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Musi Revival Project Land Acquisition Should be Accelerated Chief Minister Revant Reddy

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad August 25 : Tenders should be called as soon as possible for Phase-2. Tenders should be called for the construction of Omkareshwara Swamy Temple Musi revival project. Chief Minister Revant Reddy has instructed the officials to expedite the land acquisition required for the project. He said that a clear policy should be formulated for land pooling for land acquisition. The Chief Minister reviewed the Musi Riverfront Development in a high-level meeting



at the MCR HRD Bodhi Pavilion. He said that tenders should be called as soon as possible for Phase 2 of the Musi Riverfront Project. He said that clear procedures should be formulated for the acquisition of NTL, buffer zone and assigned lands

in the land acquisition process. Care should be taken to avoid any legal complications in this. He said that the Municipal Commissioners should focus on providing loan facilities at the lowest interest rate for projects to be undertaken as part

of the Musi River Front and also review the issue of TDRs every week. Immediate action should be taken for the construction of the Omkareshwara Swamy temple near Manchirevula in Gandipet. "He ordered to call for tenders. He also said that Kotwali Lguda Birds Park should be given wide publicity. In this meeting, HMUDA, GHMC, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, Ranga Reddy and Medchal district collectors, MRDC LMD, JMD and other high officials participated.

Rs. 1.25 crore worth of cannabis seized Damara police arrest interstate ganja smuggler 251 kg of ganja worth approximately Rs 1 crore 25 lakhs, a two-wheeler, Rs 9,000 in cash, and a cell phone seized

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 25 In the Warangal Police Commissionerate, in addition to protecting the youth from becoming addicted to drugs and protecting their golden future, the Warangal Commissionerate Police has focused on controlling those involved in the sale of marijuana and other intoxicants and aiming for a marijuana-free society. As part of this, the Damara police under the leadership of Eastlon DCP Ankit Kumar conducted an investigation into the inter-state marijuana smuggling and arrested the accused. Key details regarding the sale came to light. Mudigonda Nageshwar Rao, age 55, Pulkurthi village, Damara mandal, Hanumakonda district, with the intention of earning easy money, the accused, through his network,



bought marijuana at a low price from Ramesh and Sudhakar of Odisha state and sold it to Telangana, Maharashtra. The preliminary investigation revealed that the accused Urdu, Ramdas Sesha Rao, Biradar Aklim, Shahrukh Khan, Sheikh Akbar and Sunawat Raju from Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh were selling it at a high price. The police have seized a huge amount of ganja worth Rs 1.25 crore from his house, according to the information given by the arrested accused. In this regard, the police

have launched an investigation and special teams have been formed to arrest the accused from other states who purchased ganja from the arrested accused Nageshwar Rao. The Telangana Police Department has been investigating the illegal trafficking and use of narcotics. "It is being treated very strictly. In particular, we are paying special attention to the sellers, in addition to preventing the youth from getting addicted to drugs. We appeal to the public to provide their

cooperation to curb the drug trade, especially to provide information to the local police who are involved in the sale and use of marijuana. Parakala ACP Satish Babu, who showed talent in catching the marijuana smuggler. The CP congratulated Shyamprasad Circle Inspector Sudhakar Reddy, Atmakur Inspector Santosh, Damara SP Veerabhadra Rao, Shyamprasad SI Parameswar, Parakala SI Raghu pathi, along with AAO Salman Pasha, Damara and Shyamprasad constables.

This is the Third Time that Surekha has Violated the Party Rules If she Continues to Ignore

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad August 25 : This is the third time that Surekha has violated the party rules. If she continues to ignore it, the party will suffer irreparable damage. Surekha should be removed from the post of minister. Chinna Reddy, a senior leader, has held many positions in the party for a long time. He also served as the chairman of the disciplinary committee. He also spoke in a way that was damaging to the party. Chinna Reddy, who holds a cabinet-rank position, should also be removed from that position," the disciplinary committee seems to have recommended. Minister Konda Surekha. The report prepared by the disciplinary committee on Planning Commission Vice Chairman Chinna Reddy has been received by PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud. Disciplinary Committee Chairman Mallu Ravi and Vice Chairman Shyam Mohan handed over the report to Mahesh Kumar Goud at the MLA quarters. It is reported that the com-

mittee has recommended action against Konda Surekha and Chinna Reddy. It seems that the committee is of the opinion that Surekha should have condemned her daughter Sushmita's comments. After presenting the platform, Disciplinary Committee Chairman Mallu Ravi spoke to the media at Gandhi Bhavan. He said that a report has been submitted to the PCC President based on the explanations given by Konda Surekha and Chinna Reddy. He said that no one should do anything that would tarnish the honor of the Congress and that no one should speak in a way that would harm the party in the next elections. "We have studied all the issues and submitted a comprehensive report. A clear warning should be given to all the leaders who have crossed the line. We have submitted a report that disciplinary action should be strict. If I tell you what is in it in advance, I will get notices from the high command. The main thing in the report is that no one should reveal the



internal affairs of the party. Konda Surekha and Chinna Reddy did not meet in person. They left after giving an explanation letter at Gandhi Bhavan. This report was not given to CM Revanth. Since it is a matter related to the party, we have submitted it to the PCC President. Do not spread speculative information in this matter," said Mallu Ravi. Action must be taken against Minister Konda Surekha. Disciplinary Committee Report to PCC Vice Chairman of the State Planning Commission. The committee recommends action against Chinna Reddy as well. "Excitement over the decision.. It is learnt that the disciplinary committee has made several recommendations in the report submitted to the PCC President on Konda Surekha and Chinna Reddy. "This is the third time that

Konda Surekha has violated the party rules. If this is ignored again, the party will suffer irreparable damage. Surekha should be removed from the post of minister. Chinna Reddy, who is a senior leader, has been in the party for a long time. "Lam has held many positions. He also served as the chairman of the disciplinary committee. He also spoke in a way that was damaging to the party. It seems that the disciplinary committee has recommended that Chinna Reddy, who holds a cabinet-rank post, should also be removed from that post. There is tension over the decision the Congress party will take against these two leaders in the wake of the committee report.

Pending land acquisition and R&R issues must be resolved: State Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy Substantial funds allocated for land acquisition and R&R

Direct voice Bureau Chief, Khammam August 25 Issues regarding land acquisition, R&R, and forest clearances for projects must be resolved on a war footing. State Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy reviewed pending issues related to irrigation projects with District Collectors via video conference. He stated that the government's goal is to complete irrigation projects and provide full irrigation water to the designated ayacut (command area). To achieve this, he directed District Collectors to expedite the resolution of pending land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R), and forest-related issues associated with these projects. On Tuesday, the Minister conducted the review meeting with Collectors from all districts. Khammam District Collector Diwakar T.S.



participated in the video conference from the Khammam Collectorate. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy highlighted the state government's special focus on completing irrigation projects and supplying water to the intended command areas. He instructed officials to identify the land acquisition requirements and pending R&R payments for each project and to resolve them based on priority. The Minister directed Chief Engineers to treat land acquisition as a challenge and work on a war footing. He ordered them to accelerate



the land acquisition process by maintaining constant coordination with revenue officials and local public representatives. He instructed them to quickly clear files related to land acquisition and R&R (Relief and Rehabilitation) and to pass pending awards as soon as possible. The Minister emphasized the need to ensure that funds reaching the District Collectors' PD accounts are promptly distributed to eligible beneficiaries and that land is acquired on time after providing fair compensation to farmers. He urged them to involve public representatives in

the land acquisition process to resolve local issues. The Minister told Collectors to immediately resolve any hurdles whether related to land acquisition, R&R, or forest clearance concerning irrigation projects and to bring critical matters directly to his attention. He advised the Collectors to resolve issues through continuous coordination with the Irrigation Department Secretary. Irrigation Department Chief Engineer (CE) Vasanthi, Superintending Engineer (SE) M. Venkateswarlu, other officials, and others participated in this video conference.

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The Cockroach Roared Again..

