that the percentage share of the state in the total Lok Sabha is crucial. So the issue is not just "How many seats will our state get?" The real question is "How much weight will our state's voice have in the entire Parliament?" DK. Shivakumar has also mentioned this. The argument is that if the number increases but the political weight decreases, the agitation of the southern states continues. Karnataka is another key center. The situation is similar in the case of Karnataka. The intention to protect the political representation in cen-

tral politics will decrease. "States like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana have seen a surge in the last few decades. Significant progress has been made in areas like population control, education, health, and family welfare. Now that the same population control has become the main criterion for determining the future parliamentary basis, the question is coming from the south, "Is this the reward for the development we have made?" The Tamil Nadu government has already passed a resolution in the assembly demanding that the Lok Sabha seats be maintained at 543. "Tamil Nadu is the most politically alert state. Delimitation is a poison. Where is the delimitation blow..!?" Kerala is another example of population control. The situation in Kerala is more interesting. Kerala is one of the leading states in the country in terms of controlling population growth rate and human development indices. However, if the method of increasing representation based on population is introduced, there is a concern that Kerala, which has a low population growth rate, may have limited political benefits in the future. That is why Kerala is also becoming a key partner in the common argument of Dakshina Nadi Andhra Pradesh. Special Political Posi-

tion. The situation in Andhra Pradesh is somewhat different. The Centre has already explained that the number of state seats in Parliament will increase. According to the calculations released by the Centre, AP's Lok Sabha seats may increase from 25 to 38, and the state's share in the total Lok Sabha may increase from 4.60 percent to 4.65 percent. However, delimitation for AP is not just a question of the number of seats. What will be the future political strength of the state in the negotiations with the Centre? That is the main question. After division AP is in a situation where it has to constantly discuss with Delhi on issues like special issues, Polavaram, river waters, capital, industrial development, central funds, railway-port-road infrastructure. Due to this, parliamentary representation has increased. It is an opportunity for the state. But at the same time, AP's position in the argument that the collec-



tive political strength of the southern states should not be diminished. It is also strategic. Telangana is not a small number, but a key strength. Telangana currently has 17 Lok Sabha seats. According to the figures released by the Centre, they may increase to 26, and the state's share in the total Lok Sabha may increase from 3.13 percent to 3.18 percent. Here too, the actual discussion is not about whether the number will increase.. but about the political decision-making of the country. How much influence does the state have in the states? That is. And will the North-South political line strengthen? This is the most sensitive issue in this whole affair. The delimitation debate is on the one hand talking about the constitutional principle of representation. On the other hand, the southern states are bringing up issues like population control, economic cooperation, tax payments, and human development. This ultimately, it became a

question of striking a balance between the democratic principle of "one person, one vote" and another principle of "federal balance among the states." The central argument is also crucial. The central government's argument, on the other hand, cannot be ignored in this debate. Union Home Minister Amit Shah in April speaking in Parliament, he explained that there will be no injustice to the southern states and that the seats of the southern states will increase without decreasing in the proposed system. According to the calculations released by the Centre, the number of MPs of the southern states may increase from 129 to 195. Therefore, the real controversy does not stop at the question of "Will the seats decrease?" What percentage of the total Lok Sabha seats will the southern states have?" is likely to become a central point in future political debate.

Three Pieces Of Paper In The Form Of A Triangle The Intensifying Power Struggle In Congress

Bustling With Group Politics "Politics Heats Up With CM's Speech

State Bureau Chief Hyderabad August 20 : Confusion in the party cadre "Hot Topic Sushmita Patel Comments Disagreements between the Revuri and Konda communities. The one who says he won't even decrease "It has become a hot topic in politics. The situation of 'three-way conflict' in the Congress is clearly visible with the group politics between the factions of MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy, Minister Konda Surekha-Konda Murali couple, as well as Hanumakonda DCC President Inugala Venkatram Reddy. The fact that these three camps are moving their pawns at an extreme level over ticket allocations and retaining control in the constituency in the upcoming elections is worrying the party cadre. Politics heated up with the CM's meeting. "As the campaign progresses, the differences between the Revuri and Konda factions are becoming more apparent. Senior leader Inugala Venkatram Reddy's faction is also making moves

to make it clear that they will not let their political prominence in the constituency diminish under any circumstance. Is there a factional struggle for local power? Although the party's victories in the local body elections demonstrate the strong foundation of the Congress, the ongoing cold war between the leaders risks having a serious impact on future politics. The Congress party, which has set foot on the soil of the three factions, has now



become a topic of discussion everywhere. The decision to be taken by the leadership will decide the future of the Congress party. During the recent visit of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to Parakala, the political equations suddenly heated up as signs emerged that Revuri Prakash will contest again in the upcoming elections. On the other hand, the Konda family is reportedly planning to field their daughter Sushmita from Parakala constituency. At a time when the party needs to be strengthened in the constituency, "internal infighting within the ruling Congress party has reached its peak. The struggle for supremacy, waged by leaders who are divided into three different factions despite being under the same umbrella, is now taking on different forms:

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MODI'S OUTREACH TO YOUTH

The Prime Minister's Independence Day address reflects the flavour of the season, but the larger question is whether youth discontent will be viewed merely as an issue of jobs, education and technology, or whether the government is willing to understand it as a deeper demand for accountability and responsiveness.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focus on the youth in his Independence Day address reflects the flavour of the season. It acknowledges the growing restlessness of Gen Z, but it remains to be seen whether the government will walk the talk on the big promises made from the ramparts of the Red Fort. Symbolic gestures and grand announcements would mean nothing if not followed by concrete, measurable action plans. The long-pending reforms in the education sector will help the youth prepare for jobs in emerging technology and innovation economies. Modi's outreach to the youth included a promise to offer free online coaching for competitive exams and AI skilling programmes in an attempt to address post-globalisation anxieties. The big shift in the Prime Minister's political messaging came days after Gen Z-led protests over exam paper leaks, and unemployment forced the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan as Education Minister. Addressing the challenges facing the youth, from employment worries to the incursion of artificial intelligence in everyday life, Modi promised that more than one crore youth would be provided AI skills in a "mission mode" drive over the coming year and the country's digital public infrastructure would be used to provide free online coaching to students wishing to take various competitive exams. Also, there will be a nationwide sports talent hunt among children between five and 15 years of age ahead of the 2036 Olympic Games. The problem is that these themes have appeared repeatedly in election manifestos, government budgets and policy promises across states.

Employment, education infrastructure, online learning and, increasingly, AI have become recurring features of political messaging. The real question is not what is being promised, but how much of it is actually being implemented. The larger question is whether youth discontent will be viewed merely as an issue of jobs, education and technology, or whether the government is willing to understand it as a deeper demand for accountability and responsiveness. The Mood of the Nation tracker has been highlighting that inflation and unemployment are major concerns and need to be resolved. The youth would account for a third of voters in the 2029 general elections. Since they are bound to influence the outcome of the polls, the issues that concern them—education reforms being one of them—must be addressed on a mission mode. The biggest structural weakness of India's education system begins much before competitive examinations. It has traditionally rewarded memorisation rather than understanding; marks rather than competence; examination performance rather than creativity; conformity rather than questioning; coaching rather than independent learning. The irony is that India can produce millions of students who obtain degrees while many do not acquire adequate communication, quantitative reasoning, problem-solving, digital or workplace skills. The multi-crore coaching industry has become a parallel education system and is particularly powerful because the formal education system does not adequately prepare students for high-stakes examinations.

Those who have changed parties in a hurry have no right to criticize the Congress

Inappropriate comments on CM Revanth Reddy will not be tolerated
It is not right to make comments that will damage the party
Warangal DCC President Ayub

Warangal, Bureau: Warangal District Congress Party President Mohammed Ayub said that those who have changed parties in a hurry have no moral right to criticize the Congress party. Speaking to the media at the MGM Center on Thursday, he made several key comments on the Konda family.

What is the recognition of those who carried the Congress flag

Ayub questioned the activists who stood by the Congress party in the Warangal East constituency during the ten years of BRS rule and carried the party flag during difficult times. He said that it should be clarified whether they have been given opportunities for those who worked hard for the Congress.. or those who were categorized as Achcha Congress and Green Congress.

Ayub questioned how the Warangal District Library Chairman



could continue on the same platform when some people were insulting the state Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and making inappropriate comments at will. He warned that the Congress party would not stand idly by if inappropriate comments were made against the Chief Minister who is constantly working for the welfare of the people.

Questioning how reasonable it was to say that we made five people win, Ayub commented that if those who contested from the Congress party in Parakala constituency in 2018 had contested from Parakala in 2023 as well, the situation would have been different.

Many opportunities for the Congress party

He reminded that the Congress party had given Konda Surekha several opportunities as an MLA, twice as a minister, and also given Konda Murali an opportunity as an MLC. He said that the Congress party has always provided political opportunities to its leaders and workers.

Mohammad Ayub said that there is a policy within the party for those who are seeking tickets and expressing their opinions, and that making comments that damage the party on public platforms is not the right approach.

