

In Case of Note for Vote“Revanth’s Arguments are Complete

Nathari Venkatesh State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 17 :Revanth's lawyer says the Anti-Corruption Act does not applyHyderabad is a sensation in Telugu states The Supreme Court recently held a hearing in the cash-for-vote case. A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Suryakant, heard the petitions filed separately by Chief Justice Revanth Reddy and former MLA Sandra Venka tavee raiah. The bench also included Chief Justice Suryakant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana were also present. Revanth Reddy and Sandra Venkata veeraiah sought in their petitions to quash the ACB case registered against them.This matter is for election“It is related to anti-corruption“ ACB will investigate under the law.Petitioners argue that there is no authority Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra argued on behalf of CM Revanth Reddy. He reportedly continued his arguments for about 2 hours. Siddharth Luthra argued that the Prevention of Corruption Act, amended in 2018, cannot be applied to the MLA purchase case that took



place in 2015.“It was stated that giving a bribe was not considered a crime under the then Prevention of Corruption Act of 1988. The lawyer for Revanth Reddy argued that since both giving and receiving a bribe became clear crimes only after the 2018 amendment, that amend ment should not be applied to the incident that took place in 2015. The lawyers for the petitioners brought to the court's attention that the legal provisions were not followed in the process of registering this case. They argued that the trap was conducted without registering an FIR and a general diary entry. They also stated that there was no evidence of conspiracy in this case and that voting by an MLA was not part of his official duties. Therefore, they urged the court that it was not right to bring this matter under the ambit of the Prevention of Corruption Act.“It seems that Justice Joymalya Bagchi made key remarks during the arguments. It is reported that he made it clear that voting is a legal right and if there is an attempt to affect that right, the application of the Prevention of Corruption Act will have to be examined. With this, it seems that there was a discussion in the hearing on issues such as voting rights, influencing the vote of MLAs, and the applicability of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The arguments of CM Revanth Reddy were completed in the hearing on Wednesday. Chief Justice Justice Suryakant said that the arguments of the lawyers for BRS will be heard in the next hearing. Senior advocate Aryama Sundaram was supposed to present arguments on behalf of BRS, but he fell ill during the hearing. With this, the arguments of BRS will continue in the next hearing. The Supreme Court registry will finalize the date of the next hearing on this case. The Supreme Court will continue the hearing on issues such as the charges registered against the accused in the case, the validity of the ACB investigation, and the applicability of the 2018 Amendment Act.

SP Dr. Sabarish, IPS, Hoists National Flag

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Mahabubabad September 17: On the occasion of 'Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam' (People's Governance Day), District SP Dr. Sabarish, IPS, hoisted the national flag at the Mahabubabad District Police Headquarters on Thursday. Afterward, he extended greetings for the occasion to police officers, staff, and the people of the district. Speaking on the occasion, the SP noted that although the country gained independence on August 15, 1947, the Hyderabad State had remained under the rule of the Nizam. He recalled the historic event

of the Hyderabad State's integration into the Indian Union on September 17, 1948, following 'Operation Polo,' which was led by Union Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.“Public Welfare is the Goal of People's Governance“The SP emphasized that public welfare, transparency, and accountability are crucial in a democratic administration. He stated that the 'Praja Palana' (People's Governance) system functions to ensure that government services and welfare schemes reach every eligible individual in a transparent manner. “uu Police Efforts for Public Safety“The SP clarified that maintaining law and order and ensur-



ing public safety are the primary responsibilities of the police. He urged every police officer and staff member to work responsibly, staying closer to the public and effectively resolving their issues. District police officers and staff participated in the event.

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Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal September 17: Minister presents a progress report via his address on the occasion of 'Praja Palana Dinotsavam' People's Governance Day The celebrations were held grandly at the Hanum akonda District Collecto rate. Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, the State Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations and In-charge Minister for the undivided Warangal district, attended as the chief guest and hoisted the national flag.“On the occasion of Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam, both the na-



tional anthem and the Telangana state song were sung.“Police personnel presented a guard of honor to Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy upon his arrival at the event. Subsequently, the Minister delivered an address detailing the significance of Praja Palana Dinotsavam and outlining the progress achieved at both the state and district levels. Warangal MP Dr. Kadiy am Kavya, MLC Baswaraju Saraiah, and the MLAs of Warangal West and Wardhannapet Naini Rajender Reddy and K.R. Naga Raju participated in the program. , KUDA Chairperson Gundu Sudharani, Warangal Police Commissioner Shweta, Hanamkonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai, Additional Collector Ravi, Corporation Commissioner Venkana, DRO Srinivas, and others participated.

The Roar of a Sea of People

Yamsani Srinivas State Bureau Chief Kerala September 17 : With soaring red flags as witnesses, a massive tide of humanity surged forward. Thousands of hearts united to voice their demands for rights and ideals. Amidst slogans louder than the crashing waves, the seashore itself transformed into a revolutionary stage. The dream of an egalitarian society swelled with every step taken by the marching workers. This human tide advanced with the power to alter the nation's destiny. Here, every voice roared like a weapon against injustice. An army standing united against all odds a mighty force born from the burning hunger of the common people. Joining hands and marching in unison to build a new tomorrow, this is an invincible, crimson-hued odyssey moving towards the light of victory.“A response to the scene at Kozhikode



Beach, which turned into a sea of ??people as the CPI(M) concluded its extended Kerala State Committee meeting with a massive public rally

Khelo India Boxing Trial Selections to Be Held in Joint Karimnagar District

Karimnagar Direct Voice Reporter Kyasa Gangadhar | September 17 The Khelo India Boxing Trial Selections for boys and girls will be conducted under the aegis of the Joint Karimnagar District Boxing Association on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 8:00 AM at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Stadium in Karimnagar, Association Chief Patron Dr. Bandari Rajkumar said in a statement.“He said the participating athletes would first undergo a weigh-in, followed by the trial selections.“The boxers who demonstrate their talent in the trials will be selected to participate in the Khelo India State-Level Boxing Competitions, scheduled to be held at LB Stadium, Hyderabad, from September 22 to 23, 2026.“Boys and girls born between January 2008 and December 2010 are eligible to participate in the selections.“Athletes have been advised to bring a photocopy of their Aadhaar card, a photocopy of their municipal birth certificate, and two passport-size photographs, and report at the venue on time.“Dr. Bandari Rajkumar said the main objective of the trials is to identify talented young boxers from the joint Karimnagar district and provide them an opportunity to showcase their skills at the state-level platform. He urged all eligible athletes to make use of the opportunity.“On the occasion, Joint Karimnagar District Boxing Association President Gadapa Satyanarayana and General Secretary Kothakonda Sampath Kumar appealed to a large number of athletes to participate and make the trial selections a success.



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Isn't a man's time worth it?