Cockroach Party in the fire of promises.. Will Delhi be on the streets on September 5? A breach of trust? A political strategy? Growing anger against the CenterThe Cockroach Party's renewed agitation, alleging that the promises made by the central government have not been implemented, has become a political topic of discussion. The criticism made by party spokesperson Souravs that the center has not fulfilled the promises made during the agitation in Delhi on the 25th of last month has now opened the door to a new movement. By announcing that they will hold a huge demonstration at India Gate on September 5, there are signs that they are once again going toe to toe with the center. This is not just an agitation. It seems to be an attempt to raise the question at the national level whether the government's promises are worth it. If there is a delay in the implementation of the promises, public movements will naturally intensify. However, it is up to the agitators to be able to conduct them peacefully and without giving them a political color. The real test for the government is to confront them in a democratic manner,The controversy is further fueled by allegations that the police used pellets during the protest at Jantar Mantar on July 20. Das is demanding a clear answer to the questions of who is responsible for the incident? Who gave the orders? Criticism that the promise to make an announcement in Parliament has not been fulfilled is also increasing pressure on the government. On the other hand, the question of whether there are political interests behind the movement is also coming to the fore. The Cockroach Party says that they are not carrying out a political movement and are fighting for the future of the students. It is noteworthy that even though Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has resigned, the party has made it clear that their demand does not end with the resignation of just one minister. The key issue here is trust. If activists believe that the promises made by government representatives have not been fulfilled after they have stopped protesting, the foundation for further negotiations will be weakened. Trust that the government will keep its word is the most crucial political capital in a democracy. The announcement that the family members of those who died in lathicharge in previous protests will also participate in the protests on September 5 is adding an emotional dimension to the movement. The party says it will try to expand the protests across the country. With this, the possibility of a protest starting in Delhi becoming a national political debate cannot be ruled out. But no matter how much anger there is, the priority is to ensure that the movement will proceed peacefully. As important as the right to protest is in a democracy, so is maintaining public peace. The government also needs to see the protesters as partners in democracy, not as enemies. September 5 is no longer just a date. It is a test of the promises made by the Center, the patience of the activists, and the government's democratic response. If the promise is kept, the controversy may subside. If the promise is broken, there is a risk that the movement will spread further. It is not easy to regain trust once lost in politics. That is why all eyes are now on Delhi. How far will the anger of the Cockroach Party go? How will the Centre respond? Will the protest that will begin at India Gate on September 5 turn into a nationwide movement? That is the real question.

Rajnath: India Can Be Global Shipbuilding Hub



KOLKATA: Defence minister Rajnath Singh asserted on Sunday India's potentiality to become a global shipbuilding hub. He underlined the scope in view of a recent drop in shipbuilding capacity in many western countries. Mr Singh was speaking at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) after performing 'Bhumi Pujan' of five brownfield projects worth around ₹3,500 crores of investments in West Bengal in presence of chief minister Suvenudh Adhikari.

The defence minister said, "The demand for all types of vessels has been growing. Our navy is also expanding and so are the challenges in maritime defence. Many nations such as the UK once expanded their empires with maritime power. But their shipbuilding capacities decreased in recent years. There is a gap in global shipbuilding capacity. This is a golden opportunity for India."

Elaborating the reasons behind the global changes in ship production, he explained, "One reason is it takes around five years to build a ship. By the time you complete the construction, the technology used in its various systems and weapons becomes outdated.

We have our new generation of engineers and IT experts. We can become a world-class ship designing hub and can export designs also. In production, we have our workforce which other nations are losing. If we modernise our manufacturing capacity, India will become the world's biggest maritime hub."

Mr Singh then pointed out, "We can also become a hub of ship repair, maintenance and over-

haul in the Indian Ocean region. GRSE should focus itself on these lines. The projects we started today are a step towards the global market."

Among the five projects, three belong to GRSE which has signed lease agreements with Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata for two small shipyards on either bank of river Hooghly, Raichak in South 24 Parganas and Shalimar in Howrah to enhance its capabilities in warship building and refit apart from the construction and repair of small and medium-sized commercial vessels.

Spread across 32-acres, the Raichak facility, with a 356-metre waterfront, 96-metre jetty and 8-10 metre draught, will be developed as a shipbuilding hub with an investment of over ₹2,500 crores. It will feature a 200-metre dry dock, slipway, launching pad, jetties and block fabrication facilities to enable construction of warships up to 200 metres and commercial vessels up to 60,000 DWT.

At Shalimar, a four-acre Timber Pond facility will be rejuvenated with nearly ₹100 crores for medium-sized shipbuilding and repairs including restoration of the 130-metre dry dock and construction of a 120-metre slipway. The third is Damodar facility at Kidderpore Docks, comprising an old workshop and 25-metre waterfront. It will receive around ₹70 crores for medium-sized vessel repairs and construction of electric ferries and other small crafts.

The two other projects are at Metal and Steel Factory, Ishapore under the Yantra India Limited with a combined investment of over ₹750 crores to strengthen indigenous metallurgical and defence manufacturing. While a 3,000-ton Heavy Duty Hydraulic Open Die Forging Press of ₹277.59-crores will replace the ageing 2,650-ton press to produce gun barrels, ammunition components and heavy defence forgings, a Radial Forging Plant of ₹473.84-crores will manufacture super alloy forgings, aerial bomb tubes, ordnance hardware, railway axles and nuclear reactor components.

Harish Rao questions delay in job notifications over 121 liquor brands notification



Hyderabad: Former Minister T Harish Rao criticised the Revanth Reddy government over the notification issued for 121 liquor brands, questioning its delay in releasing job notifications for unemployed youth. He stated that lakhs of job seekers were waiting for employment opportunities while the government was moving swiftly on

liquor-related notifications.

"Why is there such urgency for the liquor business when there is none for job notifications?" he asked.

Harish Rao said educated youth were completing degrees and post-graduation programmes while waiting for government jobs, but the government was instead expanding liquor outlets and brands to increase revenue.

He also accused the government of failing to fulfil its promise of two lakh government jobs and alleged that fee reimbursement and Rajiv Yuva Vikasam had failed to deliver. "Job notifications nil, liquor notifications full—is this the Praja Palana promised by Revanth Reddy?" he asked.

Irani Asks Rahul To Back Early Rollout Of Women's Quota

BJP general secretary Smriti Irani on Sunday challenged Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi to demonstrate his support for women by backing the immediate implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures. She also asked him to arrange for the full version of Vande Mataram, including verses invoking Goddess Durga, to be sung at the Congress headquarters.

Interacting with girl students at the 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' outreach programme in Pune on Saturday, Gandhi urged them to "smash patriarchy" and criticised the "Manusmriti mindset", saying it forces women to remain under the authority of male relatives at every stage of their lives. The former Congress president also said violence was used to prevent women from progressing and that 80 per cent of women faced harassment.

Responding to his remarks, Irani said: "Since he has invoked religion, I have a request to that prominent leader of the Congress. The verses of Vande Mataram, some of which were halted at the Congress headquarters, contain a reference to Goddess Durga."

She was referring to the row over the Congress' decision to sing only two stanzas of Vande Mataram at party programmes, which the BJP has described as an "insult" to the national song.

The former Union minister said: "Our religious ethos of Hindus not only upholds the tenet of 'Yatra naryastu pujiyante ramante tatra devatah' (where women are honoured, divinity resides), but we also worship goddesses like Bhagwati, Lakshmi and Saraswati."



"We worship Goddess Durga as the embodiment of 'Shakti' (divine power). I urge that the full rendition of Vande Mataram, including the verses invoking Goddess Durga, be performed at the Congress headquarters," she said. Irani said Gandhi could put his words in support of women and their leadership into action by backing the immediate implementation of the women's reservation law and arranging for the full version of Vande Mataram to be sung at the Congress headquarters.

She noted that Parliament had already passed legislation providing 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies.

"Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi stated at an event that he supports women. Since a key Congress leader has spoken in support of women and women's leadership, I humbly request him to support Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to swiftly implement the Bill granting 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament," she said.

Modi Govt Strangling, Emasculating ISRO: Congress



New Delhi: The Congress on Monday accused the Modi government of "strangling and emasculating" ISRO and slammed it for pursuing an "aggressive privatisation agenda" for the space programme.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said there have been news reports in the past couple of days on ISRO's future role in our country's space programme.

"This has raised legitimate concerns given its capacities, capabilities, and competencies built up so methodically and painstakingly over the past six decades thanks to the vision, dedication, and leadership of Vikram Sarabhai, Satish Dhawan, Brahm Prakash, UR Rao, APJ Abdul Kalam, and so many other distinguished scientists and technologists," Ramesh said on X.

Indian Space Research Organisation, or ISRO, was founded in 1969, with Sarabhai, instrumental in its conception, as its first chairman.

The Congress leader claimed that the Modi government has an "aggressive privatisation agenda" for the space programme just as it had for nuclear energy.

"The motivation is clearly coming from the PM (Narendra Modi) and his PMO itself. ISRO's presence in rocket development and manufacture is to be severely limited and much of its satellite-related assets are to be transferred lock, stock, and barrel to private companies," Ramesh said.

The Modi government will also be handing over to a private company the second spaceport coming up in Tamil Nadu for which it is investing something like Rs 1,000 crore, the Congress general secretary said.

"Given the winds of change, the future of the historic Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra Pradesh is itself anybody's guess," he said.

Ramesh said that ISRO has made India enormously proud, and the prime minister himself has basked in its glory on multiple occasions.

"Space startups certainly deserve encouragement and support. But why should ISRO, which has for long had productive partnerships with the private sector, now be strangled and emasculated? Already, in the past few months 100-120 key ISRO professionals have quit, perhaps seeing the writing on the wall," Ramesh claimed.

In an apparent reference to G Madhavan Nair, he said that an ex-ISRO chairman, who had joined the BJP in October 2018 after being inspired by the prime minister, has also expressed serious doubts on the new privatisation drive.

"Why don't the five other living eminent Chairmen also speak out on this vital issue?" Ramesh said.

