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Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Will Always Remain an Inspiration Lions District Governor Narahari Sudhakar Reddy

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal September 6: Teachers Are the Guiding Lights of Tomorrow's Society Teachers' Honouring Ceremony Held Grandly in Teachers, who shape and mould today's students into responsible citizens of tomorrow, are the guiding lights of the future society, said Lions International District 320F Governor Lion Narahari Sudhakar Reddy "He was the chief guest at a grand Teachers' Honouring Ceremony held in Jangaon on Sunday morning and addressed the gathering. The Guru Pujotsavam was organised under the chairmanship of Teachers Honouring District Chairman Lion Chandupatla Ravinder Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, District Governor Lion Narahari Sudhakar Reddy said that Teachers' Day is one of the important programmes traditionally organised by Lions Clubs International. He said that honouring teachers on the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who served as the first Vice President and the second President of India, and recalling his ideals and



contributions is a source of inspiration for everyone. On the occasion, 88 teachers were honoured on behalf of 76 Lions Clubs functioning in the erstwhile Warangal Revenue District. The distinguished teachers were felicitated and presented with Best Teacher certificates and mementos in recognition of their valuable services in the field of education. "Multiple Council Vice Chairman Dr. Chandrasekhar Arya, Second Vice District Governor Revuri Ramana Reddy, and Past District Governors Kanha Parashuramulu Mucha Rajireddy, and T. Lakshminarasimha Rao congratulated the teachers and addressed the gathering. "District Cabinet Secretary Pamu Srinivas, Treasurer Chopari Somaiah, Global Action Team leaders Chandragiri Prasad, V. Sharada,

and T. Venkat Reddy, Region Chairmen Jaina Ramesh, Billa Sulochana, and S. Nagavani, and District leaders Dadigala Ramesh, T. Narender, P. Venumadhava Rao, Kurumula Yadagiri, Alladi Prabhakar Rao, and Pabba Chandrasekhar were among those who participated. "The office-bearers of the host club, Lions Club of Jangaon Surya, including President Nagampalli Srinivas, Secretary Battini Srinivas, Treasurer Panuganti Yadagiri, along with C.H. Jayalatha, Banoth Ravinayak, and Nalla Yadagiri, besides presidents, secretaries and other leaders of various Lions Clubs, also attended the programme.



Let Us Worship Clay Ganeshas and Protect the Environment

Former ZPTC Member Tatiparthi Shobharani-Karunakar Reddy Distribute 250 Clay Ganesha Idols Free of Cost

Jagtlai Bureau - Kyasa Gangadhar Sep.06 :Former ZPTC member and former Sarpanch Tatiparthi Shobharani-Karunakar Reddy distributed 250 clay Ganesha idols free of cost to devotees at Bathikepalli village in Pegadapalli Mandal. The idols were provided at their own expense as part of an initiative to promote environmental protection. "Speaking on the occasion, Shobharani said that worshipping clay Ganesha idols helps protect the environment and prevents water pollution caused by the immersion of idols made from harmful materials. She appealed to people to choose eco-friendly clay idols and celebrate the festival in an environ-



mentally responsible manner. "Village residents and local youth participated in the programme.

Inspects Metro Rail Services and Passenger Amenities Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju

Direct voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 6: State Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju traveled on the Hyderabad Metro Rail on Sunday to inspect metro services, passenger amenities at stations, maintenance, and other operational aspects. He traveled from Begumpet Metro Station to Paradise Metro Station. Hyderabad Metro Rail Managing Director Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmad and Additional Managing Director Mr. Ajit Reddy accompanied the Chief Secretary during the visit. Throughout the journey, the Chief Secretary reviewed metro operations, passenger traffic, station facilities, train maintenance, and the services being provided to passengers. Officials were asked to explain the measures being



friendly public transport, the Chief Secretary instructed officials to continuously improve service quality. The primary objective of this visit was to gain firsthand insight into the passenger experience and to understand their needs and the challenges they face by both inspecting the services and traveling as an ordinary commuter.

taken to provide passengers with improved, comfortable, and safe public transport services. Discussions were held regarding the efficient utilization of the Metro Rail system to meet Hyderabad's growing transport needs, the provision of better connectivity, and the enhancement of passenger amenities. Given the pivotal role Hyderabad Metro Rail plays in offering fast, safe, and eco-



Special Attention Must Be Paid to Students' Health and Safety

Collector Dr. Satya Sharada Makes Surprise Visit to Nekkonda Residential School and Junior College

Bureau Chief Warangal September 6 :District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada IAS paid a surprise visit to the Telangana Residential School and Junior College in Nekkonda mandal headquarters on Sunday. During the visit, she inspected the educational and accommodation facilities provided to the students. The Collector visited classrooms to observe the teaching process and assess the students' learning capabilities. She interacted with the students, inquiring about their studies and the facilities available at the institution. She emphasized the need to pay special attention to the students' health and safety and directed officials to ensure that all necessary basic amenities are provided. After reviewing the management aspects of the school and junior college with the concerned officials, Dr. Satya Sharada instructed them to take appropriate measures to ensure the students face no inconvenience. Narsampet RDO Uma Rani, DTDO Narayana Reddy, the Tahsildar, the MPDO, Nekkonda Tahsildar Raj Kumar Hamid, concerned MPOs, and others participated in the visit.



BRS and BJP leaders voluntarily join the Congress party, drawn by the welfare schemes of the Congress people's government

Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Warangal September 6 "Leaders from BRS and BJP, hailing from Keerthi Nagar in the Greater Warangal 16th Division, joined the Congress party in the presence of Parkal MLA Sri Revuri Prakash Reddy. On this occasion, they were formally welcomed into the party fold with the Congress party scarf. It was noted that they joined voluntarily, attracted by the welfare schemes implemented by the Congress people's government. The MLA stated that the Congress

government is moving forward with public welfare as its primary objective and is prioritizing development and welfare in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He remarked that public trust in the Congress party is growing and assured that due respect and importance would be accorded to everyone joining the Congress family. He called upon leaders and party workers to work in coordination to further strengthen the party in the days ahead.



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Life dedicated to the field of educationSarvepalli Radhakrishna September 1888-17 April 1975

An Indian politician, philosopher, and statesman who served as the second President of India from 1962 to 1967. He had previously served as the first Vice-President of India from 1952 to 1962. He was India's second ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1949 to 1952. He was also the fourth Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University from 1939 to 1948, and the second Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University from 1931 to 1936. Radhakrishnan is considered one of the most influential and distinguished scholars of comparative religion and philosophy of the 20th century. 910 020 He served as the King George V Chair of Mental and Moral Science at the University of Calcutta from 1921 to 1932 and the Spalding Chair of Eastern Religion and Ethics at the University of Oxford from 1936 to 1952. He is credited with introducing Western philosophy into Indian philosophical thought. He served as Vice-President for two terms and then as President for one term, guiding the Prime Ministers during India's most difficult period (wars with China and Pakistan). Dr. Radhakrishnan was not only a President, but also a committed teacher and renowned philosopher who devoted a large part of his life to the field of education. He served as a lecturer in philosophy at several educational institutions. He served as Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University and Banaras Hindu University. He later served as the first Vice President of independent India and later as the second President. The ideas he expressed about education are still very relevant today. In a recent Teachers' Day speech, former President Pranab Mukherjee recalled Dr. Radhakrishnan's words. "The ultimate aim of education is not just to acquire information... but to develop the mental maturity, rational thinking and democratic spirit that will make us responsible citizens." This lofty idea has made Radhakrishnan a constant inspiration for this day. In his view, education is not limited to textbooks, examinations or technical skills. True education is to develop independent thinking, logical thinking and responsible civic feelings in students. Soon after India gained independence, in 1948, the Central Government set up the prestigious University Education Commission under the chairmanship of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The commission thoroughly examined the quality of university education in the country and suggested key changes to meet future needs. The report laid a solid foundation for the development of the higher education system in independent India. The recommendations of the commission had a profound impact on the structure of university education, teaching standards, research and educational management. Government documents make it clear that the 1948-49 report of the Radhakrishnan Commission, along with the later Kothari Commission report, was the foundation stone for the formulation of the country's education policies. The concept of "deemed universities" status given to current educational institutions also emerged from the recommendations of the Radhakrishnan Commission. The National Teachers' Awards ceremony will be held in the national capital New Delhi on the occasion of Teachers' Day 2026. President Draupadi Murmu will present these prestigious awards to 48 teachers who have rendered distinguished services to the school education sector on September 5. The recipients of these awards were selected through a three-stage transparent process at the district, state and national levels. They represent 27 states, 7 union territories and six central government agencies in the country. The Government of India started the National Teachers Awards in 1958 to recognize and honour teachers who have improved the quality of school education and shaped the lives of students through their teaching. There is a difference between Teachers' Day celebrated in India and International Teachers' Day celebrated worldwide. World Teachers' Day is celebrated on 5 October every year. According to UNESCO (details), this day has been celebrated since 1994. It is observed to commemorate the adoption of the historic recommendations made by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1966 regarding the status of teachers. These recommendations set international standards for the rights, responsibilities, training, appointment and working conditions of teachers.

PRC, Increment Resolution in Two Years: Revanth Assures Teachers

Vikarabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, speaking at a Teachers' Day event held at the Government Junior College in Kodangal in the district, assured teachers that if they cooperate for two years, his government will resolve all their pending issues, including PRC (Pay Revision Commission) and increments.

He affirmed that the State Government will introduce a new Education Policy soon. Stating that the government was taking big initiatives to provide quality education, skill upgradation and innovation, the Chief Minister called upon the entire teaching community to dedicate to strengthen the education system in accordance with the goals set by the state government.

The CM asserted that Teachers are the ones who lay the foundation for students' futures and commended the teaching community for dedicating their invaluable time to the students' future.

The Chief Minister urged the teachers to work hard with a resolve to make Telangana a role model for the country in providing quality education in the next 2 years. "Let us mould Telangana into a guiding force for the nation's education system. The good work we are doing deserves to be discussed at the national level"

Being an Education Minister also, the CM appealed to the teachers to stop protests as the government is ready to resolve the pending issues. "No need for the teachers to take to the streets. I am moving forward with the intention of effectively resolving the teachers' issues".