Warangal District Congress Party President Mohammad Ayub said that such comments could cause serious damage to the party, and urged the Congress party leadership to respond immediately and take an appropriate decision on this issue, as well as stand by the leaders and activists who are working hard for the party.

Timely Treatment Must Be Provided to Every Patient

Nagarkurnool : District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil conducted a surprise inspection of Urban and Basti Dawakhana functioning in Srinagar Colony in Ward No. 18 and Deshikalya in Ward No. 3 of Nagarkurnool town on Thursday.

The Collector reviewed the medical services being provided at the facilities and enquired about staff attendance, maintenance, treatment being provided to patients and availability of medicines. He also sought details about the daily number of patients visiting the hospitals, utilisation of services by local residents and the availability of necessary medical tests and medicines.

Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil interacted directly with patients and enquired about their health problems and the services being provided. He sought their feedback on the availability of doctors and medicines and asked whether they were facing any difficulties in receiving treatment.

The Collector directed the medical staff to ensure that every patient receives timely and quality treatment. He stressed that the Basti Dawakhana, established to provide accessible healthcare close to people's homes, should be properly maintained and monitored regularly. He also instructed staff to remain available on time, patiently listen to patients' health concerns, provide necessary medical tests and treatment, and offer appropriate health advice. He emphasised that there should be no negligence in the functioning of the facilities and that quality primary healthcare and essential medicines should be readily available to local residents.



GHMC gears up for Ganesh Chaturthi, idol immersion arrangements in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The GHMC is gearing up for the smooth conduct of ensuing Vinayaka Chaturthi festivities in the city. The Ganesh Chaturthi festival is on September 14 and idols immersion will be on September 25 on the conclusion of the 10-day festivities.

On Thursday, GHMC Commissioner, RV Karnan held a special meeting with line departments and discussed arrangements. Following the trifurcation of the erstwhile GHMC, the civic body is handling the Vinayaka Chaturthi festivities for the first time in newly added circles, zones and recently merged areas.

According to a press release, discussions at the meeting focused on procession routes and needed arrangements for the occasion. In association with festival committees, police and other government departments, an action plan will be drafted and a dedicated coordination mechanism set up to address issues related to roads, barri-



cading, cranes, electricity, water supply, sanitation and emergency services.

A control room will be set up at Tank Bund and another control room will be opened for real-time coordination, monitoring and rapid response during idols immersion. The deployments include round-the-clock sanitation, fogging teams, cranes, boats, swimmers, lifesaving equipment, ambulances and paramedical staff.

Road repair works along procession routes are to be taken up and completed by September 13, the press release said.

Tough Rules Set For Rahul Gandhi's Pune Event, 30 Conditions Imposed

Police have granted permission for Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's August 22 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' event in Pune with 30 conditions, prohibiting "objectionable" banners or images and directing organisers to avoid hurting religious sentiments. The 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' (voice of students) event is specifically dedicated to female students to discuss issues like education, safety, equality, competitive exams, and career opportunities.

The programme is scheduled to be held from 4.30 pm to 9.30 pm at the SSPMS College ground near RTO Chowk in the city, where 8,000 to 10,000 people are likely to gather, as per the permission order issued on Wednesday. Among 30 conditions set by the police, the organisers have been directed not to put up any objectionable images, pictures or banners, and they will be responsible if any untoward incident occurs and leads to a law-and-order situation there, the order said.

"No one's religious sentiments should be hurt during the programme and responsibility for ensuring this will be on the organisers," it stated. Maharashtra Congress vice president Mohan Joshi said the police have granted permission for the programme and the



organisers will comply with all the conditions laid down by them. There are a total of 30 conditions set by the police while granting the permission, he informed.

The police have also asked the organisers to ensure adequate security, separate arrangements for men and women, sufficient

entry and exit gates, drinking water, toilets, fire-safety equipment and parking facilities. They have directed the organisers to deploy private security personnel, including women guards, and make extensive use of volunteers, particularly women. CCTV cameras covering the entire venue are also required to remain operational during the day and night.

The organisers have been instructed to comply with Supreme Court directions on permissible noise levels and provisions of the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000, and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The police have also prohibited the use of drones for photography at the venue and directed the organisers to ensure that emergency access remains available for police, medical and fire services.

BRS backs polytechnic students' stir against GO 97



Hyderabad: The BRS extended support to the statewide agitation by polytechnic students against GO 97, assuring them that the party would pressure the Congress government to withdraw the order.

A delegation of polytechnic students met BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar and former corporation chairman Chirumalla Rakesh Kumar at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, and apprised them of their concerns. The students said the government had failed to respond to their protests and sought the BRS's support.

Speaking on the occasion, Praveen Kumar said students who should be in classrooms were being forced onto the streets to protest against GO 97. He alleged that thousands of polytechnic students across Telangana were protesting but the Congress government was not willing to listen to their grievances.

He demanded the suspension of Mahabubabad CI Raghupathi Reddy, alleging that he had attempted to choke a student during a protest in the district. He also wanted Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to immediately withdraw GO 97 after hearing the students' grievances.

Questioning the rationale behind the proposed changes, the BRS leader said students completing polytechnic courses could pursue engineering through ECET or obtain jobs. He asked why such opportunities should be curtailed. He suspected that the Young India Skill University was an even bigger conspiracy to boost the real estate value of lands purchased by the Chief Minister's family within the vicinity of the proposed Fourth City project.

Rakesh Kumar alleged that the government was attempting to destroy the polytechnic education system and claim valuable land attached to polytechnic colleges. He alleged that GO 97 would reduce polytechnic students to workers instead of enabling them to become engineers. Rakesh Kumar also questioned the proposed PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model for polytechnic education and alleged that the move would benefit private interests.

India, Japan Deepen Maritime Ties Amid China's Military Muscle-Flexing

India and Japan on Thursday deepened their maritime security and defence cooperation, signing a pact to strengthen naval ties and vowing to work together to realise a free and open Indo-Pacific amid growing Chinese military muscle-flexing in the region.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Japanese counterpart Shinjiro Koizumi, during their talks, expressed strong opposition to unilateral actions that impede freedom and safety of navigation and overflight, as well as attempts to alter the status quo through force or coercion.

Though China was not directly named in their joint statement, the remarks come amid growing concerns in New Delhi and Tokyo over Beijing's increasingly assertive military posture in the South and East China Seas.

Singh and Koizumi signed a Memorandum of Arrangement on maritime security cooperation, providing a framework for further expanding collaboration between the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the Indian Navy.

The agreement envisages greater information sharing on maritime domain awareness and enhanced cooperation in areas such as search and rescue.

The ministers also agreed to move swiftly towards concrete maritime security cooperation, including maximising synergies in mine counter-measures capabilities and exploring the possibility of joint development in naval shipbuilding and design.

Japan's technological expertise and India's production capabilities will be leveraged for deeper cooperation in the



sector.

The two sides agreed to explore greater use of India's production capabilities under the Make in India initiative, particularly in defence shipbuilding and related areas.

They also agreed to advance reciprocal access to ship repair facilities and work towards concluding a ship repair arrangement in the near future.

Singh welcomed Japan's recent review of its framework for the transfer of defence equipment and technology and called for further deepening of the defence and technology partnership.

The two ministers also discussed the shipborne UNICORN integrated communications antenna system, which is being pursued as the first defence equipment transfer project between the two countries. They committed to work-

ing towards its early realisation.

Strengthening Naval Coordination

India and Japan agreed to strengthen coordination to protect sea lines of communication through mutual visits by naval ships and units, joint exercises, personnel exchanges and logistical support, including access to ports and maintenance and repair facilities.

The ministers also agreed to promote exchanges between their special operations forces and pursue cooperation with India's integrated theatre commands after their establishment.

The joint statement said enhanced cooperation was important not only for India and Japan but also for regional and international security.

The latest push comes as both countries seek to strengthen security partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, where China's expanding military capabilities and assertive maritime activities have emerged as major strategic concerns.

CM Revanth Arrives In London For First Leg Of Two-Nation Tour

As Preferred Source London: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has kicked off a 10-day tour of the UK and US after arriving in London on Thursday. In the UK, Reddy is scheduled to visit the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford and the Emirates Stadium for an EPL Football presentation, according to the state government. Interactions and events are also planned with the University of Cambridge, University of London and London Business School (LBS) during the first leg of his two-nation tour.

The Telangana CM will then head to the US next



week, where he is set to visit the campuses of Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is also scheduled to interact with a team from Virginia Tech University in Boston on August 25. Besides some official discussions, a meet-and-greet diaspora event organised by the US chapter of the Indian Overseas Congress (IOC) in New York is also on the agenda. Earlier, Congress MP Mallu Ravi and the state government's advisor on protocol affairs, Harkara Venugopal, saw him off at the New Delhi airport in the early hours of Thursday. Reddy was in New Delhi to attend the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on Wednesday.

