

2,000 acres for a single individual? Revanth Expresses astonishment over Shamshabad lands

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September 16: CM Revanth Reddy made significant remarks in the Telangana Assembly regarding land dealings involving the My Home Group. Highlighting the vast landholdings of My Home in the Shamshabad area, he questioned how a single individual came to possess 2,463 acres adjacent to the airport. He asked the House members if they were unaware of whose benami proxy entity My Home actually is. "Allegations regarding land allocation: "The CM alleged that 'evacuee lands' in the Kapra area were handed over to My Home. He also stated that Bhoodan lands in Melacheruvu were assigned



patta issued) in the name of My Home. Revanth Reddy further alleged that following the introduction of the Dharani portal, the Melacheruvu lands were registered under names linked to the My Home Group. Registrations under 28 company names The CM explained to the House that large tracts of land across five villages in the Shamshabad area were purchased and registered under the names of 28 different companies. He alleged that, in addition to assigned lands, properties belonging to the poor had also ended up in the hands of My Home. CM's criticism of KCR "Revath Reddy noted that many who participated in the Telangana movement lost their assets. In contrast, he alleged that KCR, who claims to be a Telangana movement activist, amassed wealth worth thousands of crores of rupees. These remarks made by the CM in the Assembly have sparked a debate in state politics.

Telangana Armed Struggle: Symbol of Bravery and Liberation - September 17

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"In the pages of Indian history, especially in the political picture of the Deccan Plateau, September 17 has an indelible mark. This day, when the Hyderabad princely state officially stepped into the shadow of the tricolor flag, is not just a date, but the realization of centuries-old aspirations of millions of people. If India got independence on 15th August 1947, for Telangana society, real freedom was achieved on 17th September 1948. Before September 17: Nizam's Tyranny - Razakar Atrocities Before September 17, 1948, Telangana was like hell with Nizam's tyrannical rule on one side and exploitation by landlords (Doras) on the other. Nizam's Tyranny & Vetti Chakiri: Under the 7th Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan, common people's lives were in darkness. Along with Nizam's tyranny, Deshmukhs, Doras, Jagirdars unleashed unimaginable feudal exploitation. In the name of 'Vetti Chakiri', they looted the labour of the poor and made them slaves. "Razakar Massacre: Razakars, the private army of Nizam, committed atrocities, lootings and killings in villages.

Led by Kasim Razvi, the Razakar army burnt entire villages that revolted. Chakali Ilamma in the heart of Visnur Deshmukh: Against this tyranny, the brave woman Chakali Ilamma from Palakurthi shook the foundations of the feudal system. She stood against Visnur Deshmukh Rapaka Ramachandra Reddy who tried to grab her four acres of land. With the help of communist armed groups, she fought back the goons and Razakars and asked 'Who are you to grab my land?' Her courage sent shivers down the Deshmukh's spine. Communist Armed Squads - A Spear in the Hearts of Razakars and Nizam: The Communist Party led this historic struggle in an organized way and gave it a political direction. On July 4, 1946, in Kadiyevandi village, Doddi Komuriah sacrificed his life facing the bullets of Razakars during a protest against Deshmukhs. As the first martyr of the armed struggle, his sacrifice ignited a revolutionary fire across Telangana. "Under the leadership of Ravi Narayana Reddy, Baddam Yella Reddy, Chandra Rajeswar Rao, Makhdoom Mohiuddin, communist guerrilla squads became a spear in the hearts of Razakars and Nizam. They fought Nizam's army with slings, blankets and sickles. Establishment of

Village Republics & Land Distribution: Under communist forces, Nizam's rule ended in about 3,000 villages and 'Grama Rakshana Dalams' (Sangams) were formed. They broke the Doras' forts and distributed about 10 lakh acres of land to the poor. They abolished Vetti Chakiri, burnt debt papers and instilled self-respect in oppressed people. The Liberation Chapter - Operation Polo Even after India got independence, as Nizam did not surrender and the armed struggle led by communists intensified, the Central Government intervened. Operation Polo - Patel's Masters stroke: Then Deputy PM and Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel came into action. Under the name 'Operation Polo' (Police Action), on 13th September 1948, the Indian Army entered Hyderabad state from four sides. Nizam's Surrender: After five days of military action led by Major General J.N. Chaudhuri, Nizam's forces had to surrender. On 17th September 1948, Nizam's army chief General El Edroos officially announced surrender to the Indian Army. Merger into Indian Union: Nizam Nawab Mir Osman Ali Khan in a radio speech agreed to merge into the Indian Union.



Razakar organization was banned and Kasim Razvi was arrested. Thus, centuries of tyrannical rule ended and Hyderabad became an integral part of India. Present Politics - Different Views There are different perspectives in present politics about this historic day. The Central Government officially observes this day as 'Hyderabad Liberation Day'. The Telangana State Government celebrates it as 'Praja Palana Dinotsavam' (People's Governance Day). Some other forces describe it as 'National Integration Day'. Whatever the name, this day is a great occasion when Telangana society stepped from monarchy to democratic freedom. Conclusion: September 17 is not just a day to remember the past; it is a day of inspiration to cherish the sacrifices of communist heroes and martyrs like Chakali Ilamma, Doddi Komuriah and to protect the freedom obtained, and to rededicate ourselves to build a new Telangana on the basis of equality.

Don't Go To The Races.. Don't Miss Out On Promotions.. We will take special initiative and bring the issue to the attention of the CM- DGP C.V. Anand

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September 16 : DGP C.V. Anand advised DSPs of 1991, 1995 and 1996 batches not to lose their promotions by going to the trouble. He assured that he would take the initiative to resolve the issue of promotion scales and, if necessary, bring it to the attention of the Chief Minister and work for a permanent solution. 37 DSPs of the respective batches across the state are due to be promoted as Additional SPs. However, the promotion process has been pending for some time as some officers have approached the

courts. In this context, the DGP took the initiative and held a meeting with the officers of the respective batches at the DGP office on Friday. They were given a week's time to take a decision on the cases. "Don't lose money by filing cases. I will be at the forefront in resolving your problem. If everyone cooperates, we can provide promotions quickly," he advised. He said that the existing 37 Additional SP vacancies will be promoted immediately. "Moving forward with the withdrawal of cases." Later, the officers of the 1991, 1995, and 1996 batches



of Warangal zone submitted a letter to the DGP stating that they were withdrawing the cases filed in the court. The officers of the 1991, 95, and 96 batches of Hyderabad City also expressed their willingness to withdraw the cases. This has created a possibility of the issue of promotions of DSPs to additional SPs, which has been pending for years, coming to a conclusion. The officers expressed happiness over the move towards resolving the issue with the initiative of DGP C.V. Anand.

Singapore's Interest In The Semiconductor Industry Singapore delegation meets CM Revanth Reddy, Discusses investments

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September 16 "CM explains favorable conditions for investments in Telangana "Augustine Lee invited to attend 'Invest Telangana Global Summit' in December CM explains plans for Musi revival and Vision City development Hyderabad The Singapore delegation has responded positively to the issue of setting up a semiconductor industry in Telangana. The delegation led by Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry Permanent Secretary Augustine Lee met with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in his chamber in the Assembly. On this occasion, various issues related to industrial investments in Telangana and the development of the state were discussed. CM Revanth Reddy explained the favorable conditions for investments in Telangana to the Singapore representatives. He asked them to provide financial support for the development of Telangana along with investing in the state. He said that the government will provide all possible cooperation to the investors. Augustine asked to participate in the prestigious Li'Inv



est Telangana Global Summit to be organized in December. The CM invited Lee. He said that the investment opportunities in the state will be explained in more detail through this summit. In the meeting with the Singaporean delegation, the CM also explained the plans for the revival of Musi and the development of Bharat Future City. He said that in the first phase, Musi revitalization programs are being undertaken from the confluence of Musa and Isa rivers to Gandhi Sarovar. Revanth Reddy said that plans have been prepared to develop the night economy in Hyderabad along with Musi Riverfront. He explained that the gov-

ernment is working with the aim of making Hyderabad not only a tourist destination but also a world-class knowledge hub. India is developing Future City as a net-zero city. The CM told the Singaporean representatives that plans are being made to do so. He said that steps are being taken to further expand Hyderabad in the fields of education and research. The CM mentioned that prominent educational institutions like Harvard, Oxford University, MIT, and London School of Business have agreed to set up their offshore campuses in Hyderabad. He explained that with this, Hyderabad has the potential to further de-

velop as an international education and research center. The Singaporean delegation, which responded positively to the investment opportunities in Telangana, revealed that it is interested in setting up a semiconductor industry in the state. There is a possibility that discussions between the two groups will move forward to examine the opportunities for investment in this sector. Government Advisor K. Ramakrishna Rao, Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry Senior Director South Asia Dr. Francis Chong, Singapore Consul General William Chick and other representatives participated in the meeting.