Governance that is not accountable to the people is contrary to the spirit of democracy. An old man waits for hours in front of a government office. A woman walks around for days for her pension. A farmer stops his agricultural work and goes around the offices for a land certificate. A common man has to stand before officials with folded hands for a small signature, for a certificate, for a right that he is legally entitled to. It is not known when the work will be completed. It is not known who will do it. Why is he being lazy. There is no one to tell him. There is no guarantee that he will get an answer if he asks. The time of an employee working in a government office is valuable. And is the time of a common man who comes to that office not valuable? Our governance system needs to answer this question. Government offices set up to serve the people are sometimes turning into centers that cause trouble for people. No matter how many times a person comes for a task, there is no result. The big task is to find out where the file is. If the concerned officer is not available, he has to come another day. There is no confidence that the work will be done even if the officer is there. Even if there is a small error in the application, it is not reported the first time. It seems that they are turned away for one reason or another. In these circumstances, going to the government office is becoming a concern for the common man. This is not just an administrative blunder. It is a disregard for the hard work, time and self-respect of the people. A person who comes to the office without earning ten rupees a day loses that day's income. The work that a farmer should do in the field stops. A young person trying to find a job may miss out on an opportunity by wandering around looking for certificates. Laziness for a poor person waiting for treatment in a hospital can aggravate a health problem. Behind an officer's ordinary file, there may be a family's future. Behind a signature, there may be a person's livelihood. An administration that does not recognize this fact cannot do justice to the needs of the people. It is a worrying development that some employees have developed a lack of respect for the people after getting a government job. There is no greater tragedy than when a person who has written many exams and gone through many hardships to get a job and has come from the people forgets that he is accountable to the people as soon as he gets the job. What a contradiction it is for a person who has been roaming around government offices till yesterday to treat the people who come to him with disdain after getting a job! A government job gives a person some powers. But powers are not for establishing dominance over the people. To provide services to the people, the salary of a government employee is paid from public money. Behind that public money is the labor of the farmer. There is the sweat of the worker. There is the hardship of the small trader. There is the participation of every citizen who pays taxes. To act indifferently towards such people means ignoring the social responsibility of his job. However, we cannot lump all employees working in government offices in the same category. There are also honest officials and employees who consider the problems of the people as their own problems. There are those who work responsibly even with limited staff, heavy workload, and lack of adequate facilities. Their services should be recognized. At the same time, the negligence and lack of accountability of some should not be questioned. The real problem in government offices is the lack of responsiveness towards the people. Who will be responsible if an application is not resolved within the stipulated time? Who will be held accountable for the loss incurred by a citizen if the work is not completed even after going back for months? What kind of punishment will be taken against an employee who has shown negligence in the performance of his duty? If there are no clear answers to these questions, the word Praja Sena will have no meaning. People come to offices not for personal help from officials but

Ponnam Inaugurates Centralized Community Kitchen at Karimnagar



Hyderabad: The Telangana government and Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation established a massive centralized community kitchen at Karimnagar market yard as part of the breakfast program for

the government school students. BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar inaugurated it in the presence of elected representatives and officials in the district. The Minister also inspected the massive kitchen, designed with advanced technological equipment. The new facility would enable the staff to provide quality breakfast to students of government schools.



Energy Conservation Key to Meeting Rising Power Demand: Bhatti

Hyderabad: Energy demand can be met not only by generating more electricity but also by reducing consumption through efficient use of power, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said.

"The unit of electricity we save by avoiding unnecessary consumption is cheaper than the unit of electricity we generate," he said. He called for energy efficiency to be viewed not merely as an environmental protection measure but as a strategy to enhance economic competitiveness.

The Deputy Chief Minister was the chief guest at the 25th CII Energy Efficiency Summit-2026 held at HICC in Hyderabad on Wednesday and addressed the gathering.

He said energy policy had so far been viewed largely from the supply side. "We have focused on how much power generation capacity we have, how much coal is available, how much renewable energy can be added and how much transmission infrastructure is required," he said.

However, he pointed out that there is another power plant right before us—one that requires no chimney, coal mine, land or new transmission line. That is energy efficiency, he explained.

Electricity consumption can be reduced through efficient motors, advanced cooling systems, energy-efficient buildings, improved industrial processes and smart energy management systems. If every megawatt of power demand can be permanently reduced, the pressure on the entire power system can be brought down, he said.

Rising Power Demand in Telangana

The Deputy Chief Minister said that as Telangana continues to develop rapidly, the state's electricity requirements will increase further in the coming years. More investments are needed in industries, manufacturing, data centres, life sciences and electronics, he said.

He said there was a need to improve people's quality of life while simultaneously accelerating economic growth. Since electricity demand is rising, slowing down development is not the solution, he said, adding that the solution lies in generating greater economic activity from every unit of electricity consumed.

If industries reduce their electricity consumption, their operating costs will also come down, Bhatti said. A reduction in peak power demand in Telangana would ease pressure on the generation and transmission systems. It would also strengthen the country's energy security while reducing environmental impact and emissions, he explained.

Energy efficiency, he said, not only reduces the operating costs of businesses but also improves resource productivity. Great innovations, he observed, do not always have to originate in laboratories. A technology that succeeds in one industry can be adopted by another.

A solution developed for a problem in the cement industry could be useful in the steel industry, while an energy-efficiency practice implemented in a paper mill could serve as a model for other sectors.

He said the question should not only be, "What is the next new technology?" but also, "What is already working successfully, and how quickly can we scale it up?"

India does not lack successful pilot projects, he said, adding that the real challenge is to take a successful experiment from one factory and replicate it across 100 factories.

AI for Energy Efficiency

The Deputy Chief Minister said next-generation technologies would play a crucial role in improving energy efficiency. He called for wider adoption of modern technologies such as renewable energy, electrification, digitalisation, smart energy management and artificial intelligence.

Sensors can be used to identify where electricity is being wasted, while digital systems can continuously improve industrial processes, he said. Artificial intelligence can identify patterns that may not be detected by human operators, he added.

In the future, factories should not remain merely consumers of electricity but should become active participants in the power system, Bhatti said.

He offered three suggestions to industries on energy efficiency. First, he said systematic changes cannot be made without measuring energy consumption. Therefore, energy efficiency should not be treated merely as an annual audit but should become a process of continuous monitoring.

Second, he called for a system that facilitates the exchange of experiences so that successful energy-saving practices adopted by one industry can be learnt and implemented by hundreds of other organisations.

Third, he urged the government, financial institutions, educational institutions and technology organisations to work together with industries to make commercially viable and beneficial technologies available on a large scale to all enterprises.

He said the desired progress in industrial energy efficiency could be achieved only by moving forward on the basis of these three principles.

Telangana Governor Extends Birthday Greetings to Modi



Hyderabad: Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has conveyed his warm birthday greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of his birthday on September 17.

On behalf of the people of Telangana and on his own behalf, the Governor extended his heartfelt greetings and wished the Prime Minister continued good health, strength and long life.

The Governor prayed that the blessings of Lord Sri Lakshmi

Narasimha Swamy remain with Narendra Modi always and that the Almighty bless him with good health, strength and longevity.

Shukla expressed the hope that, under the Prime Minister's able and visionary leadership, India would continue to move ahead with greater momentum on the path of development, progress and prosperity.

The Governor also wished the Prime Minister many more years of dedicated service to the nation.

Sridhar Babu Urges Singapore Firms to Invest in Bharat Future City



Hyderabad: Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu has urged Singapore companies to explore investment opportunities in "Bharat Future City", being developed by the Telangana government as a new urban and economic growth centre.

Sridhar Babu made the appeal during a meeting with a high-level Singapore delegation led by Augustine Lee, Permanent Secretary (Energy and Trade), Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore, at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat here on Wednesday.

The Minister said Singapore's technological and industrial expertise could contribute to the development of Telangana's semiconductor ecosystem, and invited Singapore companies to explore opportunities in semiconductor fabrication, ancillary industries and an integrated supply chain.

He said Telangana was seeking to strengthen its position as a destination for high-value industries, research and development and technology-driven enterprises through international partnerships.

The Minister highlighted investment opportunities for Singapore companies in sectors including IT and IT-enabled services, emerging technologies, semiconductors, electronics, advanced manufacturing, life sciences, biotechnology, aerospace, green technology, renewable energy, logistics, urban infrastructure, research and development and skill development.

Sridhar Babu also urged the Singapore delegation to promote awareness among Singapore-based companies about investment opportunities in Telangana and encourage them to explore the State as a destination for future investments.

He invited the Singapore Government and Singapore companies to participate in the "Telangana Rising Global Summit-2026", scheduled to be held from December 7 to 9, and sought their support in facilitating wider participation from Singapore. The summit is being organised under the State's investment-focused agenda, with Bharat Future City featuring prominently in the event.