Gongidi Sunitha demands Revanth Reddy's resignation over law and order situation in Telangana

Hyderabad: Former MLA Gongidi Sunitha said the Congress government had failed to maintain law and order in Telangana, particularly in ensuring the safety of women and children. She demanded Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's resignation, alleging that he had failed as Chief Minister, Home Minister and Education Minister.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, Sunitha cited recent murders, including the killing of six women in Shahbad, and alleged that the government was indifferent to crimes against women. She demanded a probe into the murder of principal Rupa Reddy at Kondamallepally, including the alleged role of a drug mafia and possible conspiracy.

Sunitha raised concern over



increasing drug and ganja abuse among youth, citing hundreds of crores worth of drugs being seized in the State by police from neighbouring States like Maharashtra. She questioned the effectiveness of the EAGLE Force and accused the government of restricting its anti-drug efforts to statements.

Former ZP chairperson Tula Uma said teachers were also facing threats from students and alleged that online obscenity and mobile-phone addiction were affecting children. She demanded strict action against those committing crimes against women and stronger measures to curb drugs and alcohol.

TPCC notice to Konda Surekha triggers differences within Telangana Congress

Hyderabad: The Telangana Congress move to serve a showcause notice on Forest Minister Konda Surekha over her daughter Konda Sushmitha's outburst against Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has triggered different opinions within the party. The episode is now taking a different turn, with several leaders questioning the transparency of the disciplinary process and alleging discrimination.

A section of the party has strongly objected to the TPCC Disciplinary Committee serving the notice on the Forest Minister. Several senior leaders are of the opinion that Konda Sushmitha is a major and should have been served the notice instead of her mother. "This is nonsense. Is Konda Sushmitha even a member of the Congress party? If so, she should be served a notice and asked for an explanation. Even if she is not a Congress member, how can a notice be issued to her mother?" asked a senior leader from Gandhi Bhavan.

A few leaders also questioned the transparency of the Disciplinary Committee. Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy has also been making critical comments against the government and the party. "In that case, why has he not been served a notice so far?" wondered another senior



leader. "Why is a BC Minister's family being specifically targeted? Why are upper caste leaders being spared from action?" the leader questioned. Another argument being raised is about the TPCC justification for serving the notice on the Forest Minister. "Like in the case of Konda Surekha, will the TPCC serve a notice on Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy for the comments made by his brother Rajgopal Reddy?" the leader asked.

Meanwhile, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud found fault with both the Chief Minister and Konda Sushmitha over their comments. Speaking to media persons at Nizamabad on Thursday, he said a procedure was followed in the Congress party for allotting MLA tickets. "The CWC takes the final decision. No one can claim their candidature from a constituency or announce candidates on the party's behalf. Individuals cannot take such decisions," Goud stressed.

Orthopedic Conference In Hanamakonda On The 21st

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 20 :

The arrangements for the TOSA-OASIS-CON 2026 Orthopedic Conference, organized by the Telangana Orthopedic Surgeons Association in collaboration with the Warangal Orthopedic Surgeons Association, have been completed. On this occasion, the organizers revealed the details of the conference at a press conference held at a private hospital in Hanamakonda on Thursday. Dr. Pesaru Vijayachander Reddy said that the conference will begin at 5.30 pm on August 21 at Kaloji Kalakshetra in Hanamakonda. He said that about 1,000 orthopedic doctors from different states across the country will participate in the conference. He said that about 295 eminent medical experts will share their experiences with the doctors on new technologies, advanced treatment methods and surgeries coming in modern orthopedic medicine. Eminent



orthopedic doctor Dr. Pesaru Vijayachander Reddy will take charge as the President of OASIS, said Secretary General Dr. K. Ramkumar Reddy. It was revealed that the conference will feature expert discussions and demonstrations on advanced medical topics such as arthroplasty, robotic joint replacement, complex orthopedic surgeries, hand surgery, microsurgery, etc. OASIS is a prestigious platform for orthopedic surgeons in South India, and Dr. Vijayachander Reddy taking over as the president of the organization is a matter of pride for Warangal as well as the state of Telangana, said Dr. Ramkumar Reddy. His

long service in the field of orthopedic medicine, his contribution in the field of medical education, and his contribution to the development of orthopedic surgeons" He said that the cooperation is commendable. He expressed hope that OASIS will develop further under his leadership. Warangal West MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy and Hanamakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai will be the chief guests at the inaugural function of the conference. OPSIS President Dr. Krishna Gopal R and OASIS Secretary General Dr. B. N. Roshan Kumar will participate as guests of honor. Warangal District Collector Satya

Sarada and Warangal Commissioner of Police Shweta will attend the closing ceremony of TOSA-OASIS-CON 2026, the organizers said. The organizers said that the conference, in which about 1,000 orthopedic doctors from all over the country are participating, will further strengthen knowledge exchange in modern medical fields such as robotic surgery, orthoplasty, hand and microsurgery. Speaking at the press conference, Dr. P. Sudhir Kumar, senior orthopedic doctors Dr. Vaddiraju Rakesh, Dr. S. Srinivas Reddy, Dr. Sirish, Dr. Uttam Vaidya Gattu and others participated.

Police solve Kallu Rupa Reddy Murder Case The Students Killed the Teacher who Taught them Lessons

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Nalgonda August 20 : SC says brutal murder was committed for robbery "A murder mystery solved with the single word 'Babu'. The sensational murder case of Nagarjuna Grammar

Concept School Principal Kallu Rupa Reddy in Kondamallepalli, which created a sensation in Nalgonda district, has finally been solved by the Nalgonda district police team and two minor boys have been arrested, Nalgonda district SP Sarath Chandra Power said at a press conference. Going into full details, nine days after the murder, they investigated the mystery from many angles and finally solved the mystery with the clue of the word Babu. They said that the murderers were two tenth grade students and they were arrested. It was revealed that they had come to rob, they were wearing masks and goggles, and that the students who noticed that the theft would be revealed when Rupa Reddy recognized them. During the murder, Rupa Reddy said that the phone was switched off with the word 'Babu' and said, "Don't do anything to me." During the investigation, these minor boys were identified with this word. District SP Sarath Chandra Pawar said that Rs. 1.54 lakh in cash, a knife, an iPhone and cellphones were seized from the identified accused. Crime No. 150/2026 has been registered against them and sections 103 BNS have been imposed. Konda mallepalli Police Station Case Details It is known that on 11-08-2026, Nagarjuna Grammar Concept School Principal Kallu Rupa Reddy was brutally murdered in Kondamallepalli limits. Taking



this case as a challenge, District SP Sarath Chandra Pawar and IPS immediately formed 5 special teams under the leadership of Devarakonda DSP Srinivasa Rao. The SP issued clear instructions to the special teams to thoroughly examine the crime scene and continue the investigation from all angles using modern investigation methods. As part of the investigation of the case, the special teams thoroughly examined forensic evidence, fingerprints, dog squad, CCTV camera footage, other technical evidence, details of old criminals, movements of suspects, verification of rowdy sheeters and other aspects. A 360-degree sweep of the murder scene and surrounding areas, covering an area of ??about 30 kilometers, was conducted, and footage from about 70 CCTV cameras was analyzed day and night. About 40 police officers and staff in a total of 5 special teams, including Technical Analysis and Information Teams, worked tirelessly to interrogate more than 80 suspects. The one word that turned the case around... "Before the murder, Rupa Reddy last said "Babu" while talking to her younger sister on the phone. Later, when her phone was switched off, the question "Who did she last address as Babu?" became a key question in the police investigation. While investigating from this angle, it came to the police's attention that Rupa

Reddy usually called the students in her school "Babu". With this, the investigation turned to the students of the school. There was some delay in interrogating the students as the school had declared six consecutive holidays as a mark of condolence for the death of the principal. After the school resumed, the police continued the investigation by interrogating the students one by one. In this order, the police kept a special vigil on some students who had not attended school for two days. Five of them were new to the habit of chanting, so they were given special attention. As the CCTV footage found at the crime scene matched the suspected students, special attention was paid to them and it was confirmed that the students were the ones who committed the crime. Based on reliable information, at 11:30 am today, two students of class X, coming from Pendlipakala "X" road to Mallepally, were arrested and carefully questioned and checked at Doniyala X road. They were found to have hidden cash in their underwear. It was found that there was about Rs. 1.54 lakh in cash, as well as blood stains on three 500 rupee notes that were found in their possession. When asked where the cash came from, it was revealed that the principal had committed the murder of Rupa Reddy and had taken the cash. "Boys in conflict with the law.. 1) JCL-1, Age: 16 years, Class 10