CM Revanth Reddy assured that he would take the responsibility of resolving every small issue of the teachers. The Chief Minister warned the teachers not to fall into the trap of opposition parties. "Give me two years. I will resolve your issues based on financial feasibility. It is not a good sign for the state if teachers take to the streets. If your issues are not resolved in 2 years, teachers will have freedom to give marks in the election exam" "

The CM slammed the previous BRS government for ruining the state economy with an 8.50 lakh crore mounting debt burden on the state exchequer. The last government raised the retirement age to 60 without paying retirement benefits. When the retired employees were facing a lot of trouble, the BRS leaders were sleeping in their farmhouse. The people's government has already paid ₹6,000 crore towards retirement benefits in just 2 years.

CM Revanth Reddy urged the teachers not to change their opinion about the government, which has been working for their welfare. We implemented the PRC immediately upon coming to power and are now demanding another PRC. "We are addressing the teachers' grievances by establishing an Education Commission and also working towards formulating an education policy.



The Chief Minister criticized the KCR government for devastating the education system during the ten-year rule. "Let us steer the devastated education system towards progress, and the responsibility lies in teachers' hands. We want to impart education to students from nursery to Class 12, and then teach them skills".

The CM praised the teachers for moving the Telangana State from the 28th position to the 17th after the people's government assumed office. This was made possible through the hard work of teachers. Student enrollment in government schools has also increased by 88,000 over the past two years. The Chief Minister attributed the success to the people of Telangana state.

CM Revanth Reddy emphasized that the government education system—from nursery to Class 12—should be strengthened on par with the private sector.

The Chief Minister warned that the opposition parties were spreading false propaganda on polytechnic colleges and trying to blackmail the government. "We are ready to resolve the issues as the government's doors are always open. Let us all rededicate ourselves to strengthening public education"

Further, the CM said that Polytechnic colleges recorded 95 per cent admissions, which is a testament to Telangana advancing rapidly in technical education. CM Revanth Reddy reiterated that the government is firmly committed to fostering education, jobs, and employment opportunities alongside welfare and development.

The Chief Minister highlighted the measures taken to strengthen the education sector, which included the appointment of competent individuals as Vice-Chancellors of universities to shape the students' future, filling 10,006 teacher posts through DSC within 55 days, giving promotions to 25,950 teachers, transferring 34,706 teachers without a single dispute, and also resolving the issue regarding GO 317. The state government was also sending teachers to foreign countries on a study tour and presenting awards to 123 teachers who excelled in the service, the CM said.



India Rises From 'Fragile Five': PM

New Delhi: Sprinkling his address liberally with Gen Z-friendly phrases such as "OG", and referring to the 'Dhurandhar' Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to Delhi University's Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) 13 years after his last speech there which gained immense traction and asserted that that India was not only growing at 7.8 per cent but also creating employment opportunities despite wars and disruptions. This demonstrated the country's strength, Modi said, and added said that those responsible for pushing the economy into the "Fragile Five" in 2014 could not digest it.

Addressing the SRCC centenary celebrations, Modi, frequently referring to his speech of 2013 as then Gujarat Chief Minister, also said that those who once spread terror have been silenced. Today if Pakistan commits any misdeed, the Indian Army would strike back on their own soil. He said from Jammu and Kashmir to the Northeast, there is peace and Naxalism has been dismantled.

Praising the SRCC's alumni, Modi said: "If I put it in your language, the alumni here are the OGs." He also said: "Dhurandhar na ho lekin dhoom machai hei (They may not be the stalwarts, but they have made a splash)".

Recalling that the country was struggling on every front in 2013, Modi said corruption, terrorism and inflation were unchecked, but India was now far more secure economically and socially.

However, some people's frustration was increasing after seeing this, he said. "For such people, I had given a homoeopathy dose from the Red Fort (during Independence Day address)... 'dimagi Naxal'.

"When I said 'dimagi Naxal', all such people came to the forefront and started criticising me. People who were promoting dimagi Naxalism, their true colour can be witnessed by the people," he said.

The Prime Minister said the world was at that time worried about India's policy paralysis before the 2014 polls, but today was talking about India's policy dynamism.

Modi said that in other words, India is not only growing, but also creating employment opportunities. "They once called us the 'Fragile Five'. Today, they are talking about India as the fastest-growing major economy," he said.

"In 2013, when I came to SRCC, I presented a vision. Whatever I said back then was my conviction... I gave the example of a glass filled with water. Some people see the glass as half full... It was a time when the country was lacking hope. So I said, 'I see the glass as fully filled', he said. "Those who saw the glass as half empty in 2013, when I had visited the SRCC, still chose to see it the same way today.

"India's 7.8 per cent growth has also come at a time when the war in West Asia is ongoing and when disruptions related to trade have persisted. Achieving such growth during that time demonstrates India's strength," he said, referring to GDP growth rate for April-June quarter.

He said that in the past six years, the country had faced many challenges, be it Covid or the conflicts in West Asia, and every time, it was said that PM Modi would not be able to survive these challenges. "But India has such immense capability that the wishes of those who want to see India fail are repeatedly being left unfulfilled," he said.

Modi said that 13 years ago, the seniors of the present generation of students could not dream of doing many things, but today, the current generation is dreaming big because India has created the ecosystem to achieve those dreams.

"I am happy that you are all ambitious. Ambition comes from the environment around you. Today, you talk about start-ups, becoming entrepreneurs and bringing innovation to agriculture," he said.

Outside the campus, the prime minister said, the students will find two types of people—"those who positively transform the power of society into the power of the nation and the others who turn into angry uncles (naraz fufa) as soon as any work begins".

He said such "negative people's favourite activity is to oppose every task and they have just one dialogue – Why do we need this'."

The Prime Minister said in 2013, when he talked about 'Make in India', people in that ecosystem thought it was not possible, and they still mock 'Make in India'.

"But now, you are witnessing the brand value of Make in India. Today, every person has a smartphone. Made in India smartphones are reaching every corner of the world. In 2014, India used to import mobile phones. Today, India is exporting mobile phones worth more than ₹2.5 lakh crore," he said.

Modi said India will have its own space station, and everyone will witness that day too. "When India one day hosts such Olympics that the world will be left in awe. These are not mere words; these are resolutions, and work is underway in the country to turn these resolutions into reality," he said.

Free Eco-Friendly Ganesha Workshop for Kids in Nallagandla; Limited Seats

Hyderabad: The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation and Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS) are jointly organising a hands-on eco-friendly Ganesha idol-making workshop for children aged 6–16 years. The workshop will be held on September 5 from 10 am to 12 noon at Ashoka Vanam Rock Garden in Nallagandla. The main aim of this is to promote creativity, environmental responsibility and sustainable festive celebrations among children. Participants will get an opportunity to make their own Ganesha idols using natural and eco-friendly materials. There is no entry fee and all required materials will be provided. However, registrations are limited.



Khairatabad Ganesh idol: 69-foot eco-friendly Panchamukha Ganapati taking shape

Hyderabad: More than 150 artisans from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Tamil Nadu are working on a 69-foot-tall, eco-friendly Panchamukha Sankatahara Maha Ganapati idol at Khairatabad for the coming Vinayaka Chaturthi festivities.

Khairatabad Ganesh Utsava Committee Convener G Sandeep Raj said the idol is being made entirely from eco-friendly materials using 30 tonnes of natural river clay transported from Rajasthan. "The water-soluble clay, sourced mainly from Banas river banks near Nathdwara, is blended with 20 tonnes of locally available sand from Hyderabad to make a paste," he said.

Odisha-based clay idol specialist Joga Rao, who is leading the sculpting, said the clay's smooth texture allows artisans to shape Lord Ganesha's trunk, ears and crown without extensive filtering. Rao has worked with the committee for five years and helped produce its tallest idol.

More than 25 tonnes of steel, including mesh sourced from Secunderabad, form the standing idol,



which has five heads, six hands and a trunk, and is blessed by a five-headed serpent.

Over 70 bundles of dried paddy straw from Yadadri district were layered over the metal mesh to strengthen the structure for transportation to Hussain Sagar Lake, Sandeep said.

More than 25 painters worked around the clock for three days, using water-based and organic colours to complete the idol.

The Panchamukha Sankatahara Maha Ganapati idol will be ready to open to the general public by September 12, an Utsava Committee member said.

Khairatabad Ganesh Idol:
69 feet in height
30 tonnes of natural river clay from Rajasthan
20 tonnes of locally available sand
25 tonnes of steel
70 bundles of dried paddy straw
Water based and organic colours for finish
Idol to be ready by September 12

Let's build a suicide-free India

Problems are just a part of life. Life itself is not a problem. Don't underestimate yourself. Move forward with courage .""Swami Vivekan and"