Striving for Gowda Rights Inspired by Sardar Sarvai Papanna Ananthula Ramesh Goud, State Working President of 'Moku Debba

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal September 17: Ananthula Ramesh Goud, State Working President of the 'Gowda Jana Hakkula Porata Samithi' (Moku Debba), urged everyone to strive for the realization of Gowda rights, drawing inspiration from Sardar Sarvai Papanna. A meeting of the Moku Debba Hanumakonda District Committee was held at the Gowda Function Hall in the Hanumakonda district headquarters, presided over by District President Thotakuri Ram das Goud. State Working President Ananthula Ramesh Goud attended the meeting as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. At the outset, a two-minute silence was

observed to mourn the passing of Siddhartha Goud, son of Moku Debba National President Amaraveni Narsa Goud. Tributes were paid by garlanding the portrait of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud. Speaking as the chief guest at the meeting, Ramesh Goud urged everyone to draw inspiration from the ideals of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud Maharaj and strive for political, social, and economic advancement. He demanded the immediate issuance of pending TCS and TFT licenses for agency areas and called for the urgent review and resolution of applications that have been pending for years. Ramesh Goud also demanded the provision of



pensions for eligible toddy tappers aged 50 and above; adequate ex-gratia, insurance, and family pensions for the families of workers who died in accidents; and free medical treatment and disability pensions for those injured. Subsequently, Vallala Sadanandam Goud, who was elected as the State Publicity Secretary, was felicitated with a shawl. Leaders who participated in the event included State General Secretary Maddela Sambaiah Goud, State Publicity Secretary Vallala Sadanandam Goud, Warangal District President Gopagani Venkat Goud, District Secretary Maduri Somanna Goud, Hanamkonda District General Secretary Perumandla Sri Ram Goud, Official Spokesperson Bathini Venkat Goud, Hanamkonda District Vice President Bommagani Shyam Goud, Hanamkonda District Honorary President TV Raju Goud, District Publicity Secretary Gaddamidi Ashwin Goud, Town President Tanda Vijay Kumar Goud, and Town General Secretary Jakki Ramesh Goud.

Telangana Liberation Day and Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Birthday Celebrations at Arepally Shivaji Junction



K. Satish Kumar Direct Voice Bureau Chief September 17: On the occasion of Telangana Liberation Day and the birthday of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a special celebration was organized at Shivaji Junction, Arepally, in association with the BJP leaders and activists of Arepally 3rd Division. "The programme was organized with the objective of remembering the historical significance of Telangana Liberation Day and paying tribute to the people who contributed to the region's liberation. The occasion also marked the birthday celebrations of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, highlighting his public service and leadership." "BJP leaders, party workers, local residents and well-wishers participated in the programme with enthusiasm. Various activities, including flag hoisting, floral tributes, distribution of sweets and interaction with local people, were conducted as part of the celebrations." "The gathering emphasized the importance of remembering Telangana's history, respecting the sacrifices of the past, and working collectively for the development and welfare of the local community." "The event concluded with greetings to the people of Arepally and a message of unity, public service and continued commitment towards the development of Arepally 3rd Division.

National Integration Day Observed Under BRS Auspices

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Mahabubabad September 17: BRS party leaders and former public representatives Satyavathi Rathod and Malothu Kavitha stated that September 17 1948, was the day the Telangana society transitioned to democratic governance and became an integral part of a united India. On the occasion of National Integration Day, a program was held at the BRS party's Mahabubabad district office, featuring a Palabhishekam ritual offering of milk and floral tributes to the statue of 'Telangana Thalli,' followed by a salute to the national flag.

Speaking on the occasion, former Mahabubabad MP and district party president Malothu Kavitha, former Minister Satyavathi Rathod, and former MLA Bhanothu Shankar Naik recalled their tireless efforts and the successful achievement of the goal of a separate Telangana state. They called for an end to the current "wicked" administration, urging everyone to channel the same fighting spirit. Senior leaders Parakala Srinivas Reddy, Marneni Venkanna, Muthyala Venkanna Goud, former ZP co-option member Mahboob Pasha, Gugulothu Sriram



Naik, Yasam Ramesh, Mallesham Goud, Balaji Naik, Boda Lakshman Naik, Puchakayala Pavan Kumar, Peddamamula Anji, and others participated in the event.



Telangana Prajapalana Dinotsavam Celebrated at RARS, Warangal



K. Satish Kumar Direct Voice Bureau Chief September 17: Telangana Prajapalana Dinotsavam was observed with patriotic fervour and dignity at the Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Warangal. As part of the celebrations, the National Flag was ceremoniously unfurled by the Respected Associate Director of Research (ADR) at the RARS premises. "The programme was attended by the officers, scientists, technical personnel, administrative staff, and other employees of RARS, Warangal. All the staff members participated actively and enthusiastically in the celebrations, reflecting their spirit of unity, patriotism, and commitment to public service." "Speaking on the occasion, the significance of Telangana Prajapalana Dinotsavam and its relevance to the people and development of the State were highlighted. The occasion also served as a reminder of the collective responsibility of public institutions and their employees towards the welfare of society and the progress of Telangana." "The staff members reaffirmed their commitment to discharging their responsibilities with dedication, sincerity, and a spirit of service, particularly in strengthening agricultural research, supporting farmers, and contributing to the overall development of the agricultural sector." "The celebrations concluded on a dignified note, with the active participation and cooperation of all the staff members of RARS, Warangal. The programme reflected the institutional spirit of unity, responsibility, and dedication towards the service of the farming community and the State.

Vishwakarma Jayanti Celebrations Held in Grand Manner

Direct voice Bureau reporter Kyasa gangadhar Pegadapalli, September 17: Vishwakarma Jayanti celebrations were held in a grand manner under the aegis of the Vishwabrahmin Association at Bathikopalli village in Pegadapalli mandal on Wednesday. "Speaking on the occasion, village Sarpanch Munj Maheshwari Madhukar Goud said that, according to Hindu mythology, Lord Vishwakarma is revered as the first engineer and architect of the universe. She stated that Vishwakarma Jayanti is not merely a religious celebration, but also a



day to honour the hard work and contribution of workers, craftsmen, engineers, artisans and technical professionals who continuously contribute to the development of society." Vice-Sarpanch Kasthuri Padma Mallesham, village Vishwabrahmin Association president Vadkapuram Ravi (Ramesh), ward members Shaik Haider (Shakeel), Katla Raju, Srinivas Goud, and Mohan (Venkataramana), Ganga Jamuna Kanakaiah, former Sarpanch Kishan Goud, and association leaders Ramamohan Chary, Venkateshwarlu, Srinivas, Shankaraiah, Gangadhar, Venu, Rajesh, Rajamouli, Manohar, Raju, Maggidi Ramesh, Narender, Mallaiiah and Ravi, along with villagers, participated in the celebrations.

National Flag Hoisted at Congress Office on Telangana Praja Palana Day

Jagtial Bureau Reporter Kyasa Gangadhar Pegadapalli | September 17: On the occasion of Telangana Praja Palana Day, a national flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Congress Party office in Pegadapalli mandal headquarters at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2026. "The programme was conducted under the leadership of Pegadapalli Mandal Congress Party President Kadari Tirupathi. After hoisting the national flag, the participants paid their respects to the Tricolour and remembered the sacrifices of freedom fighters." "Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said democracy should not be limited merely to the right to vote and stressed that every citizen should actively participate in nation

and society building. They highlighted the importance of unity, public participation and collective cooperation in development activities at the village level. "Sarpanches and deputy sarpanches, AMC Chairman and governing body members, former MPTCs and former sarpanches, Congress Party leaders, Youth Congress leaders and workers, ward members, village representatives, women, youth and local residents participated in the programme." "The Praja Palana Day celebrations helped create greater awareness among the people about democratic values, social unity and village development.