student, (Nagarjuna Grammar Concept School) Pulsing Thanda, Kondamallepalli Mandal, Nalgonda District." 2) JCL-2, Age: 16 years, Class 10 student, (Nagarjuna Grammar Concept School) Pilyatanda, Kondamallepalli Mandal, Nalgonda District. How was the murder planned? "Both the accused are Nagarjuna Grammar Concept Studying in class 10 in school and living in the same room in the hostel They are addicted to drinking and bad habits and use their cell phones in the hostel rooms without informing their parents and search for easy ways to earn money on social media and YouTube. Last month, the two of them were found with money in the hostel by the principal. In such a matter, the principal scolded them in the presence of their parents and kept this matter in mind and grew a grudge against the principal., Thinking that Principal Rupa Reddy had a large amount of money, the investigation revealed that they had searched for the murder without finding any evidence on social media and had committed the murder and stolen the cash. As part of the plan, the two had been planning to kill Principal Rupa Reddy for the past week without being able to find him. As part of their plan, they went home from school at around 4 pm on Tuesday and brought a red hoodie, t-shirt and pants from their bag. Later, the two of them met in Kondamallepalli. They bought

the gousjus. While one of them was watching the water tank near Rupa Reddy's house to see if anyone was coming, the other entered from the back of the house. Investigation revealed that he entered the house through the kitchen, which was already open, and indiscriminately attacked Rupa Reddy with a knife. He then took Rs 2.50 lakh in cash from the bedroom and jumped over the wall behind the house and left the house empty-handed They left the area. They threw the knife, gauze, mask and cellphone in the bushes of the trees. The investigation revealed that they changed their clothes at some distance and left the red hoodie in the drainage. District SP Sarath Chandra Power congratulated the police teams who solved this murder case. Devarakonda DSP Srinivasa Rao, Mallepalli CI Naveen Kumar, CCS Inspector Jitender Reddy, Mallepalli SI Ajmira Ramesh, Chintapalli SI Muthala Ramamurthy, Gudipalli SI D. Narasimhulu, Gurrampadu SI N. Venkanna, CCN SII U. Suresh, Head Constable Karunakar, Vishnuvardhanagiri, Waheed Pasha, Nagarjuna Prasad, Pushpagiri, Prasad Rao, Fayaz, Prabhakar, Constables Hemu Nayak, Ghulam Dastagiri, Saikumar, Shivraj, MD Junaid Ahmed, Naresh, Sai, K. Kamal Kishore, Venugopal Reddy, Bhaskar, Sharan Reddy, Nagaraju, Anil, H.K. Shekhar were congratulated and rewards were announced by District SP Sarath Chandra Pawar and IPS.

America's Debt.. A Financial Concern For The Superpower

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US debt reaches \$40 trillion.. More than a trillion dollars in interest alone! Expenditures exceed income.. Growing deficit.. Is America's debt a new challenge for the global economy? The superpower.. the elder brother of the world economy.. the symbol of dollar dominance. A country that provides security to international markets. But now the same America is choking under the burden of its debt. Despite the image of being an economically strong country, the deficit in the government treasury is increasing day by day. Recently, America's gross federal debt has crossed the milestone of 40 trillion dollars. This is not just a number.. it is a reflection of the problems that have been accumulating in America's economic policies for decades. "Debt doubled in ten years.." The pace of US debt growth is now worrying global economists. The US federal debt, which was around \$19.95 trillion in January 2017, has now crossed \$40 trillion. That is, it has doubled in almost ten years. Massive government spending during the Covid period, tax cuts, increasing spending on defense, social security schemes, and persistent budget deficits seem to be the main reasons behind this debt burden. The real question here is not just how much debt there is. It's how much America will have to spend in the future to pay off that debt. Will it come? That's the key. One trillion dollars in interest alone As big a problem as borrowing is for the US government now, paying the interest on it is becoming an even bigger challenge. According to the US Treasury, the interest cost of servicing the debt has reached about \$1.17 trillion in 2026. The Congressional Budget Office also estimates that net interest costs will exceed \$1 trillion in 2026. This is a situation that was once difficult to imagine. If a large portion of government revenue goes to paying interest on debt, it becomes questionable how much funding the government can allocate to sectors such as infrastructure, education, health, and social welfare. Interest payments on the debt already exceed the US defense budget. In the first ten months of fiscal year 2026, interest costs will surpass Medicare costs to become the second largest expense item in the federal budget. "Why is debt increasing?" America's problems did not begin with one government or one president. The main cause is the decades-long policy of 'spending more than you earn'. Mandatory expenses such as Social Security, Medicare, and veterans' benefits are rising. On the other hand, defense spending is huge. The gap between tax revenue and government spending continues to grow. The huge spending during Covid has further increased the debt. Now that rising interest rates are putting an additional burden on that debt, America is on the one hand taking on new debt. On the other hand, it is paying interest on old debt. That interest is also creating a situation where more debt is needed in the future. This is a dangerous cycle that leads to a debt trap. "What's after 40 trillion?" Another key factor here is the US debt limit. The current debt limit set by Congress is \$41.1 trillion. Budget analysts predict that if the current pace continues, this limit could be reached as early as 2027. Then, another political battle over the debt limit in the US Congress may be inevitable. "Raising the debt limit is nothing new for America. But raising the limit every time doesn't solve the real problem. Raising the borrowing limit is one thing... and preventing the debt from growing is another. What does America's debt to the world have to do with it? US debt is not just an American problem. Changes in the US economy can have an impact on global markets due to the importance of the dollar in the global economy and the demand for US Treasury bonds. If the US debt burden increases and investors demand higher interest rates, the cost of government borrowing will increase. This could also have an impact on other types of debt. The cost of living of ordinary people is likely to be affected by rising home loans, business loans, and investment costs. The recent sharp increase in yields on long-term US Treasury bonds also seems to be a sign of economic concerns. A worrying situation in developed countries "International organizations are also warning about the US economic situation. According to the OECD, the US general government gross debt-to-GDP ratio could increase from 126 percent in 2025 to 131 percent by 2027. It also said that the US budget deficit could exceed 7 percent of GDP. It indicated that fiscal consolidation measures are needed in the long term. This does not mean that the US economy is weak. The US still has the deepest financial markets in the world, dollar dominance, and strong institutions. That is why, despite its huge debt burden, the US has so far completely earned the confidence of the markets. "Not lost. But can this strength ever sustain the increase in debt? That is the question for the future. The debt is not big.. but its speed is the danger. There is one important point to note in the discussion of the US debt. As large as the \$40 trillion number is, what is even more worrying is the speed at which the debt is growing. Recent reports show that the US debt has increased by about \$3 trillion in the last year alone. This appears to be the fastest increase outside of the pandemic. America will not collapse immediately as debt increases. But if spending continues to exceed income, interest rates continue to rise, and borrowing requirements continue to grow, tough decisions will be necessary at some point. Should we raise taxes? Should we cut spending? Should we reform social security programs? Should we cut defense spending? Or should we borrow more? These are the questions facing American leaders. This is a warning bell for the superpower America, which teaches the world lessons on fiscal discipline, is now in a position to correct its financial calculations. A debt of \$40 trillion is not just a milestone, but a sign of the financial burden that will fall on future generations. "It is not wrong to borrow money for development. But if we do not increase productive capacity with borrowed money and continue to cover deficits, at some point we will reach a point where interest alone will run the government. "There are only two paths before America now. One is to continue with a debt-based economic policy. The other is to achieve a balance between income and expenditure through strict economic reforms. "Rather than the financial crisis facing the superpower America, the real concern is how much that crisis will shake the global economy.



Make the JAC's 'Maha Dharna' on the 27th of this month a grand success

D. Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Khammam August 20 Pensioners urged to participate in large numbers. The TSGREA (Retired Employees/Pensioners Association) has called upon retired employees to join the state-wide agitation demanding the immediate release of the PRC committee report, the release of pending DAs, and the immediate payment of retirement dues. M. Subbayya and Talluri Venu President and General Secretary of the Khammam District unit of the State Government Retired Employees Association appealed to pensioners to join employees and teachers in the 'Maha Dharna' scheduled for the 27th of this month in front of the Khammam District Collector's office. Speaking at a meeting held today at the Pensioners' Bhavan in Khammam, they protested the government's failure to issue health cards despite deducting 1.5% from pensions over the past three months. They urged pensioners to participate in large numbers in the state-wide united agitation to open the government's eyes regarding this inordinate delay. They also called for participation in the protest scheduled for September 10 in Hyderabad. State General Secretary D. Venkateswarlu, Vice President Y. Venkateswarlu,



district leaders S. Purnachandra Rao, T. Janardhan, Khaja Moinuddin, P. Kondala Rao, M. Sitaramaiah, and Ch. Srinivas, along with city leaders and representatives from various mandals, participated in the meeting.

