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PRESIDENT OF INDIA'S GREETINGS ON THE EVE OF GANDHI JAYANTI

National Bureau Chief New Delhi 01 OCT : The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu in her message on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti says: -On behalf of all citizens, I pay my respectful tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his 157th birth anniversary celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti. Gandhi ji's life and ideals are widely respected by the global community. Today, an atmosphere of war and conflict prevails in many parts of the world, affecting all nations. In these circumstances, Mahatma Gan



dhi's message of peace and non-violence becomes even more relevant. Our country is advancing towards the national goal of becoming Viksit Bharat by the year 2047. In this journey, priority is being given to the values of empathy and inclusion to ensure that no citizen is deprived of the benefits of development. This vision reflects the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi's ideal of 'Sarvodaya', based on the principle of the welfare and upliftment of all. "On the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, let us reaffirm our commitment to building an empowered, developed and Atmanirbhar Bharat through our ethical conduct and active participation.

Modi, Trump Talk Ties Days After US Sanctions Russia, Iran

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday spoke to United States President Donald Trump about bilateral cooperation, including trade, defence and energy, amid uncertainty over the possibility of American tariffs of up to 100 per cent on India for buying Russian oil. The conversation took place as the two countries have yet to conclude a bilateral trade agreement. "Had a productive conversation with President Trump. We reviewed our bilateral cooperation in trade, defence, energy, critical technologies and other areas. We agreed to maintain close engagement to take our Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership forward. We also exchanged views on regional and international issues, including ongoing efforts to advance global peace and security," Modi posted on X. New Delhi said the leaders agreed to maintain close engagement to deepen coop-



eration for the benefit of both countries' people. On Tuesday, external affairs minister S. Jaishankar said at an event in New York that "politics should not be played over oil supplies" when the focus should be on maintaining the stability of global energy supplies and prices. His remarks came amid the possibility of US sanctions against countries buying Russian oil. Less than two weeks ago, the US Congress passed the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act (SRIA), empowering President Trump to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on countries such as India and China that purchase Russian oil. Trump subsequently signed it into law. New Delhi indicated that imposing such tariffs could affect bilateral relations and severely disrupt global oil markets. A week ago, Jaishankar raised India's concerns with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio during a meeting in New York on the sidelines of the UN General Assem-

bly. "Good to meet @SecRubio of the US #UNHighLevelWeek. Reiterated India's interests and concerns with regard to SRIA. Also discussed the Gulf and Ukraine situations," he posted on X. The US State Department said the ministers "also discussed sanctions that could be leveled against states that engage economically with Russia and Iran". Rubio said the United States remained well positioned to help regional partners address their energy security challenges, according to the department. Asked on Tuesday what could strengthen India's ties with the Trump administration, Jaishankar cited a bilateral trade agreement and greater understanding of India's concerns about Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. The latter remarks came against the backdrop of close ties between the Trump administration and Pakistan's military establishment.

Prime Minister congratulates Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru on winning Bronze in Men's Compound Individual at Asian Games

National Bureau Chief New Delhi October 1 : The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has congratulated Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru on his hard-fought victory in the Men's Compound Individual Bronze Medal Match at the Asian Games. Shri Modi said that with precision under pressure, remarkable composure and an unyielding spirit, Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru has brought immense

glory. "The Prime Minister has extended his best wishes to Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru for his future endeavours. "In a post on X, the Prime Minister's Office said; Congratulations to Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru on his hard-fought victory in the Men's Compound Individual Bronze Medal Match at the Asian Games. With precision under pressure, remarkable composure and an



unyielding spirit, Ganesh has brought immense glory. Best wishes to him for future endeavours: PM

Warangal Police Commissionerate "Personality development is the foundation for progress in all fields.

Shwetha, IPS Warangal Police Commissioner

Rakam Radhika, Bureau Chief, Warangal October 1: Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shwetha (IPS) stated that a strong personality can be cultivated by imbibing discipline, a spirit of service, leadership qualities, and a positive mindset right from one's student days. She emphasized that personality development serves as the foundation for success in education, employment, social service, and all other spheres of life. Speaking as the chief guest at a National Service Scheme (NSS) orientation program held on Thursday at Pingili Government Women's Col-



lege, the Commissioner noted that the NSS helps foster social responsibility, a service-oriented attitude, leadership qualities, and a responsible outlook towards society among students. "She urged students to make the best use of their talents and actively participate in initiatives like the NSS that benefit society. The event was attended by College Principal Professor B. Chandra mouli, NSS program officers, Kakatiya University Professor Esam Narayana, faculty members, students, and other staff.

Ekam Bharat Party' makes its debut on the political stage: Raising Awareness about Graduate Voter Registration - Party President B.R. Shafi

I. Santhosh Bureau Chief Warangal October 1: Addressed the media. Shafi stated that the 'Ekam Bharat Party' has entered the electoral fray for the Warangal Khammam Nalgonda (WKN) Graduates' constituency, aiming to shatter the barriers of caste, religious, and sectarian politics and usher in a new political revolution in India. Marking the party's inception and the upcoming Graduate MLC elections, they announced plans to conduct a "Special Voter Registration Awareness" campaign to foster civic consciousness among the youth regarding their right to vote. The party is committed to goals such as providing quality free education, creating local jobs in the IT and phar-



maceutical sectors, and eradicating the 'cash-for-vote' culture; they urged people to move beyond the servile mindset of selling their votes and instead emerge as leaders who can shape the system. Educated individuals and social activists from the Warangal, Khammam, and Nalgonda districts are stepping forward as volunteers for

this cause. Shafi and Vice President Gajender Das are leading these ongoing efforts.