Stay Away from Drugs... Let Us Protect Our Youth!

Perugu Raju, Direct Voice Reporter, Hanamkonda SEPTEMBER 17: On the occasion of the birthday of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Sri Narendra Modi, the Damera Mandal BJP unit organised a 4K Run with the slogan "Drugs-Free India - Save Youth." "The run was conducted from Disneyland High School at Damera Cross to Oorugonda. The event was inaugurated by chief guest Dr. Pesara Vijay Chander Reddy, who flagged off the run with the National Flag. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vijay Chander Reddy called upon the youth to stay away from drugs and adopt a healthy lifestyle. He also highlighted the significance of Sri Narendra Modi's birthday and Vishwakarma Jayanti."



"Later, birthday celebrations of Sri Narendra Modi were held at Durgampet village, where a cake was cut and sweets were distributed." "The programme was attended by Mandal President Velpula Raj Kumar, Atmakur Mandal President Uppugalla Srikanth Reddy, former District Vice-President Gurujala

Sriram Reddy, Muthyala Srinivas Goud, Kogilavai Sarpanch Chukka Vanitha Mahender, Perugu Raju Yadav, Gada Boyina Ramesh, Pasara Gonda Sarpanch Kotte Srivani-Ramesh, Thakkalapadu Deputy Sarpanch Bandari Prabhakar, BJYM District President Punnam Venu, Peddipalli Kisan Morcha District In-charge Visam Ramana

Reddy, Constituency Convener Mulka Prasad, District leader Pittala Ramesh, Disneyland High School management members D. Rakesh Bhanu and D. Dinesh Chander, along with Mandal General Secretaries Sura Chander and Gando Mukeesh, Social Media Convener Muthyala Rajasekhara,

Programme Convener Damani Manoj Reddy, Co-Convener Kothapalli Shiva, Shakti Kendra In-charges Ekkaladevi Ramesh, Gogula Sammi Reddy, Gando Parashuram and Perika Srinivas, and leaders Eddulapuram Srinath, Gongura Prasad, Dileep, Sravan, Vignesh, Bunny and others.

Telangana Liberation Day Celebrated at Disneyland High School

Dayyala Meena, Direct Voice Bureau Chief, Hanumakonda, September 17: Disneyland High School, Oglapur, Damera Mandal, celebrated Telangana Liberation Day with patriotic spirit and enthusiasm on Thursday. The programme was organised to create awareness among students about the history of Telangana and the sacrifices made by freedom fighters. "The programme was attended by School Founders Dayyala Mallaiah, Dayyala Sadaiiah and Balugu Lakshmanivasam; Directors B. Shobha Rani, D. Rakesh Bhanu and Dinesh Chander, along with the teaching staff and students. The management highlighted the importance of remembering the struggles and sacrifices of those who con-



tributed to Telangana's history and paid tribute to Mr. Dayyala Ilaiah, who fought against the Razakars during that period at Arepally. Students participated in patriotic songs, speeches and cultural presentations, showcasing their respect for Telangana's heritage, history and spirit of patriotism.

MLA STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ATTACK ON MANDAL CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT LINKS KADIYAM SRI HARI

Boddu Sharath Kumar Yamspen English & Telugu daily Paper 17: Hanamkonda District Veleru Mandal Congress Party President Muravat Laxman Naik was held. Former Deputy Chief Minister, Station Ghanpurur MLA Kadiya Srihari strongly condemned the attack. In a democracy, there is no tolerance for violent politics, physical attacks, such unruly actions. He warned severely that he would not tolerate the perpetrators under such circumstances.

"As soon as he came to know about the attack on Laxman Nayak, MLA Kadiya Srihari acted swiftly. Responded, spoke to police officials on phone. Immediately identify and arrest the accused involved in the attack and the masterminds behind them. Clear instructions were given to take strict action against them as per law. Warned that there would be dire consequences if peace and security in the employer's community

is disturbed." "Laxman Nayak, seriously injured in the attack, is undergoing treatment at Warangal MGM Hospital. Health MLA Garu frowned at the situation. Direct call to MGM Hospital Superintendent for best, emergency medical services Ordered to provide. Later, he spoke on phone with the victim Laxman Naik along with his family members. Consulted. "Promised to be patient and fully committed personally and party-wise. Gave assurance that the culprits would have no



intention of leaving the accused.

MMPS Leaders Honored the New Inspector with Pride

Boddu Sharath Kumar Dharmasagar Reporter September 17: Dharmasagar Mandal Police Station under Warangal Police Commission. Anumula Srinivas, MRPS, MSP, Assistant, took charge as Inspector. The community leaders were honored with great respect. MM RPS State Leaders Under the aegis of Leaders New Inspector gave flowers to Srinivas and greeted him with flowers. On this occasion, Boddu Dayakar Madigam MMARPS National Political Bureau members said, Anumula Srinivas

said that he had previously worked as an Essayist in the same police station. At that time, along with maintaining peace and security, they performed effective duties regarding law and order. Said to have received public praise. Presently he took charge as Inspector and worked more effectively than before. Aspired to provide better peace and security to the people and to receive their wishes and blessings. In this felicitation program, Boddu Shanti Shanti sagar Madhigam, Singar



pur Pawan Madhigam, Podishetti Pratap Madigam, Nakka Suman, Podishetti Surendra, Ramancha Aesu, Sompalli Anvesh, Andy Surender "Also MRPS, MSP leaders Singarpur Dilip Madigam, Sompalli Praveen Banni, Nakka Praveen, Polumari Vijeendar and others participated.

Telangana Public Governance Day Celebration

Boddu Sharath Kumar Dharmasagar Reporter September 17: On the occasion of Telangana Public Governance Day organized on Thursday at Dharmasagar Mandal Centre. MPDO Anil Kumar hoisted the national flag and on this occasion he said that first of all We wish you independence under the rule of the Nizam government which came on 15th August 1947. The fruits of independence could not be achieved due to a long struggle of about 13

months, then the joint Andhra Pradesh State was formed as a special state for all Telugu speaking people. Those who tried to maintain the state were Koloji Narayana Rao, Dasharathi, Chakali and others. Because of his great efforts, perseverance, literature and songs, he led the people towards a movement and fought. The then Nizam government collapsed and the Indian Union met after September 17. Hyderabad was established as a

special state, since then till date approximately 80 Over the years, many changes have taken place towards development, now our Telangana state Special attention is paid to the poor, elderly and vulnerable groups, and efforts are made for the upliftment of women. Also, people should be happy, development work should be provided to all, everyone in the state will be financially prosperous. To grow, to participate in the development of the country, to participate in the develop-



ment of the nation MPDO Anil Kumar asked. APO Sampath, staff participated in this program

PSCS Chairman Gundreddy Rajeshwar Reddy Expressed happiness over the Cancellation of 432 G.O.



Boddu Sharath Kumar Dharmasagar Reporter September 17: The state government imposed 432 of life imprisonment for giving court support to the old ruling class. Dharmasagar PACS Chairman Gundreddy Rajasekhara Reddy expressed happiness. Earlier in Nandigam Mandal, there were also Congress leaders on the Basic Agricultural Cooperative Society System. put pressure on the government and got the animals released He expressed happiness over handing over the responsibilities of the High Court to the management.

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Harish Rao challenges Revanth to judicial probe into 22-A land row



Hyderabad: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday challenged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to order an inquiry by a sitting Supreme Court or High Court judge into the Bhu Bharati and 22-A land controversies, including alleged irregularities over the past three years. He said the BRS was ready to face scrutiny of its government and demanded that the same yardstick be applied to the Congress government.