Four Accused Arrested in Chityala Reporter Assault Case



Direct Voice Bhupalapally Bureau August 20 Police have arrested four individuals for trespassing into the home of 'RB News' reporter Chiru alias Ravindera resident of Chityala in Bhupalapally district assaulting him, and damaging house hold property. Bhupalapally DSP A. Sampath Rao stated that the accused were taken into custody on the outskirts of Kailapur village, and a Swift car used in the attack was seized. Subsequently, the accused were produced before a magistrate and shifted to Parkal Jail. Background of the Incident "A land dispute exists between Bojjam Venu (of Chintakunta Ramayyapalli village) and Abbengula Rajaiah regarding a plot on the outskirts of Nawabpet. Venu harbored a grudge against reporter Ravinder because the latter had been broadcasting news stories and sharing information about this dispute in social media groups. "On August 17,

following the inauguration of a real estate venture near the medical college in Bhupalapally, Bojjam Venu consumed alcohol with his friends and hatched a plan to attack the reporter. That same night, Venu accompanied by his maternal uncle Mengani Nataraj and a total of eight accused persons traveling in two additional cars arrived at Ravinder's residence in Chityala. As soon as Ravinder opened the door, the assailants barged in, beat him indiscriminately, strangled him, and smashed his head against the wall, causing him to lose consciousness and collapse. They threatened his wife, who tried to intervene, destroyed the TV, refrigerator, gas stove, and other household items, and then fled the scene. "Details of the arrested accused d: " Bojjam Venu (24), Chintakunta Ramayyapalli, Chityala Mandal (Prime Accused) " Mengani Nataraj (37), Chint

akunta Ramayya palli, Chityala Mandal "Mokkiralala Pranay (29), Real Estate Businessman, Kothaga ttu, Shankar apat nam Mandal, Karim nagar District "Goli Akhil (30), Contractor, Elkathurthy, Hanamkonda District "Items seized: "White Maruti Swift car used in the crime (No. TS-16-FH-9089) "After the attack, the accused had been absconding and moving between various locations to evade capture; the Chityala Sub-Inspector (SI) and his team took them into custody and transferred them to Parkal Jail. The DSP stated that the investigation is ongoing to apprehend the remaining accused Madhu Vamshi, Mahesh, Rajesh, Prashanth, and Arif who are still at large. He warned that strict action would be taken against those who take the law into their own hands and engage in physical assaults. Chityala Circle Inspector (CI) D. Mallesh, Chityala SI Pochampalli Satish, and other police personnel participated in the briefing.

Traffic Problems Should Be Solved In A Coordinated Manner Coordination Between Relevant Departments Is Mandatory Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha IPS

D.Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 20 CP reviews traffic problems with GWMC Commissioner Venkanna Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha suggested that officials of relevant departments should work in coordination to solve traffic problems and prevent road accidents within the Warangal Tricity. A special traffic management meeting was held under the auspices of the Police Commissioner on Thursday to discuss the measures to be taken to prevent traffic problems and accidents within the Tricity. GWMC Commissioner T. Venkanna, NHAI PD Bharadwaj along with officials of R&B, Municipal, Traffic and Police departments participated in the meeting. In the meeting, the traffic police identified black spots where road

accidents frequently occur in the city and explained the steps to be taken to prevent accidents through a Power Point presentation. The functioning of the existing traffic signals, junctions where new signals should be installed in Warangal, Hanamakonda and Kazipet areas, encroachments on roads, telephone and electricity poles to be removed, provision of parking spaces, road repairs, solar blinkers at U-turn areas, identification of suitable areas for auto stands, etc. were discussed in detail. Speaking on the occasion, CP Shwetha instructed the officials to give equal priority to traffic control along with maintaining law and order. He said that 159 areas have been identified within the Tricity area where there is insufficient lighting at night. It was suggested that the relevant departments should take im-



mediate steps to install street lights in those areas. The officials were instructed to identify dangerous areas, main intersections, road turns and unauthorized parking areas and take necessary measures, and to take precautionary measures in areas where accidents are likely to occur. GWMC Commissioner T. Venkanna said that special attention will be paid to the issues suggested by the police officers for traffic control in the city. He said that if the police and municipal department officials jointly visit the field level and work in coordination to identify and solve the problems, traffic problems can be solved more effectively. The officials decided to implement road development, improvement of the signaling system, parking facilities, removal of encroachments and road safety measures in a coordinated manner to provide a permanent solution to traffic problems. Central Zone DCP Dara Kavitha, Hanamakonda ACP Narasimha Rao, Traffic ACP Satyanarayana, traffic department officials, inspectors of police stations within the tricity, IT Core, TTI Inspectors, municipal and R&B department officials participated in this meeting.

Proud Actions To Protect The Rights Of SCs And STs The District Administration Should Strive To Make The District Problem-Free Special Focus Should Be Placed On Atrocity Cases State SC and ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkataiah

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 20 : State SC and ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkataiah has ordered the authorities to take dignified steps to resolve the land issues, ROR and atrocity cases of SCs and STs expeditiously and ensure justice for them. He warned that the SC and ST sub-plan funds should be used only for the housing, welfare and development of the respective communities and that strict action will be taken if the funds are diverted. On Thursday, State SC and ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkataiah, Commission members Reniguntla Praveen, Zilla Shankar, Konkati Lakshminarayana, Rambabu Nayak, Kuma Neeladevi, along with District Collector Dr. Satya Sarada, CP Swetha, DCP Ankit Kumar, ITDA PO Lenin Vatsal Toppo, Additional Collector Revenue G. Sandhyarani, Additional Collector Local Body Y.V. Ganesh and other officials held a review at the Warangal District Collector ate. " They reviewed the progress of SC and ST land issues, ROR, employee promotions, roster reservations, utilization of sub-plan funds, welfare, protection of rights, implementation of government schemes, and cases registered under

the SC and ST Prevention of Atrocities Act. Speaking on the occasion, Bakki Venkataiah said that Dr. B.R. Taking the message of "Unify.. Teach.." given by Ambedkar as inspiration, he said that SCs and STs should be made aware of their rights. He suggested that the officials should work responsibly so that the rights, protections and benefits of government welfare schemes provided by the Constitution are available to everyone who is eligible. "He said that people's problems should be solved by visiting the field level and not limiting it to offices. He asked that officials and public representatives should work in coordination for the protection, welfare and development of the rights of SCs and STs. Special focus on atrocity cases The Chairman suggested that the police, revenue and other departments should work in coordination in cases related to atrocities against SCs and STs. He reviewed the progress of cases registered under the SCs and STs Prevention of Atrocities Act in the district. He said that there should be no delay in investigating the cases, providing justice and compensation to the victims. He ordered that pending cases should be resolved expeditiously as per the rules. " Roster reservation is mandatory in p r o m o t i o n s B a k k i

Venkataiah clarified that the roster reservation rules should be strictly implemented while making appointments and promotions to SC and ST employees in government departments. He advised that the implementation of reservation should not be neglected and that the officials should take precautions so that the constitutional rights of the employees are not violated. "Rehabilitation along with compensation for victims" He said that special attention should be paid to rehabilitation of the families of SC and ST victims of serious crimes like murder and rape, instead of leaving them with just compensation. He ordered that steps should be taken to ensure that the eligible ones are provided with compensation as per the rules and also get employment, outsourcing jobs, housing and rehabilitation assistance as per the need. Civil Rights Day in Every Village The Chairman ordered that the Civil Rights Day organized at the village level every month should be organized effectively. Tahsildars, SIs and officials of the concerned departments were advised to attend and educate the public about the rights of SCs and STs, legal protections, welfare schemes and grievance redressal system. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada said that as per



the recommendations of the Commission, officials will participate on Civil Rights Day and take steps to educate the public about the laws. He said that the officials will be directed to organize a joint meal on the occasion of Civil Rights Day. Continuous monitoring of welfare schemes The Chairman suggested that the district officials should continuously monitor the implementation of welfare and development schemes implemented by the government for SCs and STs. He said that steps should be taken to ensure that everyone who is eligible gets the benefits of the schemes by maintaining transparency in the selection of beneficiaries. The SC Development Officer was instructed to submit a report on pending details regarding foreign education, compensation to victims and incentive payments for inter-caste marriages. " Better results with coordination " Bakki Venkataiah said that the welfare of SCs and STs is not the re-

sponsibility of a single department, but the government's goal can be achieved only when all departments work in coordination. He suggested strengthening coordination between officials at the district level and monitoring the implementation of schemes at the field level. Later, the Commission Chairman Bakki Venkataiah received grievances from the people. Later, the District Collector handed over memoranda to the Commission Chairman and members. DRO Vijayalakshmi, DBCDO, In-charge DSCDO Pushpalatha, ZP CEO Ram Reddy, concerned district officials, Tahsildars of various mandals, MPD Os, SC and ST Vigilance Monitoring Committee members Bhukya Hussa in Nayak, Palakurthi Vijay Kumar, Birru Mahender, Mahankali Yadagiri, farmer Ramesh Kumar, Vasam Sambal, Rajender, Namidla Chinnaswamy, Kallepu Shobharani, Ramchandra and others participated in this program.