Suicides due to extreme stress due to not achieving the desired goals in life have become a major social and public health problem for humanity worldwide. According to the World Health Organization, an average of 700,000 people commit suicide worldwide. Of these, 15 to 29 are between the ages of 15 and 29. Several studies have shown that suicide is the second leading cause of death after road accidents. Estimates suggest that if people had "thought about their family members for a moment" before dying, the situation would have been different. Families that have lost their sense of direction due to suicides are facing serious economic and social problems and are financially bankrupt. "Suicides are increasing worldwide. People are taking their lives for trivial reasons. (Committing suicide) According to the report of the "World Health Organization", more than 7 lakh people commit suicide every year worldwide. Of these, 77 percent of the cases are registered in low-middle-income countries. According to the report of the World Health Organization, due to excessive rainfall and drought in the agricultural sector, insect infestation of crops, especially cotton farmers, who are unable to bear the expected yield and crop losses, and are not getting remunerative prices for their crops in the market, are committing suicide by drinking pesticides and hanging themselves. "WTO" says that such suicides can be controlled. The World Health Organization organizes awareness seminars on suicide prevention on September 10 every year.""Revival of hope in life""World Suicide Prevention Day is

celebrated by the World Health Organization (WHO) in collaboration with the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH). The economic and social consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic "For the past two years"with Aunu"To prevent suicides "Working together due to "conid"" Prevention of rising suicides "To establish a suicide-free society, voluntary organizations, social organizations, civil society, doctors, and the health department across the world jointly organize several awareness seminars to prevent suicides. Depression and anxiety among youth The accumulated depression and anxiety among youth has increased the percentage of people committing suicide due to 'unemployment', 'stress,' and mental health deterioration and inability to cope with health problems.The conditions of mental illness and stress are plaguing humanity. It works with the mission of restoring hope in life through "Connect, Communicate and Care" to overcome the difficulties caused by mental illness. "Suicides are increasing among farmers, weavers, unemployed workers, workers who have lost their jobs due to the closure of industries, and students who have failed exams. "The majority of those who commit suicide are young people. Those between the ages of 15 and 29 are the ones who commit suicide the most." The reason for this is failure in love, being reprimanded by elders, others who are doing this work because their workload has increased. Not getting a job. Failing in exams and being disgraced for failing in exams. "Depression" Loss of mental "balance." Financial problems." Family conflicts, not recognizing the strengths and abilities

of children and putting them under extreme pressure, the influence of TV and social media, weak mentality that cannot face problems when problems arise, in-law harassment, domestic violence, dowry, pressures, the burden of studies, pressure for ranks, "suspicious," hatred, "ego," insults, and differences in kinship. The pain of debt, the inability to bear the harsh words and actions of competition in society, the separation from loved ones, and the loss of loved ones have all led many to commit suicide. People of all ages are committing suicide in men all over the world. Suicide rate is high. Rising suicides: The number of people committing suicide in the country for various reasons has increased significantly. The number of suicides has been increasing every year since 2015. In 2018, 1,39,123 suicides were registered. This is an increase of 3.4 percent compared to 2018. The suicide rate increased by 0.2 percent in 2019. State-wise, Maharashtra had the highest number of suicides at 18,916 (13.6 percent), followed by West Bengal at 12,457 (9.1 percent) and Karnataka at 11,288 (8.1 percent). These five states together accounted for 49.5 percent of the registered cases. In 2019, compared to 2018, "Suicides increased by 3.4 percent. Of the sex, Most people commit suicide due to family disputes. The second most common cause of suicide is illness. People who commit suicide due to marital problems are in 3rd place. People who die due to love affairs are in 4th place. People who die due to drugs are in 5th place. The need has increased. Awareness on suicide prevention: It is unfortunate that suicide has become a public health problem and is a challenge to society. There should be a discussion on suicide. 1) Several health surveys have revealed that the desired results in suicide prevention are not being

achieved due to the lack of open discussion in society about suicide. Suicides can be prevented by sensing the behavior of those who commit suicide and identifying them. Creating awareness on self-determination. The government and civil society should work together to create a socio-cultural environment that enhances mental strength with activities that expand mental health literacy. Prevention of suicides We should create hope for life. Increasing awareness of life, increasing hope, and increasing life values and life skills. By encouraging hope in individuals, we can build a suicide-free society by changing the thought of suicide. We should read the biographies and success stories of people who have fulfilled their life goals. We can stop suicides by telling stories and events that increase courage, courage, strength of mind, and willpower. The courage to face difficulties willingly is the diamond determination of people. Family members, civil society, voluntary organizations, women's groups, and youth organizations should work with the aim of inspiring faith in people. Those facing a suicide crisis should be listened to patiently. Civil society should provide the necessary support to ensure safety on life with sincere greetings and kind words. The reasons and circumstances that lead to suicidal thoughts are complex. Mental health conditions like anxiety and depression can lead to suicide. Loneliness is a psychological "Identifying those who suffer from poverty Pay attention to. We should share our suffering with friends. We should share the happiness of our close friends. We should increase our

hope in life. We should eliminate greed. If we talk about suicidal thoughts and experiences, we will reduce our suicidal thoughts by allocating time and space to listen. We should encourage their thinking. Small talk can save lives. It creates hope in a person. We should focus on new things, then the negative thoughts in us will decrease and we will gain freedom. We should put an end to negative thoughts. We should develop the habit of moving forward with determination and courage. Daily exercise, yoga, walking, jogging, meditation, and reading books are good exercises for the brain. If the neurons in the brain are healthy, negative thoughts will decrease. This condition helps in preventing suicide. We should carefully observe those who are likely to commit suicide. Pesticides, guns, weapons, and certain types of medicines should be kept out of their reach. The central and state governments should undertake reforms in the education system. 'Yoga meditation should be introduced in the new education system without fail. Human values and psychology should be introduced as a subject in the curriculum at the school and college levels.' Civil society, government, social voluntary organizations, educational and health departments should collectively promote the values of life, mental health, and well-being through the "Health for All" campaign to prevent suicides and reorganize society to build a suicide-free India.



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Direct Voice State bureau
Chief Hyderabad, Sep-
tember 6 "Union Minister
Shri G. Kishan Reddy
praised that the united
efforts of various yoga
organizations in the
state played a key role in
the successful conduct of
programs organized un-
der the auspices of
Telangana Yoga JAC on
the occasion of Interna-
tional Yoga Day Along
with the One Day Count-
down program for Inter-
national Yoga Day held on
June 20th of this year at
the Secunderabad Pa-
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quent victory celebrati-
on was held grandly on
September 5th at CGO
Towers in Kawad iguda.
With the full cooperation

and guidance of Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy, this year too, like every year, the International Yoga Day programs were conducted in a highly prestigious manner. On this occasion, Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy himself felicitated and congratulated the representatives of various yoga organizations in the state who contributed to the success of the programs under the auspices of JAC, with certificates of appreciation and shawls. He expressed his desire that organizations in the field of yoga should work in coordination to create more awareness about yoga among the

public. Discussion on Issues of 600 AYUSH Yoga Teachers During the program, the issues being faced by about 600 people working as AYUSH Yoga Teachers in Telangana were brought to the notice of the Union Minister. Mainly Salaries pending for the last 5 months should be released immediately. Standard working hours should be fixed for AYUSH Yoga Teachers. Those working in distant areas should be given the opportunity to be transferred to work in nearby areas as far as possible. Remaining vacancies should be filled expeditiously...

Grand Felicitation for the United Effort of Telangana Yoga JAC Positive Response from Kishan Reddy to Resolve Issues of 600 AYUSH Yoga Teachers

**At the level of physical and social infrastructure,
the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram
(PMJVK) plays a critical role**

Bureau Chief Warangal
September 6 : Targeting minority concentration Areas that lag behind on key socio-economic indicators, the scheme supports the development of schools, health centres, skill hubs, sanitation facilities, and drinking water infrastructure. By addressing spatial inequalities, PMJKV contributes to reducing regional disparities and improving quality of life. Strong infrastructure, in turn, fosters healthier, more stable, and more connected communities. Equally important is the emphasis on youth engagement and community leadership. Across India, local initiatives led by community elders, educators, and religious leaders have contributed to strengthening social cohesion. Mosques, Madrasas, and community centres increasingly serve as spaces for guidance, mentorship, and social dialogue, particularly for younger generations.

These institutions help cultivate values of pluralism, civic responsibility, and constructive participation in society. Families also play a foundational role in this ecosystem of resilience. Early engagement with children's education, aspirations, and well-being creates an environment where individuals are better equipped to navigate social and economic challenges. When supported by institutional mechanisms such as schools, scholarships, and skill programmes, family-level engagement becomes a powerful driver of long-term community stability. Another significant dimension of India's approach is the integration of welfare with dignity and opportunity. Programmes promoting self-employment, small enterprises, and women's leadership reflect a shift towards empowerment-led development. Taken together, these measures indicate that India's strategy

for building resilient communities rests on a multi-dimensional foundation: education, economic inclusion, infrastructure development, institutional support and community participation. For the Muslim community, in particular, this approach offers pathways to strengthen internal capacities while engaging more actively with national opportunities and resources. The success of this strategy depends, ultimately, on sustained partnerships between the state and society. Government policies can create enabling frameworks, but their effectiveness is shaped by how communities engage with them. When families remain invested in education when local leadership fosters constructive engagement, and when young people access opportunities for growth and employment, resilience becomes a lived reality rather than a policy objective.

Teachers Should Follow the Path of Sarvepalli and Savitribai Phule“

RTI Commissioner's Call to Teachers - Grand Teacher Award Ceremony

Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Khammam, September 6*State Information Commissioner P.V. Srinivasa Rao stated that all teachers should follow the ideals of former President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and the first female teacher, Savitribai Phule; he emphasized that teachers bear the responsibility of taking the noble visions of these great figures to the general public. On Sunday, an award presentation ceremony for teachers was held at the Khammam Jubilee Officers' Club, jointly organized by

the Anan dalahari Cultural Service Organization and Mogili Entertainments. Speaking as the chief guest at the meeting presided over by Mallam Ramesh, director and producer of the film *Vande Bharat P.V. Srinivasa Rao remarked that teachers need to adapt their methods by understanding the evolution from primitive society to the modern technological era. He expressed concern over the current trend of regressing from modernity toward a primitive mindset and

lamented the lack of discernment among people regarding right and wrong. He urged teachers to help steer society out of this situation. Mallam Ramesh emphasized the need to raise public awareness regarding the Right to Information (RTI). He noted that many citizens have yet to reap the benefits of the RTI and urged for widespread publicity to inform everyone about this right. Participants in the event included former City Mayor Punukollu Neeraja, Jubilee Club Secretary Motukuri Nageswara Rao,

Gurudakshina Foundation Chairman G. Shan karayya, prominent doctors Gongura Venkateswarlu and Syed Imam, Pensioners' Association representative s Venu, Ravikumar, and Neerukonda Usharani, PRTU President Katta Sekhar, Gang ishetti Venkatesham, poet Sitaramulu, Swar asudha's Komarraju Madhava Rao, and others. Subsequently, awards were presented to twenty teachers. Mogili Gunakar served as the event's moderator.