The Congress leader shared a video of his speech in the Rajya Sabha in September 2023 on India's space journey.

In his speech in the Upper House three years ago, Ramesh had accused the government of attempting to "airbrush" the milestones achieved in the space sector since the 1960s, and said the Indian space programme should be seen as an instrument of development and "not an instrument of muscular nationalism."

Lauding the Chandrayaan-3 mission, he said there is a need to remind the House of the people who have contributed so far to it, rather than becoming victim to the "new impression" that this entire accomplishment is the result of one individual.

Ramesh made the comments during a discussion on 'India's Glorious Space Journey Marked By Successful Soft Landing of Chandrayaan-3'.

He said that the success of the moon mission is based on the competencies, capabilities and capacities created over 60 years.

"...We need to give our scientific and technological institutions full freedom. We need to give our scientific and technological institutions full independence and professionalism, and we need to free our scientific and technological institutions of any political patronage and political interference and intervention," the Congress leader then said.

Urged degree students to make the most of the NCC course Professor Pochayya, Principal of CKM Government College,

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 25 : Professor Pochayya, Principal of CKM Government College urged degree students to make the most of the NCC course. On Tuesday, August 25, the selection process for NCC admissions (2025-2026) was conducted under the aegis of the CKM College NCC Army 10th Battalion, with approximately 105 students participating. The selection involved physical assessments including height,

weight, running, sit-ups, and push-ups as well as a medical examination and a written test. Principal Pochayya congratulated the selected students, highlighting that joining the NCC fosters patriotism and discipline. He noted that NCC 'B' and 'C' certificates are highly beneficial for future employment in both government and private sectors, as well as for higher education. He encouraged everyone to join the NCC to pave a golden path for

their future, noting that these certificates facilitate entry into the Indian Army for national service and provide special reservation benefits in competitive exams across various fields. Participants in the event included Colonel SS Ramadurai, Captain Dr. Pujari Satish Kumar, Dr. Ayesha, Dr. Varaprasad, Superintendent Srinivas, JCO Maruti, Kamalakara, and senior cadets Eeshwar, Akhilash, Anusha, Akshitha, and Tejaswini.



Public government gives top priority to development of colonies MLA Nayini lays foundation stone for development works with Rs. 1.19 crore People need to be partners in development

Direct voice Bureau Chief Hanumakonda August 25: Local MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy said that the government will give special priority to the development of infrastructure in Jyothibas Nagar Peddammagadda Akshara Colony and other areas under the 4th division of Warangal West constituency. MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy attended as the chief guest and laid the foundation stone for the development works with a fund of about Rs. 1.19 crore for the construction of internal CC roads and drainages in the colonies on Monday. "Speaking on the occasion, MLA Nayini said that steps are being taken to improve roads, drainages, electricity and other infrastructure in every colony under the 4th division without any problems for the people. He has given in-



structions to the officials and contractors to complete the work within a month, setting a time limit for the work undertaken. "The MLA revealed that the main roads in Jyothibas Nagar Colony have already been developed and made accessible to the people, and steps are being taken to complete the CC roads and drainage works in the remaining two small streets this

month. He clarified that the goal is to develop the roads, drainages, electricity system and other aspects in the colonies in a comprehensive manner without any problems. "The MLA said that in addition to creating infrastructure to improve the living standards of the people, they are also giving high priority to the implementation of welfare schemes. He said that

they are working to ensure that eligible poor families receive government welfare schemes such as ration cards, pensions, small rice and free electricity. He said that special attention is being paid to ensure that families living in poor and slum areas receive the full benefits of government welfare. "MLA Nayini called on the people to fearlessly bring their problems to

the attention of public representatives and become partners in development. He said that his main goal is to know the opinions of the people and undertake development programs according to their needs. "The MLA said that the cooperation of the local people for the development work of the colony is commendable. He assured that in the coming days, he will continuously work to develop every colony in Warangal West constituency in a phased manner and provide better living facilities to the people." Senior Congress leaders Hanumakonda Rajender, Division Block President Hanumakonda Ambedkar Raju, leaders Bashab oyna Kumar Yadav, Division President Sridhar Yadav, former Corporator Boda Dinna, officials, leaders, activists, local people and others participated in this program.

Sarangapur Police Station Inspected Suddenly by Nirmal District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Nirmal August 25 "Nirmal District Superintendent of Police Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, conducted a surprise inspection of the Sarangapur Police Station. During the inspection, she reviewed station records, the investigation of cases, and the duties being performed by the police personnel. On the occasion, the SP issued several instructions to the station staff. She directed them to expedite the investigation of pending cases and ensure quality investigations. She instructed the staff to listen positively to complaints received from the public and provide prompt legal solutions. Every complaint received at the police station should be registered as per the rules, and complainants

should be provided with appropriate information. The SP directed the police to maintain continuous surveillance over suspicious persons and vehicles and intensify night patrolling to prevent thefts. She also instructed them to keep a close watch on rowdy-sheeters, habitual offenders, and persons involved in anti-social activities. "She emphasized giving top priority to the safety and security of women and children. Preventive measures should be taken by identifying situations that may disturb law and order in advance. She further instructed the staff to strengthen the beat system and regularly visit villages. Immediate response should be given to information received through Dial-112. Police station records, case diaries, and other



registers should be updated regularly. She also emphasized discipline, punctuality, and remaining accessible to the public while performing their duties. "DSP Srinivas, Nirmal Rural CI Krishna, Sarangapur SI Srikanth, and other police station personnel participated in the inspection.

Telangana AYUSH Movement Reaches Day 22 Protest Intensifies with Silent Demonstration No More Delay — Release G.O. on Equal Stipend Immediately



Direct Voice - Illandula Vijay Kumar, Education Reporter, Warangal Aug 25: The peaceful, democratic movement launched by AYUSH students, House Surgeons, and PG doctors in Telangana for equal stipend has reached its 22nd day today. For the past 22 days, they have been trying to bring their demand to the notice of the government through various forms of protests, awareness programs, rallies, and other democratic methods. However, as the final G.O. has not yet been released, young AYUSH doctors are expressing their anguish more strongly. "Though the government has been giving assurances continuously, no official order has been issued. Therefore, AYUSH students and House Surgeons have made it clear, "We don't want assurance — We want G.O." "Our Silence is the Answer to Government's Silence" "As part of the 22nd-day movement, a large number of AYUSH House Surgeons and UG students from Anantha Lakshmi Government Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital,

Warangal participated. "Students and House Surgeons held placards and banners and staged a silent protest at four major junctions — Venkat ram ana, Kashibugga, Pochamma Maidan, and MGM Circle. "As the government has remained silent on their just demand, this program was organized with the intention of showing the same silence as a form of protest to the government. "With the message, "The government is silent — that's why we are also standing silently. But the placards in our hands should become our voice and our demand should become the voice of the people," they attracted public attention at the junctions. "Without any slogans and without any scope for tension, they stood completely peacefully on the roads and tried to explain their problem to the people. They expressed anguish that young doctors who serve the people every day have now been forced to stand among the public for their own justice. "This silent protest was organized to in-

form the public about the problem of AYUSH doctors and to reach the government through the public. "We don't want assurance — We want G.O." "AYUSH students said that for the past three weeks, they have been receiving assurances from the government on various occasions that the G.O. will come soon, that it will come in two days, and that it will be released this week. "However, they said that their anxiety is increasing as the official G.O. has not been released even as days pass. "They demanded that 22 days have already passed with assurances like "It will come tomorrow... It will come in two days... We will release it this week..." and that they now want official orders, not words. "They said that they have been waiting peacefully for so many days for a positive response from the government and requested the government to understand their patience and take a quick decision. "Chalo Secretariat — Hyderabad! Ready to lay siege to Secretariat from Warangal!

Sickle Cell Anemia Screening for Pregnant Women at Dharmasagar PHC



Report by Boddu Sarath Kumar Dharmasagar, August 25 — A sickle cell anemia screening program was conducted today at the Dharmasagar Primary Health Centre (PHC) under the aegis of HPCL. As part of this initiative, screening tests for sickle cell anemia were performed on 20 pregnant women. Sickle cell anemia is a hereditary blood disorder that can lead to anemia, severe pain, and other health complications. Early detection of sickle cell anemia during pregnancy is crucial; early screening facilitates appropriate medical advice, monitoring, and necessary treatment, thereby ensuring better health outcomes for both the mother and the baby. Dr. Rajkumar, the Medical Officer at Dharmasagar PHC, participated in the program and explained the importance of sickle cell anemia screening. Dr. Kavitha and Laboratory Technician Mr. Azeemuddin also took part and conducted the screenings. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rajkumar urged all pregnant women to undergo the sickle cell anemia screening test. They stated that early detection of the disease enables the provision of appropriate medical advice, counseling, and follow-up monitoring. The PHC medical team urged pregnant women and their family members to make the most of this opportunity and undergo sickle cell anemia screening at their nearest health center.

