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Ignoring history for the sake of votes“September 17th should be officially celebrated“ Former MLA Martineni Dharma Rao“BJP state president N. Ramachandra Rao to visit Parakala today

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal September 2: BJP National Council member and former MLA Martineni Dharma Rao criticized the Congress and BRS parties for ignoring history by not officially celebrating Telangana Liberation Day just for vote bank politics. A press conference was held at the Parakala BJP office on Tuesday under the auspices of town president Gajula Niranjan. Speaking on the occasion, Martineni said On September 2, BJP state president N. Ramachandra Rao will reach Parakala from Kazipet in a huge rally and pay homage to the martyrs at Amar Dham, and called on people and activists to come in large numbers and make it a suc-



cess. September 1947“ He reminded that many people were martyred in the firing by the Razakars on the people who came to hoist the national flag in the 2nd parakala. He said that the Amar Dham stands as a testimony to those sacrifices. He clarified that once the BJP comes to power, September 17 will be officially celebrated as Liberation Day. Dr. Pagdala Kali

Prasad spoke at the meeting. State executive member Rao Padma spoke. District Chief Secretaries RP Jayantlal and Devunuri“Bharatiya Janata Party“ office in Parakala Meghnath, Parakala councilors Kulkal Vijaykumar, Bejanki Poornachari, Kachan Guruprasad, Gujja Satyanarayana, PACS Vice Chairman Chandu patla Rajender Reddy,

Parakala town chief secretaries Sanga Purushottam, Palakurti Tirupati, vice presidents Mididoddi Naresh, Danchanala Kiran, district leaders Daggub Vijender Rao, Martha Rajbahadraiah, Kolanup aka Bhadraiah, Basani Sambharaju, OBC president Paindla Ranjith, Menthula Suresh, Chendu and others participated.

Stated That The Paths Of Non-Violence And Peace Shown By Gandhi Serve As A Guiding Light For Nations Across The Globe, District Additional Collector (Revenue) K. Anil Kumar

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal September 2: Stated that the paths of non-violence and peace shown by Gandhi serve as a guiding light for nations across the globe, and that "Gandhism" is critically needed in today's mechanized world. He inaugurated the "Gandhiji Month-long Celebrations" program organized by the Gandhi Research Foundation at the District Collectorate by unveiling posters and pamphlets. This initiative, running from September 2 to October 2, aims to instill Gandhiji's principles and ideas in the minds of students across the state. Speaking at the event, renowned psychologist and Gandhi Research Foundation State Convener Dr. Parikipandla Ashok announced that programs promoting Gandhiji's ideas would be conducted for students statewide. He added that essay-writing competitions on the theme "World Peace: The Gandhian Way" would be held in every district, with



prizes and certificates of appreciation to be awarded to the winners by the respective District Collectors on October 2 Gandhi Jayanti. District Public Relations Officer Rajendra Prasad, District Science Officer Apparao, District Journalists' Association President Chittanuri Srinivas, senior journalist Madhu, and others participated in this event.

I Said What I had to Say Konda Surekha Sentational Comments

NATIONAL Bureau Chief New Delhi September 2:

I have told the party leaders everything I need to say. It is wrong to give me a show cause notice. I have WhatsApped all my explanations to Cape Venugopal. I do not know what decision the party will take. I will not say anything about my daughter's comments. I will not condemn or defend Sushmita's comments. I have no right to tell an independent woman not to speak. It is not right to hold me responsible for my daughter's comments. "I heard that you are waiting for the decision of the higher authorities. Don't hold me responsible for my daughter's comments. Justice for me, even for BC. Is there another justice for other social groups? We need answers to the allegations against other ministers. Kharge asked to take all matters into consideration. State Minister Konda Surekha's sensational comments in Delhi Minister Konda Surekha said that she is waiting to see what decision the Congress high command will take. She said that she met AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, who is in Delhi. Earlier, she had spoken to the media. He spoke as a wall. He said that he has not been asked to resign yet. He has justice against BC. Is there another justice for social groups here, Konda Surekha questioned. There are allegations against other social



groups in KTNET. He said. And what will be the answer to all of that? What action will be taken? He said that he has asked Kharge to take all the matters into consideration. He said that he has already informed all the senior leaders including Kharge, Rahul, Priyanka Gandhi and others in writing about all the ongoing matters. My daughter's comments are Don't make her responsible. KC Venugopal was supposed to meet, but his appointment was not available. He said he met with Kharge, KC Venugopal's appointment. I said what I had to say. He said that he could not find it. He explained that he had told the high command and that he had nothing to do with his daughter's comments. He said that Sushmita is married and is independent. He asked her not to be held responsible for her daughter's comments. He said that he did not know what decision would be taken after the discussion in the party. Want to continue as a minister Konda Sure

kha explained that her husband and she are BCs. She said that 60 percent of the BCs are in Telangana. She said that there are already criticisms that there is no woman minister in Karnataka. Women are independent. He reminded that Rahul Gandhi used to say that she should be. Sushmita is now another daughter-in-law of the house, he said that he did not tell her what to say. Konda Surekha said that her performance as a minister was good and there were no allegations of corruption against her. She said that she wanted to continue in her post and not cause any trouble. She alleged that she was forced to talk about her to some people in the party. She said that someone was behind them and spoke. Surekha demanded that show cause notices be given to those who spoke about the woman minister. TPCC report to the high command. It is known that the comments made by Konda Surekha's daughter Sushmita on CM Revanth

Reddy and Parakala MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy in Gesukonda recently became a hot topic of discussion. The TPCC disciplinary committee has issued notices to Konda Surekha to explain her daughter's comments. Konda Surekha gave an explanation to the disciplinary committee chairman Mallu Ravi. Later, the TPCC sent a report prepared on Konda Surekha and Planning Commission Vice Chairman Chinna Reddy in the Wanaparthy case to the Congress high command. In the wake of these developments, the minister went to Delhi. There is excitement about what decision the high command will take regarding Konda Surekha. Recommendation to remove from office is learnt from reliable sources that the PCC Disciplinary Committee has recommended the removal of Minister Konda Surekha from the post to the AICC. The PCC Disciplinary Committee, which has already given its initial report, has submitted its full report to PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud. The report mentions that action should be taken against leaders who have violated the party's anthem, as explained by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee Mallu Ravi a few days ago. The AICC leaders discussed this report with the Chief Minister, PCC Chief and other key leaders.

Students are Exposed to Technology Right from the School Level “Student from School Level“

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Mulugu September 2: Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply and Women and Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka said that girls should master the latest technology and study with high goals to achieve the best results. On Wednesday, she inaugurated a computer lab with 14 laptops set up in collaboration with the Bal Vikas NGO at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in Mangapet Mandal Kendra. She advised the students to increase their awareness of the



current situation without any difficulties in using computers and other technological devices by the time they go to higher education. "Seethakka stated that the students who studied in Kasturba Vidyalaya are achieving excellent results at the state level and are setting an example. He recalled

that a student who studied up to the tenth standard in Kannaigudem Kasturba Vidyalaya and later studied in Jawahar Nagar achieved the best rank at the state level. Taking her as an inspiration, he hoped that the students should study diligently from the beginning of the academic year and achieve excel-

lent marks in the tenth standard and intermediate examinations. He suggested that the students should be asked about the quality of food, toilets, water supply and other facilities in the school and if there are any problems, they should bring them to his attention. The minister advised the students to

be vigilant about safety and not to go out alone without informing the teachers. Along with studies, they should also pay attention to health and hygiene. They should participate in Shramadana programs and keep the school premises clean. He also suggested that plants like vegetables, guava and man

go should be planted and maintained in the available space. District Education Officer Siddhartha Reddy, GCDO Burra Rajitha, Mandal Education Officer Menaka, School Special Officer Bhagyalakshmi, Ullas Coordinator Krishna Babu, teachers, public funds and officials participated in the program.

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It Is Not Only Government Investment That Affects The Economy

The Indian economy has grown by 7.8 per cent in the first quarter of the current financial year, which is undoubtedly a significant development. At a time when the global economy is reeling under uncertainty, India has achieved this level of growth despite adversities such as war situations in West Asia, pressure on oil prices and changing developments in international trade, which indicates some internal strength in the economy. Real GDP reached Rs. 81.36 lakh crore in the quarter ended January, as compared to Rs. 75.46 lakh crore in the same period last year. Real gross value added grew by 8.2 per cent. But this is where the real question begins. It is as wrong to show a single figure of 7.8 percent and conclude that the Indian economy is excellent in all sectors as it is to completely dismiss this growth. To understand the economy, we need to look not only at how much GDP has grown, but also at what is the reason for that growth? Who is benefiting from it? How many jobs are being created? How much are people's real incomes increasing? How much is the capacity to continue this pace in the future? The most interesting aspect of GDP growth this time is investment. Gross fixed capital formation grew by 11.9 percent. This growth was only 5.8 percent in the same quarter last year. The share of fixed capital formation in GDP also increased from 31.4 percent to 34.3 percent. This means that private investment has also started to move along with government infrastructure spending. This is a much-needed development for the Indian economy, because growth driven solely by government spending has its limits. If private investment increases, new productive capacity will be created. This will be driven by the expansion of industries, strengthening of supply chains, and increased employment opportunities. Recent expansion of bank lending, improved balance sheets of companies, and infrastructure investments are also contributing to this change. However, it is not enough to simply say that investments have increased. To what extent are those investments going into productive industries? How much employment is being generated through them? How much of their benefits are reaching small and medium-sized enterprises? Answers are equally necessary. Even if investments by large companies increase, if job creation does not occur in the same proportion, it cannot be said that that growth has reached wider sections of society. The same caution is needed in the case of consumption. Household consumption expenditure grew by 7.1 percent. This is positive. But the fact that consumption growth was limited to 7.1 percent while investment growth was 11.9 percent suggests that the investment power in the economy is growing faster than the consumption power. Consumption will strengthen more broadly only if incomes, non-farm employment and the situation of small businesses in rural India improve. The performance of some economic sectors is also interesting. The manufacturing sector grew by 9.2 percent, a significant positive development. The financial, real estate, information technology and professional services sector grew by 12.1 percent. The services sector has long been the mainstay of the Indian economy. However, it is imperative for India to see a steady growth in the manufacturing sector. In order to provide employment to a large number of middle-skilled youth, the manufacturing sector needs to expand along with the services sector. Achieving this is also a good result. But, considering the size of the population dependent on agriculture in India, the 3.6 percent growth in the agricultural sector.