In a point-by-point rebuttal to the Chief Minister's allegations, Harish Rao said Revanth Reddy had effectively admitted the BRS's allegations by acknowledging that entire survey numbers had been uploaded to the prohibited list. He questioned why no action had been taken against officials responsible for the alleged errors and demanded a white paper detailing the extent of land added to and removed from the 22-A list after December 7, 2023. Harish Rao has previously made a similar demand for district-wise details of additions and removals from the prohibited list.

He pointed to an alleged contradiction between Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's claim that no acre was added to the prohibited list after the Congress came to power and the Chief Minister's statement that officials had uploaded a 1999 prohibited lands list covering around 3.71 lakh acres in haste, affecting nearly 30 lakh acres.

The BRS leader said Revanth Reddy had offered to constitute committees and issue new guidelines, but argued that these measures would not by themselves resolve the problem. "Revanth Reddy made a promise, but did not give any immediate relief to the 22-A victims," he said. He questioned why affected people were being forced to approach officials for relief despite being legal owners.

Harish Rao rejected the Chief Minister's argument that the previous BRS government was responsible for the 22-A issue. He challenged the Chief Minister and Ministers to visit any area in and around Hyderabad and interact with people who, he claimed, were facing problems with land registrations that they had not faced during the BRS regime.

He also questioned the overnight removal of the Chief Minister's residence from the prohibited list and demanded similar relief for ordinary property owners. "The law should be the same for the common man and the Chief Minister," he said.

On Bhu Bharati, the former Minister referred to what he described as several irregularities raised by the BRS, including more than 9,200 registrations allegedly carried out without the knowledge of owners across the State and a reported land transfer involving a woman undergoing cancer treatment in Gajwel. He also sought an explanation regarding the alleged Jangaon stamp duty scam and Nadargul land scam.

Rejecting allegations concerning his own properties, Harish Rao said details of his agricultural land had been disclosed in his election affidavit and income-tax returns. "All the properties mentioned by Revanth Reddy to make wild allegations against KCR and his family as well as other BRS leaders are already in the public domain as they were disclosed in their election affidavits," he added.

The BRS leader also referred to more than 308 acres of assets allegedly owned by Revanth Reddy and his family and challenged the Chief Minister to announce a judicial inquiry into them. "We received the information from people from Kodangal and other areas within an hour after Revanth Reddy's speech, without us making any efforts. There are scores of victims whose properties were encroached upon by his family," he alleged.

Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government was resorting to diversion whenever the BRS questioned it on public issues and the Six Guarantees. He said the suspension of BRS MLAs was aimed at avoiding a debate on the government's alleged failures and asserted that the Opposition had not walked out of the Assembly voluntarily. He said BRS legislators were ready to attend the session and challenged the government to lift their suspension.

He also ridiculed the Chief Minister's argument that BRS legislators were suspended for wearing black T-shirts with slogans in violation of Assembly rules, while Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, were allowed inside Parliament under its rules.

Telangana HC postpones judgment on Danam Nagender disqualification petition to Friday

Hyderabad: Amid curiosity over the disqualification petition against BRS turncoat MLA from Khairatabad Danam Nagender, the High Court has reportedly postponed its judgment to Friday.

There was anticipation that the High Court would deliver its judgment on the disqualification petition against the Khairatabad MLA on Wednesday.

BJP Floor Leader Aleti Maheswar Reddy and BRS Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy had filed petitions against his defection in the High Court. As arguments in the case had already been heard, the High Court was expected to deliver its judgment on Wednesday afternoon. However, the court is learnt to have postponed the judgment to Friday.

Danam Nagender has been facing allegations of defecting to the Congress after winning the 2023 Assembly elections from Khairatabad on a BRS ticket. He later contested as a Congress candidate from the Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency in the 2024 elections.

Though he lost the Lok Sabha elections, his



decision to contest on a Congress ticket drew severe criticism. Subsequently, petitions were filed by the BRS seeking his disqualification.

The Supreme Court, on July 31, 2025, directed Speaker G Prasad Kumar to decide on the disqualification of the MLAs facing defection charges. Accordingly, the Speaker conducted hearings on 10 MLAs.

After hearing arguments from both sides, the Speaker rejected the disqualification petition filed against Danam Nagender. Challenging the Speaker's decision, Aleti Maheswar Reddy and Padi Kaushik Reddy approached the High Court.

BRS leaders hit back at Revanth Reddy over land allegations

Hyderabad: BRS legislators G Jagadish Reddy, Vemula Prashanth Reddy and MLC Naveen Kumar hit back at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his allegations concerning the lands of BRS leaders and their families. They challenged him to substantiate the claims with official records.

Speaking to the media, Jagadish Reddy said details of his properties were clearly disclosed in his 2018 and 2023 election affidavits and asserted that not an inch of his land was assigned or inam land.

He alleged that Revanth's charges



against BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao, party working president KT Rama Rao, BRS deputy leader T Harish Rao and other BRS leaders were baseless. He accused the Chief Minister of making false statements on the floor of the House.

Prashanth Reddy said Revanth Reddy contradicted himself

being taken back.

In a separate statement, MLC Naveen Kumar said most of the lands in his name were purchased before 2014 in accordance with the laws then in force. He said his family's properties had no connection with Dharani entries or the 22-A prohibited list. He also rejected Revanth Reddy's claim that his family owned land in Siddipet. He said all his assets had been declared in his election affidavits and challenged the Chief Minister to substantiate any allegation with official records.

by first saying Chandrashekhara Rao had 67 acres and later claiming that the farm land comprised over 300 acres of government land, in sharp contrast to his previous claims of 1,000-acre farm house. He also alleged that government land allotted in Sircilla in 2002 for rehabilitation of former Naxalites was now

Bandi Sanjay Alleges Misuse Of Dharani, Bhu Bharathi

ADILABAD: Union minister of state for home affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Wednesday alleged that the previous BRS government had misused the Dharani portal for land-related "exploitation" and claimed that the Congress government was now using Bhu Bharathi for the same purpose.

Speaking to the media in Karimnagar, Sanjay alleged that the family of former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Rao had used Dharani to grab large tracts of land and make money. He also alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had failed to act against land encroachments and was now using the Bhu Bharathi system for similar purposes.

Sanjay questioned why the Chief Minister had taken 1,000 days



to disclose details of the alleged land scam in the Assembly. He alleged that BRS MLAs had sold government lands and amassed money, while poor people cultivating podu lands for decades were yet to receive pattas.

He claimed that 25 lakh families in the state did not have land to construct houses and alleged that several villages had seen no development as their lands were classified as forest areas.

Sanjay further alleged that Revanth Reddy was raising funds for the Congress whenever elections were held in other states and linked this to the Chief Minister's disclosures on alleged land scams. He said he had raised the issue of land scams during his padayatra.

Referring to the Chief Minister's disclosure on the alleged land scam involving nine persons, Sanjay questioned how long it would take to disclose alleged irregularities involving 90 MLAs.

He demanded that the Chief Minister constitute an SIT, seize encroached lands and assets of legislators disproportionate to those declared in their election affidavits, and disqualify them if they were found guilty.

Sanjay also questioned the status of investigations into alleged irregularities relating to electricity purchases, phone tapping, farmhouse deals, the Formula E race and Kaleshwaram. He alleged that 10,000 acres had been grabbed in Sircilla and claimed that political leaders and influential persons had encroached on lakhs of acres across the state.

Srijana Meets Coimbatore Team on Rainwater Harvesting, Waterlogging



Hyderabad: Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner, G Srijana held a meeting with the Coimbatore team to understand their experience in rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and waterlogging management.

The session covered Modular Rainwater Harvesting, Infiltration Tunnels, EcoBloc Sponge Grounds and Sponge Parks for managing stormwater and supporting groundwater recharge. The Coimbatore experience and project examples were also reviewed as part of the discussion.