Grand Celebration of Pochamma Bonalu Organized by Beda Budaga Jangam Jana Sangham. Association President Sirigiri Jampayya.

Warangal Bureau, August 25 Sirigiri Jampayya, Warangal District President of the Beda Budaga Jangam Jana Sangham, announced that the Pochamma Bonalu festival is being celebrated on a grand scale in Balaji Nagar (14th Division) within the Greater Warangal area. "He noted that people attend this annual festival in Balaji Nagar with great devotion and reverence to offer 'Bonam' to the Goddess." He stated that all necessary arrangements have been made at the Pochamma temple to ensure devotees face no inconvenience, and he expressed hope that a large number of people



would attend and receive the Goddess's blessings. Beda Budaga Jangam Jana Sangham Warangal District President Sirigiri Jampayya, Vice-President Turpati Ravi, and committee members participated in the event.

Prof. Y. Venkaiah Appointed as KU Development Officer



Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal August 25 "Prof. Y. Venkaiah, a professor in the Department of Zoology and Secretary of the Sports Board, has been appointed as the new Development Officer of Kakatiya University. Registrar Prof. V. Ramachandram issued the appointment orders following the directives of Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Pratap Reddy. Prof. Y. Venkaiah received the appointment orders from Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Pratap Reddy. He is set to take over responsibilities from the incumbent Development Officer, Prof. N. Vasudeva Reddy. Prof. Y. Venkaiah has previously served effectively in key roles such as Head of the Department of Zoology, Chairman of the Board of Studies, Hostel Director, and Additional Controller of Examinations. Many individuals, including professors, non-teaching staff, and others, have extended their congratulations to Prof. Y. Venkaiah.

Direct Voice Bureau Hanumakonda August 25 : The Hanumakonda police have arrested a cyber criminal who was duping hostel owners in the name of contracts and food supply opportunities. Investigation revealed that he introduced himself as a representative of a leading IT company and collected money from the victims by promising to provide contracts for supplying food to the company's employees. The accused's involvement has been identified in 23 cases and 6 more cyber complaints in this case so far. A total of Rs. 36.99 lakh was defrauded, of which Rs. 13.09 lakh was held by the police. The accused used to collect phone numbers on hostel boards and contact the owners with various mobile

numbers. He used to claim that he was an employee or representative of a leading company and convince them that he would provide catering contracts. Later, he would make the bank account under the name of agreement charges, registration fees, purchase of catering equipment and other expenses. He used to transfer money through accounts and UPI and then switch off the phones. The police found that he had also used other people's UPI accounts. Investigation revealed that some of the money collected was used for personal needs and some for online gaming. The accused's involvement was found in 10 cases under Warangal Commissionerate and 7 more cases in Khammam, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Karimnagar and Hydera



bad districts. In the registered cases, a loss of Rs. 33.33 lakh was incurred, of which Rs. 12.40 lakh was held. In addition, cyber crime portal. In the 6 complaints registered in the police station, a loss of Rs. 3.65 lakh was incurred, and Rs. 68,430 was held. The accused has been identified as Mohammed Shabbir alias Kiran Kumar alias Srikanth Reddy alias Narasimha Reddy (44). He is a resident of Mallakpally village in Dharmasagar mandal of Hanumakonda district and currently lives in Qutbullapur, Hyderabad and works as a security guard. The police have seized 3 mobile phones, 3 SIM cards, 2 bank passbooks, a checkbook, 2 ATM cards, a diary etc. from the accused. The investigation was conducted by the staff under the supervision of Hanumakonda Police Station Inspector Macha Sivakumar. The police have advised people to be vigilant if unknown people ask for money in the name of catering, jobs and business opportunities. He said that in case of suspicious transactions, a complaint should be immediately filed with 1930 and evidence such as phone numbers, messages, and payment receipts related to cyber fraud should be preserved.

Strong arrangements should be made to conduct the NEET-PG exam in a transparent manner Chief Secretary of the State Government Sanjay Jaju special tourist destinations should be developed on priority basis

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad August 25 : Will be held on August 30th "Chief Secretary of the State Government Sanjay Jaju has ordered the district collectors to complete all arrangements for the peaceful and transparent conduct of the NEET-PG 2026 entrance examination. On Tuesday, Chief Secretary of the State Government Sanjay Jaju held a review through video conference with the collectors of all districts on the issues of rain deficiency, NEET-PG examination arrangements, tourism development and other issues. CP Shweta and District Collector Chah at Bajpai from the District Collectorate participated in this video conference. Speaking, Chief Secretary of the State Sanjay Jaju ordered the CS to complete all arrangements for the peaceful and transparent conduct of the NEET-PG 2026 en-



trance examination to be held on August 30. He said that 17,627 candidates will appear for the examination in 56 examination centres in 14 districts of the state. He said that the examination will begin at 9 am and end at 12.30 pm, and steps should be taken to ensure that the candidates reach the examination centres early. Drinking water and snacks at the examination centers. The CS said that advance checks should be conducted to ensure that basic amenities like toilets, sanitation, electricity, generator backup, lighting, ventilation etc.

are ready. The identification and checks of candidates should be conducted as per the rules, and prohibited items like mobile phones, Bluetooth devices, AI glasses, spy cameras etc. should not be allowed. No smoking allowed. More focus on tourism. The CS suggested that 27 special tourist areas selected across the state should be developed on a priority basis and comprehensive development plans should be prepared by connecting the tourist areas in each district. He said that spiritual, historical, heritage, eco-tourism, hand

icrafts and water tourism areas should be identified and connected and plans should be prepared for tourism development. Roads, parking, drinking water, toilets, The CS ordered to improve electricity, cleanliness, signboards and other visitor facilities. He suggested that clear development activities, responsibilities and time limits be formulated for each special tourist area and the progress of the work be reviewed regularly. "He said that local arts, crafts, local food and culture should be given priority and employment opportunities should be

provided to locals, home stays and local guide services should be encouraged. Telangana Culture. Arts, Crafts, Historical Heritage, Local The CS said that the brand Telangana should be given a special identity by introducing food, festivals and traditions to the world. Central Zone DCP Darakavita, DRO Srinivas, District Tourism Officer Shivaji, District Agriculture Officer Vijay Chandra, District Industries Officer Naveen Kumar and others participated in this video conference.

Nizamabad Set for Pancha Janyam Sankalpa Sabha on August 31

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad : "Nizamabad, August 25, 2026 : "TRS minority leaders have appealed to the people of Nizamabad to participate in large numbers in the "Pancha Janyam Sankalpa Sabha", scheduled to be held in Nizamabad on August 31 under the leadership of TRS chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha. "Speaking to the media in Nizamabad, the minority leaders said extensive arrange-

ments were being made for the proposed public meeting. Posters announcing the Sabha were also released during the press conference. "Nizamabad Parliamentary In-charge S.A. Aleem said Kalvakuntla Kavitha had made significant contributions to the development of Nizamabad during her tenure as Member of Parliament and later as a Member of the Legislative Council. He said several

developmental initiatives taken up during her tenure had contributed to the progress of the district. "Aleem said the people of Nizamabad were currently facing problems relating to basic amenities and other sectors. He appealed to the people to support Kavitha's efforts towards development, welfare and social justice. "TRS National Media Spokesperson Mohammed Ashfaq and senior minority leader Syed Mat

een Ahmed said Kavitha had consistently raised issues concerning the people and had a clear vision for the welfare of society. They said the proposed Sabha would focus on bringing greater attention to public concerns and ensuring social justice. "According to the leaders, the five-point agenda of the August 31 Sabha includes free education, free healthcare, employ-

ment opportunities, farmers' welfare and social justice. "They said these five priorities were aimed at addressing key concerns of ordinary people, farmers, youth and economically weaker sections. The leaders described the Sabha as an important platform to discuss people's aspirations and outline a vision for inclusive development. "They appealed to the people of Nizamabad, party work-



ers and minority communities to attend the programme in large numbers and make the Pancha Janyam Sankalpa Sabha a grand success. "TRS minority leaders Rafiq Qureshi, Mohammed Shahnawaz Khan, Mohammed Shoaib Ali, Mohammed Azam, Azharuddin, Shoaib Ahmed and others were present.

Naidu Thanks Modi, Nitin Gadkari for Kharagpur-Amaravati Highway Approval

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari following the approval of the 1107-km long Kharagpur-Amaravati greenfield highway. The project includes a 457 km four-lane stretch passing through the southern state, constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 32,000 crore. The Chief Minister said the landmark project will establish a link between



Andhra Pradesh and Eastern India. "On behalf of the people of Andhra Pradesh, I thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji and Hon'ble Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Ji for approving the 1,107 km Kharagpur – Amaravati corridor!" said Naidu in a post on X late on Sunday. According to the CM, the corridor will slash logistics costs for Andhra's farmers and industry to accelerate greenfield capital city Amaravati's rise as a premier economic hub. Further, he noted that it will create new opportunities across trade, agriculture, manufacturing and employment.