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The ultimate meaning of Varahavataara is the establishment of Dharma

The concept of incarnation is a wonderful spiritual development in Indian Sanatana Dharma thought. The teaching of the Gita, 'Yada yada hi dharmasya glanirbhavati Bharata', is an eternal truth that balances the course of creation. When dharma is threatened, when the integrity of creation is destroyed, when the arrogance of evil forces becomes excessive, the Supreme Soul incarnates on earth in various forms to support the world filled with arti. In the plan of Lord Vishnu's ten incarnations, the Varaha avatar, which comes third after Matsya and Kurma avatars, is the most solemn symbol of this truth. The story of Adi Varaha, who raised the earth from the waters and provided the basis of life for every living being, is not just a mythological story; it is a supreme teaching that combines the protection of nature, righteousness, and social responsibility. It is an age-old tradition to celebrate Varaha Jayanti on the third day of the month of Bhadrapada. This is the sacred hour when the Lord incarnated with a great desire to save the world at the beginning of the Satya Yuga. 'Jaya Jagadisha Hare' is described by the great poet Jayadeva in the Gita Govindam. 'Vasati Dashanashikare Dharani Tava Lagna Sasiniya Kalankakaleva Mukhya Kesava Dhriti Shukararupa Jaya Jagadisha Hare' The verse wonderfully reveals the noble form of Varaha. Like a black spot shining in the lap of the full moon, Adivaraha Swamy, the protector of the world, lifted the earth submerged in the waters of the deluge on the tips of his sharp fangs. If we look into the depths of the Puranas, Hiranyaksha, the son of Kashyapa Prajapati and Diti, became intoxicated by the power of Brahma, and encircled the earth and dragged it into the netherworld. When the work of creation was disrupted and all living beings were enraged, the Supreme Soul, the size of a thumb, emerged from Brahma's nostril, and in an instant, he expanded into a majestic body that touched the sky. With thunderous roars, he jumped into the depths of the ocean, brought out the light of the earth, and killed Hiranyaksha, who had come in the way, with his club blows, and established Dharma. This story makes it clear how the unlimited greed of man for wealth and power becomes a great threat to society and the environment. Hiranyam' means gold; this divine story warns that the tendency of Hiranyaksha, who wants to bind the earth with the desire for gold and the arrogance of dominating nature, is the cause of destruction, and that arrogance must not bow down before the primordial power that protects the Dharma of nature. There is a very profound philosophical beauty hidden behind the assumption of the form of Varaha by Lord Vishnu. The fact that the Supreme Soul assumes that form, shattering the narrow concept of viewing a wild boar as a lesser being from a secular perspective, is evidence of the comprehensive Indian view of life. This proves the idea that divinity lies not in the beauty of the body, but in the purity of the goal and the accomplishment of the work of fulfilling the Aarti. The Vishnu Purana and the Bhagavata glorify Varaha, who is the form of Yajna, as 'Yajnavarahu'. The sages described the feet of the Lord as the Vedas, the teeth as the sacrificial fire, the eyes as the fire-hotra, and the olfactory power as the senses, and said that his form is the essence of all sacrificial writings. Scholars consider the transition from the aquatic Matsya and Kurma to the terrestrial Varaha form in the order of the ten incarnations to be an incredible symbolic sign of the evolution of life. The splendor of this incarnation is not limited to scriptures but has been wonderfully reflected in the field of Indian sculpture for centuries. The Adi Varaha sculpture from the Gupta period in the Udayagiri caves near Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh is the pinnacle of sculpture. The scene of the gigantic Varaha placing one foot on the serpent Sheshana, cutting through the waves of the sea and protecting the earth goddess, who stood delicately on her tusks, with arati, has become a timeless sculpture.

Cheriyal Art, Karimnagar Silver Filigree Presented To Prince Rahim Aga Khan V

Hyderabad: The Governor of Telangana, Shiv Pratap Shukla, on Monday welcomed His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V, the 50th hereditary Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims and Chairman of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), to Lok Bhavan, Hyderabad, during his first official visit to India and Telangana after assuming his responsibilities, and called for further strengthening cooperation between Telangana and the AKDN in the areas of education, healthcare, urban development and community welfare.

As a gesture reflecting Telangana's rich artistic heritage, the Governor presented His Highness with a Cheriyal Nakashi painting depicting a traditional scene of rural Telangana life and a Karimnagar Silver Filigree Veena featuring the elegant Hansa (swan) motif.

According to the release, "Welcoming His Highness to Hyderabad and Telangana, the Governor conveyed his condolences and paid his respects to the late Aga Khan IV, recalling his significant contribution to India and the work of the Aga Khan Development Network. He noted that the late Aga Khan IV was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan in 2015 and was held in high regard in India.

"Shiv Pratap Shukla recalled Hyderabad's enduring association with the Aga Khan Trust for Culture and warmly remembered Prince



Rahim Aga Khan V's visit to Hyderabad in July 2024 for the inauguration of the restored Qutb Shahi complex. He described the conservation and landscape development undertaken by the Trust as a notable example of public-private partnership.

The Governor appreciated the multifaceted development initiatives of the AKDN in Telangana, particularly in education, urban renewal, community healthcare, women-led development and employment generation.

He highlighted the Aga Khan Academy near Hyderabad as an institution of excellence that is nurturing young minds and future leaders. "We see your Network as a force for good and would encourage enhancing the cooperation between Telangana and AKDN," the Governor said, while inviting His Highness to share his perspectives on the initiatives undertaken by the Network in Telangana and across India for the progress and welfare of humanity.

Prince Rahim Aga Khan V highlighted the AKDN's work in Telangana in urban renewal, community healthcare, women-led development and employment generation, and noted the substantial benefits these initiatives have brought to local communities. He expressed the importance of continuing and further strengthening the development partnership between the AKDN and Telangana.

The Governor expressed confidence that the longstanding association between Telangana and the AKDN would continue to grow and contribute to inclusive, sustainable and people-centric development.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Prince Rahim Aga Khan V recorded his sincere thanks in the Lok Bhavan Visitors' Register for the warm welcome and longstanding friendship and collaboration, in the presence of Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla.

The meeting was attended by members of the AKDN delegation, Joint Secretary to the Governor K Shashi Kiran Komandur and Regional Passport Officer Madhav R Sulphule.

UPI Transactions Above Rs.2,000 To Attract 0.4% MDR



Mumbai: Effective October 15, 2026, a Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) of 0.4 per cent will be introduced on Person-to-Merchant (P2M) UPI transactions above ₹2,000, while high-value purchases of ₹75,000 and above will attract an MDR fee of ₹300 per transaction.

For specific merchant categories such as railways, telecom services, insurance, and fuel, among others, a flat MDR of ₹5 per transaction shall be applicable for transactions above ₹2,000. However, the good part is that there will be no impact on small-value UPI transactions up to ₹2,000. Also, Person-to-Person transactions will continue to remain free. It now remains to be seen if large merchants pass on these transaction costs to consumers, inflating retail shelf prices.

The MDR for capital market transactions, including payments towards mutual funds, securities, stockbrokers, and dealers, has been set at a nominal 0.02 per cent of the transaction value with a maximum capping of ₹300, said NPCI.

The new MDR/fee structure was decided on Tuesday by the UPI and Services Steering Committee, headed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

The finalized MDR framework and threshold structure take effect from October 15, 2026, giving adequate time to acquiring banks, payment aggregators, fintech applications, and corporate accounting platforms to update their software engines and billing systems, said the NPCI.

"There is no impact on small-value UPI transactions up to ₹2,000, which comprise more than 95 per cent of the total volume of UPI (P2M) transactions. The intent of levying reasonable MDR is to ensure that UPI remains accessible and convenient for everyday transactions while supporting long-term ecosystem sustainability," said the NPCI in a statement.

Small merchants are those receiving up to ₹1 lakh per month through UPI QR directly into their accounts and continue to enjoy zero MDR.

On levying a flat fee of ₹5 for utility payments regardless of the transaction amount, the NPCI said that a "flat-rate model prevents cost escalations in critical public services, utility bill collection, and thin-margin sectors like fuel retail. It ensures that essential consumer services remain low-cost and digitally efficient."

MDR calculations follow a clear, predictable formula based on transaction value thresholds. For a ₹3,000 purchase, applying the 0.4 per cent rate results in an MDR fee of ₹12 paid by the merchant to its acquiring bank. For a ₹50,000 purchase, a 0.4 per cent fee equals ₹200. However, for a high-value purchase of ₹1,00,000, the 0.4 per cent calculation (which equals ₹400) is superseded by the fixed maximum cap of ₹300. (₹300 is the fixed maximum cap per transaction for payments of ₹75,000 and above. Any transaction under ₹2,000 incurs no MDR.)

MDR is the commission that merchants pay to the banks and other payment companies for facilitating the transaction. The move marks a significant rethink of the zero-MDR model that had been in place for UPI merchant transactions since January 2020. Before the zero-MDR regime, UPI Person-to-Merchant (P2M) transactions attracted MDR of up to 0.30 per cent of the transaction value.

Banks that hold the customer account will get the largest share of the new 40-basis-point MDR on payments above ₹2,000. This will be followed by merchant acquirers with 30 per cent, UPI apps with 20 per cent, and their bank partners with 10 per cent.