The CMC is studying the applicability of such approaches at suitable locations in Cyberabad, keeping local conditions and requirements in view.

The meeting was attended by all Zonal Commissioners, Chief Engineer, Zonal SEs and EEs, with discussions focused on practical approaches that could be relevant to Cyberabad.

PIL Challenges MDR on UPI Transactions



A public interest litigation has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the Centre's decision to impose a merchant discount rate (MDR) on specified UPI person-to-merchant transactions exceeding ₹2,000. The petition alleges that the levy was introduced without adequate statutory safeguards, transparency or public consultation.

The government has introduced a 0.4 per cent fee on UPI payments exceeding ₹2,000 made to merchants, with effect from October 15. No MDR will be levied on UPI transactions of up to ₹2,000.

The plea, filed by advocate Anjan Datta, challenges the Centre's September 14 notification and the MDR framework announced on September 15.

The petitioner has sought the quashing or suspension of the framework insofar as it imposes MDR on UPI transactions exceeding ₹2,000. Alternatively, he has sought its reconsideration following transparent consultation, the publication of empirical data and an impact assessment, besides safeguards for micro and small enterprises.

The plea also seeks an independent review by the Reserve Bank of India and the Union government.

According to the petition, the new framework provides for a 0.4 per cent MDR on general person-to-merchant UPI transactions exceeding ₹2,000, subject to a cap of ₹300 on transactions of ₹75,000 or more.

It also provides for a flat MDR of ₹5 on transactions exceeding ₹2,000 in specified essential and low-margin sectors, including railways, telecommunications, insurance, fuel and agricultural inputs. Capital-market transactions will attract an MDR of 0.02 per cent, capped at ₹300.

The petitioner said UPI transactions of up to ₹2,000 and all person-to-person transfers would remain free, while small merchants receiving up to ₹1 lakh a month through UPI QR codes would be exempt.

The plea challenges the constitutional validity of amended Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, alleging that it gives the executive unguided powers to decide which electronic payment modes should receive no-charge protection.

It questions the fixation of rates, transaction thresholds, caps and sectoral classifications through what the petitioner described as a press release. It alleges that the complete operative instrument prescribing the charges has not been published in the Official Gazette.

The petitioner has also questioned the distinction between UPI transactions and RuPay debit-card payments, pointing out that the notification continues no-charge protection for RuPay debit cards without a monetary ceiling.

The plea alleges that the framework is arbitrary and discriminatory and could adversely affect merchants, particularly those with low margins. It also raises concerns over a possible indirect burden on consumers and digital exclusion.

Every Eligible Person Must Get Loans, AP CM Tells Banks



Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday directed banks to ensure that credit reaches every eligible and needy person across all sectors and sections of society.

The success of the state's development efforts would depend on effective last-mile delivery of banking services, he said.

Addressing the 236th state-level bankers' committee meeting at the Secretariat, Naidu announced his decision that future SLBC meetings would review performance bank-wise, district-wise and department-wise after analysing results.

The Chief Minister reviewed agricultural credit, loans to MSMEs, tenant farmers, women's self-help groups (SHGs), PM Surya Ghar and other priority sectors. He expressed concern that some banks were lagging behind their lending targets and said SLBC reviews would have little meaning unless the targets were achieved.

Bankers informed him that action had been taken on nine of the 13 issues raised at

the previous SLBC meeting.

The Chief Minister, however, said pending targets and issues should not continue to remain unaddressed. Though lending to MSMEs had increased, it was still below the expected level, he noted.

Naidu called for greater credit support to tenant farmers and urged banks to extend loans on a larger scale under PM Surya Ghar. He said the government wanted Andhra Pradesh to emerge as the country's leading state in PM Surya Ghar implementation. Adequate bank financing would be crucial to achieving the goal.

He said the state had set a target of achieving 15 per cent economic growth but had faced difficulties due to El Nino conditions. Efforts were under way to overcome the challenge.

The CM praised women SHG members for their loan repayment record, saying more than 99 per cent of the borrowers were repaying loans on time, while only 0.67 per cent were lagging behind in repayments. He suggested that banks examine a one-time settlement

mechanism to achieve 100 per cent recovery from defaulters.

He directed officials to speed up the action plan for providing loans to beneficiaries of TIDCO houses. Banks were asked not to trouble applicants by insisting on NALA-related loans as the NALAA Act had been repealed.

Naidu stressed the need for greater vigilance against cyber fraud and called for co-ordination with the DGP's Cyber Security Cell. He also directed banks and officials to intensify financial literacy and cyber-fraud awareness programmes across the state.

The meeting noted that total bank advances in Andhra Pradesh had risen to Rs 10.28 lakh crore by June 2026, with agricultural credit accounting for Rs 3.98 lakh crore. During the first quarter of 2026-27, banks disbursed Rs 63,686 crore to 2.33 lakh MSMEs.

Under PM Surya Ghar, 1,57,703 applications had been received by Sept 10, with loans worth Rs 3,081 crore sanctioned. SHGs received Rs 18,621 crore in loans, while Rs 13,757 crore was sanctioned for 4,48,562 PM Mudra loan applicants.

Banks also briefed the CM on construction of their offices in the Amaravati financial hub. Naidu directed them to expedite the works.

Naidu Calls for Market Intervention to Rein in Prices

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to keep essential commodity prices within the reach of the common man and adopt advance planning of crop cultivation, production and market management to contain inflation.

Reviewing the agriculture and allied departments at his camp office on Wednesday, Mr Naidu asked officials to analyse the reasons for price rises, assess whether production was matching demand and monitor supply. He stressed the need to predict market requirements before deciding which crops should be cultivated.

Naidu asked officials to identify crops and locations requiring market intervention to prevent price spikes. He directed them to implement the minimum support prices (MSP) announced by the Centre and encourage farmers to cultivate those crops. Where necessary, the government should enter into buy-back agreements with farmers, he said.

He called for full utilisation of Oilfed, Markfed, Rythu Bazars and ration shops to regulate prices. MSP-backed procurement would ensure produce reached the government, providing greater scope to stabilise prices, he said.

"After prediction, we should move to production and accordingly assess the market," the Chief Minister said.

He asked officials to supply nearly 60 essential commodities through Rythu Bazars and ration shops. Onion and red gram should soon be made available through these channels, while palm oil should also be supplied through ration shops.



Naidu called for exploring onion and chilli cultivation in new areas beyond traditional growing regions. Officials should assess crop patterns at each Rythu Seva Kendra and estimate onion demand and availability.

The Chief Minister directed officials to bring 8.61 lakh hectares of currently uncultivated land under rain-fed crops. Millets, ragi, foxtail millet, jowar, bajra, maize and horse gram should be promoted, besides encouraging natural farming. Farmers should be provided subsidised seeds and necessary farm machinery based on local crop requirements, he said.

Officials informed him that 3.61 lakh hectares of horticultural crops were at high risk. Mr Naidu announced ₹190 crore for life-saving irrigation to protect these crops and directed officials to take measures such as supplying water through tankers.

Naidu also ordered monthly communication to the Centre on measures being taken to tackle the impact of El Niño and congratulated officials after the Andhra Pradesh Micro Irrigation Project received the ISSCA Global Award-2026.

Ministers K. Atchannaidu, Nimmala Ramanaidu and Nadendla Manohar, along with senior officials, attended the review.

Education Minister Nara Lokesh Inaugurates Two Modernized Government Schools

Nellore: Education minister Nara Lokesh on Wednesday inaugurated the newly renovated RSR municipal high school at Stonehousepet and the DSR (Devirreddy Sarada) government high school at Moolapet.

This marks a major upgrade of government-school infra-



structure in Nellore city.

The two schools have been transformed with modern classrooms, laboratories, digital learning facilities and sports infrastructure at a combined investment of over ₹21.7 crore through CSR and philanthropic support.