National Space Day: PM Modi hails India's rise, says Gen Z building new technologies

Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked National Space Day by highlighting India's growing global space presence, private-sector potential and Gen Z's technological contributions. He said the space sector is vital to achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047, while ISRO continues inspiring future scientists

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday extended greetings to countrymen and scientists on National Space Day, hailing India's global rise in the space sector and praising Gen Z for building new technologies. He said this rise has made India a "magnet" for investors.

Sharing a video of his speeches, PM Modi said, "I said in Ayodhya that this is the beginning of a new cycle of change. In this new cycle, India is steadily expanding its space presence in the global order, and this is clearly reflected in our space program." "Together, we have resolved to make India a de-

veloped nation by 2047, and the space sector plays a vital role in achieving this goal," he said in the video.

Praising the youth of the nation, the Prime Minister said, "Today, these Gen Z engineers, designers, coders and scientists are building new technologies. Be it propulsion systems, composite materials, rocket stages or satellite platforms, India's youth is working in areas that were not even imagined some time ago."

He also hailed the private space sector of the country and said, "India's private space talent is making its own identity in the world. Today, India's



space sector has become a magnet for global investors." He said that ISRO is inspiring India's next generation of scientists. "Seeing the success of ISRO, many children think that when they grow up, they too will become scientists," PM Modi

added. National Space Day is celebrated in India on August 23. The day marks the historic soft landing of

the Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander near the Moon's south pole in 2023, making India the first nation to reach that region of the Moon. The achievement became a defining milestone in the country's space programme and demonstrated the growing strength of India's scientific and technological capabilities. As India observes National Space Day 2026, ISRO Chairman and Secretary of the Department of Space Dr V Narayanan has called for greater innovation, collaboration and ambition as the country works towards becoming a global leader in space.

The 2026 celebrations are being held under the theme, "Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership." The theme reflects India's ambition to strengthen its scientific and technological capabilities while encouraging innovation, partnerships and greater participation in the global space ecosystem.

In his National Space Day 2026 message, Dr V Narayanan emphasised the importance of continuing to push the boundaries of science and technology while building partnerships that can strengthen India's space ecosystem.

Demolition begins at collapsed Gachibowli building; occupants of nearby structures asked to vacate

Hyderabad: The authorities have started demolishing the seven storied building that collapsed all of a sudden at Anjaiahnagar, Gachibowli on Saturday afternoon.

Two workers were trapped and killed in the building while some individuals staying in the adjacent buildings suffered injuries in the incident after the huge building collapsed.

On Sunday, teams of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, HYDRAA and other agencies under police protection started demolishing the building constructed without obtaining permission. The



official deployed a JCB to pull down the structures. The drizzle is hampering the demolition works in the area.

Occupants of the neighbouring buildings that suffered damage were also being asked to vacate their accommodation as those buildings were also constructed in violation of the existing building rules.

Students, working professionals and other occupants were seen moving out of the premises with their belongings to other accommodations.

A police picket was deployed in the area to prevent any trouble.

Auto Unions Call Off Indefinite Strike

HYDERABAD: Autorickshaw and transport unions called off their proposed indefinite strike late on Sunday, hours before it was to begin, following an assurance from transport minister Ponnam Prabhakar that talks would be held to address their demands next months. The decision brought relief to parents of school students dependent on autorickshaws and private transport. The announcement came after talks between the transport department and the unions, which had earlier remained firm on going ahead with the strike. Minister Prabhakar, who was in Huzurabad, joined the meeting online. After the meeting, a transport department official said the government had responded positively to the demands of autorickshaw unions.

A meeting involving the labour and transport departments and representatives of autorickshaw unions will be held on September 1 to finalise the modalities.

During the talks, the government stated that there was no plan for the RTC to purchase electric autorickshaws. An assurance was also given on an autorickshaw fare hike. It was also decided to initiate the process for launching a government-run app similar to Ola and Uber, with the IT Department taking up the necessary work. A decision will also be taken on restricting passenger transportation to vehicles with yellow plates, or commercial registration, including two-wheelers operating through services such as Rapido, Ola and Uber.

On the promise made during the last elections to provide ?12,000 to autorickshaw workers, the government said a decision would be taken after consultations with the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and Cabinet colleagues, while taking into account the state's financial situation.



Revanth Calls On Diaspora To Champion 'Telangana Rising'



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy invited the Telugu diaspora in the United Kingdom to become strong proponents and ambassadors of Telangana Rising. He urged them to actively promote the 'Telangana Rising' goals across the globe. He also said that he would speak

about all issues related to the Centre's denial of permission to him to visit the US once he returned to Hyderabad on Monday.

Revanth Reddy along with industries and IT minister D. Sridhar Babu addressed the Telugu community diaspora in London on Sunday. Discussing Telangana's development and its future progress, Revanth Reddy emphasised that the

diaspora should also become partners in the state's development. They urged the attendees to serve as effective ambassadors for the state by vigorously promoting the 'Telangana Rising' objectives at the global level.

During his visit to the United Kingdom, Revanth Reddy secured preliminary agreements for academic collaborations with institutions like the University of Cambridge and Imperial College, London while showcasing the state's progress in London. Following the denial of political clearance for a planned trip to the United States, Revanth Reddy is scheduled a return to Hyderabad early on Monday.

"I have concluded all my meetings and sched-

uled events in London and I am grateful for the overwhelming support that I have received in the past three days. In a few hours, I will be taking a flight back home to Hyderabad instead of proceeding to Boston as per original schedule, after the MEA (Central Govt) denied permission for my USA tour for 'political reasons'. I will speak about all the related issues once I return to Hyderabad," the Chief Minister posted on X.

Separately, the Chief Minister thanked AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge and other party leaders for supporting him after the Centre denied him permission to travel to the US.

Reddy, in a post on 'X', said: "My deepest grati-

tude for the strong support from our leader and Congress party national president, Shri Mallikarjun Kharge ji @kharge on the issue of the Centre denying me permission to travel to the USA. I am very thankful to my party, all the leaders and people across the country who supported in this issue in national interest."

Reddy said he has concluded all his meetings and scheduled events in London.

"Revanth Reddy had planned to undertake a 10-day visit to the UK and the US, the visit primarily focusing on discussions with renowned institutes of higher education including Harvard University and MIT to tie up with the Telangana government. Following the denial of permission, he decided to return to Hyderabad from London while directing a delegation of officials who accompanied him to proceed with the US leg of the trip.

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao had alleged that Revanth Reddy had sought to meet New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani. CMO sources, however, said a meeting with Mamdani was not part of the CM's proposed itinerary in the US.

In Pune, Rahul Gandhi engages Gen-Z, challenges 'Manusmriti's view of women

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, speaking at the Chatron Ki Gunj event in Pune, declared that India's 70 crore women are the nation's greatest strength. He urged young women to break free from patriarchal constraints while sharply criticising the Manusmriti for denying women independence.

Pune: Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, addressed students at the 'Chatron Ki Gunj' event in Pune on Saturday, emphasising that women represent India's greatest asset while launching a sharp critique against the ideology of the Manusmriti.

Speaking under the event's central theme 'Pinjra Toda' (Break the Cage), the Leader of Opposition said that women are bound to no one but themselves and reject patriarchal claims over them.

"I have not come here today to speak on politics," Rahul Gandhi said while interacting with Gen-Z students. "When asked about India's main strength, people point to the economy, the military, healthcare, or overall population. But my position is crystal clear: India's 70 crore women are the nation's greatest power."

Rahul Gandhi made a strong pitch for women's empowerment, urging young women to break free from societal restrictions and assert their independent identity.

He highlighted women as the nation's greatest foundation while sharply criticising traditional constraints imposed on them.

Rahul Gandhi declared that the true strength of the country lies in its female population.

"I am often asked about India's greatest strength, and while people give various answers, my view is clear that the 70 crore women of India are the nation's biggest strength and asset," he said, refraining from discussing mainstream political topics. People & Society

He highlighted that women naturally possess immense empathy, sensitivity, and strength, making them indispensable to the nation's progress.

Expressing strong disapproval of traditional frameworks, the Leader of Opposition criticised the Manusmriti for confining women to restrictive roles.

He noted that 'Manusmriti' (the ancient text) suggests a woman must live for her father in childhood, her husband in youth, and her sons in old age, adding that the notion that women should never be independent is unacceptable and shameful.

He urged women to rise above being defined solely by traditional roles such as daughter, wife, or mother.

While acknowledging these roles are important, Rahul Gandhi asserted, "You are not dependent on anyone. Your relationships do not define your core identity—you have an individual identity of your own."

He expressed concern over societal constraints and educational discrimination faced by young women despite



their notable achievements across diverse fields.

He said that the underlying design of the Manusmriti aimed to prevent women from ever achieving independence or self-reliance, subjecting them to external control.

During the event, a student named Nisha brought forth the critical grievances and plight of tribal students before him.

The student informed Rahul Gandhi that tribal students have been on a hunger strike in Pune's Manjari, and handed over a formal memorandum detailing their demands.