The NPCI also announced setting up a dedicated fund to subsidize and accelerate digital payment infrastructure in Tier 3-6 centres, including NE states, J&K, and Ladakh. In Tier 1 and 2 centres, any notified scheme from the Central Government shall also be included (such as PM SVANidhi, PM Vishwakarma, etc.). This fund will also be utilized to extend financial assistance to ecosystem players for merchant onboarding and to incentivize the growth of UPI transactions among existing small merchants.

The NPCI said that industry estimates indicate that maintaining UPI payment operations, server bandwidth, fraud prevention systems, and bank technical support costs around ₹20,000 crore annually. Relying solely on fiscal budget allocations creates funding uncertainty and limits long-term technology investments by banks and fintech. Transitioning to a commercial, threshold-based model provides reliable capital for continuous technological innovation.

Praveen Dhabhai, payment industry expert, said, "The revised framework strikes a pragmatic balance between driving infrastructure growth and protecting grassroots adoption. By keeping 95 per cent of everyday transactions and small merchants (up to ₹1 lakh monthly turnover) completely zero-rated, NPCI ensures that micro-retailers won't feel a ripple."

"The flat ₹5 fee structure for key services like fuel, railways, and telecom—paired with a reasonable 0.4 per cent cap on general high-value transactions—brings long-overdue commercial viability back to payments infrastructure without discouraging adoption. It proves that the ecosystem can fund resilience, innovation, and cybersecurity while keeping consumers completely insulated," added Dhabhai.

Tardy Babus Cost Telangana Rs.4k-Cr Land

Hyderabad: The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the Telangana government's appeal regarding a claim over 40 acres of prime land in Survey No.s 1 and 2 of Lothkunta in Medchal-Malkajgiri district.

The offices of both the Medchal-Malkajgiri collector and the Advocate-General were to be squarely blamed for the government losing land, said to be worth at least ₹4,000 crore, to the private builder Shanta Sriram Constructions Pvt. Ltd, as the dismissal of the appeal was based on a simple technical flaw — delay in filing the special leave petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court.

The ground for dismissal was the delay of 219 days in filing the appeal after a division bench of the Telangana High Court issued orders in favour of Shanta Sriram, which is also a litigant over government land in Banjara Hills. The state should have mandatorily filed the appeal in the apex court within 90 days of the High Court order.

Calling it a "callous" approach, sources told Deccan Chronicle that the action of the two government functionaries in responsible positions came as a blow to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's efforts to protect valuable government land. Recently, when the High Court threatened to get HYDRABAD chief A.V. Ranganath arrested by the military and wanted the state government to transfer him over the same land, the Chief Minister came out openly in support of protecting the land worth ₹4,000 crore in Lothkunta and HYDRABAD's actions in this regard.

According to sources, the Medchal-Malkajgiri district revenue authorities took their own sweet time to refer the case to the Advocate-General's office and obtain his opinion on filing the SLP. The A-G office took time and the SLP was hurriedly filed only in June this year, when the High Court took serious note of HYDRABAD's alleged contempt. "The government will unnecessarily be blamed for the delay which will be construed as a deliberate attempt to help the private builder," sources close to the Chief Minister said, adding that a thorough inquiry should be initiated to bring out a nexus, if any, and fix responsibility for the delayed



filing of the SLP.

The Supreme Court bench headed by Justice Deepankar Gupta refused to intervene in the High Court judgment, observing that the state government had failed to challenge the order within the stipulated period. The apex court also made it clear that the state could not seek to overcome the delay by advancing what it termed excuses.

The High Court, in its judgment dated October 7, 2025, had dismissed the state's appeal in CCCA No. 49 of 2022 and upheld an order of a trial court dated April 19, 2022. The trial court had rejected the state's suit under Order VII Rule 11 of the Civil Procedure Code (CPC), holding that it was barred by limitation and lacked a cause of action.

efore the Supreme Court, the state government contended that the alleged encroachment by Shanta Sriram Constructions had taken place around 2013 and that its alleged attempt to link Survey No.s 1 and 2 of Lothkunta with Government Land Register (GLR) No. 243 came to light only during subsequent joint surveys, eviction proceedings and writ litigation.

The government argued that the revenue entries and acquisition-related records relied upon by the company were allegedly the result of misrepresentation and that, in cases involving fraud, limitation should be reckoned from the date on which the fraud was discovered. However, the Supreme Court was not persuaded by the explanation offered for the delay in approaching the court.

Underground drainage tender process“Must be done quickly

Municipal Administration Secretary, CDMA Dr. T.K. Sridevi“Video Conference Review

Special Officer Chahat Bajpai and Commissioner T. Venkanna were present from the Collectorate

Rakam Radhika Bureau Chief Warangal September 16 : Municipal Administration Secretary and CDMA Dr. T.K. Sridevi has instructed the officials to complete the tender process for the Underground Drainage (UGD) project, which is very important in the comprehensive development of the city, expeditiously without any delay and start the work as per the prescribed schedule. A review was held on the progress of the Warangal City UGD project in a video conference held from Hyderabad on Wednesday. From the Hanmakonda Integrated Collectorate Office, Baldia Special Of-

ficer Chahat Bajpai and Commissioner T. Venkanna explained the current status of the project and the steps taken to the CDMA. “Speaking on the occasion, CDMA said, It was suggested that the tender process related to UGD works should be completed within 15 days and necessary steps should be taken to start the works expeditiously. It was clarified that the government regulations, prescribed guidelines, technical standards and relevant platforms should be examined comprehensively and further steps should be taken. Stating that the UGD



project is very crucial for improving the city's sanitation and sewage management as well as for the overall development of the city, the officers of the concerned departments should work in coordination with each other and start the works within the prescribed time frame, “CDMA has ordered to move forward with strong action to complete the work within the stipulated time. Speaking at the meeting, Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation Special Officer and District Collector Chahat Bajpai said that steps will be taken to invite tenders for the underground drainage system. Baldia Superintendent Engineer Raj Kumar, In-charge City Planner Ravinder Radekar, EEs Ravi Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Public Health DE Karthik Reddy, TPS Avinash and other officials participated in the video conference.

They stated that the re-survey would enable more accurate recording of land details and provide an opportunity to resolve land-related issues.

District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada



Ch. Abhinay Bureau Chief Warangal September 16 : participated in a Gram Sabha village meeting held in Mandapalli village, Duggondi Mandal, to create awareness among farmers regarding the comprehensive land re-survey. During the meeting, officials explained various aspects of the re-survey process to the farmers, including land measurements, boundary determination, recording of land rights, and verification of land records. They stated that the re-survey would enable more accurate recording of land details and provide an opportunity to resolve land-related issues. “Farmers were advised to keep their land-related documents ready and to cooperate with officials during the measurements and verification of details. The Collector suggested that if farmers had any objections or doubts regarding their land details, they should bring them to the attention of the concerned officials for resolution. Officials clarified the farmers' doubts and provided comprehensive information about the re-survey process. Additional Collector (Revenue) K. Kishore Kumar, AD (Survey, Land, and Records) Srinivalu, Narsampet RDO Umarani, DRDO Nagapadmaja, Sarpanch Srimalathi, Duggondi Tahsildar Sammakka, local farmers, and others participated in the meeting.

For the Rehabilitation Of Surrendered Maoists Actions should be expedited

Rehabilitation benefits should be provided to all eligible persons

District Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadeva Rao

Gajula Praveen Kumar Bureau Chief Warangal September 16 : District Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadeva Rao has directed the concerned officials to expedite the process of rehabilitation of the Maoists and provide rehabilitation benefits to all the eligible persons as per the government guidelines. On Wednesday, a district level committee meeting was held at the Mulugu New Integrated District Office Complex in connection with the rehabilitation of the sur-

rendered Maoists along with District Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadeva Rao, District SP Sudhir Ramnath Kekan and ITDA PO Lenin Vatsal Toppo. On this occasion, the issues of providing financial assistance, house plots, agricultural lands, employment opportunities and other rehabilitation benefits to the Maoists who have disappeared as per the government regulations were discussed in detail. The pending issues were examined and decisions were taken on



the necessary further steps. It was suggested that the officials of the concerned departments should work in coordination to ensure that the eligible persons receive rehabilitation benefits in a timely manner as per the

government guidelines. It was ordered to examine the applications and certificates thoroughly and take steps to avoid any delay in the rehabilitation process. District Additional Collector Rev-

enue CH Mahender Ji, Mulugu DSP Ravinder, district officials Rammohan, Ravinder, officials of the concerned departments, etc. participated in this meeting.



Why the new fee on UPI?