Kishan Reddy Inspects Station Redevelopment Works in Mahbubnagar

Hyderabad: Union coal and mines minister G. Kishan Reddy inspected ongoing redevelopment works at Sri Bala Brahmeswara Jogulamba halt, Gadwal, Mahbubnagar and Jadcherla railway stations on Monday. He reviewed newly developed amenities including station buildings, platforms, foot overbridges, parking, circulating areas, lifts and lighting. Addressing the media, Reddy said 40 railway stations across Telangana are being redeveloped as Amrit Stations at a cost of over ₹2,000 crore. The four stations inspected are being upgraded with a combined investment of ₹125.38 crore. Works at Jogulamba Halt are nearly complete, while those at Gadwal, Mahbubnagar and Jadcherla are progressing swiftly.

He said redeveloped stations will feature world-class facilities such as upgraded waiting halls, booking



counters, improved platforms, escalators, lifts, modern lighting, façade and parking. Reddy emphasised that Telangana's railway infrastructure is witnessing rapid growth under the Union government, with projects worth nearly ₹50,000 crore underway, including new lines, doubling, tripling and quadrupling works.

He noted that 100 new passenger and express trains have been introduced in the state over the past decade. Three of the seven high-speed rail corridors announced in the Union Budget will serve Telangana — Hyderabad–Chennai via Vijayawada, Hyderabad–Bengaluru and Hyderabad–Pune via Mumbai. Reddy described these elevated corridors as "game-changers" that will boost connectivity, industry and ease traffic congestion in Hyderabad.

The minister was accompanied by Mahbubnagar MP D.K. Aruna, MLAs Vijayudu and Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, and other public representatives.

Why Is Revanth Silent on AP's Veligonda Project, Asks Harish

Hyderabad: Former irrigation minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao has accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of silence over Andhra Pradesh's diversion of water from Krishna river through its Veligonda project. He alleged that AP was diverting Krishna water from Veligonda claiming it is using flood waters despite the absence of an established allocation of flood flows, which this year are very low.

Andhra Pradesh was already Krishna water through Malyala, Muchumarri, Pothireddypadu, the Nagarjuna Sagar Right Canal. Now it is doing so from Veligonda, Harish Rao said in a statement. "This is grave injustice to farmers in Palamuru,



Rangareddy, Nalgonda and other parts of Telangana. The Chief Minister should explain why water that should be secured for Telangana's farmers is being allowed to flow elsewhere," he said.

Harish Rao also questioned the role of Krishna River Management Board, responsible for overseeing the utilisation of Krishna waters by Telangana and AP, saying, "if the KRMB itself remains a spectator while Telangana's water rights are being undermined, who will protect the interests of Telangana?"

He said several major projects in Telangana's Krishna basin, including Bheema, Kalwakurthy, Nettampadu and Koilsagar, were facing severe water shortages, leaving their ayacuts dependent on inadequate supplies. "Telangana's Krishna basin projects are struggling for water and farmers are suffering. Why is the Revanth Reddy government silent on AP's diversion of Krishna waters," Harish Rao asked.

BRS demands scrapping of GO 97, Shakti Scheme over polytechnic students' concerns

The BRS demanded that the Telangana government scrap GO 97 and the Shakti Scheme, alleging they were against students' interests. Former Minister V Srinivas Goud backed protests by polytechnic students and warned of large-scale agitation over the government's decisions.



Hyderabad: The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) on Monday demanded that the Congress government immediately scrap GO 97 and the 'Shakti Scheme', alleging that the decisions were taken unilaterally and were against the interests of students.

Extending support to protests by polytechnic students, former Minister V Srinivas Goud said nearly 80,000 students, 10,000 teachers and around one lakh families had taken to the streets opposing the 'Shakti Scheme' and GO 97.

Speaking to media persons in New Delhi, Goud

said students pursued polytechnic education with the aim of becoming engineers and pursuing higher education. However, the Congress government, through the 'Shakti Scheme', was seeking to turn them into mere manual labourers, he alleged.

There are 59 polytechnic colleges in the State, each spread across nearly 20 to 30 acres and equipped with infrastructure, laboratories and spacious grounds. The State government was preparing to hand over these lands to private parties, Goud alleged.

"The Congress government owes around Rs 14,000 crore in fee reimbursement dues to students. The government is planning to scrap the fee reimbursement scheme, which is unacceptable," he said.

Goud also demanded that the Congress government fulfil its promise of filling two lakh government posts. Failing this, the BRS would launch large-scale protests against the State government, he warned.

Revanth Reddy asks Congress cadres to protest against KCR across Telangana

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy asked Congress workers to stage protests against BRS president K

Chandrashekhar Rao across Telangana, in response to the BRS campaign targeting the Congress government's 1,000-day rule, while highlighting his government's achievements.

Hyderabad: Apparently flustered by the BRS party's decision to launch a special campaign to highlight the failures of the Congress government in its 1,000-day rule, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday sought to mount a counter-attack by asking his party workers to stage protests against BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao across the State.

In an obvious strategy to deflect attention from the BRS protest programmes, he directed the Congress cadre to demand the BRS chief's resignation, charging that the former Chief Minister had enjoyed Rs 22 crore of public money over the last 32 months despite not attending the Assembly. He also called for bike rallies in all mandals, with the protests culminating at Indira Park on September 6.

After inaugurating the Moosarambagh flyover, Revanth Reddy took strong objection to the BRS campaign targeting the Congress government's 1,000-day rule. After a brief lull, the Chief Minister had gone back to using intemperate language towards his bete noire, the BRS chief, and claimed that none could draw a comparison between the two.

He claimed that the Congress government had provided 72,000 jobs within two years and spent Rs 1.70 lakh crore on farmers' welfare during its 1,000 days in office. The Planning Commission and NITI Aayog had declared that farmers in Telangana were free of debt, he claimed.

"Despite all these achievements, the Opposition is questioning my failures during 1,000 days in office and wants to stage protests. Did I take even one hour's leave during these 1,000 days?" Revanth Reddy asked.

The Chief Minister said he was ready for a debate on the 1,000 days of Congress rule and the 10-year governance of the BRS government in the Assembly from September 7. "I will never misuse power for personal gain or for the benefit of my family members," he maintained, adding that governance would henceforth be like a smooth ride on a highway.

Employees' concerns Exploring Travel Maps

Amid ongoing protests by government employees, Revanth Reddy said employees were occasionally threatening the government but added that their concerns were understandable. "In the last 32 months, did the government fail to pay salaries on the first day of every month?" he asked.

He said the increase in the retirement age from 58 years to 61 years had placed an additional burden on the government in paying retirement benefits. "Did I not release Rs 6,000 crore in 100 days towards retirement benefits? Did I not offer the PRC or provide Employee Health Scheme cards?" Revanth Reddy asked.

The Chief Minister blamed the previous government for the financial situation that had left the State unable to meet salary and benefit commitments. He said the government was paying Rs 7,500 crore every month towards the principal and interest on loans raised by the previous government.

RTC, women SHGs

Revanth Reddy said the RTC was not implementing the free bus travel scheme on its own and claimed that the State government was paying the ticket fares. "Women should remember that I have paid Rs 11,000 crore to the RTC. I am also providing 200 units of free power," he said. He added that bank linkage had been extended to 60,000 women's self-help groups and Rs 2,100 crore was paid by him as interest to banks on behalf of the women.

TIMS facilities to be renamed

The Chief Minister announced that TIMS, Alwal, would be named after former Chief Minister T Anjaiah, TIMS, LB Nagar, after freedom fighter Konda Laxman Babuji and TIMS, Warangal, after late professor K Jayashankar.

Drawing a comparison between the political appointments made by the BRS and Congress governments, Revanth Reddy alleged that the previous government had been marked by family rule. "In contrast, I made both Ponnamp Prabhakar and Vakiti Srihari Ministers. I appointed BC leader Mahesh Kumar Goud as TPCC president," he said

Prof. Jyothi, Dr. Adi Reddy Invited to International Conference!