Addressing the gathering, the student said, "This story isn't just about one Nisha—it represents all tribal students, the entire nation, and Maharashtra, which is why I am presenting it in Marathi."

Pointing out the critical condition of her protesting peers, Nisha mentioned that two female students and male students are on the hunger strike, with one female student having to be hospitalised due to deteriorating health.

She said that when their representatives visited the Mantralaya, the Tribal Development Minister expressed helplessness, claiming the matter rested solely in the hands of the Chief Minister.

She strongly asserted that if Ministers cannot deliver development for tribal students, they have no moral right to hold office.

Nisha highlighted that central kitchens established in tribal schools prepare food at one location and transport it 70 to 80 km away. This leads to food spoilage and incidents of food poisoning among students.

She pointed out that tribal ashram schools lack basic facilities such as beds and drinking water.

Due to these poor conditions, three students recently died from snakebites (Bungarus/Krait species) in Gadchiroli, while three others are undergoing treatment in hospitals.

She demanded that the state government provide at least Rs 1 crore in com-

pensation to the deceased students' families.

Tribal hostels in Pune are located in far-off suburbs like Manjari and Kondhwa rather than central areas, forcing students to waste nearly four hours daily in transit, leaving little time for studies.

She noted that students have been fasting for the past ten days to highlight these demands.

She raised concerns about students residing in tribal hostels, specifically mentioning female students from Gadchiroli who return home during Diwali and are subjected to mandatory pregnancy tests upon returning a month later.

When Rahul Gandhi asked why she hadn't invited him to the protest site, Nisha extended a direct invitation.

Accepting the invite, the Congress leader assured her, "Invite me to the protest site, and I will come. My presence will build pressure on the administration."

Expressing his gratitude to Pune for the warm welcome, Rahul Gandhi noted that women independently own only eight per cent of property in India and said that the dreams and journeys of the nation's 70 crore women represent the true pride and wealth of the country.

Several other female students also shared their views during the event.

The Pune interaction was the fourth edition of the 'Chatron Ki Gunj' initiative, organised against the backdrop of recent youth protests in Delhi.

Large crowds of students from across Maharashtra assembled in Pune for the event, accompanied by senior state Congress leadership.

Alongside his interaction with students, Rahul Gandhi also met with state party leaders in Pune to review organisational strategies and encourage party cadres.

The 'Chatron Ki Gunj' event, which had seen extensive preparations by the Congress over recent days, was attended by several senior party leaders. Social Issues & Advocacy

Local authorities deployed heavy security around the venue following clashes between members of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) in Pune a day before the program, ensuring the event concluded without further disruption.

Liverpool Officials Meet CM Revanth in London, Explore Partnership With TG Govt in Tech, Life Sciences,...

Hyderabad: Liverpool City Development and Liverpool Football Club said on Saturday that they would explore a strategic partnership with the Telangana government, with the proposed collaboration focusing on life sciences, technology, sports and the creative economy. The proposed partnership is expected to open up opportunities for collaboration, investment and knowledge exchange between Liverpool and Telangana across the identified sectors. A delegation from Liverpool is scheduled to visit Hyderabad in October to take forward the discussions and formally establish the partnership.

Susan Finnegan and Nuala Gallagher from Liverpool City Development, along with representatives of Liverpool Football Club, met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in London on Saturday and expressed keen interest in establishing a strategic partnership with the Telangana government.

Meanwhile, K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Minister's adviser and ex-officio special chief secretary, CMO, who is part of the delegation to the UK, visited Imperial College London on Saturday. During his meeting with



Amanda Wolthuizen, vice-president for strategic engagement and chief of staff to the president, and Rosanna Gillespie, senior international relations manager (South Asia and Australasia), Ramakrishna Rao presented the strengths of Telangana and outlined the opportunities for collaboration between Telangana and the prestigious institution.

Wolthuizen expressed interest in exploring several opportunities, including the possibility of offering short-term and executive education programmes in Hyderabad, besides collaborative partnerships in research and exchange programmes.

Rao invited the Imperial College representatives to Hyderabad for the Invest Telangana Global Summit, scheduled to be held on December 7, 8 and 9. Imperial College London is a world-leading university specialising in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine) and business, and the proposed engagement is expected to create opportunities for academic, research and knowledge partnerships with Telangana.

Smriti Irani urges Rahul Gandhi to back women's quota

BJP general secretary Smriti Irani urged Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to back the implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures. She also asked him to support singing the full version of Vande Mataram at Congress headquarters

New Delhi: BJP general secretary Smriti Irani on Sunday asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to validate his words on supporting women by backing the implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures and also organising the singing of a full version of Vande Mataram that includes invocation of Goddess Durga at his party office.

Interacting with girl students at his 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' outreach programme in Pune on Saturday, Gandhi urged girl students to "smash patriarchy" and lashed out at the "Manusmriti mindset", claiming that it forces a woman to remain under the authority of male relatives at every stage of her life.

The former Congress president also said violence is used in society to prevent women from progressing and that 80 per cent of them face harassment.

"Since he has invoked religion, I have a request to that prominent leader of the Congress. The verses of Vande Mataram, some of which were halted at the Congress headquarters, contain a reference to Goddess Durga," Irani, the newly appointed BJP national general secretary, told reporters here.

She was referring to the row over the Congress' decision to sing only two stanzas of the



'Vande Mataram' at their party programmes, which the BJP has decried as an "insult" to the national song.

Hitting back at Gandhi, Irani said, "Our religious ethos of Hindus not only upholds the tenet of 'Yatra naryastu pujiyante ramante tatra devatah' (where women are honoured, divinity resides)", but we also worship Goddesses like Bhagwati, Lakshmi and Saraswati. "We worship Goddess Durga as the embodiment of 'Shakti' (divine power). I urge that the full rendition of Vande Mataram, including the verses invoking Goddess Durga, be performed at the Congress headquarters," she said.

Gandhi can put his words spoken yesterday in support of women and their leadership into action by backing the "immediate implementation" of reservation for women and organising the rendition of the full version of Vande Mataram

at the Congress headquarters, Irani said.

A Bill ensuring 33 per cent reservation for women across the country to enhance the dignity of Parliament through their presence has already been passed, the former Union minister said.

"Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi stated at an event that he supports women. Since a key Congress leader has spoken in support of women and women's leadership, I humbly request him to support Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to swiftly implement the bill granting 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament," she said.

Congress govt resorting to land grab under prohibited lands list: Ex-Minister Puvvada

Khammam: Former Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar accused the Congress government of attempting to plunder public assets on the pretext of prohibited lands list and that the party has become synonymous with land grabbing.

Speaking at a BRS Athmeeya Sammelanam here on Saturday he alleged that the government was plotting to loot lands under the guise of Bhu Bharathi while misleading the public. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy was trying to evade responsibility by merely apologising.

He demanded that the government explain to the people how the extent of 22A prohibited lands, which previously stood at eight to nine lakh acres, has now surged to one crore acres. The government duty bound to protect public assets was acting negligently, he noted.



Ajay Kumar challenged Agriculture Minister Tummalapudi Nageswara Rao, who claims that the government waived 100 percent farm loans, to come to any village and engage in an open debate to prove the claim.

Despite the looming risk of a water crisis in Khammam

district due to the impact of El Niño, the three ministers failed to focus on the critical issue. The RCC lining of Sitarama project canal collapsed just a year after its construction; the government must take responsibility and answer to the public, he demanded.

Congress ministers and MLAs have been engaged in infighting and criticising one another. Ministers and MLAs from Khammam district have remained silent regarding the comments made by Minister Konda Surekha's daughter against Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, he said.

The Congress party made unrealistic promises during the elections and failed to implement even a single promise fully after coming to power. The public should teach the Congress party a fitting lesson on the next Assembly elections, Ajay Kumar said.

The party leaders RJC Krishna, Pagadala Nagaraju, Bachu Vijay Kumar, Anugula Rakesh Reddy, K Nagabhushanam, MA Qamar and others were present.

CM Yadav Orders House-To-House Survey In Ken-Betwa Project-Hit Villages



Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh chief minister Mohan Yadav has ordered the local administrations to make house-to-house visits in the villages facing relocation due to the ambitious Ken-Betwa-river-linking project to cover the affected families under various government schemes and rehabilitation packages.

Reviewing the project at Khajuraho in Chhatarpur district in Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Yadav called it a project of national importance and said that it would be a milestone in the development of the entire parched Bundelkhand region covering Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

The project would bring significant improvements in irrigation, drinking water supply and energy sectors in the region.

He said that ensuring the welfare of the affected and displaced families alongside development remains the government's priority.

Amid allegations of denial of rehabilitation package to some villagers facing displacement by the project, the chief minister directed the Panna and Chhatarpur district administrations to ensure that officials visit every household in the affected villages to understand the actual situation and problems of the families and resolve them.

He directed the officials to ensure doorstep delivery of government scheme benefits to eligible displaced families.