For digital payments revolution in India “Yamsani Srinivas Senior Journalist “UPI is a major reason. From a small grocery store to a large shopping mall, from a vegetable cart to an online business, it has now become common to scan a QR code and pay instantly. Notably, the fact that there is no additional fee charged from the consumer is one of the main reasons for UPI's success. But in September 2026, the central government and the National Payments Corporation of India announced a new policy, and the debate on the future of UPI began. What has changed? Who should pay? Will it burden the consumer? Is it related to US pressure? First, one thing should be clear. UPI has not become a fully charged system. There is still no fee for any amount sent from one person to another. Similarly, UPI payments up to Rs 2,000 to a merchant are also free. There is special protection for small merchants. Small merchants receiving up to Rs 1 lakh per month through QR code will also continue to enjoy zero fees. According to the Centre, about 96 per cent of all merchant-payments will not fall under this new fee cap. However, a new 'Merchant Discount Rate' or MDR of 0.4 percent will be imposed on certain merchant transactions exceeding Rs. 2,000. This is not a tax on the consumer. It is an establishment fee that a merchant pays for accepting digital payments. For example, if a merchant pays Rs.10,000 through UPI, it is 0.4 percent, or Rs.40. However, for transactions of Rs.75,000 or more, this fee has been capped at a maximum of Rs.300. Railways, telecom, insurance Low consumption of fuel and agricultural inputs Rs. 2,000 for key profit driven sectors Only Rs.5 fixed fee on transactions exceeding There will be. Some capital market related payments have been charged at a rate of 0.02 percent, with a maximum limit of Rs. 300 per transaction. The real question here is who will bear this fee? According to the government, the consumer does not have to pay it di-

rectly. Banks, payment service providers, UPI This fee will be shared within the relevant system. The government has also made it clear that banks and merchants should not pass this cost directly on to consumers. This means that UPI This system does not allow charging an additional Rs. 10 or Rs. 20 on our phone when paying. However, it is not certain that there will be no indirect impact. If a merchant incurs a new cost on payments, he can cover it from his profit. Or he can take it as part of the cost of running the business. In some cases, there is also a possibility of increasing the prices of goods and services. If that happens, even if the UPI fee is not paid directly, the indirect burden may fall on the consumer. However, there is no evidence to say that this will necessarily happen. It depends on factors such as business, competition, profit margins. And why is Rs. 2,000 the basis? Did you take it? The main reason for this is to protect small payments. If a small shop charges a fee for a purchase of Rs. 200 or Rs. 500, the benefit of digital payments may be reduced. Hence, the idea behind the new policy is to continue to make small daily payments free, while generating some revenue from large merchant transactions to run the UPI system. Why is this necessary? UPI usage has increased exponentially. In July 2026 alone, 2,366 crore transactions were processed through UPI; their total value reached Rs.29.9 lakh crore. “Latest reports have said that the number of transactions in August reached about 2,400 crores and the value was about Rs 27.7 lakh crores. Maintaining such a huge system requires continuous expenditure on servers, banking infrastructure, cyber security, fraud prevention, technical management, customer service etc. So far, UPI has achieved 'zero MDR'. The government has continued the policy through incentives. For example, the Centre has announced a Rs 1,500 crore incentive scheme for small merchants to encourage low-value UPI

payments for the financial year 2024-25. This means that there is also government financial support behind keeping it free of charges for the consumer and the small merchant. Therefore, it is not right to view the change as a mere 'tax on UPI'. It is a policy decision on who should bear the cost of operating the UPI system. Should the government bear the entire cost? Should the banks bear it? Or should the big merchant recover some of the cost from their transactions? The government has chosen a third option. However, this decision has also sparked a political controversy. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has said that for merchant transactions above Rs. 2,000, they alleged that the opening of the way for the imposition of the MDR was due to American pressure. He argued that although transactions above Rs. 2,000 constitute only about 5 percent of the total number of transactions, they account for about 65 percent of the total value. Why is the American perspective here? International payment institutions like Visa and MasterCard generally operate on a fee-based model. India, however, has rapidly expanded UPI with a zero MDR model. Therefore, the Indian UPI model is different from international payment systems. In this context, political criticism has been directed at the interests of American and international payment institutions. It is natural to come. But there is no public evidence yet to prove that the government took the current decision due to American pressure. Therefore, it should be seen only as a political allegation, not as a confirmed fact. On the other hand, the government's argument is also clear. To make UPI more secure, faster, and more widespread, a long-term revenue system is needed. Through the new system, the government wants to keep payments from ordinary people free and provide a limited amount of money from large merchant transactions to the participants in the system. It says. MDR



is a tax collected by the government. “No: Banks participating in the UPI system, The fee shared between payment institutions is called The government has also clarified. Therefore, it is wrong to view the ongoing debate on UPI as a fear that 'if you use UPI from now on, you will have to pay money'. At the same time, it is not right to say that 'no change has happened'. In the era of zero MDR, an important change has come. From October 15, there will be a fee on certain large merchant transactions But person-to-person payments, merchant payments up to Rs. 2,000, and certain small merchant transactions will remain free. Ultimately, the future of UPI is not just about whether there are fees or not. The real question is how to make UPI financially sustainable while preserving its simplicity, public trust and the interests of small merchants. UPI is one of the most influential digital infrastructures India has created. One. It is necessary to share the cost of its operation efficiently. But the real test of this new policy will be who will ultimately bear the cost, how much it will affect small businesses, whether prices will increase, and how effectively the protections announced by the government will be implemented.

September 17 A day to know the history of the Hyderabad State's merger into the Indian Union Why was political change delayed in Hyderabad State even after independence

Nandanam Krupakar State Honorary President "Working Journalist of India, Telangana" 15th August 1947 The historic day India gained independence from British rule. "However, Hyderabad State did not immediately merge into the Indian Union. In the background of continuing Nizam rule, various groups, organizations, and individuals carried out movements in different forms on issues like political future, civil rights, and democratic governance. Finally, on 17th September 1948 Hyderabad State merged into the Indian Union. Therefore, September 17 should not be seen in a single political sense, but as a historical occasion to recall the political developments, people's movements, social changes, and the merger into the Indian Union in Hyderabad State. The tradition of resistance that began with Sardar Sarvai Papanna "The land of Telangana has a long history of people's resistance against abuse of power and social inequality. In the 17th century, Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud remains in Telangana history as a historical figure who mobilized socially backward classes and fought against Mughal power. In the Telangana government's SCERT textbook too, Papanna is mentioned as a person who fought against Mughal rule and stood by the poor and oppressed classes. Papanna's struggle is not directly equivalent to the movements related to the merger of Hyderabad State in 1948. The times, political conditions, and goals are different. However, he can be studied as an important chapter indicating that there is a long history of people's resistance questioning power structures in Telangana. In 2025, the Telangana government's laying of the foundation stone for the statue of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud on Hyderabad's Tank Bund is also an example of official recognition of his historical position. "People's discontent under Nizam rule" During the period when Nizam rule continued in Hyderabad State, various movements came forward on issues like political freedom, democratic rights, linguistic-cultural rights, and social reforms. Activists belonging to Arya Samaj, Andhra Mahasabha, Hyderabad State Congress, Communist movement, educationists, writers, journalists, students, rural people questioned the problems in Nizam rule with their own ideologies, goals, and methods. Women fighters like Chakali Iamma also played a key role in this public resistance. Her struggle against feudal exploitation, bonded labour (Vetti Chakiri), and social injustice is recognized as important in the history of the Telangana peasantry. Painting all these movements in a single political colour would be oversimplifying history. Arya Samaj worked mainly on social, religious reforms and civil rights issues; Hyderabad State Congress brought forward issues like political representation, responsible governance; Andhra Mahasabha created awareness on linguistic, educational, and social issues; the peasant struggle associated with the Communist movement was waged against feudal exploitation, bonded labour, and rural inequalities. But one thing is clear public consciousness on democratic rights, social justice, and civil liberties grew in different trends in Hyderabad State. "Role of Arya Samaj" The activities of Arya Samaj in Hyderabad State, along with religious-social reforms, played a role in fostering education, self-respect, and social consciousness among the people. In the background of tensions that arose over various social, religious, and political rights under Nizam rule, Arya Samaj workers also participated in the resistance. However, it is more historically appropriate to examine its role in several dimensions like education, social reforms, religious freedom, civil rights, political resistance, rather than calling the history of Arya Samaj a single continuous "liberation movement" from 1880 to 1948. "Telangana Armed Peasant Struggle" In the 1940s, a severe movement emerged in Telangana against peasant problems, feudal exploitation, bonded labour, and socio-economic inequalities. "Thousands of farmers and rural people participated in this movement. Many fighters like Doddi Komuriah, Chakali Iamma sacrificed their lives. Chakali Iamma stood against feudal oppression and injustice and stood as a symbol of courage and resistance among rural women. "This armed peasant struggle was waged mainly against feudal relations, bonded labour, and rural socio-economic inequalities. Although it is related to the political and military developments related to the merger of Hyderabad State into the Indian Union, its independent socio-economic goals should be recognized separately. "By September 1948, public resistance against Nizam rule, Razakar violence, armed peasant struggle, and actions of the Indian government all created a complex situation that was intertwined. According to the official description of the Telangana government, on 17th September 1948, Nizam rule ended and Hyderabad State merged into the Indian Union. "17th September 1948 A Historical Turning Point" Before Hyderabad State merged into the Indian Union, political discussions and tensions continued. Finally, after the military action Operation Polo conducted by the Government of India, Hyderabad State came into the Indian Union. The official document of the Telangana government also states that Hyderabad State merged into the Indian Union on 17th September 1948. Describing this development, words like "liberation", "merger", "beginning of people's rule" reflect different political and social perspectives. Therefore, while remembering September 17, instead of limiting it to the role of only one political party, one organization or one group aspects like public movements of that time, social problems, Razakar violence, peasant struggle, military action of the Government of India, merger of Hyderabad State into the Indian Union should be studied along with their interrelationships and their uniqueness. "Is it "Liberation Day"? Or "People's Governance Day"? "There are different opinions on this name in Telangana. "Some call it "Telangana Liberation Day" while others call it Hyderabad Merger Day." "The Telangana government has announced that from 2024, September 17 will be officially celebrated as Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam" (People's Governance Day)*. In the explanation given by the government itself, it mentioned that there are differing opinions on the names "Merger Day" and "Liberation Day". In 2025 too, the state government celebrated People's Governance Day on September 17 and paid tributes to the martyrs who fought during that time. Therefore, saying that "the Telangana government is not celebrating September 17" is not a correct description of the present situation. The government is celebrating it; but it is using the name "Praja Palana Dinotsavam". "What else should be in history textbooks? "This is the most important question. History is not just about kings, forts, and wars. People's lives, movements, sacrifices, and social changes are also history. "Therefore, there is a need to comprehensively teach the history of Hyderabad State to the students of Telangana. "In the curriculum The struggle of Sardar Sarvai Papanna,"- Social conditions under Nizam rule, Social-reform movements of Arya Samaj, Hyderabad State Congress, Andhra Mahasabha, "Telangana peasant movement," Sacrifices of fighters like Chakali Iamma, Doddi Komuriah, "Historical evidence on violence during the Razakar period," Political developments of 1947-48, "Operation Polo," "Merger of Hyderabad State into the Indian Union on 17th September 1948," Subsequent political developments of Hyderabad State Such aspects should be taught based on evidence, taking into account the perspectives of different sections, and clearly showing the differences between the goals and methods of different movements. "For whom should history be hidden? "Hiding history is of no benefit to anyone. At the same time, showing history from only one political angle is also not justice to future generations. "Facts should not be hidden. "Facts should not be distorted. "Facts should not be exaggerated. "What happened should be told with evidence. Who fought should be told. Who sacrificed their lives should be told. Under what circumstances people came into the struggle should be told. "The differences between the goals, leaderships, social bases, and methods of different movements should also be explained to students. Only then will a balanced, evidence-based understanding of history be formed. "September 17 A day to remember historical developments" "If 15th August 1947 reminds us of India's independence 17th September 1948 reminds us of the historic development of Hyderabad State joining the Indian Union It is the responsibility of every citizen of Telangana to know the political and social history between these two dates. Independence did not come in one day. Democracy was not formed in one day. Social change was not completed in one generation. The history of this land was built by the sacrifices, struggles, tears, and hopes of many unknown individuals. That is why September 17 should stand not as a political slogan but as a historical day to remember history with evidence, to understand the roles of various movements with their uniqueness, to remember the sacrifices of martyrs, and to provide balanced information to future generations. " "Our Resolve" Let us know history... "Let us remember the sacrifices... "Let us pass on the facts to future generations... Let us protect democratic values... September 17 A day not to be forgotten. "A day to pass on to every generation this comprehensive history of Telangana people's movements, social struggles, and the merger of Hyderabad State into the Indian Union.