The RSR municipal high school was modernised with ₹8.3 crore in CSR funds from the VPR Foundation, with the renovated campus featuring 43 classrooms, LED screens, modern furniture and computer, robotics, astronomy,

physics, chemistry and biology laboratories.

Art, music, dance and language rooms, a library and modern sanitation facilities have also been provided.

The school has also been equipped with a one-acre playground, football, volleyball and badminton facilities, a kids' play area, sensory park and outdoor gym. A 21,000-sq-ft synthetic court has been developed for sports activities.

At Moolapet, the DSR GHS was rebuilt with ₹13.41 crore in

CSR/philanthropic support from the Devirreddy Sarada Charitable Trust.

The two-storeyed campus has 24 classrooms, 15 LED screens, 300 benches and specialised laboratories for computer science, robotics, astronomy and the sciences, besides art, music, language rooms and a library.

The school also boasts of having basketball, pickleball, volleyball, kabaddi and kho-kho courts, cricket practice nets, an outdoor gym, sensory park, kids' play

area and open musical instruments.

After inaugurating the schools, Lokesh inspected the facilities and interacted with students. He also reviewed their academic performance with school heads and officials, focusing on learning outcomes, attendance, enrolment and Class X results.

At RSR, he sought improvement in the Class X pass percentage, which stood at 60.19 per cent last year, and called for efforts to boost enrolment and attendance.

At DSR, he welcomed the increase in enrolment but expressed concern over low attendance and stressed the need for better learning outcomes and quality mid-day meals.

The two projects are part of an initiative to modernise 15 government schools in Nellore city, with the objective of providing students access to facilities comparable to those available in private and corporate schools.

AP Minister Satya Kumar Calls for Timely Treatment, Proper Patient Care

VIJAYAWADA: Health minister Satya Kumar Yadav called for strengthening healthcare services in hospitals and ensuring patient safety ahead of World Patient Safety Day, to be observed on September 17.

In a statement issued here on Wednesday, the minister stressed the importance of early diagnosis, timely treatment, proper use of medicines and monitoring patients' health after treatment.

He said nearly 2.83 crore people had undergone medical tests under Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) 4.0, of whom 59.38 lakh were found to have high blood pressure and 48.32 lakh diabetes.

As part of NCD 4.0, extensive medical tests are being conducted among people aged above 18 to detect blood pressure, diabetes and oral, breast and uterine cancers. Early diagnosis would help ensure proper and timely treatment, he said.

Satya Kumar ruled out any delay or disruption in treatment once diseases were confirmed and said further tests, medicines and other health services would be linked to the Sanjeevani health scheme.

He stressed the need to provide medicines on



time and create awareness among patients about using them as prescribed by doctors. He also highlighted the role of family members in supporting patients, particularly those suffering from chronic diseases.

The minister called for strict compliance with hospital protocols, from admission and treatment to the provision of healthcare and other services. He also called for awareness programmes on World Patient Safety Day among health personnel in all districts and teaching hospitals, with emphasis on providing proper care to patients.

Prakasam Administration Plans To Turn Barren Lands Into Income Sources



NELLORE: The Prakasam district administration plans to explore ways to turn unused barren and fallow lands into additional sources of income for farmers and landowners, with a focus on increasing the district's Gross Value Added (GVA).

Collector P. Rajababu on Wednesday directed officials of the agriculture and allied departments to identify such lands and promote suitable activities. At a meeting with officials at the Prakasam Bhavan, he reviewed the agricultural situation and the extent of land left uncultivated in the district. The collector suggested growing fodder grass and fruit-bearing plants on barren lands to generate additional income and improve GVA. He asked officials to identify suitable parcels, hold discussions with landowners and encourage community farming initiatives.

With weather experts forecasting a strong El Nino influences this year, Rajababu stressed the need for innovative measures to safeguard the interests and incomes of farmers and livestock rearers. He also said increasing green cover on unused lands could help reduce heat in the local environment. He directed officials to identify land for fodder and fruit plantations and take up the initiative as a pilot project before expanding it to other areas. District agriculture officer Srinivasa Rao, Natural Farming district project manager Subhashini, APMIP project director Srinivasulu and district horticulture officer Gopichand attended the meeting.

Naidu Calls for Preserving Tirumala Heritage, Lauds TTD Administration

Tirupati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday stressed the need to protect Tirumala's traditions, heritage and distinctive discipline and pass them on to future generations.

He presented silk robes to Lord Venkateswara on behalf of the state government as part of the annual Salakata Brahmothsavams and later participated in the Pedda Sesha Vahana Seva, the first vahana seva of the nine-day festival. Naidu's wife Bhuvaneshwari, son and minister Lokesh and daughter-in-law Brahmini participated in the silk robes presentation ceremony. Priests performed the customary rituals at the Bedi Anjaneya Swamy temple, following which Naidu carried the robes in a procession to the main temple.

The CM handed over the robes to the chief priest inside the sanctum sanctorum and offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara. At the Ranganayakula Mandapam, he received Veda Aseervachanam and was presented with Theertha Prasadam, a portrait of Sri Venkateswara and a memento by the TTD. He also released the TTD's 2027 calendars, diaries and table calendars.

After darshan of Lord Venkateswara, Naidu said preserving Tirumala's traditions and heritage in their entirety was a responsibility that needed to be carried forward to the coming generations.

He said the disciplined environment at Tirumala was distinctive and that the TTD had been managing the temple and its affairs effectively. The manner in which the hill shrine was being administered could serve as an example for other temples in the country, he said.



The Chief Minister directed the TTD trust board and employees to ensure that devotees were provided a smooth and hassle-free darshan. He said he prayed for the prosperity of the state and for India to become a developed nation.

Endowments minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, revenue minister Anagani Satya Prasad, TTD chairman B.R. Naidu, executive officer Muddada Ravichandra, Additional EO Venkaiah Chowdary, TTD board members and other officials

were present.

Naidu stayed overnight at the Tirumala guest house. On Wednesday, he would inaugurate the pilgrim experience centre at the 17th compartment of Vaikuntam Queue Complex-I, Reliance-donated e-buses at Gogarbhram Dam Circle and the modernised SV Museum. He would also review TTD activities before leaving for Amaravati.

Anitha Promises House Pattas, Piped Water In Payakaraopeta



VISAKHAPATNAM: Home minister Vangalapati Anitha said all eligible families in Payakaraopeta constituency would soon get house pattas and steps would be taken to ensure drinking water supply to every household under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The minister directed officials to accelerate pending works and give priority to basic infrastructure.

Welcoming the supply of Godavari water to Anakapalli district through the Polavaram Left Canal, Anitha said possibilities of developing areas along the canal in Payakaraopeta as tourist destinations would be explored.

She also urged people to install rooftop solar power systems, stating that the government was extending subsidies and other incentives.

On public safety, she directed police to conduct awareness programmes on traffic rules and enforce helmet regulations. Steps would also be taken to install CCTV cameras in villages.

Lokesh Visit to Nellore District Today

Minister for education, human resources development, IT, electronics and communications, and real-time governance N. Lokesh will visit Nellore district on September 16, District collector Himanshu Shukla said in a statement on Tuesday.



Lokesh will arrive at RSR High School in Stonehousepet, Nellore, at 10 am to inaugurate the renovated school building. He will then visit DSR School in Mulapeta, Shantinagar, and inaugurate its renovated premises at 11 am.

He will later travel to Chinnapadugupadu village in Kovur mandal, where party workers and local residents will host a reception. He will also unveil a statue of former chief minister N.T. Rama Rao. At 1.25 pm, Lokesh will reach Ushodaya Dairy Parlour in Kovur to interact with party workers.

He will leave Kovur at 5 pm and travel by road to his residence in Undavalli, Tadepalli mandal, Guntur district. He is expected to arrive at around 8.30 pm, the collector said.