CONGRESS FAILED TO FULFIL POLL PROMISES BRS LEADER PADIDAM NARAYANA



**Direct Voice : Jagtil Bu-
reau Chief Kyasa
Gangadhar || Septem-
ber 06:** Endapalli: BRS
leaders and activists dis-
tributed "Dues cards"
door-to-door in Charla
palli village of Endapalli
mandal on Sunday, alleg-
ing that the Congress
government had failed
to fulfil the promises
made to the people dur-
ing the elections. The
programme was organis-
ed as part of the BRS cam-
paign in the Dharmapuri
Assembly constituency
on the directions of
former minister Koppula
Eshwar. Party leaders
visited households and
handed over the cards to
residents, highlighting
the alleged unfulfilled
election promises of the
Congress government.
Speaking on the occa-

sion, BRS senior leader
and former AMC Market
Committee vice-chair-
man Padidam Narayana
alleged that the Con-
gress came to power
with six guarantees and
420 promises but had
failed to implement
several of them. He said
that even after the
Revanth Reddy govern-
ment completed 1,000
days in office, many of
the promises made to
the people were yet to
be fulfilled. The Con-
gress government had
consequently become
"indebted" to the
people of the State, he
alleged. Narayana said
the BRS had prepared
the dues cards to create
awareness among the
people about the elec-
tion promises and their
implementation status.

The cards were being
distributed from door to
door to highlight the al-
leged failures of the gov-
ernment, he said. He
stated that the BRS
would take the govern-
ment's failures to the
people and question the
Congress over its unful-
filled assurances. The
party would continue its
struggle in support of the
people until all the
promises were fully
implemented, he as-
serted. BRS activists Padi-
dam Venkatesh, Battu
Ramaswamy Goud, vil-
lage unit leaders Shere
Shravan Kumar, Padidam
Satyaiah, Bandi Tiru-
pathi, Madasu Kumara
swamy and Padidam
Laxman, besides other
party workers, partici-
pated in the programme.

Special Ward Needed for Hemophilia Patients

**Direct Voice Bureau
Chief Warangal Septem-
ber 6.:** The Warangal
Chapter of the Hemo-
philia Society has urged
the government to es-
tablish a dedicated he-
mophilia treatment
ward in the new build-
ing of the Warangal Su-
per Specialty Hospital.
They requested that
measures be taken to
ensure the availability of
clotting factor injections,
doctors, and nursing staff
around the clock. Society
Secretary N. Suman
Kumar and Vice-Presi-
dent Naredla Srinivas
met Dr. Katam Ramku-
mar Reddy, Superinten-
dent of MGM Hospital,
Warangal, and submit-
ted a representation to
this effect. They stated



that approximately 150 hemophilia patients from
Warangal and five surrounding districts currently
rely on MGM Hospital. They highlighted that fail-
ure to administer factor injections in a timely man-
ner during emergencies could lead to severe con-
sequences, including life-threatening situations
and permanent disability. Society representatives
reported that the Superintendent responded posi-
tively to the request.

Recognition for Distinguished Services in Education.. Barla Srinivas Honoured as District Best Teacher

**From Kalwacharla to the District Level.. A Rare Honour
for Barla Srinivas**

Peddapalli Correspondent September 06:
Peddapalli Barla Srinivas, Headmaster of
Krishnaveni Talent School in Kalwacharla vil-
lage of Ramagiri Mandal, has been selected
as the District-Level Best Teacher at the
Teachers' Day Celebrations-2026 held at the
Peddapalli district headquarters. He was se-
lected in recognition of his distinguished ser-
vices in the field of education and for provid-
ing modern, corporate-level education to stu-
dents from rural backgrounds while encour-
aging creativity and developing new skills among them. On the occa-
sion, Peddapalli District Collector Sri Koya Sri Harsha and District Edu-
cation Officer Sharada felicitated Barla Srinivas with a shawl and pre-
sented him with a memento. Government Recognised Schools Asso-
ciation State Vice-President Yadagiri Goud, District Honorary President
Anja Reddy, District President Kandi Ravinder Reddy, Ramagundam
President A. Sammi Rao, Secretary Kotha Srinivas Reddy, School Cor-
respondent Chandupatla Tirupati Reddy, Directors Sridhar Babu and
Ranjith Reddy, along with the teaching staff and students, expressed
happiness over Barla Srinivas being selected as the District Best Teacher
and congratulated him on the achievement.



Women's Economic Empowerment is Government's Goal : Minister Seethakka

Nagarkurnool: The
State government is
implementing several
programmes to en-
sure that women
achieve economic
self-reliance and be-
come financially inde-
pendent, Panchayat
Raj, Rural Develop-
ment and Women and
Child Welfare Minister
Dr Danasari Anasuya
Seethakka said on
Saturday.

Seethakka, along
with Excise, Tourism
and Cultural Affairs
Minister Jupally
Krishna Rao,
Nagarkurnool MP
Mallu Ravi and District
Collector Hemanta
Keshav Patil, laid founda-
tion stones for various
development works,
including road and
solar power projects,
in Peddakothapally and
Kollapur mandals.
Later, addressing a
public meeting held at
Raja Bungalow in
Kollapur on the occa-
sion of the completion
of 1,000 days of the
Praja Palana govern-
ment, she said women's
self-help groups were
being strengthened by
providing them with busi-
ness and self-employ-
ment opportunities in-
stead of limiting them
to savings and credit
activities.

She said SHG
members were being
entrusted with the
stitching and supply of
uniforms for
Anganwadi children
and school students,



thereby creating regu-
lar employment oppor-
tunities. Through
paddy procurement
activities undertaken
by women's groups,
they earned around
Rs.2.53 crore as com-
mission income dur-
ing the Kharif season,
she said. The
government's objec-
tive was to ensure that
every woman became
part of some business
or self-employment
activity.

The government
was also providing
opportunities for
women's groups to
establish solar power
units. By using the
electricity generated
and selling the surplus
power, SHGs could
potentially earn be-
tween Rs.3 lakh and
Rs.5 lakh a month,
she said. She added
that Indira Mahila
Shakti Bhavans were
being constructed to
provide dedicated fa-
cilities for women's
groups. A building and
district office were be-
ing constructed at the
district headquarters
at a cost of around
Rs.6 crore.

Seethakka said the
Congress government
had introduced free
bus travel for women
within 48 hours of as-
suming office. She
stressed that women
should move beyond
household responsi-
bilities and actively
participate in eco-
nomic activities while
also advancing in so-
cial and political
spheres.

Minister Jupally
Krishna Rao said the
government was com-
mitted to the compre-
hensive development
of the Kollapur As-
sembly constituency.
Around Rs.500 crore
had been sanctioned
for the development of
roads under the
Roads and Buildings
and Panchayat Raj
departments, with an-
other Rs.100 crore
being proposed for
road works, he said.
Around Rs.50 crore
was being spent on
strengthening the
power supply system
in the constituency.

He said an Inte-
grated School was
being established at
Jetpole to benefit

around 2,500 stu-
dents, with an esti-
mated construction
cost of Rs.200 crore.
The works would be
completed before the
next academic year,
he said. The govern-
ment was also sup-
porting women's
groups through inter-
est-free loans, solar
units and RTC buses
to create sustainable
income opportunities.

Jupally said steps
were being taken to
develop tourism po-
tential in Kollapur and
to construct cultural
buildings and sports
stadia at the mandal
level. Under the
Indiramma housing
scheme, eligible poor
families were being
provided financial as-
sistance of up to Rs.5
lakh per house, he
said.

He also stressed
the need to create
awareness among
people, particularly
youth, about drug
abuse and other so-
cial issues through
cultural programmes.
He advised people to
maintain financial dis-

cipline, control unnec-
essary expenditure
and cultivate the habit
of saving. He also
urged people to focus
on preventive
healthcare and make
time for exercise, yoga
and meditation. Youth
and women should
use mobile phones
and social media for
education, skill devel-
opment, employment
and business opportu-
nities, rather than
merely for entertain-
ment, he said.

Later, the ministers
and MP distributed
cheques for Rs.175
crore in interest-free
loans to women's self-
help groups in the
Kollapur constituency.
Sheep and country
chicken chicks were
also distributed to
members of women's
groups in various
mandals.

A cultural play on
the theme "Do not fall
into debt by spending
extravagantly", pre-
sented under the
Telangana Cultural
Department on the in-
structions of Minister
Jupally Krishna Rao,
received appreciation
from the audience.

District Collector
Hemanta Keshav
Patil, Additional Col-
lector Deva Sahayam,
RDO Bansilal,
Kollapur Municipal
Chairperson Reddy
Jyothi, officials from
various departments
and public representa-
tives were among
those who attended
the programme

Teachers Are the Architects of an Equitable Society

**Teachers should constantly encourage students and guide them towards the right path
Practical knowledge should be given priority in the AI era
— District Collector Bhavesh Mishra**

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra said that teach-
ers play a crucial role in shaping students' futures by
providing them with knowledge and skills, along with
the strength and confidence to face life's challenges.
He described teachers as the architects of an equi-
table society and urged them to constantly encourage
students and guide them towards a positive and right-
eous path.

The Collector attended the National Teachers' Day
celebrations held at the Collectorate conference hall
on Saturday evening as the chief guest. The
programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial
lamp and floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli
Radhakrishnan. The Vande Mataram and Telangana
State songs were also sung on the occasion.

Speaking at the event, the Collector said that in the
present era of Artificial Intelligence (AI), practical knowl-
edge is as important as academic knowledge. He ad-
vised students not to limit themselves to studying text-
books merely to score marks in examinations, but to
develop the ability to apply what they learn to real-life
situations. He noted that skilled human resources are
the key driving force behind the development of lead-
ing technology companies across the world, and that
teachers' teaching and guidance lay the foundation for
such skills.

The Collector stressed the need to develop reading
habits among students. He encouraged teachers to
motivate students to read books and explore knowl-
edge resources on various subjects and topics. He said
teaching should focus on developing social awareness,
an inquisitive mindset, learning abilities and practical
thinking among students.

He urged teachers to continuously monitor, encour-
age and guide students so that they do not fall into bad
habits and instead follow the right path. He said teach-
ers have the responsibility of removing the darkness in
society through education and lighting the lamp of
knowledge.



The Collector appreciated the significant increase in student
enrolment in government educational institutions in the district
this year and the improvement in examination results. He called
upon teachers to continue working with the same dedication and
take the district further ahead in the field of education.