Hanumakonda, September 2: Faculty members of Kakatiya University Arts, Science College have received an invitation to participate in Agritech 2026, an international conference scheduled to be held on September 24, 25, 2026, under the auspices of the Agricultural University in Chennai. The conference is expected to bring together researchers, academicians, agricultural scientists, technology experts, professionals from different parts of the world to deliberate on emerging challenges, opportunities in agriculture, rural development, agricultural technology, sustainable development, the rural economy. "The research paper jointly submitted by Professor Sunkari Jyothi, Principal of Kakatiya University Arts, Science College, Dr. Rakkireddy Adi Reddy, Public Relations Officer of the college, has been accepted for presentation at the prestigious international conference. Their research paper is titled 'Agriculture, Rural Economic Development: An Integrated Framework for Sustainable, In-

clusive Growth.' "The acceptance of the research paper has brought recognition to the academic, research activities of Kakatiya University Arts, Science College. The participation of the faculty members in an international academic forum is also expected to provide an important platform for sharing research findings, exchanging ideas with scholars from different countries, exploring new perspectives on agriculture, rural economic development. Agriculture continues to play a crucial role in the economic, social development of developing countries, particularly in India, where a significant section of the population continues to depend directly or indirectly on agriculture, allied activities. The performance of the agricultural sector has a direct impact on rural incomes, employment generation, food security, poverty reduction, the overall strength of the rural economy. "The research paper focuses on the close relationship between agricultural development, rural eco-

nomics transformation. It examines how improvements in agricultural productivity, technological advancement, efficient resource utilisation, better market access, employment opportunities, sustainable farming practices can contribute to strengthening rural economies. The study also highlights the need for an integrated approach to agricultural development rather than viewing agriculture only as a means of food production. According to the researchers, agriculture has strong linkages with rural employment, small-scale industries, agro-processing, transportation, marketing, financial services, other economic activities. Strengthening these linkages can create broader opportunities for rural communities, contribute to inclusive economic growth. "The researchers emphasised that sustainable agricultural development has become increasingly important in the face of climate change, changing rainfall patterns, water scarcity, degradation of natural resources, rising production costs, growing pressure on agricultural land. They observed that future agricultural poli-

cies, development strategies need to balance economic growth with environmental sustainability, social inclusion. The paper further discusses the importance of modern agricultural technologies in improving productivity, reducing risks faced by farmers. Digital technologies, precision agriculture, scientific irrigation methods, improved farm management practices, climate-resilient technologies, better access to agricultural information can significantly enhance the efficiency, sustainability of farming systems. "The researchers also pointed out that rural economic development cannot be achieved through agricultural growth alone. Strengthening rural infrastructure, expanding non-farm employment, encouraging agro-based industries, improving skill development, creating better market opportunities are equally important. A diversified rural economy can reduce excessive dependence on agriculture, provide addi-

tional sources of income for rural households. The international conference will provide an opportunity for researchers, academicians to discuss these issues from global, regional perspectives. Scholars from different countries are expected to present research papers dealing with agriculture, agricultural technology, rural economic development, industrial development, sustainable development, climate resilience, resource management, inclusive growth. "The conference is also expected to facilitate academic interaction among researchers working in different disciplines. Such platforms can help develop collaborative research initiatives, exchange innovative ideas, identify practical approaches to address emerging challenges in agriculture, rural development. Speaking about their selection, Professor Sunkari Jyothi, Dr. Rakkireddy Adi Reddy stated that the acceptance of their research paper at an international conference was a matter of pride, an encouraging recognition of their ac-

ademic, research efforts. They said that participation in an international forum would provide an opportunity to present their research findings before an international academic community, learn from researchers working in different parts of the world. "They further stated that agriculture should be viewed as a major foundation for inclusive, sustainable economic development. Strengthening the agricultural sector, improving the economic conditions of rural communities, creating sustainable employment opportunities are essential for achieving balanced economic growth. "The researchers expressed the view that India's rural economy has significant potential for transformation through technological innovation, sustainable agricultural practices, value addition, agro-processing, improved market linkages. They stressed the need for coordinated efforts by educational institutions, researchers, government agencies, farmers, industries, other stakeholders to develop sustainable solutions for



rural economic development. "The acceptance of the research paper at Agritech 2026 is being viewed as an important academic achievement for Kakatiya University Arts, Science College. The participation of its faculty members in an international conference will further strengthen the institution's academic, research profile, provide greater visibility to its ongoing research activities. "The selection has also been welcomed by colleagues, academic circles, well-wishers, who congratulated Professor Sunkari Jyothi, Dr. Rakkireddy

Adi Reddy on the acceptance of their research paper, wished them success in presenting their findings at the international conference in Chennai.



BRS holds massive protest rally over six guarantee fraud

Soma Giri Prasad bureau Chief Bhadrachalam September 2: The BRS party has accused the Congress party of cheating the people by not implementing the six guarantees given in the elections. On Wednesday, Gulabi activists held a massive protest rally in Bhadrachalam protesting the government's failure to fulfill the promises made before the elections, and even though the 100-day deadline has passed, a thousand days have passed. BRS ranks have expressed deep anger against the Congress government for failing to fully implement the six guarantees. A massive protest bike rally was held across Bhadrachalam constituency as per the statewide call given by BRS working president KTR. As a large number of BRS ranks and youth gathered on about 500 bikes, the main intersections of the city were filled with slogans. At a media conference organized after the rally,

Bhadrachalam constituency BRS in-charge Ravulapalli Ramprasad, former in-charge Mane Ramakrishna, and senior leader Sunil raised the flag in a strong tone. They were furious that the Congress, which had promised to implement six guarantees within 100 days of coming to power, had completely deceived the people today. They demanded that the government release a white paper to the people on how many of the guarantees it had fully implemented so far. They alleged that all the key promises like unemployment benefits, farmer assurance, Mahatma scheme funds for women, and pension hike were limited to papers. The leaders made it clear that the rally was taken up with the aim of taking the failures of the Congress to the people at the field level and explaining the facts to them. Protests from September 2 to 8 "The leaders announced that they would intensify agi-



tation programs in various forms from September 2 to 8 as part of the state-wide activity. They warned that the BRS would fight tirelessly on behalf of the people until the Congress government bows its neck and fulfills its election promises. He said that the government will be challenged through dharnas, protests, and sit-ins at the mandal and village levels. In this massive protest program, BRS public representatives, mandal presidents, youth and student department leaders, and activists from various mandals within the constituency participated in a large number and raised anti-government slogans.

A thorough investigation should be conducted into the death of Uke Sirisha: Lawyers demand

Soma Giri Prasad Bureau Chief Bhadrachalam September 2: The Bhadrachalam Bar Association has said that the death of Uke Sirisha, an Adivasi woman who died under suspicious circumstances while working as a nurse in a private hospital in Hyderabad, is extremely saddening. The Bhadrachalam Bar Association has expressed deep shock that the Uke Sirisha incident is a very painful incident. Lawyers have organized a protest program in front of the main gate of the Bhadrachalam Judicial Magistrate of First Class and Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class courts, demanding that the truth behind Sirisha's death be immediately revealed and justice be done to the victim's family. Bar Association President Kodali Srinivasan said, "It is extremely unfortunate that a woman from a poor tribal family, serving the society as a nurse, lost her life in such suspicious circum-



stances." He demanded that the government immediately conduct a comprehensive, transparent, high-level investigation into the case without succumbing to any political pressure. He also asked that legal action be taken against the hospital management if there is negligence. "General Secretary Poosala Srinivasa chary said, "The victim's family should be given immediate and complete justice. He also asked that a special fast-track court be set up to expedite the investigation without any delay in

the investigation of the case. He asked the government to provide a job to one of the eligible members of her family and immediately provide financial support to the family." He said that strict measures should be taken on security. In this program, Bhadrachalam Bar Association Joint Secretary Tata Lalitha, women's representative Taruni, former president Kota Devadanam, lawyers Palivela Narasimha Rao, Ravi Rammohan, Perala Venkateswarlu, Perala Nagaraju, Bandaru Arun Chand, Kapula Prakash, Chimala Narasimha Rao, K Aruna Sri, Avluri Satyanarayana, Ramaraju Tirumala Rao, MV Rama, Narmada, Payam Ravi Varma, Korasa Krishnarajuna Rao, Bandaru Ramesh, Uppu Nagender, P. Bhaskara Rao, B. Sarada, Vidyadhari, Datala Sandhya, Valavala Suresh Kumar, B Ramakrishna, A Rajani, Gayatri, B.V. Karthik, Karam Ramesh, Korasa Naresh, S.K. Jacob Johnny, Anjali, Lakshman, Isampally, Sunnam Venkataramana, Srinivas, Pallanti Praveen Kumar, Challa Sivakrishna, Korada Srinivas, Aravind, Chandana, Pasupuleti Ashrita, Varasa Sunitha, Mudigonda Kiran participated.

Key MoUs between KU and United Way of Hyderabad "02 September 2026" "Riding Billion Dollar" By Bindu Madhav Ivaturi

Ch Abhinay Bureau Warangal September 2: University (KU) and United Way of Hyderabad (UWH), a leading NGO, have signed two key MoUs regarding the educational and career development of students and environmental protection. In the presence of Vice Chancellor Acharya K. Pratap Reddy, KU Registrar Professor V. Ramachandran and UWH CEO Rekha Srinivasan signed the MoUs. As part of the agreement, scholarships, career guidance and mentorship will be provided to talented economically backward students studying degree and engineering courses under KU. Services will be provided. Students with at least 75 percent marks in class 10, intermediate and an annual family income of less than Rs. 8 lakh can apply. Preference will be given to children of the disabled and army veterans. Personality development, skill development, career guidance and mentorship programs will be organized for students in partnership with corporate organizations. Especially through the 'Stem for Her' program, special training, guidance and opportunities will be provided to female students. Assistant Professor A.C. Dhardha, Department of Mechanical Engineering, KU, will act as the coordinator for the implementation of these programs. Details He suggested that they contact the number 9397666906. As part of the second MoU, KU Engineering will plant 1,000 saplings in a high-density manner in an area of one acre in the college campus through the 'Plant for the Planet' program. In addition to setting up compound fencing for the protection of the plants, UWH will take over the responsibility of maintaining the planted saplings for three years, till March 31, 2029. He said that there will be no financial burden on KU with the implementation of this project. OST Acharya B. Venkatrama Reddy, Principal Acharya N. Ramana, UWH representatives, faculty members and others participated in the program.