He said that where families have settled at new locations, concrete action plans should be prepared to provide essential facilities such as schools, Anganwadi centers, healthcare facilities and community halls.

He asked the officials concerned to organize 'Jan Chaupals' (meetings) and awareness yatras in affected areas to inform people about the project's benefits.

The foundation stone for the interstate project was laid in December 2024 and it is scheduled to be completed in 2023.

Upon completion, the project would increase irrigation capacity by 11 lakh hectares and provide drinking water benefits to 44 lakh people in Madhya Pradesh.

Adluri Laxman Reviews SC, ST, BC Welfare Schemes at Utnoor

Adilabad: SC, ST and Disabled Welfare minister Adluri Laxman Kumar underlined that the state government is committed to the welfare of SC, ST and BC communities. Laxman Kumar, who reviewed the implementation of welfare schemes for SC, ST and disabled communities at Utnoor on Saturday, said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is committed to their education and welfare.

He said he would take up with the CM shortage of funds for various welfare schemes for tribals under ITDA and the need to release 742 crore in emergency funds to ITDA, Utnoor. "Welfare and development require funds," he pointed out. Earlier, Laxman Kumar, along with Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju, MLC Dande Vittal, collector Rajarshi Shah and ITDA project officer Manda Makarandu, distributed school uniforms, bags and bed sheets to students at Ashram Tribal School for Girls in Utnoor.

Further, the minister inaugurated an IF panel in a classroom and had lunch with the students. Adilabad MP Godam Nagesh asked senior officials of the tribal welfare department to submit utilisation certificates for funds received from the centre. This would enable the constituency to receive additional funds for the welfare and development of tribals and SCs.

Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju, Asifabad MLA Kova Laxmi, Boath MLA Anil Jadhav and MLC Dande Vittal requested the minister to address issues relating to ROFR, Podu cultivation, forests and Indiramma houses. They sought clear instructions to forest officials not to harass tribals and non-tribals living in forest areas.

Those present included tribal welfare commissioner Santhosh, residential schools secretary Seetha Mahalaxmi, SC and BC corporations vice-chairman and managing director Dr Mallaiah Bhattu and social welfare residential society secretary Sharada.

Autorickshaw unions call off strike as Telangana govt agrees to fare hike

Autorickshaw unions in Hyderabad have withdrawn their indefinite strike after the State Government agreed to revise fares, which have remained unchanged since 2012. Transport Minister Ponnampallam Prabhakar announced plans for an aggregator app, mandatory yellow plates for bike taxis, and financial assistance for converting old autos into electric vehicles.

Hyderabad: The autorickshaw unions called off their strike following the State Government's assurance to increase the fares. A decision to this effect was taken after transport Minister Ponnampallam Prabhakar along with senior officials held talks with autorickshaw union leaders on Sunday night.

As autorickshaw fares have not been increased since 2012, it was agreed to increase the fares. However, the decision on new fares will be taken after seeking a report from the stakeholders, the Minister said.

"On its behalf, the Government will introduce an aggregator app on the lines of Ola and Uber. It will initiate measures to launch the app in association with the IT department," Prabhakar said.

During the meeting, the Minister said the State Government was positive towards their demands.

The government would make yellow plates mandatory for two-wheelers transporting passengers through Rapido, Ola, Uber and others, he said.

"There are no plans to buy



electric autorickshaws through TGSRTC. It is a false campaign," Prabhakar clarified.

The Transport Minister said the Government agreed to set up the TGSRTC workers' welfare board. To this effect, a joint meeting with representatives of the Labour department, Transport department and Autorickshaw unions would be held on September 1 to discuss measures, he added.

"As per the promise made during the elections, we will discuss the issue of Rs. 12,000 assistance for auto workers, taking into consideration the financial situation of the State. These aspects will be discussed with in the Cabinet and a positive decision will be taken," Prabhakar announced.

The government would provide assistance of Rs 1.50 lakh for converting old diesel and petrol autos into electric autos through retrofitting within the Hyderabad CURE Area. The government had already decided to provide subsidy for purchasing new electric autos, he added.

Harish Rao warns of Assembly disruption, siege Secretariat over 22A list

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Hyderabad: BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao on Sunday warned that the party would stall the Assembly and lay siege to the Secretariat if the government failed to immediately withdraw private properties from the 22A prohibited list. He questioned the indifference of Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi to the suffering of Telangana people, as Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy pursued real estate interests.

He vowed that the BRS would raise the issue during the upcoming Assembly session and stall it, if the government fails to remove genuine private properties from the 22A list.

"If necessary, we will lay siege to the Secretariat. The BRS is ready for any form of struggle," he declared.

Addressing a meeting organised by the BRS in support of residents of Tirumala Meadows, Lakshmi Ganapathi and Hemanagar colonies in Boduppal on Sunday, Harish Rao said registered houses and patta lands were being included in the prohibited list to facilitate collection of 30 per cent commissions. He said middle-class families had borrowed money and saved for years to build houses, but were now unable to sell or mortgage them.

Citing a resident's account, he said a woman had been denied a bank loan to fund her children's higher education because her house was entered in the 22A list.

The BRS deputy leader stated that the government was reviving provisions of the Urban Land Ceiling Act that had been repealed in 1998 and 2008 and using them to place patta lands under the prohibited category. Referring to the



Revenue Minister's apology, he demanded that the government remove the affected properties from the list without insisting on applications and take complete responsibility instead of blaming officials.

Harish Rao also alleged that the government had placed around 40 lakh acres across Telangana under the prohibited list, citing claims about large tracts in Yadadri Bhongir district and properties in Hyderabad. He questioned why people should approach government offices or submit applications to rectify an error committed by the government.

He questioned why the government was not initiating inquiries against officials responsible for such a disastrous decision, while ordering CID and vigilance probes into smaller issues involving opposition leaders.

Harish Rao also alleged that the government had removed the 22A prohibited list from the online BhU Bharati registration portal, apart from blocking Hyderabad list to people. He questioned the government's motive behind the blocking of the list and demanded that the complete list be restored in the public domain.

Mahua Moves Calcutta HC Against Arrest Warrant

Kolkata: Krishnanagar Trinamul Congress MP Mahua Moitra has moved the Calcutta High Court against the arrest warrant issued by a district court in Nadia for her alleged hate speech.

Her counsel, Arka Kumar Nag, mentioned the matter before a division bench headed by Justice Debangshu Basak of the HC on Friday for an urgent hearing which is expected to come up for hearing next week.

Mr Nag said, "The Krishnanagar Court directed the police to submit its execution report on August 28. Challenging the arrest warrant, we have made an appeal at the HC which has listed it for hearing on August 24."

On August 19, 3rd judicial magistrate Dibyendu Das of the Krishnanagar Court issued the arrest warrant against the TMC MP for skipping her appearance before him despite repeated summons in the case.

The judge observed in his order, "The series of disobedience of the order of this court goes to show the lackadaisical approach of the accused to comply with the court order and accordingly this court is left with no other option but to issue a warrant of arrest against her."



BRS to launch campaign against Congress's 1,000-day betrayal

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Hyderabad: Marking 1,000 days of the Congress government in power, the BRS announced a major week-long Statewide campaign from September 2 to highlight the Congress government's failures and betrayal of the people.

The party working president KT Rama Rao called on the cadre to take the unfulfilled promises and public issues to every village through various formats and programmes.

During a teleconference with senior leaders, elected representatives and the State executive committee on Sunday, Rama Rao gave detailed instructions to the party leaders to organise innovative programmes from September 2. The campaign will focus not only on the Congress' election promises but also on its administrative failures, corruption, irregularities, and problems faced by different sections of the State.

He reminded them that the Congress came to power by making 420 promises, 13 declarations and six guarantees, with a promise to implement them within 100 days. However, he pointed out that it had failed to fulfil even a single major promise after 1,000 days.

The BRS working president asked the party cadre to distribute "Baaki Cards" (Debt Cards) to remind people about the financial benefits promised by the Congress to various sections, which were not delivered.

"The Congress betrayed every section of the State. It is time that we remind people about its promises and failures in implementation along with pending benefits owed to each section including farmers, agricultural labourers, elderly people, women, students and youth," he remarked.

Rama Rao particularly called for campaigns at colleges over the alleged non-payment of more than Rs 12,000 crore in fee reimbursement dues. He said the issue was affecting students and their parents. He also asked the party to highlight the Congress government's failure to provide jobs and fulfil commitments to the youth.

"The BRS has been fighting on issues of students, youth and the unemployed. We must reach out to larger sections of the people once again, to initiate a wider discussion on the ruling Congress over its failed promises," he added.

The BRS will separately engage auto drivers, women, farmers, tribals, Dalits, BCs, government employees and retired employees, with programmes aimed at highlighting their specific grievances.

Rama Rao stressed that the campaign should cover the government's overall performance during the 1,000 days rather than remain confined to unfulfilled promises. The party leaders should explain the gap between the Congress' assurances and its ground reality, he said. He wanted them to explain the numerous challenges faced by people due to failed policies and atrocities of the Congress government.