Later, the Collector congratulated the teachers selected for
the Best Teacher Awards on the occasion of National Teachers'
Day. He presented them with mementoes and certificates of ap-
preciation and felicitated them with shawls. He expressed his
wishes for them to achieve greater recognition and excellence at
the state and national levels as well.

District Education Officer Bhojann, DRO Ramesh Rathod,
District Intermediate Education Officer Parashuram, BC and SC
Welfare Department officials Srinivas and Dayanand, Govern-
ment Degree College Principal Sudhakar, representatives of vari-
ous teachers' associations, teachers, officials and staff mem-
bers attended the programme.

Massive Congress Bike Rally in Nirmal to Mark 1,000 Days of Praja Palana

Nirmal District Correspondent : A massive bike rally was organized by the Congress party in Nirmal district headquarters as part of the celebrations marking 1,000 days of Praja Palana (people's governance). The rally was held with the objective of taking the welfare and development programmes being implemented by the Telangana Congress government under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to the people. A large number of Congress leaders, youth, and party workers participated in the rally.

The programme was attended by Nirmal District Congress Party President and Khanapur MLA Vedma Bhoju Patel, Nirmal Constituency Congress Party In-charge Kuchadi Srihari Rao, Mudhol Constituency In-charge Narayana Patel, former MLA Vital Reddy, and others as chief guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Kuchadi Srihari Rao said that after coming to power, the Congress government had undertaken several programmes aimed at the welfare of the people and the development of farmers, women, youth, and the poor. He said that the welfare schemes implemented during the 1,000 days of Praja Palana were



reaching the people.

Srihari Rao urged people to compare the promises made by the previous BRS government during its ten-year rule with the programmes implemented by the present Congress government during its 1,000 days in office. He said the Congress government was fulfilling its electoral promises in a phased manner while giving priority to public welfare.

"Congress Will Return to Power Again in the 2028 Elections" – Kuchadi Srihari Rao

Congress leaders and party workers participated in the rally in large numbers on motorcycles and took the government's welfare programmes to the people. The rally continued through Nirmal town in an enthusiastic atmosphere.

Casteism on Kharge: B'lore Cops File Zero FIR Against UT BJP Leaders

Bengaluru: The Vidhana Soudha Police in Bengaluru have registered a zero FIR against Uttarakhand BJP members and others over an alleged "purification ritual" conducted at Ramli Ground in Haldwani after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge addressed a rally there.

The FIR was registered on August 31 following a complaint filed by T R Ramappa, former vice-chairman of the ST Department of the Indian National Congress. According to the complaint, Kharge, who is also the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, addressed a public rally at Ramli Ground in Haldwani, Nainital district, on August 8.

The complainant described the gathering as a peaceful and lawful democratic assembly.

It was alleged that on August 10, BJP members and functionaries conducted a "purification ritual" or "Shuddhikaran" at the same venue.

The complainant alleged that the ritual was intended to convey that Kharge's presence had rendered the venue "impure" because he belongs to a Scheduled Caste community.

The complaint termed the act an insult and an offence under laws dealing with untouchability.

The complaint also named Uttarakhand BJP president Mahendra Bhatt for allegedly defending and justifying the ritual after it came under criticism.

Police have registered the case under Sections 7(1)(c), 7(1)(d) and 7(1)(e) of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, Section 3(1)(u) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and Section 196(1)(b) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, which deals with promoting enmity between different groups.

As the case has been registered as a zero FIR, it can be lodged at any police station irrespective of jurisdiction.

The Vidhana Soudha Police said the FIR will be transferred to the jurisdictional police station in Haldwani, Uttarakhand, for further investigation.



tion.

The Bengaluru Police will not investigate the case, the officer said, adding that similar FIRs have been registered in at least eight places across the country in connection with the incident.

The development has triggered a political confrontation between the Congress and the BJP.

Kharge had raised the issue in the Rajya Sabha on August 13 and later wrote to the Leader of the House, JP Nadda, questioning the delay in registering an FIR over the incident.

In his letter, Kharge said the "purification" at the venue where he had addressed the rally was contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and human values, and linked the practice to untouchability.

He also drew a parallel with Dr B R Ambedkar's Mahad Satyagraha of 1927, to secure the right of untouchables to access drinking water from the public Chawdar Tank in Mahad, Maharashtra.

Meanwhile, Haldwani Police had earlier registered an FIR against Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi based on a complaint alleging that he had given a casteist interpretation to what the organisers described as a routine religious ritual.

The Congress has termed the FIR against Rahul Gandhi an attempt to divert attention from the issue of the alleged purification ritual.

Students are suffering due to delay in release of fee reimbursement : T Harish Rao

Former Minister T Harish Rao alleged that delays in fee reimbursement had forced colleges to withhold certificates, leaving students unable to pursue postgraduate courses. He also criticised the government over college closures, Skill University plans and alleged police action against protesting students

Siddipet: Former Minister T Harish Rao said that many students could not join post graduation courses since the colleges have refused to issue certificates even after completing the degree, B-Tech, B-Pharmacy and other graduation courses. Since the Congress government failed to release any funds towards fee reimbursement during the last three years, Rao said that colleges have refused to issue certificates to students.

Stating that some pharmacy students had approached him when a private college management denied them certificates, the former minister said that the management said that they could not pay the salaries of the faculty due to delay in issuing funds. When he tried to convince them to issue certificates to students, the former minister said that they will be forced to close down the institutes if the government continued to ignore.

Rao, who participated in a protest organised by students in Siddipet town over the delay in release of fee reimbursement, said that the BRS government led by K Chandrashekhara Rao had



released the funds from time to time when the state was reeling under serious financial crisis during the Covid-19. He said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's ignorance had put the students at the risk of losing an academic year.

Due to the ignorance of the government, the former minister said that over 300 degree colleges were closed down including five colleges in Siddipet. Opposing the government's move to merge polytechnic education in Skill University, he said that the students would lose many opportunities since the Skill University is being set up in PPP mode. Rao also warned that he would not tolerate if police behaved violently with the students whenever they organised protests.

Minister Jupally's Visit Arrangements Must Be Completed Meticulously: Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Correspondent : As District In-charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao is scheduled to visit Basara on Sunday and participate in the inauguration of various development works, District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to complete all arrangements for the visit in a foolproof manner.

On Saturday, the District Collector inspected the arrangements for the minister's visit at the field level in Basara. He reviewed the arrangements at the Sri Gnana Saraswathi Temple and surrounding areas of the Godavari River and sought details from the concerned officials.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector instructed officials to complete all arrangements well in advance according to the programme schedule to avoid any inconvenience during the minister's visit. He directed officials to pay special attention to parking, security, traffic regulation, sanitation, drinking water and electricity arrangements. He emphasized that officials of all concerned departments should work in coordination to make the minister's visit successful and ensure that there were no lapses in the arrangements.

Later, District Collector Bhavesh Mishra inspected the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process at the Bhainsa Tahsildar's office. He directed officials to complete the issuance of notices and subsequent procedures within the stipulated deadlines. He also instructed officials



to provide voters with the necessary information regarding the SIR process, clarify their doubts and extend full cooperation.

During the inspection, the Collector personally interacted with several voters, enquired about their doubts regarding the SIR process and clarified their concerns.

Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, Irrigation and R&B Executive Engineers Anil and Subhash, Horticulture Officer Ramana, Basara Temple EO Anjana Devi, Tahsildars Pavan Chandra and Shashi Bhushan, along with other officials and staff, participated in the programmes.

Orphan Girl from Tabitha Ashram Secures MBBS Seat

Collector Koya Sriharsha's Encouragement Helps Her Take a Major Step Towards Medical Education

Peddapalli Correspondant September 6:: V. Sandhya, an orphan girl who has been studying at Tabitha Ashram since Class 1, has secured an MBBS seat in a government medical college in Bhupalapally district, bringing pride to the institution. Sandhya scored an impressive 955 marks in Intermediate and aspired to pursue medical education. Recognising her potential and determination, Peddapalli District Collector Koya Sriharsha took special interest in supporting her goal and arranged online NEET coaching for her. While staying at Tabitha Ashram, Sandhya made effective use of the online coaching and worked hard with determination. Her efforts paid off as she secured an MBBS seat in the government medical college. Collector Koya Sriharsha congratulated Sandhya on her achievement and appreciated her dedication to education despite growing up under the care of the ashram. He said her success was a matter of great happiness and assured her of continued encouragement and support until she successfully completes her MBBS course. The Collector advised other children studying at Tabitha Ashram to take inspiration from Sandhya and strive for excellence in education. He said the government machinery would extend the necessary support for their educational development. Officials said Sandhya's achievement would serve as an inspiration to other children at the ashram and demonstrated that talented students can achieve their goals with proper encouragement, guidance and determination. Relevant officials and others participated in the programme.



BRS MLA Warns Minister Ponguleti At Protest Programme

HANAMKONDA: Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy has warned minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy for the latter's remarks against BRS chief and former chief minister K. Chandrababu Naidu.

"Minister Ponguleti should speak carefully. Otherwise, we will deal with you. Telangana is KCR's stronghold," Kaushik Reddy declared while addressing a "Vantavarpu" protest rally organised by the opposition BRS party at the Kamalapur mandal headquarters in Hanamkonda district on Friday.

The MLA charged that the Congress had promised to implement its Six Guarantees within 100 days, but had failed to fulfil them even after completing 1,000 days in office.

Kaushik Reddy alleged that attempts are being made to loot properties worth ₹2,000 crore at Vattinagulapally in Hyderabad. He accused the Congress government of blackmailing people by placing one lakh acres in Hyderabad on the blacklist.

The BRS MLA declared that Congress will not secure even single-digit seats in the next assembly elections and most of its contestants would lose their election deposits



Naidu wants 100 per cent literacy in Andhra Pradesh by 2027

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday emphasised that teachers will have to play a crucial role in preparing students for future challenges arising from rapid technological changes. "Artificial intelligence (AI) could provide information. But development can only be led by the human element mainly comprising students," the CM underlined at the Teachers' Day celebrations organised by the Andhra Pradesh government.