Singareni to become a private paradise Preparations to hand over to private sector Underground coal mines in huge losses

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 2 "As per the instructions of the Coal Department, Singareni Corporation is preparing all the steps to hand over the underground coal mines that are at huge losses to the private sector. It is considering handing over these mines to private companies under the Mine Development and Operation (MDO) system. In the wake of the reduction in losses with the implementation of this system in national companies such as Coal India and Western Coalfields, Singareni also intends to follow the same path. Initially, applications were invited from private companies to hand over the Shanti Khani underground mine in the Mandamari area on an experimental basis, and one company came forward. With this, Singareni Corporation is working to call tenders soon. If the coal mines are handed over to a pri-

ivate company.. it will mine the coal at its own expense and hand it over to Singareni at a fixed price. After that, Singareni will sell it in the market. Currently, it costs Singareni Rs. 21,558 to produce a ton of coal in the Shanti Khani mine. The company is incurring huge losses as the extracted coal is being sold for just Rs. 4,167. The Singareni company's plan is to reduce this loss by handing over the MDO system. Coal production in underground minesThe huge increase in costs is currently having a serious impact on the financial situation of Singareni. There is no correlation between the salaries of employees in UG mines, fixed and variable costs, and the selling price in the market. The company has revealed in its latest report to the center that by the end of 2025, 21 out of a total of 22 underground mines will be in loss. It said that the

losses of these 21 mines are more than Rs. 1,924 crore. The company has revealed that the total cost of producing a ton of coal in the Adria UG mine is Rs. 30,333, while the selling price is only Rs. 2,492. The company has stated that a total loss of Rs. 27,841 is being incurred per ton. It has been stated that this mine alone incurred a loss of Rs. 302.87 crore last year. Singareni currently operates 21 underground and 17 open cast mines. Singareni to become a private paradise Company officials say that the cost of production per ton is low due to the possibility of achieving higher production with heavy machinery in surface mines in this way, the losses from underground mines are being offset by the profits from OCs. Without these, the Singareni company would have been mired in losses by now, according to official sources.

Jagityal District Bureau, Kyasa Gangadhar | September 2: Congress leaders in Pegadapalli Mandal paid rich tributes to former Chief Minister and late Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy on the occasion of his death anniversary."The death anniversary programme was held at the Congress Party office in Pegadapalli Mandal headquarters on Wednesday, September 2, at 10:00 AM, under the leadership of Mandal Congress Party President Kadari Tirupathi."On the occasion, Congress leaders and party workers garlanded the portrait of Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and

paid their respects. They recalled his dedicated services to the people, particularly farmers and the poor."AMC Chairman Burra Ramulu Goud, AMC directors and governing body members, sarpanches and deputy sarpanches from various villages of the mandal, former public representatives, former MPTCs, Congress leaders and party workers attended the programme in large numbers and made it a success."A Friend of Farmers and Champion of the Poor "The leaders said that Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy would remain forever in the hearts of the people as a leader who worked



for the welfare of the poor and stood by farmers and weaker sections of society."They recalled several welfare and development programmes implemented during his tenure as Chief Minister, including Aarogyasri, free electricity for farmers, farm loan waivers and the Jalayagnam irrigation programme, which they said brought significant changes to the lives of farmers, poor people and weaker sections."The leaders stated that following the path of public welfare shown by the late Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and continuing to work for the people would be the true tribute to his legacy." They paid their heartfelt respects to the memory of the great leader and former Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy.

Dr. Dharamsothu Seetharam Naik Appointed as TICCI Mahabubabad District Coordinator and In-charge for the Combined Warangal District

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Bureau Chief, Warangal September 2 :

Dr. Dharavath Srinivas, President of the Tribal Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TICCI) – Telangana Chapter, announced the appointment of Dr. Dharamsothu Seetharam Naik as the Mahabubabad District Coordinator and as the In-charge for the seven districts comprising the combined Warangal district. TICCI has officially entrusted these responsibilities to Dr. Seetharam Naik. Dr. Seetharam Naik stated that his role involves encouraging tribal entrepreneurs, MSMEs, women entrepreneurs, youth, and aspiring business owners across Mahabubabad and the combined Warangal district. He will provide them with necessary awareness, guidance, and connections to business opportunities. He further stated that he would work to create awareness among entrepreneurs

regarding business loans, MSME development, government schemes, vendor development, government procurement, and market opportunities by coordinating with banks, government agencies, industrial bodies, and other relevant departments. An awareness and special vendor development program for entrepreneurs is scheduled for September 4, 2026, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Hotel Aroma in Naim Nagar, Hanamkonda. This event is being organized by the National SC-ST Hub under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, in collaboration with the DICCI Telangana Chapter. The program will provide insights into MSME schemes and government incentives, business development and expansion, bank loans and financial opportunities, government procurement via the GeM portal, opportunities to become vendors

for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), and aspects such as technical guidance, training, and mentoring. Existing business owners, aspiring entrepreneurs, those seeking business loans, MSMEs, startups, traders, service sector professionals, and SC/ST entrepreneurs are encouraged to make the most of this event. Dr. Dharamsothu Seetharam Naik, the DICCI coordinator for Mahabubabad district and in-charge for the seven districts of the combined Warangal region, urged interested entrepreneurs from Mahabubabad district to register in advance and participate in the program. He noted that priority would be given to those who register beforehand. Dr. Dharamsothu Seetharam Naik, Mahabubabad District Coordinator & In-charge for United Warangal Districts – TICCI 9908550822



Mulugu Area Hospital Superintendent Dr. Chandrasekhar Valuprasad receives a grand honor

Ch Abhinay Bureau Chief Warangal September 2: Dr. Chandrasekhar Valuprasad, who is working as the Superintendent, was felicitated by Telangana Rajyadhikari Party Mulugu District President Thaviti Dilip Kumar Mudiraj and Mulugu District Minority Section President Azam Sheikh. Speaking on the occasion, Thaviti Dilip Kumar Mudiraj said that the medical services provided to the people of Mulugu district through Mulugu Area Hospital are very valuable, especially the poor and common people are laudable that government medicine is available. He said that the services provided by the doctors and medical staff in ASU Tri are very



useful to the people. The people of Mulugu Area Hospital "Dilip Kumar said that it is an important basis for health and the efforts of Superintendent Dr. Chandra Shekhar Valuprasad and the hospital staff to provide better medical services to the people are commendable. He said that he hopes that the people of Mulugu area will continue to receive similar quality medical services and appreciates the services of Mulugu Area Hospital. Azam Sheikh, President of Mulugu District Minority Department, participated in this program.

Quality Education Must Be Provided With The Students' Future In Mind; ZPHS School Inspected Unexpectedly District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Jangaon September 2 : District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha stated that the state government attaches great importance to the education sector and that teachers must work with dedication to ensure every student receives quality education. On Wednesday, the Collector made a surprise visit to the ZPHS school in Machupahad village, Narmetta Mandal, and thoroughly inspected aspects such as classroom instruction, infrastructure, cleanliness, and the mid-day meal program.

After examining the classrooms, computer lab, science lab, library, kitchen, and school premises, the Collector interacted directly with the students and assessed their learning capabilities. He specifically asked questions related to science to gauge the students' level of understanding. Subsequently, the Collector personally taught science topics using the blackboard, explaining them in a simple manner. He inquired whether the students had received their uniforms and notebooks and directed teachers to take special measures to ensure every student attended every school in uniform, noting that uniforms play a crucial role in fostering discipline and a sense of equality among students. He advised teachers to conduct lessons in a way that makes every subject easy to understand, emphasizing conceptual learning over merely completing the syllabus. He instructed them to identify students lagging in their studies, conduct special classes, and provide additional instruction in subjects perceived as difficult. He suggested that teaching methods should cultivate an interest in education, values, discipline, and a responsible mindset among students. He emphasized the need to boost student interest in computer education and directed teachers to effectively utilize available computers to provide quality, technology-driven education. He also advised taking measures to ensure students make regular use of the science and computer labs. He ordered that the school library be made

attractive and equipped with the necessary facilities to foster a habit of reading among students. "He instructed that students be provided with quality, hygienic mid-day meals and emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness in the kitchen. Relevant officials were instructed to keep the school premises clean at all times, remove wild vegetation, and ensure a healthy environment. School Headmaster Gopal Reddy, Panchayat Secretary Ashwini, other concerned officials, and teachers participated in this inspection.

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Health Minister Ch Damodar Raja Narasimha. (File Photo)

Hyderabad: Health Minister Ch Damodar Raja Narasimha asked officials to further expand fertility and IVF services in Telangana's government hospitals and strengthen implementation of the ART and Surrogacy laws in private fertility centres.

He called for strict action against centres violating regulations, greater transparency in fertility services, and measures to prevent unnecessary financial burden on patients.