Wall Posters Related To Financial Literacy Centre Unveiled Land Survey Must Be Conducted Meticulously District Collector Bhavesh Mishra



Bureau Chief Nirmal August 20 District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to conduct the land survey process in a meticulous and transparent manner. On Thursday night, the District Collector held a meeting with officials on the ongoing land survey in the district at the Collectorate conference hall. "During the meeting, he reviewed the details of the land surveys completed so far and the surveys yet to be completed. He directed officials to complete the survey within the stipulated time to address the difficulties faced by villages that do not have revenue maps. He emphasized that the survey process should be conducted with complete transparency. The Collector instructed all concerned officials to participate in the survey at the field level and senior officials to closely monitor the process. He said that the use of advanced equipment would make the survey process easier and more accurate. He directed officials to complete the survey as per the planned schedule. The Collector also distributed new laptops to officials for conducting the survey. Earlier, the Collector, along with District Lead Bank Manager Ramgopal, unveiled wall posters related to financial literacy awareness, assistance, and the Financial Literacy Centre, along with DEO Bhojanna, DPRO Vishnuvardhan, and other officials. Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, RDO Devi Das, AD Land Survey and Records Narasimha Murthy, other officials, and staff participated in the meeting.

Rajiv Gandhi's Services to the Nation Will Always Be Remembered: Nirmala Jaggareddy

Sangareddy, Correspondent : August 20, 2026: DCC President Nirmala Jaggareddy paid floral tributes to former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi on his birth anniversary at the newly installed Rajiv Gandhi statue at IB Chaurasta in Sangareddy town. She recalled his significant contributions to the nation and his vision for India's development.

Speaking on the occasion, Nirmala Jaggareddy said Rajiv Gandhi played a crucial role in taking India forward through modern technology and scientific advancement. She said his emphasis on youth and the foundations he laid for the growth of the information technology sector contributed significantly to the country's progress.

She recalled that Rajiv Gandhi's initiatives for the expansion of the telecommunications and computer sectors paved the way for building a modern India. His efforts to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system and provide voting rights to young people further strengthened democracy in the country, she added.

Nirmala Jaggareddy said Rajiv Gandhi's commitment to national unity, integrity and development continues to inspire the younger generation. Taking forward his ideals and vision would be the true tribute to the former Prime Minister,



she said.

She further stated that the Congress party would continue to work for the development of the country, public welfare and a better future for the youth.

TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, Municipal Chairperson Kuna Vanitha Santhosh, Vice-Chairman Hafez Shaik Shafi, Sangareddy Town Congress President Kiran Goud, leaders Kuna Santhosh, Salauddin (Babbu) Minority Town President Syed Arif, Mohd Taher, councillors Gaddam Raju, Ramesh and Vamsi, among others, were present.

Make Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy's visit to Jagtial district a success

State Social Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar

Jagtiala, August 20 Today Freedom : Congress government is a government of the poor and middle class people and the main objective of the Congress government is to stand by them, said State Social Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar. On Thursday, Minister Laxman Kumar inspected the double bedroom houses in Nookapalle of Jagtiala district along with Jagtiala MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar, District Collector Satya Prasad and Rashtra Velanu Sankshema Sangam Corporation Chairman Juvvadi Narasingha Rao. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Adduri said that Jagtiala MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar had sent a proposal for the creation of basic facilities after noticing the difficulties faced by the poor in the double bedroom houses built in Nookapalle of Jagtiala district. The minister explained that the state government has allocated Rs. 62 crores as per the MLA's recommendation. The minister said that funds have been released to provide facilities to the children of Nookapalle double bedroom houses as they are poor and middle class. The Minister said that despite the financial burden on the government, the state government is not backing down for the welfare of the poor. Make the Minister's visit a success.

Telangana State Revenue, Housing and Information and Public Relations Minister



Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy will visit Jagtial district on Friday, Minister Adluri said. After completing his tour of Nizamabad district, he will reach Jagtial district at 12 noon and lay the foundation stone for the newly sanctioned Jagtial and Metpally Revenue Divisional Offices, Bhimaram and Endapally Mandal Tehsildar Offices, Mallya and Metpally Sub-Registrar Offices in Jagtial district at Dharur Camp, Minister Adluri said. Later, the Minister explained that he will inspect the Nuka Palli Double Bedroom at 1 pm and talk to the beneficiaries. Later, the Minister will hold an interview program with the beneficiaries of Indiramma Houses at the Padmanaiika Function Hall in Jagtial. The Minister explained that the Jagtial District Collector will hold a review meeting on housing construction and revenue issues with the joint Karimnagar District Collectors at 4:30 pm. The Minister advised Jagtial District Collector Satya Prasad to coordinate with the officials of the relevant departments during the Minister's visit.

Anita Directs Intensified Search for Missing Fisherman in Vizag



Hyderabad: Home Minister Vangalapudi Anita has instructed officials to intensify search operations to trace the missing fisherman, Appanna after a boat incident from 12 nautical miles off the Visakhapatnam coast.

The Minister advised to carry out extensive search operation through coordinated action of the Fisheries Department, Marine Police, and Coast Guard. She inquired with officials to gather details regarding the incident.

Out of eight fishermen who went

to sea on August 16, one went missing. The Minister also inquired about the well-being of the remaining fishermen. "All available resources must be utilized to safely locate the missing Appanna and reunite him with his family," she said.

"Greater vigilance must be maintained regarding the safety of fishermen venturing into the sea," the Minister said, adding that the State government stands by the affected fisherman's family. The administration is continuously monitoring the search operations on a real-time basis.

Amaravati to Get New, Multiple Road Links From Various Directions

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh government is fast-tracking the development of additional road links to Amaravati to provide smoother and quicker access to the capital region from different parts of the state, Municipal Administration and Urban Development minister P. Narayana said on Thursday.

With Seed Access Road already operational, the state government is now focusing on strengthening alternative connectivity to Amaravati. It is preparing a comprehensive road network to meet the growing traffic and transport requirements, as the development of the capital gathers pace.

In this regard, Narayana reviewed the progress of E13, E15, E1 and E3 road projects at a meeting attended by CRDA commissioner Vijayarama Raju, additional commissioner Karthik, Guntur district collector Saikanth Varma and senior engineers and officials.

The minister sought a detailed status of the road projects, pending clearances, land-related issues, and railway permissions. Officials informed him that most of the required railway and other clearances will be received shortly.

The E15 road directly connecting Mangalagiri with Amaravati is progressing rapidly, officials told Narayana. Once completed, this road will provide a direct and convenient route for vehicles approaching Amaravati from the Mangalagiri side.

The E13 road from NH-16 via AIIMS to Amaravati is also expected to become a key link to the capital. The minister directed officials to expedite its construction and commis-



sion it at the earliest.

Further, Narayana reviewed the next phase of the Seed Access Road (E3). He directed officials to speed up work on the proposed elevated corridor from the Steel Bridge to Manipal Hospital. The corridor is expected to improve connectivity to several key locations in the capital region.

The E1 road will run parallel to the Seed Access Road with widening of the Karakatta road up to Prakasam Barrage. This will be an alternative and easier route between Vijayawada and Amaravati.

The minister said the objective is to ensure that Amaravati is not dependent on a single road. Motorists must be able to enter the capital through multiple routes from different directions. He directed all departments and officials to work in coordination and complete the projects within the stipulated time.

Narayana asked the Guntur collector to take necessary measures to remove any hurdle in construction of the roads.

JAGAN REDDY WANTS CM TO ORDER CBI PROBE IN DSC, GROUP-1 EXAMS

Vijayawada:YSR Congress president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has challenged chief minister Chandrababu Naidu to order a CBI probe into the alleged irregularities in both DSC-2025 and the APPSC Group-1 examinations.

Addressing the media here on Thursday, the former chief minister said the YSRC was ready for a probe into Group-1 and asked whether the alliance government was also ready for the same with DSC-2025.

He said the APPSC Group-1 (2018) exams were held in a transparent manner with no room for any misappropriation, and as per the court directive. On the contrary, the DSC was shady from the setting of the question paper to the conduct of the test involving the same institution that was "involved in corruption and paper leakage."

Jagan Reddy observed that it was for this reason that the outsourcing employee Naveen got access to the question paper and topped the marks



list while his name was deleted in the second merit list. "This resulted in him moving the court stating that his details were deleted."

Referring to the sports quota, Jagan Reddy said that the government had issued two GOs exempting the job aspirants from writing the DSC exam. After the favoured people were taken in, two more GOs were issued negating the earlier ones, he said, and observed that in this process, 372 persons got jobs.

The government, he said, had to put up a meek defence by stating that their government had given a job to PV Sindhu and the same norms applied to others also in sports quota.

Assembly Nod to Implement Water Pollution Control Amendment Act in AP

Vijayawada:The Andhra Pradesh Assembly on Thursday unanimously passed a resolution to implement the Centre's Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024, in the state.

The resolution was moved by civil supplies minister Nadendla Manohar on behalf of Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan. All members supported the resolution. Manohar said the Centre had notified the amended legislation on February 15, 2024. The Act was initially framed for Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Union Territories. Other states can adopt it by passing a resolution in their respective Legislative Assemblies and, wherever applicable, the legislative councils. The amendment comes into force in a state from the date on which such a resolution is passed.



The minister said the key objective of the amendment was to make the pollution-control regime more efficient and simplify regulatory procedures while retaining safeguards necessary for environmental protection. One of its major provisions is the replacement of imprisonment with monetary penalties for certain violations.