A glorious Ganesha festival "Ganeshwar Navaratri celebrated in grand manner in MADIKONDA Impressive variety of Ganesha idols

YAMSANI SAI Bureau Chief Warangal September 16: The forms of Ganesha of pens and Vinaya of trees Bustling with chanting and cultural programs "Ongol Ganapati Navratri in the city" The festivities began with great spiritual pomp. Mandapams of Vigneshwara were lit up on every street. All the alleys took on a spiritual atmosphere with the hustle and bustle of devotees. In this year's festivities, along with the huge idols, the diverse and creative forms of Ganesha are particularly impressive to the devotees. The Penula Ganapati installed in the CHERUVU kattalane SHIVA GANESH YOUTH ASSOCIATION Madikonda is attracting students and the public. The Bhakti Ganapati idol, which is devoutly circumambulating around Shiva and Parvati, the parents, is a special feature in the Ranga Thota area. The Panchamukha Ganapati is seen at the library, giving protection to the devotees. A unique temple



mandapam has been set up opposite the youth and family which is a feast for the eyes like a spiritual abode. Gana payya, seated on a tortoise, "Lam bodhara" appears in thousands of different forms, like the tree Ganapati who gives the message. To the devotees "Excite-

ment with the elaborate decorations of the Padathulas, the cheers and laughter of the youth. Devotees are flocking in large numbers with their families to pay homage to the Lord. Youth family Participated YAMSANI Sriniv aas Priya nk a Yamsani SAI Venna m Ramna raya na Swapna katan guru Sure nder Yadalaxmi Chin thanuru Narender Mad havi Chint hanuru Raju elakanti pooja Sreekanth elakanti Shiva Mounika Goutham Alakuntla Sujal S. Yell aiah Vijayalaxmi Bhr adwaj Rithu katang uru Bhavya Sunny YAMS ANI Ramakrishna Shob haran i Krushika Vennam Usha



Complaint filed At Police Station Against Former MPP For Abusing Journalists

Bureau Chief Jagityala September 16: Journalists from Mallapur Mandal in Jagtial district have been receiving threats and indecent language by calling up newspaper reporters who are fearlessly bringing the truth to the public. Action has been taken against journalists for publishing news in newspapers based on a complaint filed by villagers of Obulapur and Obulapur ST Thanda villages against former MPP Nalla Rajanna of Ratnapur village, alleging that teak wood was being cut illegally in the Freedom Forest area. After bringing this fact to light, Mallapur mandal reporter Rudra Rampasad



and fellow journalist Mora Satish were called by former MPP Nalla Rajanna and abused them in extremely vulgar language and openly threatened to kill them, saying, "I will see about your situation." On Wednesday, all the jour-

nalists together filed an official complaint with Mallapur Sub-Inspector Anil along with audio recording evidence, demanding immediate registration of criminal cases and arrest of Nalla Rajanna, who is trying to silence the media with the political power of the ruling party, and protection for journalists. They stated that they will submit a complaint to high-level officials and public representatives on this issue with the help of district and state-level journalists.

The truth about the lands on the map should be revealed Telangana Defence Force President Kavitha

Nathari Venkatesh State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 16: 22A lands in the Legislative Assembly Telangana Defence Sena Party President Kavitha criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for lying during the debate. The CM said in the Assembly that there is 37.26 acres of land in the name of Kavitha and her husband in Siddipet district. Kavitha responded to the Chief Minister's announcement through the 'X' platform. "I demand that the CBI conduct a comprehensive investigation into the lands of Naveen Rao, Kondal Rao, Gangula Kamalakara, Errabelli Dayakar Rao, Jagadish Reddy,



Rameshwar Rao, Pratima Srinivas Rao, Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, Sudheer Reddy, Pilot Rohit Reddy, and all those mentioned in the CM Assembly and ascertain the truth. The CM said that my family has lands somewhere. Even if I have one yard of land more than the government norms... even if I have one yard of land more than what was mentioned in the election affidavit... I am making it clear once again that if I surrender it to the government," Kavitha said.

ONE RIDE 2026: FINAL CALL TO RIDE FOR THE SNOW LEOPARD

Register now to participate in One Ride 2026:
<https://royalenfield.com/oneride>



On September 20, 2026, thousands of riders around the globe will take to the road for One Ride, Royal Enfield's annual global celebration of Pure Motorcycling.

Since 2011, One Ride has brought riders together on the same day across countries and continents, bound together by the simple joy of riding. This year, as Royal Enfield marks its 125th anniversary, the ride will span more than 1,600 rides across 60 countries – a global gathering shaped by a shared love of motorcycling and, for 2026, a shared responsibility towards the places that make those journeys possible.

Under the call "Every Rider. Every Road. One Mission.", One Ride 2026 is dedicated to the snow leopard, a keystone species of the high mountains and an enduring symbol of the landscape. The Himalayas are Royal Enfield's spiritual home, explored by generations of riders and central to its culture of motorcycling x. For every rider who participates in One Ride 2026, Royal Enfield will make a contribution towards snow leopard conservation – recognising that a relationship with the mountains carries with it a responsibility to help preserve them.

The initiative draws on conservation work already under way through Royal Enfield Social Mission. Its community conservation projects span Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Jammu and Kashmir, covering more than 10,500 sq km of snow leopard habitat, with 53 sq km brought under its community conservation programme. India is currently home to an estimated 718 snow leopards. Through One Ride, this mission expands globally: whether participating in Delhi, London, or São Paulo, every rider directly contributes to conservation efforts anchored in the high Himalayas.