The Minister also directed officials to strengthen government IVF centres at Gandhi Hospital and Petlaburj Maternity Hospital and prepare proposals for phased expansion of IVF services to districts

Telangana employees stage protests demanding scrapping of CPS and restoration of OPS

Government employees, pensioners and others staged protests across Telangana demanding abolition of the Contributory Pension Scheme and restoration of the Old Pension System. They also sought constitution of the Pay Revision Commission, pending DA instalments and clearance of bills.

Hyderabad: Government employees, pensioners and others staged protests at the Secretariat and various places across the State on Tuesday, demanding that the Congress government abolish the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and reintroduce the Old Pension System (OPS).

Sporting black badges and holding placards, the employees raised slogans against the government during their lunch break and observed the day as "Pension Betrayal Day". Their other key demands included constitution of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), payment of six pending Dearness Allowance (DA) instalments and clearance of Rs 10,000 crore in pending bills.

The employees questioned why CPS was being imposed on government employees when MLAs, MPs and Ministers were not covered by the scheme.

The Congress, in its election manifesto, had promised to abolish CPS and reintroduce OPS. It had also assured government employees that a new Pay Revision Committee would be constituted and its recommendations implemented within six months of coming to power.

Responding to a call by the Telangana Employees, Officers, Teachers and Pensioners



Joint Action Committee (TGEJAC), nearly 13 lakh employees, teachers and faculty members participated in the protests at government offices, schools and colleges across Telangana.

TGEJAC Chairman Maram Jagadeeshwar said it had been over 32 months since the Congress government came to power, but the promises had not been fulfilled. He was speaking at a protest organised by the Commercial Taxes Department Gazetted Officers' Forum at Gagan Vihar.

TGEJAC Secretary General Eluri Srinivasa Rao questioned the fairness of imposing CPS on government employees who serve the public for over 30 years while allowing MLAs, MPs and Ministers, who serve as public representatives for five years, to retain the Old Pension System.

The employees also stressed that payment of salaries on the first day of every month was the government's responsibility and should not be treated as an act of benevolence.

TGOs State General Secretary B Shyam demanded that Ministers and senior officials take immediate steps to ensure that the new Employees' Health Scheme (EHS) becomes fully operational in all hospitals.

"Employees are an integral part of the public and are not asking for freebies. Accumulated GPF and TGLI funds should be released immediately upon application," he said.

He called upon employees to make the "Chalo Hyderabad" programme on September 10 a success if their issues were not resolved by September 9.

Similar protests were held in front of the District Collector's Office in Nalgonda and at other places across the State.

Telangana BJP chief stopped en route to meet party leader in Nalgonda

Hyderabad: Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao was arrested by police in Hyderabad on Tuesday when he attempted to travel to Nalgonda district to meet local BJP leader Nagam Varshit Reddy, whose residence was allegedly attacked by Congress workers.

The police placed Ramchander Rao under house arrest to stop him from leaving for Nalgonda. Police personnel were deployed outside his house in Tamaka since morning.

When the BJP leader came out of the house and tried to board a vehicle to leave for Nalgonda, police arrested him and shifted him to Gandhi Nagar Police Station.

Ramchander Rao posted on social media that the Congress party arrested him to stop him from visiting the Nalgonda district BJP president after "Congress goons" ransacked his house. "I wanted to visit him to extend my solidarity. Displaying its utter disregard for democracy and the Constitution, the Congress government has arrested me," he posted on 'X'. He earlier claimed that he was kept under house arrest to prevent him from visiting Nalgonda to meet BJP Nalgonda District President Nagam Varshit Reddy, whose house was allegedly vandalised by Congress workers in Nalgonda after a reported clash between both parties.

The BJP alleged that Varshit Reddy's family members, including his mother, were physically assaulted by Congress workers on Monday evening. Instead of taking strict action against those responsible for the attack, the Congress government has chosen to house-arrest the BJP state President.

Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, strongly condemned the arrest of Ramchander Rao. The second house arrest in a week is a blatant assault on democracy. The muzzling of opposition voice reflects the anti-emergency, anti-democratic rule of Congress.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, also condemned Ramchander Rao's arrest. "Attack BJP? Walk free. Stand with BJP? Get arrested. A BJP leader's house is attacked. No action. The BJP State office is attacked. No remand. But when state BJP president Ramchander Rao stands by our party workers, he is arrested. What kind of law and order is this?" he asked in a post on 'X'.



Telangana CM to Inaugurate 100-Bed Hospital at Nakrekal on September 5

Nalgonda: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will inaugurate a 100-bed hospital at Nakrekal in Nalgonda district on September 5.

The Chief Minister will also set foundation stones for the buildings of a Telangana Model School and a tahsildar office at Nakrekal. He will address a public meeting at the mini outdoor stadium in the town.

A trauma care centre will also be established at the 100-bed hospital to provide treatment to road accident victims on National Highway 65. There is no trauma care centre between Choutuppal and Kodad along NH 65, which is creating difficulties in shifting accident victims during the golden hour.

District Collector B. Chandrasekhar and Superinten-



dent of police Sharath Chandra Pawar inspected the mini outdoor stadium at Nakrekal and issued instructions to officials regarding arrangements for the Chief Minister's visit.

Ponnam Reviews Arrangements for Peaceful Ganesh Festivities in Hyderabad



Hyderabad: BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Tuesday convened a meeting with officials to review the arrangements to be made for the smooth conduct of Ganesh festival in Hyderabad from September 14.

As the Ganesh festivities are scheduled to begin from September 14, a preparatory meeting was held with officials of all departments, three municipal commissioners, collectors, police officials, and the Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi (BGUS).

Speaking to media persons, Prabhakar, who is also Hyderabad in-charge Minister, said the meeting was held to ensure that the festivity is celebrated in a peaceful manner.

The administration was making all arrangements to ensure that the festivities are con-

ducted collectively. "We requested the Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi to distribute saplings to devotees and use handloom scarves during the festivities," he said.

"We are requesting everyone to use clay Ganesha idols to protect the environment," he said. During Bonalu festivities, prayers were offered at all temples for good rains. The government is suggesting to the Utsav Samithi members that prayers be offered at Ganesh pandals for El Nino to subside to bring good rains.

"We are celebrating the festivities while respecting the courts. People should voluntarily celebrate the festivities without restrictions," he added.

SIR: One Third Notices Delivered: CEO



Hyderabad: SIR notices have been delivered to about one-third of the voters whose enumeration forms were noticed to have anomalies. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued over 31 lakh notices, against 92.88 lakh voters listed with anomalies. The notices are being generated by ERONET, a centralised web-based application developed by the ECI.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudarsan Reddy informed on Tuesday that hearings in close to two lakh notices had been completed. Officials have informed that remaining 61 lakhs notices will be delivered in a phased manner.

Hearings on 1,94,737 notices have been held at the level of individual assistant electoral registration officers (AEROs). "The remaining notices will be delivered in a phased manner and will be heard within the period stipulated by the ECI by the 1,973 AEROs and 119 EROs.

By Tuesday, 9,07,292 'claims and objections' had been received. Of these, 3,94,517 were through Form-6 (enrolment as new voter), 6,346 through Form-6A (enrolment as new overseas voter), 48,752 through Form-7 (objections / deletions from draft electoral rolls) and 4,57,677 through Form-8 (corrections in draft rolls).

While the deadline for filing claims and objections by voters will be September 16, the issuance of notices and disposal of claims and objections will continue till October 15.

Poll officials are conducting special campaigns on September 5 and 6 at every polling station and again on September 12 and 13 when booth level officers (BLOs) will be available at the designated locations, as will booth level agents (BLAs) of political parties.

PhonePe Launches UPI Payments for India's Feature Phone Users

~ Enables instant money transfers and merchant payments without an internet connection

Vizag, Sep2: PhonePe, today announced the launch of PhonePe UPI 123Pay, bringing UPI payment capabilities to feature phone users across India without the need of an internet connection. With this, PhonePe becomes the first major third-party application provider (TPAP) to extend UPI payments to India's 200 million+ feature phone users. This is a significant step toward advancing financial inclusion and bringing underserved communities into the digital payments fold.

The service will come pre-bundled on Nokia, HMD, Lava International and Itel Mobile - Transsion Holdings devices, with other handset manufacturer partnerships to follow in the coming months. The launch builds on our proprietary technology stack built specifically for UPI payments on feature phones.

Designed for reliability, PhonePe UPI 123Pay utilizes a robust SMS-based architecture, ensuring transactions go through even in regions with limited 2G connectivity. The platform enables seamless peer-to-peer (P2P) transfers via mobile numbers or UPI IDs, alongside peer-to-merchant (P2M) payments through UPI IDs and QR code scanning. Beyond payments, feature phone users can manage their accounts, check account balances, and view transaction histories. Upcoming updates will introduce advanced capabilities previously unavailable on feature phones, including bill payments, recharges, and Aadhaar-based onboarding onto UPI.

Additionally, to guide feature phone users through setup



and activation, PhonePe has introduced a voice-first, AI-powered helpline. Moving beyond rigid IVR menus, the conversational voice assistant provides support in English and 12 Indian languages. Powered by advanced speech processing and AI reasoning, the assistant delivers step-by-step activation guidance and answers fundamental UPI queries for a secure, frictionless experience.