Naidu called for reforms in education system to keep pace with the evolving technologies. He wanted restructuring of

courses from school to higher education in line with the emerging industrial requirements. "Students should be exposed to fields, such as AI, quantum technology, robotics, and data analytics right from an early stage," he emphasised. The Chief Minister maintained that even though AI is entering various sectors, it cannot replace teachers. He wanted education to be delivered with values, culture, patriotism, and love for nature. He asked teachers to nurture among students leadership qualities, innovation, creativity, and ability to overcome challenges.

Naidu asserted that



education should not remain confined to textbooks and classrooms. Students

should be provided opportunities for experiential learning. He requested

teachers to develop their schools into distinctive brands, where students of

Class VII acquire proficiency in AI. Further, the CM stressed on the need to link education with sports, nature, and healthy practices. Schools should observe every Saturday as "No Bag Day" and undertake activities such as tree plantation, spirituality, yoga, and meditation for students.

Naidu said his government is working towards achieving 100 per cent literacy in Andhra Pradesh by 2027. He pointed out that technologies, such as Clicker and AI Tutor are being used to transform classroom teaching. Referring to teacher recruitment, the Chief Minister said the coa-

lition government's first signature after assuming office had been to appoint teachers through the Mega DSC. Despite more than 350 petitions filed by YSRC leaders to obstruct the recruitment, state government overcame all hurdles and provided jobs to teachers, he stated. Naidu declared that teachers alone could help India regain its position as "Vishwaguru" by shaping students into future leaders. On the occasion, he visited an exhibition showcasing School Education department initiatives, where Lokesh explained the educational reforms being implemented.

90 Teachers Felicitated on Teachers' Day in Vizianagaram

Vizianagaram: As many as 90 teachers selected as best teachers at various levels in Vizianagaram district were felicitated at a Teachers' Day function held here on Saturday.



Minister for MSME Kondapalli Srinivas, who was the chief guest, said teachers played a vital role in shaping future generations and building society. He said a teacher's greatest achievement was seeing students succeed in life and urged educators to identify every child's talent and guide them in the right direction.

MLC Gade Srinivasulu Naidu, Vizianagaram MLA Aditi Vijayalakshmi Gajapathi Raju and Nallimarla MLA Lokam Nagamadhavi attended the event.

Collector S. Ramsundar Reddy highlighted the district's progress in education, noting that Vizianagaram recorded around a 92 per cent pass percentage in the Class 10 examinations this year. He attributed the performance to the collective efforts of teachers and said government schools had proved they could match private institutions in delivering quality education.

The 90 teachers were presented with appreciation certificates. Officials also announced that three teachers from the district had been selected for the State-level Best Teacher Awards to be presented in Amaravati.

Congress, Left Misleading Public on GDP Growth: Lanka Dinakar

Visakhapatnam: Lanka Dinakar, chairman, Twenty Points Programme (Viksit Bharat - Swarna Andhra Pradesh) Implementation, criticised Congress leaders, Left sympathisers and those opposed to the Narendra Modi government for creating confusion among the public over GDP statistics. Addressing a press conference in Visakhapatnam on Saturday, Dinakar said combining the old 2011-12 GDP series with the new 2022-23 series to portray the official 7.8 per cent GDP growth as 2.6 per cent was political propaganda intended to mislead the public.



"Growth must be calculated on the basis of a single GDP series, a single base year, a consistent methodology, and comparable prices," Dinakar said. He said taking the 2025-26 figures from the 2011-12 series and the 2026-27 figures from the 2022-23 series, and presenting the difference between them as "actual GDP growth," was not scientifically valid.

He said the selection of 2022-23 as the new base year was not a political decision, but a recommendation made by the advisory committee on National Accounts Statistics after examining various years. He said the committee considered factors such as the implementation of GST, the impact of Covid-19 and the post-Covid recovery before treating 2022-23 as a relatively normal year.

Dinakar said there had been significant changes in India's economy between 2011-12 and 2026, with progress in manufacturing, the digital economy, e-commerce, financial services, infrastructure, technology and formalisation of businesses.

(PRC), which will cost the exchequer Rs 2,880 crore per annum.

The Chief Minister's decisions came in the wake of government employees' unions demanding the resolution of pending issues, including the PRC and Dearness Allowance (DA).

"CM Naidu announced several sops to resolve pending issues of government employees... Agreement to constitute the 12th PRC. Payment of two pending DAs from October 1, 2026. Release of DAs due from July 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025," an official release said.

Likewise, Naidu agreed to credit the surrender leave amount pertaining to 2022 to employees' accounts by the coming Sankranti festival.

Payment of one additional surrender leave to police personnel during the upcoming Dasara festival will also be made, he said,

adding that an additional quantum of pension will be implemented from January 2027.

The TDP supremo promised to pay an additional 10 per cent pension to pensioners above 70 years of age and 15 per cent to those over 75 years, the release said.

Similarly, the Chief Minister assured that the Employees Health Scheme (EHS) would be streamlined, promising that from October onwards, the government would make monthly payments to the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust.

"The decisions announced by the Chief Min-

ister will entail an additional annual expenditure of Rs 2,880 crore to the government exchequer. The CM reiterated that the government would continue to work towards the welfare and well-being of its employees while taking practical steps to resolve their issues," the release said.

Naidu Orders Speedy Trials In SC, ST Atrocity Cases

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to expedite investigation and trial of cases registered under the SC / ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. "Ensure that the guilty are punished at the earliest," the CM underlined, while stressing on the need to prevent misuse of the law. Chairing a state-level high-power committee meeting on implementation of the SC / ST Act and welfare of SCs and STs at his Camp Office on Saturday, Naidu wanted a special study into relatively high number of atrocity cases against SCs and STs in Guntur, Anantapur, East Godavari and Prakasam districts.

The Chief Minister asked officials to analyse the nature and reasons for the cases, apart from the time taken for their disposal. He expressed displeasure that 131 district-level meetings have not been held to resolve the grassroots problems faced by SC and ST communities. Referring to the Justice Punnayya Commission report submitted about 25 years ago, Naidu ordered a comprehensive study comparing the socio-economic conditions prevailing then and the situation now.



He wanted all departments to coordinate towards ensuring the economic empowerment of SCs and STs and building up their confidence levels. He wanted officials to pay special attention to education of SC and ST students so that they can compete for admission into premier institutions, such as IITs and IIMs.

The CM alleged that some political parties are creating controversy over the government's initiatives to prevent SC and ST students from pursuing higher education and progressing in life. He pointed out that the government is spending substantial amounts on SC and ST development. He called for effective utilisation of programmes, such as P4 and MBK 10-20. He asked public representatives to give priority to the advancement of SCs and STs.

Naidu directed the SC and ST finance corporations to launch large-scale employment generation programmes. In tribal agency areas, he said, incomes could be raised through commercial crops, such as coffee, and better utilisation of forest produce. He directed implementation of Net Zero policy in SC and ST hostels to transform them environmentally sustainable and self-reliant campuses with regard to health, infrastructure and education. He said skill development among SC and ST youth should enable them to secure jobs both locally and abroad. The Chief Minister accused the previous government of weakening SC and ST corporations, while the coalition government has now revived them after assuming office. Those who attended the meeting included ministers D.B.V. Swamy, V. Anitha and G. Sandhyarani, MPs Krishna Prasad and D. Prasad, and MLAs from SC and ST constituencies.

Teaching Profession Is A Responsibility, Social Service: Collectors

NELLORE/ONGOLE/TIRUPATI/CHITTOOR: Teaching is a responsibility and a form of social service rather than merely a job, collectors of Nellore, Prakasam, Tirupati and Chittoor districts said at Teachers' Day celebrations held across the districts on Saturday.

Nellore collector Himanshu Shukla said teachers played a crucial role in shaping the future of students and society. He said a good teacher could transform not only a student's life but also the future of a family, society and the nation. He urged teachers to identify and nurture individual talents while adapting to digital education and emerging technologies without losing the human touch.

Prakasam collector P. Rajababu said teachers were guides who turned ideas into



action and played a vital role in the overall development of individuals. He attributed the district's fourth position in the recent Class X examinations to focused teaching and urged teachers to work with greater commitment.

Tirupati collector Dr S. Venkateswar highlighted the state government's education reforms, including rationalisation of teacher deployment, parent-teacher meetings and initiatives to encourage aca-

ademic and extracurricular excellence. He stressed that every child should attend school and receive quality education.

Chittoor collector Sumit Kumar said teaching was a powerful force capable of transforming society. He urged teachers to impart values, discipline and social responsibility along with academic knowledge and serve as role models for students.

MLCs, MPs and other public representatives also stressed the need for value-based education and greater focus on students' overall development.

As part of the celebrations, 58 best teachers were honoured in Nellore, 72 in Prakasam, 65 in Tirupati and 74 in Chittoor with awards, mementoes and certificates in recognition of their services.

Andhra Pradesh CM Naidu announces salary relief for government employees

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday took several key decisions to resolve the pending salary-related issues of government employees, including agreeing to constitute the 12th Pay Revision Commission

India Ready to Offer 'Any Help' to End Ukraine-Russia War: Jaishankar



Kyiv: India is ready to extend "any help in any manner" to end the Ukraine-Russia war, which is now in its fifth year, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday as he held wide-ranging talks with his Ukrainian counterpart Andrii Sybiha in Kyiv. "India has consistently maintained that this is not an era of war, and that solutions will not emerge from the battlefield," he said in a joint press statement alongside Sybiha after their talks.

Jaishankar recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi just two days ago declared that endless war must now give way to the end of war during a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Bishkek on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit. "Every passing day of conflict only means more deaths and more destruction. Understandably, it is for the parties involved to find a way. But, if India can be of any help in any manner, we are ready," he said.

India has been consistently calling for ending the Russia-Ukraine conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. "In consonance with Prime Minister Modi's call for an end to war, my visit has a focus on the prospects of dialogue and diplomacy. I will be taking back the views and positions shared today by the Ukrainian side," he added. Jaishankar later called on President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and apprised him of his discussions with the Ukrainian counterpart on deepening bilateral cooperation.