With 20 September just over a week away, registrations are now in their final stretch. Riders can find and join a One Ride through their nearest Royal Enfield dealership or online, while riding clubs and independent riders can also create rides of their own. For those yet to register, there is still time to take their place on the road.

Kia India Announces Ownership Service Camp 2026; Strengthens Focus on Customer-Centric Aftersales Experience

Nationwide campaign to be conducted across 536 authorised service workshops from 14-23 September 2026



New Delhi, INDIA, 16 September 2026: Reinforcing its commitment to delivering a differentiated and rewarding ownership experience, Kia India today announced the Kia Ownership Service Camp 2026, scheduled from 14 to 23 September 2026 across its authorised service network. The nationwide initiative will be conducted across 536 authorised service workshops, offering Kia customers a comprehensive vehicle health check, preventive maintenance support and a range of exclusive service benefits.

Speaking on the initiative, Mr. Atul Sood, Sr. Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Kia India, said, "At Kia, we believe that a rewarding ownership experience extends well beyond the purchase of a vehicle. It is built through consistent service, convenience and the confidence that customers place in our network. The Kia Ownership Service Camp 2026 is an important initiative in this direction, giving our customers an opportunity to have their vehicles comprehensively inspected while benefiting from attractive service offerings. Through such customer-focused initiatives, we remain committed to strengthening the overall ownership experience and delivering service that is responsive to our customers' evolving needs."

As part of the campaign, customers can avail themselves of many offers like - up to 10% discount on Parts & Labour. Up to 25% discount on select Kia Genuine Accessories, 10% discount on Retail Roadside Assistance (RSA) plans, and 20% discount on Car Care Services. Through the Ownership Service Camp, Kia India continues to strengthen its engagement with customers beyond the point of vehicle purchase, while reinforcing its focus on service accessibility, preventive vehicle care and a differentiated ownership experience.

JCB India Unveils 10 New Made-in-India Machines at bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2026

Customer-driven innovations delivering higher productivity, uptime and fuel efficiency.

Hyderabad 16th September 2026: JCB India, a leading manufacturer of earthmoving and construction equipment, unveiled 10 new products at bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2026. The new range reflects the company's focus on developing globally benchmarked products designed, engineered, and manufactured in India, while addressing the evolving needs of customers across domestic and international markets.

At bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2026, JCB India showcased 21 products across its portfolio, with its new range of the iconic Backhoe Loaders taking centre stage. The new 3DX, 3DX Plus and 3DX Super were launched, bringing enhancements focused on productivity, fuel efficiency and operator experience. The portfolio combined global engineering and innovation standards with a deep understanding of Indian operating conditions. This is also in line with the company's vision of contributing to Atmanirbhar Bharat and strengthening India's position as a global manufacturing and export hub.

Mr. Deepak Shetty, CEO and Managing Director, JCB India, said, "India is building infrastructure at an unprecedented scale and speed, creating new opportunities for the construction equipment industry. At JCB, we are proud that our complete range machines designed, engineered and manufactured in



India are not only supporting projects across the country but are also being exported to more than 135 countries worldwide. From strengthening rural connectivity, to supporting large infrastructure projects, JCB machines continue to play an important role in India's growth story. bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2026 is an opportunity for us to showcase how innovation, manufacturing excellence and customer-centric engineering are helping shape the future of construction equipment."

The JCB pavilion at bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2026, India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, spans approximately 2,000 sq.m and presents over 20 products from its extensive portfolio. Alongside the machines, visitors can explore advanced digital solutions such as LiveLink, Parts Online, and the Training Simulator.

Mr. Shetty further added, "This year, we are showcasing 21 products, including 10 new launches, reflecting our commitment to continuously raising the bar for productivity, fuel efficiency and customer value. At the heart of our showcase

is our new range of the iconic Backhoe Loaders, building on a product portfolio that has supported India's infrastructure growth for decades. In a market where fuel costs remain a key concern for customers, we have further enhanced the fuel efficiency of our Backhoe Loaders within just the last 18 months. We have also placed a strong emphasis on operator comfort, with improved ergonomics designed to make machine operation easier and more productive throughout the working day. Alongside these, we are presenting a broad portfolio of equipment that includes Excavators, the all new Agrimax, Gensets, Access Platform and Wheel Loaders. We have also showcased digital technologies that help customers improve uptime, lower operating costs and get more from every machine. Our theme, 'BETTER TODAY. EVEN BETTER TOMORROW.', captures our focus on continuous innovation and delivering solutions that are ready for the opportunities of tomorrow."

Technologies such as JCB LiveLink enable real-time machine monitoring, predictive maintenance and remote diagnostics, helping customers improve fleet visibility, performance and uptime. This exhibition underscores JCB's commitment to fuel efficiency, cutting-edge technology, and enhanced productivity, offering an exclusive preview of its latest innovations.

Student Term Plan Now Available on Policybazaar: Leading Insurers Unite to Secure Young India

Platform introduces dedicated student insurance offering with life cover options starting at ₹25 lakhs, addressing India's critical protection gap among students.

Hyderabad, 16th September, 2026 – Policybazaar, One of India's leading insurance platforms, has announced the launch of a dedicated Student Term Plan in partnership with its insurer partners. Student Term Plan is a purpose-built insurance product tailored for students, young individuals who want to start their financial protection journey early, even before stepping into full-time employment. The new offering marks a significant milestone in Policybazaar's mission to democratize life insurance and fulfil its vision statement of 'Har Family Hogi Insured.'

The Student Term Plan directly addresses this gap with:

- Ultra-affordable premiums starting at ₹388 per month for ₹50 lakh life cover for an 18-year-old buying a term plan for 30 years (non-smoker with no pre-existing diseases).
- Long-term financial security with coverage options for 30-40 years.
- Premium payment flexibility (annual, semi-annual, quarterly, monthly).
- Optional riders for critical illness and accidental death.
- Available to students aged 18-25.

Why Students Need Term Insurance

Education loans have become a financial reality for millions of Indian students. In the absence of term protection, families face the dual burden of loan repayment and income loss if something unfortunate happens. The Student Term Plan ensures that families are not left financially vulnerable during these years.

Commenting on the development, Varun Agarwal, Head of Term Insurance, Policybazaar,



said: "Students represent the most underserved segment in Indian insurance. They're taking on education loans, often supporting families, and building careers—yet they remain uninsured. The Student Term Plan removes cost barriers and simplifies access to financial protection. We're confident this will accelerate adoption and help millions of young Indians protect their families' financial future."

Srinivas Balasubramanian, Chief of Marketing, Digital & Bancassurance, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said: "As students transition into careers, their financial responsibilities can grow through loans, family commitments and long-term goals. Our product, 'ICICI Pru iProtect Smart Plus' addresses this gap enabling eligible students to access term insurance at an early stage by leveraging their parents' income as proof of financial capacity. By making protection more accessible to this underserved segment, we are helping build a culture of insurance among young Indians and expanding insurance participation."

Vaibhav Kumar, Head - Products, Ecommerce and Enterprise COE, Axis Max Life Insurance, added, "Student Protection was designed to help young individuals start their insurance journey early, securing life cover at lower premiums while addressing the financial and eligibility barriers that often delay the adoption of term insurance. Through our partnership with Policybazaar, we are making Student Protection more accessible enabling students to be financially secured."

A Shift in Financial Awareness

One of the biggest advantages of buying term insurance early is affordability—premiums are much lower when you're young and healthy, and once locked in, they remain fixed for the entire policy term. This pricing advantage makes the Student Term Plan a compelling option for young professionals just beginning their earning journey.

The product is live on Policybazaar.com. Students can compare, customize, and purchase their plan entirely online in under 10 minutes.

RS Praveen Kumar seeks probe into alleged attack on KTR's PA, PRO at Saifabad police station



Hyderabad: BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar demanded a probe into the alleged attack on BRS working president KT Rama Rao's PA and PRO inside the Saifabad police station. He stated that the incident was part of a conspiracy and exposed the complete failure of law and order in Telangana.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan here, Praveen Kumar said Mahesh and Mahender Reddy, who were summoned for questioning in connection with the September 7 Assembly incident, were deliberately made to wait at the police station on the day of the Vinayaka Chavithi festival. He said there was no police officer available until afternoon and power supply to the station was cut for some time.

The BRS leader questioned why the duo were questioned like terrorists in a dark room of the police station. He stated that around 15 masked men entered the police station and attempted to attack the duo, but none of them were apprehended. "I request DCP Shilpavalli to explain how such an attempt could be made and all the miscreants escaped, despite the presence of the police inside a police station," he asked.

He alleged that the police had registered cases against BRS leaders in the Assembly incident, but were refusing to even accept complaints lodged by the party over alleged attacks on former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao's residence and BRS legislators. He also accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of using the police against the Opposition, while law and order was deteriorating across the State.

Stating that the police had failed to protect people, Praveen Kumar urged DGP CV Anand and Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar to explain why the police were refusing to take complaints from BRS leaders. He demanded registration of FIRs in all cases filed by the BRS and sought a special SIT to monitor the process. "We will continue our fight until our cases are registered," he said.