Speaking on the launch, Sameer Nigam, Founder and CEO, PhonePe, said, "Over the last decade, UPI has completely transformed how India pays—a journey PhonePe is proud to have built alongside it from day one. As we reflect on how far we have come, the logical next step is expanding the horizon even further and unlocking what's next. Bringing UPI to feature phones through PhonePe UPI 123Pay extends the benefits of digital payments beyond smartphones to every corner of the country. To us, this is what building for India actually means- meeting people where

they are to drive a truly universal wave of financial inclusion that will onboard the next 300 million users into the digital financial fold."

The solution directly addresses last-mile access in rural and semi-urban India, where smartphone penetration and reliable internet connectivity remain inconsistent—reinforcing PhonePe's long-standing commitment to making digital payments accessible to every Indian, regardless of the device they own.

Here's how users can register and use PhonePe UPI 123Pay on their devices:

Registering for PhonePe UPI 123Pay on a feature phone is a simple process without using a smartphone or the internet:

Open the PhonePe app pre-installed on your feature phone.

Read & Accept the Terms & Conditions to complete the automated device registration.

Select your bank from the options list.

Enter the last 6 digits of your debit card and its expiry date.

Set your UPI PIN. Your UPI ID is now active, and you can begin making payments immediately using PhonePe UPI 123Pay.

Making payments on the PhonePe app:

Step1: Users can initiate the PhonePe application on the feature phone, and explore multiple ways to pay- Scan & Pay/ Cont

Dhruv Sheoran and Vishesh Sharma post 10-under 60 to share the lead at the Telangana Golconda Masters

Hyderabad, September 2, 2026: Dhruv Sheoran and local favourite Vishesh Sharma produced matching course-record scores of 10-under 60 to share the opening-round lead at the INR 1 crore Telangana Golconda Masters 2026.

The pair holds a one-shot advantage after the first round of the tournament's 12th edition at Hyderabad Golf Association.

Thirty-one-year-old Sheoran, who hails from Gurugram, made 11 birdies against a solitary bogey to register the lowest score of his career. A winner on the DP World PGTI in 2024, he entered the week ranked 12th on the 2026 Race to DP World India Championship.

Starting from the par-five 10th, Sheoran made five consecutive birdies through the 14th before dropping his only shot of the day

on the par-four 15th. He recovered immediately and remained bogey-free for the rest of his round.

Hyderabad's 19-year-old Vishesh, competing in his second season on the DP World PGTI, matched Sheoran during the afternoon session. His 60 featured an eagle on the par-five sixth, nine birdies and one bogey.

Noida's Amardeep Malik, a two-time winner on the tour, remained one stroke behind the leaders at solo-third after posting a nine-under 61. The 41-year-old made 10 birdies and one bogey. Japan's Koichiro Ishika, playing his maiden season on the DP World PGTI, produced a bogey-free seven-under 63 to occupy fourth place.

Sheoran's round began in unlikely fashion when he pulled his opening drive into a bunker on another

hole. With trees blocking his route to the green, he shaped a 40-yard cut from about 260 yards, found the putting surface and nearly holed his first putt from 50 feet before tapping in for birdie.

"I got off to a hot start, although the opening tee shot went left and left me out of position," said Sheoran. "I made good contact with the recovery, found the green and nearly holed the long putt. That gave me a lot of momentum."

He followed with a 20-foot birdie conversion on the 11th, a 10-footer on the 12th and an eight-footer on the 13th. Sheoranth then drove the green on the 14th and two-putted to complete five consecutive birdies.

His only setback came on the 15th, where he pushed a pitching-wedge lay-up into the trees and



needed to take a penalty drop.

"The birdies had given me a cushion, and I knew the momentum was still on my side, so the mistake did not unsettle me," he said.

Finding the fairway on the first, a tee shot Sheoran considers particularly challenging, restored his rhythm for the closing stretch.

"Once I hit that tee shot the way I wanted, I felt I could express my game," he said. "From there, I played with controlled aggression and continued executing my tee shots and approaches."

Sheoran moved his base to Japan in mid-

June because his wife is Japanese. The relocation disrupted his usual practice routine, and he initially struggled to rediscover his preferred right-to-left ball flight after returning to competition.

"I was quite rusty when I came back and couldn't move the ball the way I wanted," Sheoran said. "I worked with my coach before last week's Telangana Open and started seeing my preferred ball flight again. The top-10 finish there gave me the confidence I needed, and that progress showed today."

Sheoran was unaware that he had

matched the course record until completing his round. Standing over a 20-foot birdie putt on the last, he mistakenly believed he was nine-under and needed to hole it to equal the mark.

"I later realised I was already 10-under," he said. "It would have been nice to make that putt and establish a new course record."

Vishesh also learned only after completing his round that he had matched Manu Gandas' course record from 2022 at his home venue.

"Today's round was very special, particularly because it came at my home course," he said. "Everything seemed to go my way. I putted well, struck some good shots and, despite a slow start, stayed patient and kept returning my focus to the present."

Vishesh converted a 15-foot eagle putt on

the sixth, while another highlight arrived on the par-three 16th, where he struck his tee shot to about three feet and made birdie.

However, the teenager felt his par saves were just as valuable as the eagle and birdies.

"The rough around the greens is quite thick, and the ball tends to sit down," Vishesh said. "Even if you miss a green by only a foot, the recovery can be difficult. Saving par from those positions makes a significant difference by the end of the round."

Matching the course record carried added significance for Vishesh because it came on familiar ground.

"It is a special achievement, especially because it happened at my home course," he said. "Playing here certainly helps. I get to sleep in my own bed, eat

home-cooked food prepared by my mother and compete on a course I know extremely well."

Sri Lanka's N Thangaraja and Delhi's Honey Baisoya shared fifth place at six-under 64.

Defending champion Jamal Hossain of Bangladesh opened with a two-over 72 and was tied 72nd, while current DP World PGTI Rankings leader Saptak Talwar returned an even-par 70 to share 50th place.

The Race to DP World India Championship is a competition to crown the DP World PGTI's

number one player, and this competition will also determine the top-24 players from the DP

World PGTI Order of Merit who will earn their spots at the season-ending DP World India

Championship.

'Cheyutha' Extends a Helping Hand to Cancer Patients' Attendants



Hyderabad, September 2: Standing by underprivileged cancer patients and their family members who accompany them to hospitals, the Cheyutha Welfare Society once again demonstrated its commitment to humanitarian service by organising a large-scale free food distribution programme at the

Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital in Hyderabad.

The initiative was aimed at extending support to poor patients and their attendants who travel to Hyderabad from distant parts of Telangana and other states for cancer treatment and often struggle to meet even their basic food and ac-

Massive food donation programme held at Basavatarakam Cancer Hospital
Objective is to provide free meals to poor patients and their attendants
Efforts on to conduct the food distribution programme once a week: K. Sudharani

commodation expenses. The programme was conducted under the leadership of Cheyutha Welfare Society President, National Youth Award recipient and senior journalist K. Sudharani, along with Vice-President Middela Shanthi. Society members personally served food to patients and their attendants at the hospital premises, conveying a message of compassion and solidarity. Three Months of Continuous Service

The Cheyutha Welfare Society has been conducting the free food distribution programme continuously for the past

three months. Society representatives said that many economically disadvantaged cancer patients and their family members travel to Hyderabad from various districts of Telangana as well as other parts of the country for treatment.

Apart from the high cost of medical treatment, many of them face difficulties in arranging food and accommodation during their prolonged hospital visits.

Observing the plight of attendants who spend long hours at the hospital while caring for their loved ones, the society decided to launch the free meal distribution ini-

tiative, said K. Sudharani. Providing food to those who are hungry offers them at least some relief during an otherwise difficult period, she added.

'Extend Your Support and We Will Serve Meals Every Week'

Speaking on the occasion, K. Sudharani said the food distribution programme, which has been continuing for the last three months, has received an encouraging response from patients and their attendants.

"The appreciation and affection shown by poor patients and their attendants give us greater motivation to continue our service," she said.

She stated that the society intends to expand its humanitarian activities further. If donors and people with a spirit of service come forward and extend their support to Cheyutha, efforts will be made to organise the free food distribution programme once every week, she said. Sudharani emphasised that standing by people in distress is a collective responsibility of society and called upon philanthropists and service-minded individuals to join hands with the organisation. 'Feeding the Hungry is the Greatest Service' Representatives of Cheyutha Welfare So-

cety said there could be no greater service than feeding a hungry person.

Providing food to the attendants of poor patients undergoing treatment is an expression of human values and compassion, they said. The society plans to expand such programmes in the future and is also exploring the possibility of organising free food distribution at the Gandhi Hospital and Niloufer Hospital premises.

The society will continue its efforts to provide food and other forms of assistance to people in need, they added.

Patients' Attendants Express Gratitude

Patients' attendants at Basavatarakam Cancer Hospital expressed happiness over the free

food distribution programme. Many said that they had travelled from distant places for medical treatment and were facing financial difficulties, making the provision of free meals a significant relief. Several attendants folded their hands and expressed gratitude to the Cheyutha Welfare Society members for serving them food with warmth and affection. They appreciated the initiative and expressed hope that such service activities would be expanded to reach more needy people.

Providing food to the hungry and standing by those in distress — this spirit of humanity continues to inspire the service initiatives of Cheyutha Welfare Society.

NDA WILL EMERGE UNBEATABLE WHENEVER POLLS ARE HELD IN AP: CHANDRABABU

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has expressed confidence that the three-party alliance government would return to power in future elections any time, citing poll surveys and the welfare and development measures taken by the government over the past two years.