"Our conversation centered on approaches to end the ongoing conflict," said the minister, who had earlier mentioned that he would convey the greetings and good wishes of PM Modi to the President. Earlier, the Ukrainian foreign minister welcomed PM Modi's call to move from an endless war towards an end to the war, saying his country "stands ready for diplomacy." "India is a global power and we welcome Prime Minister Modi's call to move from an endless war towards an end to the war," Sybiha said in a post on X.

Jaishankar, who arrived here amid escalating hostilities between Moscow and Kyiv, said his trip has a "bilateral purpose". "But more important, it takes place in the larger context of the war that has been underway since 2022. Only two days ago, an Indian national was also killed in an attack in Kyiv. We join in mourning every life lost and convey our deepest sympathy to every affected family," he said. India has also been concerned over a series of attacks on merchant ships in the Black Sea in the last few weeks. Recalling his multiple interactions with the Ukrainian minister in the last few months, Jaishankar said, "Our conversation today was very free and very open." "There were also some specific aspects of this conflict that came up in our discussions. Prominent among them was attacks on commercial shipping. Indian seafarers man ships of many flags and have been among the unfortunate casualties," he said. He said the impact on shipping is also significantly affecting many nations of the Global South in a variety of ways, leading to fuel, fertiliser and food shortages. "So we exchanged views on these and related matters." He also mentioned India's contribution to humanitarian relief and assistance to Ukraine, including the supply of 19 consignments of humanitarian assistance. On the bilateral front, Jaishankar said the trade between the two countries spans a wide range of sectors, from pharmaceuticals, food & agriculture and fertilisers to machinery, chemicals and consumer goods. "Understandably, in the last four years, this trade has seen some disruption due to the war situation and logistical challenges. At the same time, there has been a visible resilience, and some new possibilities have emerged," he said, adding that they will address the challenges. "We are very much aware that Ukraine has deep strengths and capabilities. India too is developing at a rapid pace. And some of these notable areas of progress are in digital capabilities, innovation and startups. The world of AI offers new openings in health, education, agriculture, even in governance," he said. Jaishankar invited Sybiha to visit India at his convenience for the next meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission. "A pleasure to meet with FM @andrii_sybiha of Ukraine here in Kyiv. Thank him and his team for the hospitality extended. Was updated on the recent developments in the ongoing conflict and peace negotiations," Jaishankar later said in a post on X. "Conveyed the need to ensure the safety & security of commercial shipping and seafarers. Also discussed ways to further strengthen our bilateral relationship, including in the fields of education, health, agriculture, digital, innovation, diplomatic training and development cooperation," he added. He also said that education has been another longstanding area of activity, noting that there are many Indian students currently studying in Ukraine. In his post on X, Sybiha welcomed Jaishankar to Kyiv for "the first-ever dedicated bilateral visit of an Indian External Affairs Minister to Ukraine." "This historic moment takes place amid escalating Russian attacks against our cities, port infrastructure, and civil shipping. Our capital is constantly under attack, and I appreciate my colleague's brave visit," he added.

HIWAGA expands to Kakinada with the opening of its new Skin, Hair, Aesthetics and Salon Clinic in Rayanam Square

THE NEW CENTRE MARKS HIWAGA'S 11TH BRANCH AND BRINGS ITS INTEGRATED SKIN, HAIR, AESTHETIC AND SALON SERVICES TO KAKINADA



Kakinada, September 2026: HIWAGA, a South India-based chain of skin, hair and aesthetic clinics, has expanded its presence with the opening of its new centre in Rayanam Square, Bhanugudi Junction, Opp Subhadra Arcade Srinagar. The new facility, is the brand's 12th branch and represents its entry into the Kakinada market.

Founded in 2018, HIWAGA began with a single clinic in Hyderabad and has since expanded across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The company describes its approach as combining dermatological expertise, aesthetic care, advanced treatment technologies and personalised treatment plans. Its network offers services spanning skin, hair, laser and aesthetic treatments alongside salon and grooming services.

The new Kakinada centre will provide a broad range of skin and hair solutions. HIWAGA's dermatology services include treatments for acne and acne scars, pigmentation, melasma and ageing-related skin concerns, as well as skin rejuvenation procedures such as chemical peels, Hydra Facial, Q-Switch laser toning and other customised skincare treatments. The company also provides aesthetic procedures including anti-ageing treatments, Botox, dermal fillers, lip enhancement, thread lifts and skin-tightening solutions.

Hair-care services include diagnosis and treatment for hair fall and dandruff, PRP therapy, GFC treatment, scalp treatments and hair transplantation. HIWAGA says its hair restoration services are designed around individual assessment and personalised treatment planning, with advanced FUE techniques used for eligible hair-transplant patients.

Laser and aesthetic technology form another key part of HIWAGA's offering, including laser hair removal for the face and body, skin resurfacing and pigmentation correction. According to the company, its procedures follow defined safety protocols and use FDA-approved products and equipment, while HIWAGA also lists ISO 9001:2015 certification and NABH accreditation among its quality credentials.

Alongside its clinical aesthetic services, HIWAGA offers salon services for



women and men, including haircuts and styling, hair spa and smoothening, hair colouring, manicure and pedicure, facials, makeup and styling, beard grooming and waxing. The salon proposition is built around trained professionals, personalised consultations, hygiene and the use of premium products.

Commenting on the Kakinada launch, a HIWAGA spokesperson said: "Kakinada is an important milestone in HIWAGA's growth journey, and we are delighted to bring our integrated skin, hair, aesthetics and salon offering to the city. Our focus has always been on combining professional expertise, advanced technologies and personalised care in an environment where clients feel comfortable and well supported. We look forward to serving the people of Kakinada and building lasting relationships with our clients here."

HIWAGA says it has more than seven years of experience in dermatology and aesthetics and has served thousands of clients across its existing markets. Its model places emphasis on consultations and individualised treatment plans based on a client's concerns, skin or hair profile and aesthetic objectives.

The HIWAGA Indiranagar centre will be inaugurated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, 4th September 2026, at 3rd floor, Revenue Ward, 2-1-59, Bhanugudi Junction, Opp Subadra Arcade Rayanam Square, Street Number 5, Srinagar, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh 533003

Vishesh Sharma wins maiden title on home course at Telangana Golconda Masters



Hyderabad, September 6, 2026: Local favourite Vishesh Sharma held his nerve through a dramatic final round to secure his maiden professional title at the INR 1 crore Telangana Golconda Masters at Hyderabad Golf Association.

The 19-year-old closed with a one-under 69 to finish at 21-under 259, one stroke ahead of Noida's Amardeep Malik in the tournament's 12th edition.

Vishesh (60-66-64-69), playing his second season on the DP World PGTI, collected INR 15 lakh. The victory lifted him from 25th to 14th on the 2026 Order of Merit, taking his season earnings to INR 30,93,550, and secured his place in the DP World India Championship.

Malik (61-65-68-66) mounted a strong challenge with a closing four-under 66 but finished runner-up at 20-under 260. His eventful round contained an eagle on the

par-five sixth, six birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey.

The 41-year-old earned INR 10 lakh and moved from 22nd to 19th on the Order of Merit, with season earnings of INR 27,75,748.

Chandigarh's Akshay Sharma (69-69-63-60) matched the course record with the lowest round of the day, a 10-under 60. His round featured an eagle, 10 birdies and two bogeys, including four successive birdies from the third through the sixth. He climbed into a share of third at 19-under 261.

Delhi's Honey Baisoya (64-64-68-65) joined Akshay in third after making seven birdies and two bogeys in a 65. He earned INR 5,49,800 and strengthened his hold on third place in the season rankings with total earnings of INR 57,21,892.

Vishesh began the day with a four-shot advantage, but his route to victory was far

from straightforward. His 69 featured seven birdies, four bogeys and a double bogey as Malik reduced the margin to one.

"I'm over the moon. It still hasn't completely sunk in," Vishesh said. "To claim my first professional title at 19, and to do it at my home course, makes this victory incredibly special."

The crucial response came after his double bogey on the par-four 13th. With the tournament tightening, Vishesh made consecutive birdies on the 14th and 15th to retain his lead.

"The double bogey came down to nerves," he said. "I hit one poor shot and then attempted a recovery that wasn't really available, so I paid the price. But the two birdies that followed helped me hold the lead."

A long lag putt on the 18th allowed Vishesh to complete the victory safely.

"The lag putt on the 18th was particularly important and helped me finish the job," he said.

The title came in Vishesh's 33rd DP World PGTI start since joining the tour last season. His previous best result was sixth place at the Boulders Classic in April.

Vishesh thanked his parents, sister and



coach Sanjay Singh, along with HGA, Boulder Hills, the DP World PGTI staff, greenkeeping team, sponsors and event partners. He also credited his friends, club members and the home crowd for providing a morale boost throughout the final round.

The victory completed a journey that began when Vishesh attended a DP World PGTI event at HGA as a junior in 2021.

"I remember watching many top players that week," he said. "To have watched the professionals here as a youngster, then compete on the same course and now win a title is difficult to put into perspective."

Chandigarh's Angad Cheema (66-67-66-66) finished fifth at 15-under 265, followed by Ajeetesh

Sandhu (65-69-67-65) in sixth at 14-under 266. Delhi's Rashid Khan (68-69-63-67) and Kshitij Naveed Kaul (68-66-65-68) shared seventh at 13-under 267.

Defending champion Jamal Hossain (72-66-72-68) of Bangladesh finished tied 30th at two-under 278. His final round featured a hole-in-one on the par-three third, marking a fourth ace of the week. In the second round, Abhinav Lohan and Anshul Kabthiyal had both aced the par-three 11th, while Harman Sachdeva recorded his hole-in-one on the par-three seventh.

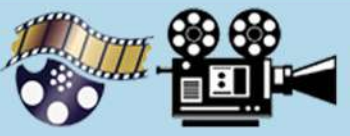
Current DP World PGTI Rankings leader Saptak Talwar (70-67-61-71), who spent the summer competing on the HotelPlanner Tour, finished alone in 11th place at 11-under 269.

Talwar earned INR

1,84,700 to extend his advantage at the top of the rankings, taking his season earnings to INR 89,32,384.