NAIDU, PAWAN KALYAN HAIL INDIA'S SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF BRICS SUMMIT

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Monday that India's voice is being heard today with greater confidence and respect across the world than ever before.

He congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for India's successful hosting of the 18th BRICS Summit.

"I'm delighted that India successfully hosted the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, bringing together some of the world's leading economies at a time of significant global change," the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national president said in a post on 'X'.

"The New Delhi Declaration's focus on stronger multilateral institutions, resilient supply chains, innovation, sustainable development and greater co-operation among emerging economies is particularly significant. These are issues that will shape global growth and prosperity in the decades ahead," he said.

CM Naidu stated that today's India has emerged as a trusted platform where nations with diverse perspectives can come together, engage constructively and find common ground. This ability to build



consensus, while advancing the interests of the developing world, reflects India's growing economic strength and stature on the global stage, he observed. Download Interactive Maps

He complimented PM Modi for his leadership in this landmark event. "Today, India's voice is being heard with greater confidence and respect across the world than ever before!" he added.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan posted that the successful conclusion of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi is a moment of immense pride for Bharat. With BRICS nations representing around 50 per cent of the world's popula-

tion and 40 per cent of global GDP, the grouping has a significant role in shaping the global economic and geopolitical landscape, he said.

The Jana Sena leader said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, Bharat has successfully steered the BRICS Chairship under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability". He congratulated the Prime Minister, the Ministry of External Affairs, the Government of Bharat, diplomats, officials and every team whose dedicated efforts made this Summit a success.

The Summit strengthened the agenda for economic and financial cooperation, trade, investment, resilient supply chains and development finance, while advancing collaboration in AI, innovation, technology, energy and food security. It also reinforced collective efforts towards peace and security, combating terrorism, climate action, sustainable development and a stronger voice for the Global South. The adoption of the BRICS New Delhi Declaration marks an important step towards translating these shared priorities into meaningful cooperation and action.

National Engineers' Day: PM Modi pays tribute to M Visvesvaraya, hails engineers as Karmayogis

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday paid tribute to legendary Indian engineer and statesman Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya on the occasion of National Engineers' Day and lauded the contributions of engineers in building, innovating and creating solutions for a better tomorrow.

National Engineers' Day is observed across India every year on September 15 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, one of the country's foremost civil engineers and a celebrated statesman whose contribution to engineering and nation-building continues to be remembered.

Born on September 15,

1861, Visvesvaraya, also known by his initials M V, is widely regarded as the 'Father of Modern Mysore'. He played a significant role in the development of major public infrastructure projects and became an enduring symbol of engineering excellence in India.

Taking to X, PM Modi extended his greetings to engineers across the country and paid tribute to Visvesvaraya.

"Happy Engineers Day to all remarkable engineers, the people who build, innovate and provide solutions for a better tomorrow. Tributes to Sir M. Visvesvaraya, whose engineering genius and nation-building vision continue to inspire," the Prime Minister said.

PM Modi also shared a



video in which he highlighted the role of engineers in turning ideas and aspirations into tangible achievements and described them as 'Karmayogis' working to-

wards the progress of the country.

"Engineers do not merely build machines; they are the Karmayogis who transform

dreams into reality. I applaud and commend every engineer of India. India has been home to many such engineers who turned the unimaginable

into the imaginable and presented feats that are hailed as marvels in the world of engineering," he said.

In the video, the Prime Minister also recalled Visvesvaraya's remarkable legacy and his contribution to India's engineering heritage.

"In our proud heritage of great engineers, we were also blessed with a priceless gem whose works continue to astonish people even today — and that was Bharat Ratna Dr M. Visvesvaraya. In his honour and memory, September 15 is celebrated as Engineers' Day. Following in his footsteps, the engineers of our nation have carved a distinct identity for themselves across the entire world. On this occasion, I respectfully

salute all engineers and bow to their creative power of nation-building," PM Modi added.

Visvesvaraya was honoured with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, in 1955 in recognition of his monumental contributions to public projects, engineering and society.

He was instrumental in the construction of the Krishna Raja Sagara Dam in Mysore and also played a key role in designing and implementing complex flood protection systems.

The Government of India officially designated September 15 as National Engineers' Day in 1968, in recognition of Visvesvaraya's extraordinary contribution to engineering and nation-building.

BJP's Rajasthan Civic Poll Victory Reflects People's Mood Across Country: Ramchander Rao

Hyderabad: Telangana Bharatiya Janata Party President Ramchander Rao on Tuesday alleged that the Congress and the INDI bloc attempted to defame the BJP government in Rajasthan and spread "propaganda" against the party, asserting that people have given a clear message through the urban local body election results. Speaking to ANI, Rao said, "The Congress and the INDIA alliance have tried to defame the BJP government in Rajasthan and spread a great deal of propaganda against the BJP government, both in the state and across the country. But the people of Rajasthan have given a clear message." Reacting to the BJP's performance in the Rajasthan municipal elections, Rao said the victory reflected the mood of people across the country. "The BJP's victory in Rajasthan's local body and municipal elections is an indicator of the mood of the people across the country," he said.

Rao said the BJP remained ahead throughout the elections and thanked the



people of Rajasthan for supporting the party. "In Rajasthan, it is the BJP that has led throughout the elections. It has won almost all the corporations, while a large number of ward seats and municipalities have also been clinched by the BJP. We thank the people of Rajasthan for once again electing the BJP in the municipal elections. This trend will definitely continue across the country," he added.

Further, speaking to reporters on Rajasthan civil body polls, BJP-in-charge for Rajasthan civil polls and Maharashtra Minister, Chandrashekhar Bawankule said, "The public of Rajasthan has made the Opposition run away."

"He further added, "We have secured a big victory in Rajasthan. The Congress party tried to use the Gen-Zon this, but they were taught a lesson for the flawed policy driven by the greed of appeasement." "The BJP narrowly defeated the Congress by a margin of less than one percentage point in the recently concluded Rajasthan urban local body elections, securing 35.18 per cent of the total votes polled across 309 civic bodies."

Chiranjeevi's Vishwambhara Eyes Sankranti Release?



The team is currently completing the remaining portions of the shoot, with the final schedule expected to be wrapped up by Wednesday. "A few key scenes were canned recently, and the entire shooting part is expected to be completed in the next couple of

With the makers now reportedly considering Sankranti, Vishwambhara could be positioning itself as one of the major attractions of the 2027 festival season.



Bandhavi Sridhar Looks Radiant in a Graceful Saree With Red Roses

She has since appeared in Light House (2024) and the Hindi film Jaat (2025). Upcoming projects include Peddi (2026) and Sairabanu. Alongside acting, Bandhavi continues modeling and brand work, steadily building her presence in the industry with a blend of traditional charm and modern versatility.

Anupama Parameswaran reflects on life, says 'every moment counts'

Actress Anupama Parameswaran reflected on life and memories in a new Instagram post, saying that every moment matters and “today is really all we have.” Her latest message comes months after a cryptic post about finding peace, freedom and herself.

It may be recalled that Anupama had put out a cryptic post in July this year that came under the spot-



She had further said, "From today, I

She wrote, "Thank you for standing by me, believing in me, and filling my life with so much love. If I haven't said it enough before, please know that I have always felt

On the work front, Anupama next has director Sampath Nandi's explosive action drama 'Bhogi'

The makers had revealed on actor Sharwanand's birthday that he played a character called Ganga in the eagerly awaited action thriller.



Throughout the glimpse video, Baththa

Starring Vijay Sethupathi and Lijom Jose in the lead roles, 'Baththa' has been directed by B a l a j i Tharaneetharan, who is best known for the superhit film 'Naduvula Konjam Pakkatha Kaanom', and presented by well-known director Atlee.