Addressing people after distributing pensions under the NTR Bharosa scheme at Mogaltur in West Godavari district on Tuesday, Naidu said the alliance government, "with the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and under my leadership and the guidance of Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan, is committed to its twin goals of welfare and development."

He criticised the opposition YSRC for

being apprehensive about unanimous elections in the upcoming local body polls. He said gram panchayat elections would be held without party symbols so that good candidates could be elected.

Presiding officers such as municipal chairpersons and mayors would be directly elected in the civic polls and they would serve for five years. However, those elected could be removed if they resorted to corrupt practices, he warned.

Naidu also raised the issue of reservation for backward classes, recalling that former chief minister N.T. Rama Rao had introduced 20 per cent reservation, which he later increased to 34 per cent.

He alleged that the YSRC, which had proposed 24 per cent res-



ervation, was creating legal hurdles to stall the process for 34 per cent and wanted that reservation be provided only after completion of the ongoing special intensive revision of electoral rolls.

Naidu urged voters not to accept money for votes and said, "If you take money to vote, the one who gives you money will

certainly take money from other sources by adopting corrupt practices. I am giving you your own money in the form of welfare schemes. If you take money for a vote, it will be immoral and unethical. I am giving financial assistance of ₹15,000 to a bed-ridden patient and ₹4,000 as a pension per person per month. If you take money for a vote,

what can I say!" He went on: "You all think of this and discuss the issue among yourselves. I urge you to give up such a practice. Let us practice clean politics. The need now is to get rid of the politics of corruption."

The Chief Minister announced that an 'AI Teacher' would be launched in schools on

September 5, Teachers' Day, to help academically weak students improve their performance in examinations.

The Sanjeevini programme, scheduled to be launched across the state on January 1, would provide access to an AI doctor and a physical doctor to global health knowledge and medi-

cal treatment. Similarly, an AI agriculture officer and a physical agriculture officer would assist farmers with crop-related issues, cultivation practices, yield and marketing.

Naidu said, "Your mobile phone is going to become a tool in hand to seek all help as our government is going to facilitate government services online, apart from keeping information on various issues online. We will keep a track of government benefits being provided, income of the people and so on for nearly five crore people in 1.60 crore families, to extend them all requisite help."

He also announced that air-conditioned e-buses would be launched in the state soon, allowing women, who are eligible for free travel, to

use the services.

Naidu recalled that he had assumed office as chief minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh for the first time on September 1, some 31 years ago, and noted that he was now serving as CM for the fourth time.

He advised women to opt for rooftop solar power, saying it was being provided free of cost to SC and ST communities for 2kW capacity and to BC communities for 3kW capacity at a cost of ₹98,000 with subsidy. Households could use the power and supply the surplus to the state.

He explained that solar power could be used for cooking, running air-conditioners, charging electric vehicles and operating agricultural pump sets, besides the financial benefit under Deepam 2.0 every four months.

Lokesh Aims to Make Mangalagiri First in All Sectors

Vijayawada: Education minister and Mangalagiri MLA Nara Lokesh has said his goal is to make Mangalagiri as the number-one region in all sectors of human development and sought the help of officials to achieve the target.

Lokesh hosted an interaction-cum-dinner for officials of the Mangalagiri Tadepalli municipal corporation and revenue staff and their family members at his residence "in appreciation of their efforts in distributing permanent house-site pattas to poor families" in the constituency.

He thanked the officials on behalf of the people of Mangalagiri and presented them a new set of clothes.

Recalling his political journey from Mangalagiri, Lokesh said he had neither been born nor brought up in the constituency. He made it his own only in 2019. He had entered the constituency 21 days before



the election and lost the polls by 5,300 votes.

"Many leaders told me that I could win if I promised house pattas. But I refused to make a promise without making a study of the subject. If I make a promise, it is my habit to fulfill it," he said.

Lokesh said he spent the next five years travelling with the people and understanding their problems firsthand. Granting permanent land rights to families living

on government land for decades emerged as one of the major demands. "I promised to provide permanent house-site pattas to the needy in the 2024 election, following which people elected me with a 91,000-vote majority," he noted.

Lokesh said around 6,000 families had benefited from the distribution carried out in two phases after officials completed the enumeration process. He described the exercise

as "historic" and attributed its success to teamwork.

Several public representatives had asked him how the pattas were distributed, he said, adding that he had invited them to visit Mangalagiri and see the process for themselves.

The minister said several development works were under way, including parks, Kalyana mandapams, community centres,

modernisation of Anganwadi centres and initiatives under PM Surya Ghar. Underground drainage works had commenced and drinking water pipeline works were being taken up. A model Rythu Bazaar had also recently been launched.

"History can be created only through a team effort, not by one individual," Lokesh said, expressing hope that officials would continue to extend their cooperation.

Irrigation Board To Prioritise Drinking Water Due to Short Supply in Reservoirs



Anantapur: The Irrigation Advisory Board (IAB) has decided to allocate 8 TMC feet of water for irrigated dry (ID) crops covering 40,000 acres under the Tungbhadra High Level Main Canal (HLMC) in Anantapur district. The board has advised farmers not to cultivate paddy and chilli this year due to water scarcity.

AP finance and planning minister Payyavula Keshav, who attended the IAB meeting at the Anantapur collectorate on Tuesday, declared that drinking water requirements will be given top priority, with adequate reserves maintained in the state's reservoirs for supplying drinking water until July 31, 2027.

Keshav underlined that the state government had been cautioning farmers for the past two months against cultivating water-intensive crops. He directed irrigation officials to prepare and implement an 80-day water utilisation plan and ensure that Tungbhadra Dam water is available until November 10. If necessary, efforts would be made to prevail upon the Karnataka government to extend the release of water by another 10 to 15 days, he stated.

The minister said state government has decided to stop power generation from Srisailem and utilise the available water only for drinking purposes. He pointed out that all 33 gates of the Tungbhadra Dam have been replaced in a single season, making it an "All-India record". He pointed out that eight bridges on the HLC have been reconstructed at a cost of ₹30-35 crore to facilitate smooth water flow.

Keshav directed irrigation officials to conduct field-level awareness campaigns and hold weekly press briefings on the water situation. He maintained that farmers should be persuaded through awareness rather than coercive measures.

Speaking on the occasion, collector O. Anand said an estimated 10.32 TMC feet of water is currently available. Of this, 6.3 TMC feet has been proposed for drinking water and 4.02 TMC feet for irrigation. The drinking water allocation includes 3 TMC feet for PABR, 2.4 TMC feet for MPR (Mid Pennar Dam), 0.4 TMC for HLMC, and 0.5 TMC for Guntakal Branch Canal.

The collector pointed out that July and August recorded rainfall deficits of 55 per cent and 70 per cent respectively, leaving local water sources largely un-replenished.

Pending Land Issues Must Be Resolved on Priority: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to resolve all pending land-related issues in the district swiftly and on a priority basis. On Tuesday, he conducted a review meeting with the concerned officials at the Collectorate conference hall on various issues, including Bhu Bharati, land surveys and re-surveys, distribution of new Smart Ration Cards, CMR, and other matters. The Collector sought details from the Tahsildars regarding pending land issues mandal-wise. He instructed officials to regularly examine land disputes under Section 22-A and resolve them at the earliest. He also directed officials to undertake the land survey and re-survey process in a systematic manner. He made it clear that re-survey should be initiated only after conducting Gram Sabhas and that records related to the Gram Sabhas must be properly maintained. To expedite the survey work, the Collector stated that five additional advanced survey instruments would be provided. He instructed officials to record survey details every day and complete the process without leaving room for errors.

The Collector further directed officials to speed up the distribution of new Smart Ration Cards in the district and ensure that every eligible beneficiary receives a card through the respective ration dealers. He also instructed officials to complete the CMR process systematically within the stipulated deadline and conduct regular inspections of rice mills.



Traditional Beauty Unveiled: Nidhhi Agerwal's Career Journey

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Nidhhi Agerwal radiates classic beauty in her latest photo, draped in a vibrant yellow silk saree with a rich red border and blouse, adorned with traditional gold jhumka earrings, a bindi, and stacks of maroon-and-yellow bangles. Posing gracefully against a wooden backdrop with her long wavy hair cascading down, the image captures her timeless South Indian charm and poised presence.Born on 17 August 1993 in Hyderabad and raised in Bengaluru, the Christ University business graduate and trained dancer (ballet, Kathak, belly dance) entered the industry after participating in Miss Diva 2014.

She made her acting debut in the Hindi film Munna Michael (2017) opposite Tiger Shroff as Dolly Sharma, earning the Zee Cine Award for Best Female Debut.

Her Telugu debut came with Savyasachi (2018), followed by notable roles in Mr. Majnu and the successful iSmart Shankar (2019) as Dr. Sarah. She expanded to Tamil cinema with Eeswaran (2021) and Kalaga Thalaivan (2022), alongside Hero (2022). Recent and ongoing projects include the period drama Hari Hara Veera Mallu (2025) as Panchami opposite Pawan Kalyan and the horror-comedy The RajaSaab (2026) as Bessy with Prabhas, plus a new mythological thriller. Agerwal continues to blend glamour with versatile performances across industries.

Which September release are you most excited to watch?



September is going to be a busy month for Telugu cinema lovers. Many new films are getting ready to hit the theatres, and the month has a mix of comedy, thriller, action and different types of stories. From small films to highly awaited star projects, there is something for every type of audience.