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.

The tournament is supported by Event Partners Telangana Tourism, Hyderabad Golf Association, The Westin Hyderabad Mindspace, The Q Golf Studio by Playroot Golf, DP World PGTI's Umbrella Partner DP World, alongside Tour Partners Axis Bank, Amul, Amrutanjan Enerlyte, Air India Maharaja Club and Kalyani.



'Lust Stories 3' to stream on Netflix from September 18

'Lust Stories 3' will premiere on Netflix on September 18, featuring four short films directed by Vikramaditya Motwane, Kiran Rao, Shakun Batra and Vishal Bhardwaj. The anthology explores love, lust, relationships, intimacy and repressed desire through contemporary perspectives

Mumbai: The third instalment of Netflix's popular anthology franchise "Lust Stories", featuring four short films from filmmakers Vikramaditya Motwane, Kiran Rao, Shakun Batra and Vishal Bhardwaj, will premiere on September 18, the streamer announced on Saturday.

Produced by RSVP and Flying Unicorn Entertainment, "Lust Stories 3" will explore stories of love, lust, relationships and repressed desire through deeply personal and contemporary lenses, Netflix said in a statement.

The anthology boasts an ensemble cast comprising Radhika Apte, Konkona Sen Sharma, Aditi Rao Hydari, Radhika Madan, Sana Thampi, Vijay Varma, Abhishek Banerjee, Siddharth, Ali Fazal and Gurfateh Pirzada.

Ruchika Kapoor Sheikh, director, original films, Netflix India, said the franchise has endured because of its ability to reinvent itself with every instalment. Download Interactive Maps

"What gives 'Lust Stories' its enduring appeal is its ability to reinvent itself. Each chapter begins with a shared human impulse and arrives at a completely different emotional truth. Here, desire opens a window into power, vulnerability, agency, compromise, and the things people struggle to say aloud," she said.

The four filmmakers bring distinct perspectives to the theme while allowing audiences to interpret the relationships through the lens of their own experiences, Kapoor Sheikh added.

Ronnie Screwvala, producer at RSVP, said the anthology has evolved with every edition while reflecting the changing nuances of relationships and modern intimacy.

"With every edition, 'Lust Stories' has challenged conventions by bringing together exceptional filmmakers to tell deeply human stories. Over the years, the anthology has continued to evolve, reflecting the changing nuances of relationships and the many shades of modern intimacy," he said.

Ashi Dua, producer at Flying Unicorn Entertainment, said the stories are different in tone and perspective but are united by their honesty and vulnerability. The franchise began with "Lust Stories" in 2018, which brought together Anurag Kashyap, Zoya Akhtar, Dibakar Banerjee and Karan Johar to direct four short films exploring themes of love, intimacy and desire.

The anthology went on to earn international recognition and was nominated for the International Emmy Awards.

Its sequel, "Lust Stories 2", was released on Netflix in 2023 and featured films directed by R Balki, Konkona Sen Sharma, Amit Ravindernath Sharma and Sujoy Ghosh.

"Lust Stories 3" has been written by Kiran Rao, Tanaji Dasgupta, Avinash Sampath, Sumukhi Suresh, Shakun Batra, Sameeha Sabnis, Ashwathi Namboodiri, Nitesh Bhatia, Utkarshini Vashishtha and Vishal Bhardwaj.



Venkatesh, Kalyan Ram shoot dance number for Anil Ravipudi's January 12 Vidudala

Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram have shot a dance number for Anil Ravipudi's upcoming entertainer January 12 Vidudala in Mysuru. Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty were also spotted at the shoot, while the film continues progressing at a brisk pace.

Hyderabad: The unit of director Anil Ravipudi's eagerly awaited entertainer, 'January 12 Vidudala', featuring actors Venkatesh and Nandamuri Kalyan Ram in the lead, has now shot a foot-tapping dance number in Mysuru. Download Interactive Maps

Sources close to the unit of the film said that all four lead actors — Venkatesh, Kalyan Ram, Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty were spotted at the shooting spot in Mysuru.

Actor Sriman, who is also part of the film, too took to his X timeline to share his delight about being in a song choreographed by Brinda master after eight years.

Shine Screens, the production house producing the film, had taken to its social media timelines to announce the title announcement video. The title announcement video began on a nostalgic note, paying tribute to legendary filmmaker EVV Satyanarayana with a hilarious reference to popular comedy sequence from Appula Appa Rao. EVV remains one of the biggest inspirations for Anil Ravipudi, and the filmmaker once again showcased his admiration for the veteran director in his own unique style. The tribute seamlessly led to the title reveal, setting the comic tone for what followed.

The video featured Venkatesh, Kalyan Ram, Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty approaching Anil Ravipudi and asking him about the title of their film. Without any hesitation, the director replies, "Janu-



ary 12 Vidudala." The actors, however, are left confused and quickly clarify that they are asking for the title, not the release date. What follows is a hilarious exchange filled with confusion and witty banter, before he finally reveals that January 12 Vidudala is indeed the official title of the movie.

Only a few days ago, the makers had released the first look of actor Venkatesh as Lt. Colonel Venkat Reddy in the film. The first look was revealed on the occasion of the star completing 40 glorious years in the film industry.

The poster showed Venkatesh in an Indian Army camouflage uniform, sporting sunglasses and a scarf, standing beside a rugged SUV. His composed stance and intense styling establish the image of a strict military officer. Download Interactive Maps

The poster identified Venkatesh as Lt. Colonel Venkat Reddy, serving in the Indian Army and specialising in counter-terrorism and hostage nego-

tiation. The Army insignia and crossed-swords emblem in the backdrop reinforced the military setting.

The combination of Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram is expected to be a major attraction, as their contrasting personalities and lively camaraderie are set to bring an exciting dimension to Anil Ravipudi's trademark brand of entertainment.

Produced by Sahu Garapati under the Shine Screens banner, the film is being presented by Suresh Productions Archana, and Zee Studios.

Sources say that work on the much-awaited film was progressing at a brisk pace and that the prestigious project was shaping up as a grand-scale entertainer.

Keerthy Suresh stars opposite Venkatesh in the film, while Krithi Shetty is paired with Kalyan Ram. The film brings together an accomplished technical team, with GV Prakash Kumar composing its music, Sameer Reddy handling cinematography, Tammiraju taking care of the editing, and AS Prakash designing the production. S Krishna serves as the executive producer.

Mohanlal's L367 officially titled 'Operation Ganga'

Chennai: The makers of Malayalam superstar Mohanlal's upcoming film, tentatively being referred to as L367 and directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, on Saturday announced that the film had now been officially titled 'Operation Ganga'

'Operation Ganga' refers to India's evacuation mission launched to bring back Indian citizens, including thousands of students, who were stranded in Ukraine following the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war.

'Operation Ganga', which has the tagline 'A Nation's Promise' will be a film on one of the most daring and intriguing operations on international borders by India.

Apart from Malayalam superstar Mohanlal, the film will also feature Bollywood star Arjun Rampal, actress Bhagyashri Borse, and actors Parthiban & Adil Hussain in pivotal roles.

The film is directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, who is best known for having directed the devotional blockbuster 'Meppadiyan'.

'Operation Ganga' also boasts of an extraordinarily talented technical team. The technical crew includes cinematographer Miroslaw Kuba Brozek, known for having shot the blockbusters 'Pushpa 1' and 'Pushpa 2' and production designer Rajeevan, who is best known for having worked in critically acclaimed films such as 'GOAT', 'Meiyazhagan', 'Amaran' and 'Kathanar'. The film will have its stunts choreographed by action director Sea Young Oh, known for his work in 'Dhurandhar' and 'Kill'. Music composer Shashwat Sachdev, following the success of the pan-Indian film 'Dhurandhar', is scoring the music for 'Operation Ganga'.

Produced by Gokulam Gopalan under the banner of Sree Gokulam Movies, Operation Ganga's crew also includes editor Shameer Mohammed and sound designer Bishwadeep Chatterjee, best known for his work in 'Dhurandhar', 'Uri', '3 Idiots' and 'Padmaavat'.

VFX for the film will be overseen by K. V. Sanjit. 'Lokah' Costume Director Melvy J will be in-charge of costume design for this film and makeup will be by Ronex Xavier.

The film is produced by Gokulam Gopalan, with Baiju Gopalan and V. C. Praveen as co-producers and Krishnamoorthy as executive producer.



Actresses Can Be Powerful Villains Too, Says Hemanth Madhukar

Malayalam actress Swaswika Vijay recently took on a character with negative shades in Irumudi and won appreciation for her performance as a ruthless teacher who sends shivers down the spines of students at her school. Director Hemanth Madhukar believes roles like these can open up exciting possibilities for actresses.

"Why can't actresses take up roles with dark shades?" asks Hemanth Madhukar, who believes women are equally capable of portraying a wide range of characters. "Swaswika's character came as a surprise and shocked the audience. That is the difference when a male and female actor portrays such a character, as you least expect a woman to behave in such a way," he says.

He feels actresses like Ramya Krishnan in Padayappa and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan in Ponniyin Selvan have already raised the bar for women in negative roles and encouraged younger actresses to explore similar characters.

"When a top actress takes such a role to the next level, more actresses are encouraged to give it a shot. Tamil actresses like Sriya Reddy in Pogaru and also in 'Salaar' and 'OG. Similarly, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar rocked in Telugu films such as Krack and Veera Simha Reddy have shown that women can convinc-



ingly play powerful antagonistic roles and hold their own against stars like Ravi Teja and Balakrishna," he points out.

Although big-star films often continue to favour male villains, filmmakers have occasionally given actresses the opportunity to take on negative roles, and those choices have worked remarkably well.

Telugu actresses such as Anasuya Bharadwaj in the Pushpa franchise and Lakshmi Manchu in Anaganaga Oka Dheerudu have also demonstrated how such characters can expand an actress's range.

"Playing only romantic leads or feel-good characters can limit an actress's talent. Grey and dark roles allow women to bring a different perspective to the story. In Pushpa, Anasuya's dominating character, who controls her husband and also his smuggling business, added a completely different dimension, and the audience lapped it up," he concludes.