TPCC president blames employees for 22-A controversy



TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud blamed the "overenthusiasm" of some employees for the Section 22-A land controversy and denied differences with CMA. Revanth Reddy. He also defended party discipline and said he would contest the next election from Nizamabad.

Hyderabad: The Telangana Congress continues to blame employees for the controversy surrounding the inclusion of several lands and properties in the prohibited category under Section 22-A. The origins and introduction of Section 22-A would become clear from official records, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud reportedly said during an informal interaction with media persons on Tuesday. He said the issue was mainly due to the "overenthusiasm" of a few employees, causing hardships to people.

"Our responsibility is to ensure that common people do not suffer. A person who purchased a plot should not be blamed. Action should be taken against those who developed ventures despite knowing that the land was on the prohibited list," Goud said. The TPCC president also denied having differences with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. "My wavelength matched well with Revanth Reddy. Differences of opinion are natural in any political party. Reports of a gap between us are incorrect," he said.

On completing two years as TPCC president, Goud highlighted the Congress' victories in the Cantonment and Jubilee Hills by-elections under his leadership. He said he was also saddened by the removal of a BC Minister from the Cabinet, but clarified that action against Konda Surekha was taken as per the AICC's decision.

Revanth Proposals Today For 22A Relief

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is likely to announce key measures in the Assembly on Wednesday to provide relief to property owners whose land was included in the Section 22A prohibited list. He is also likely to order a probe into the alleged illegal transfer of Section 22A and other government land to private individuals during the previous BRS regime through the erstwhile Dharani portal.

The Chief Minister on Tuesday held a meeting with ministers and senior officials of the revenue and other departments on the issues surrounding Section 22A. Deputy chief minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, D. Sridhar Babu, Damodar Rajanarsimha and G. Vivek, along with senior officials from the Chief Minister's Office, revenue, stamps and registration departments, attended the meeting.

The meeting discussed options to provide relief to genuine property owners affected by the prohibitory list, including the procedure to remove eligible private properties from Section 22A and whether such properties could be regularised without charges or by collecting a prescribed fee, while ensuring that the government does not face legal complications in the future.

Revanth Reddy is also expected to present documentary evidence to the Assembly regarding the misuse of Section 22A provisions during the BRS regime and the transfer of government lands to BRS leaders and their supporters through the Dharani portal.

The Chief Minister is learnt to have sought details from officials on how several private properties and entire colonies came to be included in the Section 22A list during the previous governments in combined Andhra Pradesh and also in Telangana state.

He was also briefed on the corrective measures taken by the Congress government, including the removal of eligible properties from the prohibitory list based on complaints received from affected owners through a toll-free call centre.



The number of complaints received through the toll-free call centre has also declined since the government began addressing the issue. The centre received 117 calls on August 18, its first day, followed by 198 on August 19, 189 on August 20, 369 on August 21, 304 on August 22 and 317 on August 24. The number subsequently declined steadily to 56 calls on September 7, official sources said.

The government is also likely to highlight that the Section 22A issue has not caused a decline in registration revenue. Registration revenue during the first five months of 2026-27, from April to August, stood at Rs 7,575 crore compared with Rs 6,216 crore during the corresponding period of 2025-26, representing an increase of about Rs 1,359 crore.

Officials pointed out that the government inherited several errors, discrepancies and incomplete information in land records even before the introduction of Dharani. They said some errors occurred while uploading the data in Bhu Bharati, but the Congress government did not suppress them and instead initiated corrective measures on the Chief Minister's directions.

They said the process had its legal background in a High Court directive, following which the then government issued GO 121 in 2016 and framed guidelines in 2017. However, the guidelines were not implemented by the BRS government of the time. As a result, 28,611 cases relating to Section 22A were filed in the High Court between 2017 and 2025.

Following further court directions, the Section 22A lists under categories A, B, C, D and E were placed in the public domain on December 3, 2025.

BRS seeks judicial probe into 22-A irregularities

BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao demanded a judicial inquiry into alleged irregularities in Telangana's 22-A prohibited lands list. He accused the Congress government of harassing property owners, sought removal of wrongly listed properties and demanded restoration of safeguards

Hyderabad: BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao on Tuesday demanded a judicial inquiry into the alleged irregularities in the 22-A prohibited lands list. He accused the Congress government of including private properties in the list to harass people and allegedly extract commissions of 30 per cent of the property value.

He demanded that colonies, apartments and houses purchased with people's hard-earned money, if wrongly included in the prohibited list, be removed unconditionally and that the government apologise to the affected owners.

Speaking to mediapersons in New Delhi, Rama Rao said the Congress government had failed to provide a satisfactory answer in the Assembly, with Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy merely apologising for the errors. "The mistake was committed by the government, not officials. It is not proper to shift the blame on officials without resolving people's problems," he said.



The former Minister termed the erstwhile Dharani system a safeguard against unauthorised transfers as it required the property owner's fingerprints. He said properties were now being registered without the owners' knowledge and subsequently placed on the prohibited list.

"This is not Bhu Bharati, but Bhu Harathi," he said, demanding restoration of safeguards for property ownership. He also asked the ruling Congress to stop what he termed attempts to extract commissions.

On assigned lands, Rama Rao reminded the Congress of its promise

to take a decision within 100 days of assuming power. He demanded that assigned lands of SCs and STs be regularised and ownership rights granted to them. He also alleged that certain Congress leaders were entering into agreements with landowners in advance in the name of issuing pattas.

He demanded a judicial inquiry into the 22-A issue to protect everyone's interests. "The government committed the mistake, but people are suffering the punishment," he said, adding that the Congress could not escape responsibility for what he

termed its "crimes".

The BRS working president accused the government of deliberately suspending party legislators to avoid answering issues raised by the principal Opposition in the Assembly. He said the party would continue taking up the 22-A issue and other land-related problems with the people despite the suspension of its legislators.

Referring to the alleged attack on his staff inside a police station, Rama Rao said the BRS had lost faith in the police and would approach the courts for justice. Politics

Revanth Reddy invites Prince Rahim Aga Khan V to Telangana Global Summit



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy invited Prince Rahim Aga Khan V to attend the prestigious Telangana Global Summit 2026 and sought his cooperation in restoring the City College and Osmania Hospital buildings.

The Chief Minister held a courtesy meeting with Prince Rahim Aga Khan V at the Taj Falaknuma Palace on Tuesday. He briefed him on the proposed rejuvenation of the Musi river through a major project and said plans had been prepared to revive the river and develop a 'night economy' along its banks.

Stressing the need to revive the Musi river, Revanth Reddy sought the Aga Khan Foundation's cooperation in restoring the City College and Osmania Hospital buildings located in the Musi catchment area.

Prince Rahim Aga Khan was also requested to consider developing the existing Osmania Hospital building, recognising it as a heritage asset, under the Foundation's aegis, noting that a new hospital building was currently being constructed at Goshamahal.

When the Chief Minister explained his plan to develop 'Bharat Future City' across 30,000 acres, Prince Rahim Aga Khan V expressed keen interest in the project and specifically inquired about its location.

He was informed that a Singapore-based company was currently preparing the master plan for the Future City project. The development of Future City as a net-zero city, featuring a green zone spanning approximately 15,000 acres, was also highlighted during the meeting.

Ponnam Asks Hyderabad Agencies To Stay Alert As Rain Continues

Hyderabad: Telangana is likely to receive rain or thundershowers at many places from September 17, with thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds of 30-40 kmph expected at isolated places across all districts, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).



Rain is expected at isolated places on September 15 and 16 before becoming more widespread from September 17 to 19. Heavy rain is likely at isolated places in Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem and Khammam on September 19, while heavy rain along with thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds could continue at isolated places on September 20 and 21.

For Hyderabad, the IMD has forecast light to moderate rain or thundershowers across all zones from September 17 to 19, although the city's impact-based forecast has categorised the impact as very low.

Meanwhile, Hyderabad in-charge minister Ponnam Prabhakar directed GHMC, HYDRAA, Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, electricity, police and revenue departments to remain alert and coordinate on rain preparedness.

He asked officials to monitor the Himayatsagar and Osmansagar catchments, particularly with heavy rain possible in Vikarabad and Sangareddy. If reservoir gates have to be opened into the Musi, downstream residents should be alerted in advance and arrangements made to shift people from low-lying areas.

With Ganesh Chaturthi under way, officials were also asked to monitor pandals, immersion points, roads and vulnerable areas. Mr Prabhakar directed immediate removal of silt and debris from desilting works, and asked departments to keep Airtex machines and monsoon emergency teams ready. He also called for continuous public alerts on water-logging, traffic and dangerous areas, saying, "Let us stay alert and keep people alert."

Vice Prez Radhakrishnan to be Chief Guest for Hyderabad Liberation Day

Hyderabad: Vice President C P Radhakrishnan will attend as chief guest of the "Hyderabad Liberation Day" celebrations to be organised here by the Centre on September 17. Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy, who inspected the arrangements for the event at Parade Grounds here on Tuesday, said Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat would also participate in the event. The erstwhile princely state of Hyderabad under Nizam rule merged with the Indian Union on September 17, 1948.