The month starts on September 3 with two interesting releases. Romanchakam, starring Sumanth Prabhas, is being presented by Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Bhadrakali Pictures. On the same day, ImGame starring Dulquer Salmaan is also scheduled to release. Dulquer has a good following among Telugu audiences, so this film is expected to attract attention.

On September 4, three films are lined up. Ramba Oorvasi Menaka, starring Allari Naresh, is one of the notable releases. Sahaa, starring Kumar Kasaram, and Maa Ramudu Andarivadu, starring Sriram, are also expected to reach theatres on the same day. With three films arriving together, audiences will have several options.

The releases continue on September 10 with Maremma, featuring Madhav Bhupathiraju, and Mandaadi, starring Suhaas. Suhaas has been choosing different stories in recent times, so there is interest in seeing what he brings with this film.

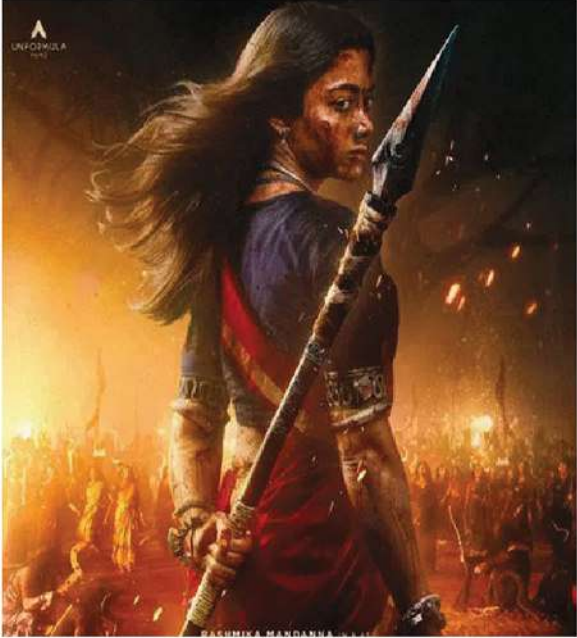
On September 11, Epic, starring Anand Deverakonda, is scheduled to release. Along with it, Mahendragiri Varahi, a thriller featuring Sumanth, is also expected to arrive. The thriller genre could make Mahendragiri Varahi an interesting choice for movie lovers.

The next week has two releases on September 18. Donga Na Koduku, starring Mouli, and Secret Soldier, starring Nihal, are set to compete for the audience.

The biggest attraction of the month is likely to be Nani's The Paradise, scheduled for September 24. The film is already carrying high expectations, and Nani fans are eagerly waiting for it. Because of its scale and the buzz around the project, it could become one of September's major releases.

Finally, September 25 will see the release of Rupayanamaha, starring Aravind.

Rashmika Mandanna's 'Mysaa' to hit screens on November 27 this year!



Chennai: The makers of director Rawindra Pulle's eagerly awaited action thriller 'Mysaa', featuring actress Rashmika Mandanna in the lead, on Tuesday announced that the film would hit screens worldwide on November 27 this year.

Unformula Films, the production house producing the film, took to its social media timelines to make the announcement. It wrote, "Resilient by nature. Fearless by choice. Unbreakable by spirit. Get ready to experience the world of #MYSAA with #RashmikaMandanna like never before. IN CINEMAS WORLDWIDE ON 27.11.26." It may be recalled that the film was recently in the news when its unit completed

shooting a crucial underwater sequence featuring Rashmika.

Taking to his Instagram stories section, producer Ajay Saipureddy had said, "It's a wrap for the exciting underwater sequence with Rashmika Mandanna."

The film has generated excitement among fans ever since it was first announced. In fact, in May this year, the film was in the news when actress Rashmika Mandanna disclosed that the unit had successfully wrapped up a long schedule in Kerala.

Taking to her Instagram page to share pictures of the unit that worked in Kerala, Rashmika wrote, "Guys, a little update is that we successfully wrapped up a long schedule for #Mysaa in Kerala!!"

She went on to say, "And these were some of the darlings who worked so so hard and made it all possible. Thank you guys and I'll see you soon again on set."

Sources close to the unit had told IANS earlier that stunt master Kecha Khampakdi had choreographed some high voltage action sequences for this film which were shot in this schedule. Rashmika is believed to have performed some high intensity action sequences during this schedule along with key actors in the film.

The actress had been training hard at an intensive stunt and combat bootcamp in Bangkok, Thailand to perform in the sequences that were to be filmed during this action schedule. Sources in the unit had disclosed that the actress had trained for over eight hours everyday for 'Mysaa' in Bangkok.

For the unaware, Rashmika plays a tribal Gond girl- a character that demands emotional vulnerability as much as physical ferocity — in the film. The film, apart from Rashmika, also features Eshwari Rao, Guru Somasundaram, and Rao Ramesh in pivotal roles.

On the technical front, cinematography for the film is by Shreyaas P Krishna while music is by Jakes Bejoy. International stunt choreographer Andy Long is overseeing the action for this ambitious entertainer.

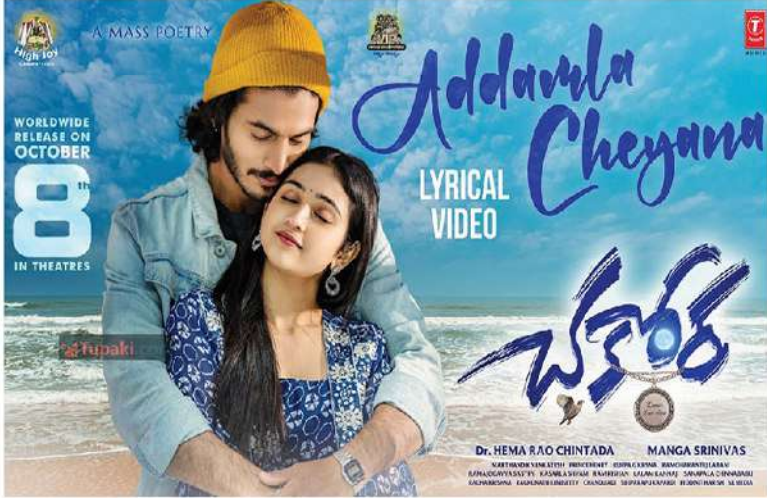
Chakkora - Lunar Love Bird: Addamla Cheyana song captivates

Chakkora – Lunar Love Bird has begun its musical promotions with "Addamla Cheyana," a melodious first single that beautifully showcases the romantic journey of its lead pair, Sravan and Malaika T Vasupal. Following the title motion poster launch by Dashing Director Puri Jagannadh, the makers have now given audiences a glimpse into the film's love story through this enchanting track.

"Addamla Cheyana" is filled with love moments, with Sravan's character falling for Malaika in a gradual and charming manner. The song captures the little emotions that accompany the beginning of a relationship, giving the entire track a warm and magical quality. The melody is composed by Prince Henry, who has delivered a soothing romantic number with an appealing flow.

Kasarla Shyam's lyrics further elevate the track. His writing brings a poetic and emotional touch to the romance. Sai Charan Bhaskaruni's soulful rendition adds so much. His singing brings softness and feeling to the melody, and he handles the romantic mood beautifully. The vocal performance, composition and lyrics come together seamlessly to create a song that feels genuinely pleasant and heartfelt.

The project marks the directorial debut of Manga Srinivas, who earlier worked as a First Assistant Director



with Puri Jagannadh. Puri launching the title motion poster has given the debutant director's journey an encouraging start. Produced by Dr. Chintada Hemarao under High Joy Commercials, in association with VIP Vintage Iconic Pictures, the film stars a strong ensemble alongside Sravan and Malaika.

The cast includes Suman, Brahmaji, Indraja, L.B. Sriram, Anushka Luhar, Yamini, Mani Chandana, Nellore Sudarshan, Prabhavathi, Madhavi Prasad and others. With the film targeting an October 8 theatrical release, the success of "Addamla Cheyana" gives Chakkora – Lunar Love Bird a sweet and promising musical start.

Maadhav's Maremma Trailer: Intense Rural Saga

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Maadhav, nephew of Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja, is stepping into films with Maremma, directed by Mancherla Nagaraj. Produced by Mayur Reddy Bandaru under Moksha Arts, the film has already attracted attention with its teaser, and the newly released trailer adds considerably more intrigue. Ram Pothineni has unveiled the trailer.

The story unfolds in a village where buffalos mysteriously start dying. As panic spreads, the elders recall a prophecy that speaks of a male buffalo being born before the third full moon. The arrival of Maari, the buffalo cared for by the protagonist, appears to be closely connected to the strange events surrounding the village. What begins as an intriguing belief gradually turns into something far more unsettling as the same incidents re-surfaces years later, pushing the villagers into fear and chaos.

For Maadhav, Maremma marks his first step onto the big screen, and the trailer suggests he has chosen a challenging role. He looks natural in the rural setting and brings a convincing innocence and intensity to the character. Deepa Balu plays his love interest

The trailer's biggest strength is its atmosphere. Rather than relying only on drama, the film appears to build its impact through



faith, superstition, village traditions, and spiritual elements. Prasanth Ankireddy's cinematography beautifully captures the earthy landscape and gives the film an authentic visual identity. Prashanth R Vihari's score adds weight to the suspense.

Overall, Maremma looks like a grounded village story with a strong spiritual and mysterious layer. The trailer succeeds in creating inquisitiveness ahead of its release on the 10th of this month.