"Not just the promises, but failures of this government in the first 100 days and thereafter, should be taken to the people on a large scale. The Revanth Reddy government has turned out to be an utter flop show after 1,000 days," he said. He urged that the disparity between the promises made by the government and its actual performance be explained to the public.

Rama Rao also directed leaders to focus on social media and devise innovative campaigns to reach younger voters and communicate the government's failures in formats accessible to the new generation.

MPs, MLAs, MLCs, general secretaries, constituency in-charges, former public representatives and former corporation and Zilla Parishad chairpersons, along with the entire party cadre, have been asked to participate in the campaign in their respective areas. He called for mobilisation at constituency, mandal, village and ward levels. He urged the cadre to make the week-long campaign a statewide effort.

Ravi Teja's Irumudi Creates Box Office Storm in Three Days

Ravi Teja's latest film Irumudi is making a strong impact at the box office. The intense crime thriller has received a big response from audiences since its release. In just three days, the film has achieved impressive numbers and is showing strong signs of becoming one of Ravi Teja's biggest hits.

The movie has reportedly collected more than Rs. 75 crore gross worldwide in its opening weekend. The strong response has continued across different locations. From multiplexes to smaller theatres, many shows are seeing good occupancy. Due to the high demand, more theatres are also being added in some areas.

The film is also performing well in the overseas market. Irumudi has crossed the \$1 million mark in North America, which is a major achievement for Ravi Teja. It is reportedly the first film starring the Mass Maharaja to reach this milestone in the region.

Another major highlight is the film's quick recovery of its investment. According to the makers, Irumudi crossed its breakeven target within two days. This has brought relief and happiness to distributors and exhibitors. The fast recovery has also increased expectations about the film's total theatrical run.

The movie has attracted audiences with its different combination of crime drama, emotions and Ayyappa Deeksha-related elements. Ravi



Teja's energetic performance is one of the main attractions of the film. His screen presence has once again impressed his fans and regular movie audiences.

Director Shiva Nirvana has presented the story with an intense treatment. The emotional portions and crime elements have helped the film connect with viewers. The positive word of mouth is also helping the movie maintain its momentum after the opening days.

The film has started its weekdays with encouraging numbers as well. Reports suggest that Irumudi recorded more than 15,000 hourly ticket sales on Monday, showing that audience interest has not dropped sharply.

Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, Irumudi is now looking at a long and profitable theatrical journey. If the same trend continues during the coming days, the film could finish as one of the biggest blockbusters in Ravi Teja's career.



Ashika Ranganath's Pastel Saree Look Is Pure Elegance

The light pastel fabric with intricate green and pink motifs, paired with a matching sleeveless blouse, bangles, and traditional jewellery, highlights her natural elegance and poised charm.

Ashika Ranganath stands by a large window overlooking lush greenery, gently adjusting the flowing pallu of her delicate floral-printed saree. The light pastel fabric with intricate green and pink motifs, paired with a matching sleeveless blouse, bangles, and traditional jewellery, highlights her natural elegance and poised charm.

Born on 5 August 1996 in Tumkur, Karnataka, Ashika Ranganath entered the film industry after emerging as runner-up in the Clean & Clear Fresh Face contest. She made her acting debut in the Kannada romantic film Crazy Boy (2016) opposite Dilip Prakash, earning a SIIMA nomination for Best Debut Actress.

She rose to prominence with roles in Mugulu Nage (2017), Raambo 2 (2018), and Madhagaja (2021), winning the SIIMA Award for Best Actress – Kannada for the latter. She later earned another SIIMA Best Actress award for O2 (2024). Expanding beyond Kannada cinema, she debuted in Telugu with Amigos (2023) and appeared in Naa Saami Ranga (2024) opposite Nagarjuna, while also working in Tamil films such as Pattathu Arasan and Miss You.

Her recent films and upcoming projects include the multi-starrer Gatha Vaibhava, Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyaipthi with Ravi Teja, Vishwambhara alongside Chiranjeevi, and Sardar 2 with Karthi, solidifying her place as a rising star across South Indian cinema.

Vishwambhara Creates More Questions Than Answers

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Chiranjeevi fans had mixed feelings on his birthday this year. The special day brought a big surprise with the title announcement and glimpse of his upcoming movie Kaaka. However, the update on Vishwambhara left many fans disappointed.

Kaaka is being directed by Bobby Kolli and presents Chiranjeevi in a new look. The makers also announced that the movie will arrive in theatres on January 13, 2027. This gave fans a reason to celebrate and made the birthday event more exciting.

At the same time, expectations were high for Vishwambhara. The movie has been in the news for a long time, and fans have been waiting for an official release date. The film was earlier planned for January 2025, but it was postponed. Since then, there have been several reports about its new release plans.

On Chiranjeevi's birthday, the Vishwambhara team released a new poster and also shared the original soundtrack update. Many fans expected the makers to use the special occasion to finally announce the theatrical release date. But the latest update did not mention any date.

This has once again created disappointment among Mega fans. There are reports in the industry that October 16, 2026, could be the release date of Vishwambhara. The date is also being shown on some ticketing and movie-related platforms. However, the makers have not officially confirmed it yet.

Vishwambhara is directed by Vassishta and marks his second movie as a director. Trisha Krishnan is playing the female lead in the fantasy adventure. UV Creations is producing the film on a large scale.

The movie has already created strong expectations because of its grand visuals, fantasy world and Chiranjeevi's presence. Fans are hoping that the makers will soon give a clear update about the release.



Salman Khan Film Faces Rs. 6 Lakh Opening

Salman Khan is one of the biggest stars in Bollywood, and even a small appearance by him usually creates a lot of attention. However, his latest cameo in the Saudi Arabian film 7 Dogs has reportedly received a very weak response in India. According to online reports, the film has collected around Rs. 10 lakh so far. Some reports claim that the actual collection could be even lower, at around Rs. 6 lakh.

The film became a talking point when its trailer revealed special appearances by Salman Khan and Sanjay Dutt. Many expected their presence to bring more attention to the movie in India. But the reported box office numbers have been far below expectations.

The response has also started discussions among movie fans. Some feel that a film



featuring two popular Indian stars should have created more excitement. Others have pointed out that several Hollywood films have earned strong collections in India without the presence of Bollywood stars. Compared with those numbers, the reported performance of 7 Dogs looks very small.

Salman Khan's fans are particularly disappointed because they hoped the film would create some buzz around his upcoming projects. His next major film is expected to arrive during Eid 2027 and is being directed by Vamshi Paidipally. Fans are now hoping that this film will bring back the excitement around the superstar.

Some fans have also questioned Salman's decision

to appear in 7 Dogs. They feel that his popularity could have been used more effectively in a project with stronger reach among Indian audiences. His cameo in a major Bollywood film could have created much bigger box office attention.

At the same time, it is too early to judge the impact of this cameo on Salman's career. A guest appearance in another film does not always affect a star's market value. What matters more is the quality and success of his upcoming main projects.

For now, all eyes are on Salman's next film. If the movie has strong content, good promotions and an exciting story, the reported low collection of 7 Dogs may quickly become a forgotten topic.

Zombie Reddy 2 Glimpse Promises a Bigger Zombie World

The glimpse gives a clear idea that the sequel will be much bigger than the first film. One of the interesting points is that the video proudly says that artificial intelligence was not used in making it.

Teja Sajja is once again ready to entertain audiences with a different kind of film. The actor has already earned recognition across India with his superhero films. Now, he is returning to the popular Zombie Reddy franchise with its sequel, Zombie Reddy 2: NXT LVL. The makers recently released the title glimpse on the occasion of Teja Sajja's birthday.

The glimpse gives a clear idea that the sequel will be much bigger than the first film. One of the interesting points is that the video proudly says that artificial intelligence was not used in making it. This has attracted attention because the makers have tried to create the visuals in their own creative style.

The glimpse is presented in a reverse format, which makes it more interesting to watch. It opens with a zombie falling down and then takes viewers into a huge action sequence. The story slowly moves backward and shows how the situation becomes dangerous for the hero.

One of the major highlights is the action around the hero's car. The protagonist faces a large number of zombies and has to fight his way through the dangerous situation. The sequence finally reaches the famous Charminar in Hyderabad. Teja Sajja is seen standing on a vehicle with a bat in his hand as he prepares to fight the zombie crowd.

The visuals suggest that the film will have more action, bigger scale and a larger zombie world. Teja Sajja also continues with his familiar glasses look, but his character appears to be facing much more serious challenges this time.

Zombie Reddy 2: NXT LVL is directed by Suparn S Varma and created by



Prasanth Varma. TG Vishwa Prasad and Krithi Prasad are producing the project. Real Star Upendra is also part of the film, while Shanaya Kapoor is making her Bollywood debut with the movie.

Gowra Hari is composing the music. The film is planned for release in multiple languages and is expected to reach international audiences in 2027. With its unusual presentation, zombie action and bigger scale, the glimpse has created curiosity about what Zombie Reddy 2 will offer.