The amendment also seeks to simplify the process for appointing chairpersons of state pollution control boards. It provides for the appointment of an adjudicating officer to inquire into violations under the law and impose penalties.

Manohar said implementation of the amended act would strengthen transparency, efficiency and accountable governance in the pollution-control system while providing simpler and more industry- and business-friendly regulatory procedures.

PM Modi to address UNGA high-level meet in New York in September

United Nations: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is slated to address world leaders at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly in September, according to a preliminary schedule.

His address is set for the afternoon session on September 25 that runs from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. in New York, corresponding to 12:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. the next day in India.

The timing of his address is likely to be adjusted when the schedule is finalised to an hour that is convenient for audiences in India.

PM Modi has attended six high-level UN sessions, starting in 2014 soon after his election.

The 81st session of the General Assembly will be presided over by Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman, who was elected president in June.

'Restoring trust, managing transformation: A United Nations that delivers for all' is the theme he has set for the session.

Away from the General Assembly's podium where presidents, kings, prime ministers, princes and ministers will deliver their formal addresses, real work gets done on the sidelines.

The leaders will hold several hundred formal and informal meetings among themselves, many away from the public glare.

The high-level week will open on September 22, and by tradition Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will be the first speaker, and will be followed by US President Donald Trump.

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According to UN protocol, the heads of state (presidents and monarchs) speak first, followed by heads of government (prime ministers) and then the others (deputy prime ministers, ministers and heads of missions).

Two key world leaders, Presidents Xi Jinping of China and Vladimir Putin of Russia, will not be at the meeting, according to the schedule.

Xi is reported to be skipping the UN meeting and going to Washington for a summit with Trump that week.

With attention focused on the conflict in the Strait of Hormuz, Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian is scheduled to speak on September 23.

Modi Tops Ministers' Social Media Ranking



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi ranked at the top of the Central government's internal assessment of the social media performance of Union ministers, the results of which were presented at the Cabinet meeting chaired by him on Wednesday, according to sources.

The assessment covered the social media activity of ministers between May 1 and August 15 and examined their performance across Instagram, X and Facebook. Modi emerged at the top of the ranking based on the traction generated by social media content.

The exercise was not based merely on the number of followers ministers had. Their digital outreach, engagement and the reach of their posts were among the factors considered in evaluating their performance.

During the Cabinet meeting, ministers were briefed on their respective social media performance and the reach generated by their posts. The review comes amid the government's increased emphasis on improving its digital communication, particularly with younger audiences.

The social media assessment is part of a broader push by the government to strengthen its engagement with Gen Z. Modi had earlier urged his ministerial colleagues to increase their presence on Instagram and use formats such as reels to connect more effectively with youngsters.

CWC TO TAKE PAPER LEAKS, 'CHANDA CHORI' TO GRASSROOTS

New Delhi: The Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Wednesday decided to take issues including paper leaks and alleged "chanda chori" at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya to the grassroots and demanded a Supreme Court-monitored probe and audit into the alleged donation theft.

The CWC also discussed alleged Chinese incursions in Arunachal Pradesh and accused the government of following a "surrender policy". It raised concerns over agricultural and energy security and E20 fuel.

The meeting discussed the singing of Vande Mataram and said the party would sing only two stanzas of the song in accordance with the 1937 resolution, which had the concurrence of senior leaders including Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, Subhash Chandra Bose and Tagore.

Addressing a press conference after the



meeting, Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal said 88 leaders attended the CWC meeting and 33 spoke.

"We are focused on three-four issues. Number one is paper leaks. The agitation done by the people of the country and the way the government dealt with that agitation was discussed. The CWC noted that the Monsoon Session of Parliament was successful for the Opposition and the government was on the back foot," he said.

Venugopal said Rahul Gandhi's 'Chhatron ki Goonj' would continue with more such gatherings in 800 cities, some of which would be headed by the former Congress president.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge asked the party's chief ministers to work with education experts to prepare a roadmap to overhaul the education and examination system and submit a report to him, Venugopal said.

"Chanda Chori" is a serious area of concern among people of this country. It is an issue associated with the sentiments of people. Those who used Ram Mandir for polarising people now stand exposed," Venugopal said.

"We will take this issue to the grassroots level. We directed PCCs to take it up at the village and panchayat level," he said.

Venugopal said the alleged "Chinese incursion" in Arunachal Pradesh was also discussed.

The CWC reiterated its

demand that women's reservation be implemented within the current strength of 543 Lok Sabha seats. Venugopal said the party wanted the number of seats capped at 543 for the next 25 years, with one-third reserved for women and implemented immediately.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should apologise to the country over the "shudhikaran" in Uttarakhand after Kharge's programme there.

Addressing the CWC, Kharge said, "In Parliament, too, we strove for a comprehensive deliberation on issues concerning education and examinations-seeking a discussion on the injustices faced by students and demanding accountability. However, (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi ji and (Home Minister) Amit Shah ji evaded questions throughout the Monsoon Session. Now that they have started speaking, they are prioritising non-issues over the questions raised by the youth,"

CM Revanth Urges US Ambassador To Simplify H-1B Visa Processing, Stamping Procedures

New Delhi: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday met US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor and requested him to simplify the H-1B visa processing, renewal and stamping procedures to avoid delays. During the 30-minute meeting, the chief minister also requested an increase in the number of visas for students from Telangana travelling to the USA for higher education and sought assistance in ensuring timely visa appointments.

The CM also urged for an increase in visa interview slots and the expediting of visa application processing, while appealing to the Ambassador to provide the information in advance regarding any changes in the visa regulations. In the meeting, the CM brought to the Ambassador's attention the issues faced by professionals from Telangana working in various sectors in America, an official statement said.



They also discussed the safety and welfare of students from Telangana studying in the USA. Highlighting the investment prospects

for US companies in Telangana, the CM said the state government is ready to join as partners with US companies in IT, artificial intelligence, life sciences, pharmaceuticals, startups, research, and modern technology. He requested the ambassador to facilitate collaborations between US universities and educational institutions in Telangana.

The CM stressed that student exchange, research, innovation, and skill development programs be expanded between America and Telangana. He also emphasised the need to strengthen cooperation in sectors such as education, employment, investments, technology, and research within Telangana. The Ambassador assured full cooperation in further expanding trade, investments, cultural exchanges, and people-to-people ties between Telangana and the United States.

The CWC meeting was held at Indira Bhawan and chaired by Kharge. Former Congress presidents Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Jairam Ramesh and K.C. Venugopal and senior leaders Ambika Soni, Mukul Wasnik and P. Chidambaram were among those who attended.

Group-1 Exam Irregularities Unprecedented, Says Naidu

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday alleged that unprecedented irregularities took place in the conduct and evaluation of APPSC Group-1 examinations during the YSR government's term.

This, he said, seriously compromised the credibility of the recruitment process for senior state officials.

Participating in a special discussion in the assembly, Naidu said procedures were flouted at several stages, with answer scripts allegedly being evaluated by electricians, drivers, plumbers, security guards, homemakers, unemployed persons, sales executives and laboratory technicians instead of qualified university professors and heads of department.

He said 1.14 lakh candidates had applied for the Group-1 notification issued in 2018 and 325 were shortlisted. Despite the importance of the examination, answer scripts were handled without adequate security. He contrasted this with the Class 10 examination scripts, which are transported under police escort.

Naidu alleged that after the high court directed a manual evaluation instead of a digital evaluation, affidavits were filed in a manner that misled the court. Instead of correcting the process, orders worth ` 1.19 crore were issued to facilitate evaluation at the Hai-Land resort, he claimed.

Interviews and appointments were also conducted while court



orders were in force. The HC later constituted a three-member committee headed by a retired judge to inquire into the matter.

According to Naidu, a panel of 158 persons was selected for evaluation, of whom 72 were assigned duties, while 25 were allegedly appointed unofficially. Another 66 unofficial evaluators were involved. Evaluation material was allegedly sent to private laptops and answer-script PDFs were shared through private email accounts, Google Drive and WhatsApp.

Scripts were moved from the APPSC strong room without authorisation and kept at Hai-Land for 84 days. About ` 1.14 crore was spent on logistics.

Naidu said that after Gautam Sawang became APPSC chairman, orders were issued for manual evaluation and 49,000 duplicate OMR slips were printed. Alterations, overwriting and differences in handwriting were detected. Of 734 OMR slips examined, 718 contained alterations, while 21 had no signatures.

The CM said a candidate who appeared for the Group-1 examination was allegedly appointed as an evaluator for the same examination. Examiner lists were circulated through WhatsApp and Telegram groups. CCTV cameras were allegedly unavailable in the evaluation hall for 17 days, while mobile phones were allowed inside. Though APSC rules prohibit whitener, forensic reports reportedly detected its use on OMR slips.

Naidu said institutions were meant to serve the future of the youth and warned that wrongdoing must

attract stringent punishment. He challenged the Opposition to answer the people in the assembly instead of resorting to conspiracies and counter-attacks. He said the assembly was the proper forum for accountability and those responsible must explain the lapses.