Speaking to reporters after the inspection, Reddy said the celebration is not a political event but a matter of self-respect for four crore Telangana people and a homage to those who laid down their lives in the fight against Nizam rule. Slamming the previous BRS regime and the incumbent Congress government for not celebrating the day officially, he alleged that the two parties are at the beck and call of AIMIM. Though the BJP has been demanding an official celebration of the day for a long time, the governments led by BRS or Congress are not coming forward, he said. That's why the Centre decided to



organise the day in Hyderabad, he said.

"This year, the fifth time, we are organising. Vice President Radhakrishnan would be the chief guest. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and other leaders would participate," he said. The event would feature a parade by personnel of paramilitary forces and Telangana cultural artistes. A special dance performance by 1,000 artistes is being introduced this year, Reddy said. The atrocities of Nizam rule and the bravery of the Indian Army in 1948 would be showcased in an exhibition, he said.

September 17 is very special for Telangana as the region got freedom on that day in 1948. Also, September 17 is the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vishwa Karma Jayanti, he said. Hailing the leadership of PM Modi, Reddy said the birthday is being celebrated for one month from September 17 by the Centre, BJP and NDA allies. Modi's leadership - as Gujarat chief minister

for 13 years and as prime minister for the last 12 years - is unprecedented, he added. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had attended as chief guest of the celebration here in 2023.

September 17, 1948 is interpreted differently by different parties in Telangana. Asserting that September 17 marks the liberation of the erstwhile Hyderabad State from the tyrannical rule of Nizam, the BJP has been demanding for the last two decades that the day be celebrated officially by the state government. BJP leaders allege that successive governments in undivided Andhra Pradesh and after the formation of Telangana refused to officially celebrate September 17 due to appeasement and vote bank politics. While the BJP calls it a 'liberation day', the previous BRS regime celebrated the day as 'National Integration Day'. The incumbent Congress government celebrates the day as 'Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam (celebration of people's governance)'.

Goud Completes 2 Years as TPCC Chief; Leaders Greet Him at Gandhi Bhavan

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Look at results and understand what India achieved at BRICS, says Uruguay FM

Uruguay's Foreign Minister Mario Lubetkin praised India's leadership of BRICS and PM Narendra Modi's role in achieving consensus on the New Delhi Declaration. He also outlined plans to deepen India-Uruguay ties and advance cooperation through Mercosur and CELAC. Send Money Overseas

New Delhi: Uruguay's Foreign Minister Mario Lubetkin has hailed India's leadership of BRICS and hosting of the highly successful BRICS Summit, asserting that the concrete and consensus-based Delhi Declaration has shown how Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed and reached agreement on many important and highly sensitive issues.

"I think the outcome of the summit was an incredible success. There were many questions and very few answers during the process of preparing for the summit about what might happen. But, we ultimately achieved a very serious, concrete and consensus-based final declaration, which addressed and reached agreement on many important and highly sensitive issues," Lubetkin told IANS in an interview.

"There were different protagonists involved in some of the ongoing wars and conflicts, but I think the Prime Minister and the Government of India, as the chair of the meeting, were able to facilitate the process and achieve consensus. That shows India as one of the key leaders at this moment, especially in the Global South. We do not need to simply use words, we need to look at the results and understand what India achieved," he added. Send Money Overseas

He also showered praise on PM Modi's leadership and highlighted India's diplomatic triumph for successfully aligning diverse interests, with the BRICS nations reaching consensus and adopting the 'New Delhi Declaration' on the very first day of the summit despite sharply divergent geo-



political positions among various countries.

"The success of the summit was an Indian success, and it was also PM Modi's success. You could see during Saturday and Sunday how Prime Minister Modi interacted with some of the most important leaders in the world, and how those leaders listened to him and treated him as a real point of reference. I was not part of the bilateral meetings, but you could see that dynamism during the internal meetings. The fact that, at the end of the meetings, the Prime Minister announced that consensus had been achieved speaks louder than thousands of words about what Prime Minister Modi means at this moment."

Lubetkin, who arrived in New Delhi last week, said he is very satisfied and happy with his visit as, besides attending the BRICS Summit, the purpose was to strengthen bilateral relations with India and further develop the relationship between India and Mercosur.

Over the last four days, the Foreign Affairs Minister from Uruguay also held several key meetings, including with Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar in New Delhi.

"It was a very important meeting with the Minister of External Affairs. One of the challenges we face, and I believe the Foreign Ministers of India and Uruguay are in exactly the same position, is that it is time to deepen and expand our relationship. In fact, this is linked to the meeting between Prime Minister Modi and President (Yamandu) Orsi of Uruguay at the BRICS Summit in 2025 in Rio de Janeiro. It was their first meeting after many years, and they discussed a long-term process for strengthening relations between India and Uruguay. I was very impressed by Prime Minister Modi because he came to that meeting with a piece of paper beside him on which he had outlined his vision for the relationship over the next 10 to 15 years. It was a long-term mission," said Lubetkin. Send Money

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The Uruguayan Foreign Minister hoped that both countries could achieve the desired goals before the planned October 2027 visit to India by President Yamandu Orsi.

"The challenge for our two Foreign Ministries is now to put into practice the understanding and agreements reached between the Prime Minister and President last year. During our half-hour meeting, we carried out a very interesting exercise and created a roadmap for India-Uruguay relations for the coming year. We are trying to translate the broad and strategic discussions between the two leaders into concrete action. There are many areas that we can develop over this one-year period of economic, political and cultural cooperation, among others."

According to Lubetkin, there is a strong synergy and agreement between the governments of India and Uruguay on the direction that they need to take to take the partnership to the next level.

"We also share a similar democratic vision on many issues, and there is a lot on which we can collaborate. I see three different highways, or tracks, that can work together. First, bilaterally, in areas such as the economy, culture, audiovisual cooperation, including Bollywood, as well as sports and many other fields. Second, today I agreed with the Minister of Trade to launch the next step in negotiations between Mercosur and India. This is a very important strategic process, not only for Uruguay but also for Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, the other Mercosur countries. The third track is through our regional roles. Uruguay currently chairs

Mercosur and also chairs CELAC, which brings together 33 countries from Latin America and the Caribbean. This provides another important avenue to develop relations between India and CELAC," he told IANS.

Later this month, Lubetkin and EAM Jaishankar are scheduled to meet again in New York, during which a meeting between the Ministers of Latin America and the Caribbean through CELAC is also likely to take place with the objective of deepening relations between the region and India. Send Money Overseas

"I have said this to some of my European colleagues as well: In Uruguay, this is a time for India. When I say this is a time for India, I mean that India is much stronger today than we could have imagined 20 or even 10 years ago. This creates a new scenario. I am absolutely convinced that if we agree on three or four important areas, including economic, cultural, sports, social and others, they will be important for both Uruguay and India. No country can work alone. Now is the moment to reach concrete agreements and move forward in a world marked by fragmentation, divisions and conflicts..."

"In this regard, India has opened an Embassy in Uruguay for the first time in its history. As a young generation of diplomats in both countries, I hope the Indian Minister of External Affairs will come to Uruguay in the coming months to inaugurate the Embassy and continue working together to determine how we can develop our agreements in a concrete way," said Lubetkin.

Seven Former Australian Captains Seek Help For Imran Khan

Seven former Australian cricket captains have urged the Australian government to intervene over concerns about the health and welfare of former Pakistan prime minister and cricket captain Imran Khan, who has been imprisoned since 2023.

The group, comprising Allan Border, Greg Chappell, Ian Chappell, Kim Hughes, Mark Taylor, Steve Waugh and Belinda Clark, has appealed to Australian

Foreign Minister Penny Wong to raise concerns about Khan's condition and treatment in detention.

Khan, 73, is being held at Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi. The former Pakistan captain's supporters have repeatedly expressed concerns about his health and the conditions of his imprisonment. The former Australian captains have stressed that their appeal is humanitarian and does not seek to interfere in Pakistan's political or legal affairs.

The cricketers said they were concerned about the wellbeing of a fellow former international captain who remains



behind bars. Their intervention focuses on ensuring that Khan receives appropriate medical care and is treated humanely while in custody.

Greg Chappell has previously spoken publicly about his concerns over Khan's health after seeing footage in which the former Pakistan leader ap-

peared frail and was using a wheelchair. Chappell has also expressed concern about the possible impact of prolonged isolation on Khan's physical and mental wellbeing.

Khan led Pakistan to its only Cricket World Cup title in 1992 before entering politics. He became prime minister in 2018 but was removed from office in 2022 following a no-confidence vote. He has remained in prison since 2023 while facing several legal cases.

The latest appeal comes amid growing international attention to Khan's circumstances. Earlier, a group of former international cricket captains had also written

to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, urging authorities to safeguard Khan's health and basic rights. The seven former Australian captains have deliberately kept their latest intervention separate from Khan's political and legal disputes, saying their concern is centred on his welfare and medical condition.

The Australian government has not publicly indicated what action it may take following the appeal.