Naidu said the government would comprehensively analyse the irregularities and overhaul APPSC, introducing transparent evaluation procedures and stronger security standards. Reforms, he added, would be undertaken after obtaining suggestions from the public and intellectuals to ensure such incidents do not recur.

Soori's high-octane sports drama 'Mandaadi' cleared for release

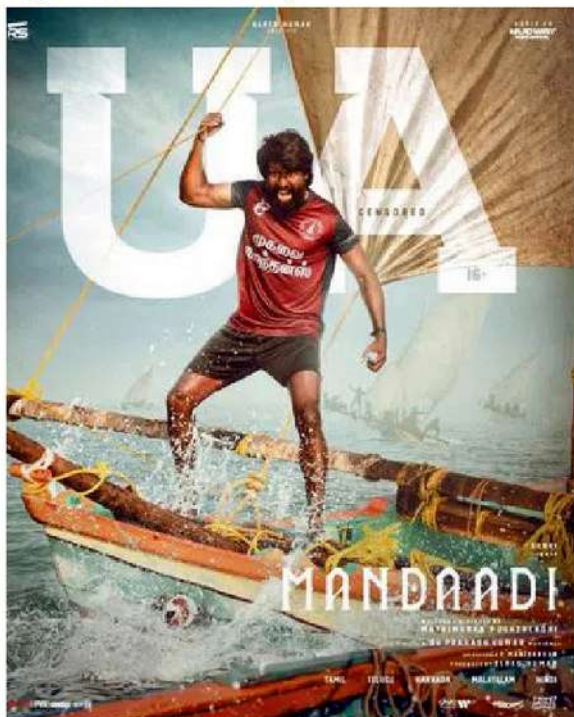
Soori-starrer sports action drama 'Mandaadi' has received a U/A 16+ certificate from the CBFC. Directed by Mathimaran Pugazhendhi, the film features high-risk sea-based stunts performed by Soori and is set for a pan-Indian release in Tamil, Telugu and HindiHistory

Chennai: The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has now cleared director **Mathimaran** Pugazhendhi's much-anticipated upcoming sports action drama 'Mandaadi', featuring actor **Soori** and **Mahima Nambiar** in the lead, for release with a U/A 16+ certificate.

Taking to its X timeline, R S Infotainment, the production house producing the film, wrote, “#Mandaadi is U/A 16+ Certified! #Mandaadi in cinemas worldwide on September 10, 2026. @sooriofficial #Suhas #sathyaraj @Mahima_Nambiar 'Mandaadi' will mark the Tamil debut of Telugu actor Suhas, who plays a pivotal role alongside Soori. Apart from Soori, Mahima Nambiar and Suhas, the film will also feature actors Sathyaraj, Ravindra Vijay, Mithun, and Balasaravanan in important roles.

For the unaware, the title 'Mandaadi' is inspired by the rich maritime culture of Tamil Nadu's coastal belt and embodies the spirit of individuals who possess exceptional skill, determination, and leadership in navigating the challenges of the sea. History

Shooting for the film had been wrapped in April this year. A video that the makers had released while announcing that shooting for the film



had been wrapped up showed how the cast and the crew had suffered injuries while making the film that has been predominantly shot at sea.

The film has triggered huge interest among fans and film buffs as Soori has performed all the high risk stunts that were shot on sea for the film himself.

The film is expected to emerge as a significant milestone in Soori's career as it stands as the biggest and most ambitious project he has undertaken to date. Sources point out that one of the film's major strengths lies in Soori's extraordinary physical commitment.

The actor has personally performed all the high-risk action sequences set in the sea, without the use of body doubles.

Sources in the know had told IANS that for the extensive sailboat racing portions, Soori underwent rigorous training and hands-on preparation over several months, mastering the physical and technical demands of the sport. This dedication, they said, had added authenticity and emotional weight to the film, significantly enhancing its realism and cinematic impact.

Shot extensively across the coastal regions of Tamil Nadu, particularly in the Ramanathapuram belt, 'Mandaadi', the sources claim, has large-scale action blocks, emotionally charged sequences, and ambitious sailboat racing portions. The production team they point out has worked tirelessly across challenging terrains and weather conditions to ensure authenticity and visual richness.

'Mandaadi' is being positioned as a pan-Indian release, slated to hit screens in Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi.

Rashi Singh's Colourful Saree Look Wins Hearts

Rashi Singh smiles warmly in a vibrant multi-coloured saree paired with traditional gold and pearl jewellery. Her glowing expression and effortless poise capture the fresh, approachable charm that has made her a rising face in Telugu cinema.

Born in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh, Rashi briefly worked as an air hostess before deciding to pursue acting full-time. She made her Telugu film debut in 2021 with the romantic drama *Sashi*, playing Sunitha opposite Aadi Saikumar.



She steadily built her presence with roles in Prem Kumar (2023) as Netra, followed by the mystery thriller Bhoothaddam Bhaskar Narayana (2024) as Lakshmi and the critically noted Prasanna Vadanam (2024), where she portrayed ACP Vaidehi. These performances showcased her ability to handle both emotional and authoritative characters.

With a growing slate of diverse roles, Rashi continues to establish herself as a versatile talent in Tollywood.

Anil Ravipudi Trolled for His Title; Producer Says, "Netizens May Have Their Views"

"Anil Ravipudi knows the pulse of the audience very well. He has once again assured that this will be a comic caper with family drama, so a funny and unconventional title could work. But netizens naturally have a different opinion," says a producer.

Twitter has been one of the most influential platforms for Telugu cinema over the past decade. However, in recent years, social media has also become a space where paid campaigns and manufactured perceptions are increasingly used to influence the conversation around films.

Amid this, Anil Ravipudi stands out as a filmmaker who has consistently faced criticism from Telugu Twitter, yet appears largely unfazed by it. The director has a clear understanding of his strengths and, more importantly, the pulse of the family audience. Rather than trying to please social-media circles, he continues to make films aimed at families and the masses.

His career has repeatedly demonstrated that Twitter sentiment does not necessarily determine a film's box-office fate. Films that are heavily trolled online can still find a strong theatrical audience if they connect with families and the masses. Conversely, a film that enjoys tremendous social-media hype does not automatically translate that buzz into ticket sales.



Anil seems to understand this distinction better than most. He has rarely allowed Twitter criticism to dictate his promotional strategy or filmmaking choices. In fact, with his latest announcement, it appears he may even be turning the trolling into part of the game.

The announcement video of January 12 Vidudala, his upcoming film with Venkatesh and Nandamuri Kalyanram, has already triggered a mixed response on social media. Several Telugu Twitter users have described the video as “cringe”, particularly questioning its quirky presentation and title.

But Anil would hardly have been unaware of that possibility. Given his experience with social media, he would have known that the announcement was likely to generate memes and trolling. Yet, he went ahead with it anyway.

And that may actually be the strategy. In today's social-media ecosystem, negative publicity often travels faster than positive publicity. A title or promo that triggers debate can generate far more organic conversation than a conventional announcement that receives polite appreciation and disappears from the timeline within hours.

For Anil Ravipudi, this could be another example of knowing his audience — and knowing which audience really matters. Telugu Twitter may have its own opinion, but the filmmaker continues to focus on the people who ultimately buy the tickets.

If the latest announcement is any indication, Anil may have reached a stage where he is not merely ignoring Telugu Twitter's trolling, but perhaps even using it to his advantage.

Ameer Log, Not Just Restricted To Nizam

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The countdown has begun for Ameer Log, the upcoming film that marks the production debut of Madhavi Reddy Soma. Made under Awwal Number Productions, the film is written and directed by Ramana Reddy Soma, with Manohar Reddy Manchuri coming on board as coproducer. The film features MC Hari, Manoj, Vedha Jalandhar and Sashidhar in lead roles.

The film's team sounded highly confident during a press meet. Director Ramana Reddy Soma revealed that the makers have gone through the film several times and each viewing reinforced their belief that they had created a winner. He maintained that Ameer Log does not follow a familiar template and claimed that audiences have not seen a film of this nature before.



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Ramana Reddy Soma also used the occasion to discuss the evolution of Telugu cinema. He noted that Malayalam films are often praised for attempting stories that are different from con-

ventional commercial cinema. In his view, Hyderabad is now ready to establish its own identity in this space. He expects the August 21 release to be the beginning of a larger journey for Ameer Log, with the response in Nizam potentially spreading to other regions. "This film is not just restricted to Nizam, and will equally appeal to the audiences in other

regions.”

Producer Madhav Reddy Soma, meanwhile, expressed gratitude towards Ramana for his unwavering support. She said he guided her throughout the production and personally handled the film’s writing, direction and production responsibilities.

She described Ameer Log as a care-

fully created work that resembles a beautiful painting. More than simply entertaining viewers, she believes the film will make them feel something deeply personal, with every audience member taking away an emotion of their own.

Spirit Media, the banner led by Rana Daggubati, is releasing the film in Telugu on August 21.