CHANGE OF NAME & DATE OF BIRTH

I, Sanga Venkatalaxmi W/O: late Saraiah & DOB: 15/08/1969, H.No. 7-95/a, Inugurthi Village, Kesamu dram, Mahab ubabad district, TG, Pin-506112, declare that my name Venkata Laxmi & DOB: 01/7/1966 is one and same person. That in future my name will be as Sanga Venkatalaxmi & DOB: 15/08/1969 in all future correspondence.

Dinesh Chander's 40th Birthday Celebrated Grandly



Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct voice State Bureau Chief October 01: The 40th birthday of Mr. Dayyala Dinesh Chander, Director of Disney Land High School and Chief Editor of Direct Voice Newspaper, was celebrated grandly. "Disney Land High School founders D. Malliah, D. Sadaiah and B. Lakshmi Niasam, along with directors Shobha Rani, Rakesh Bhanu, Pawan Kumar, Bhanu Chander, Buddha Dev and Suraj, conveyed their heartfelt birthday wishes. Teachers, students and members of

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Partying For The Gods

Religion, gods, and beliefs are intertwined in our country's politics. It's not new. That political situation is now another. An interesting turn has taken place. On the one hand, in BJP politics, the slogan Jai Shri Ram is often heard. It has developed a political narrative around Lord Ram. Now Congress is trying to break it. The Congress has brought forward the slogan Hara Hara Mahadev. The recent comments made by Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy have further fueled this debate. Revanth Reddy spoke at an event organized by a media organization in Delhi. He praised Lord Shiva as the god of the poor. He made comments that implied that Lord Ram was the god of the rich. He questioned why the BJP uses the slogan Jai Shri Ram more. At the same time, Revanth Reddy questioned why they do not say the slogan Hara Hara Mahadev. Although Revanth Reddy says that Lord Shiva and Lord Ram are both their gods, his calling Lord Shiva the god of the poor and Lord Ram the god of the rich is leading to a debate. If you look at Revanth's comments, it is not just about gods. His comments are words with a political background. BJP political slogans were visible in his words. Political cultures of North and South India were visible. His explanation of BJP's connection with the wealthy classes one by one caused a political sensation. On the one hand, BJP is showing the slogan Jai Shri Ram as its political symbol. But it is noteworthy that Revanth repeatedly mentioned this as a political issue. The Congress party is strongly using the formula of Shiva and Ram to bring division in Hindutva politics. Recently, Revanth Reddy promoted this division in media discussions in Delhi without any illusions. The Congress party is bringing a new narrative to the fore as an alternative to the Hindutva agenda of the Bharatiya Janata Party, especially the political power it is gaining in the name of Ram. The divisional talk that Shiva is the god of the poor and Ram is the god of the rich or the ruling classes, and leaders like Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy are promoting this on national platforms, has become a topic of discussion in political circles. The Congress strategy behind this argument is clearly visible. At a time when the BJP finds it impossible to unilaterally conquer the comprehensive Hindutva vote bank, this is an attempt to ignite a class struggle within Hindu beliefs. The Congress hopes to bring about a Shaiva-Vaishnav divide by directly attributing the left-wing socialist principles of social justice and representation of the poor and weaker sections to the gods. The party's strategists think that the political fortress built by the BJP around Ram can be demolished by showing Shiva as the representative of the common man. For centuries, people have believed that there is no difference between Hari and Hara in Indian Sanatan culture. Breaking the spiritual truth that Shivaya Vishnu Rupaya... Shiva Rupaya Vishnav for political mileage is creating divisions that do not exist in society. Many are commenting that limiting Ram to just one class or the rich is a distortion of myths and history. Rama, who ate the fruits of Sabarimala and embraced the cave as a brother, was never a symbol of royalty alone. At the same time, attributing poverty to Shiva is also a narrow-mindedness of Hindu philosophy. Shiva is the Supreme Lord, the master of all living creatures; his modesty is a sign of sacrifice and dissolution, not of social poverty. Dividing the gods who are held dear in the hearts of devotees into rich and poor classes for political gain shows a serious lack of understanding of the Indian way of life. The 'soft - Hindutva plus class war' strategy adopted by the Congress in

BRS hits back at Revanth over Sircilla remarks, questions Congress govt's record on promises

The BRS on Wednesday criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for allegedly using his Sircilla public meeting to target BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao and working president KT Rama Rao instead of addressing issues concerning weavers, farmers and implementation of Congress poll promises.



Hyderabad: The BRS on Wednesday hit back at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his Sircilla speech, accusing him of using a government platform to settle political scores with the party chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao and working president KT Rama Rao.

The party leaders said instead of spelling out the Congress government's measures for weavers and farmers or the implementation of electoral promises in Rajanna Sircilla district, the Chief Minister indulged in personal attacks and political rhetoric.

Former Minister S Niranjan Reddy said Revanth Reddy's speech was marked by self-praise and attacking others, despite the Congress government being nearly three years into office. He said the Chief Minister should have explained what his government had done for Sircilla instead of repeatedly blaming the BRS.

He particularly questioned the government's handling of the handloom sector. He alleged that the Congress government withheld Bathukamma saree orders and adversely affected Sircilla weavers, while Revanth Reddy attempted to blame the previous BRS government.

BRS MLC Dasogu Sravan questioned why the government was not giving Bathukamma saree orders to local weavers. He alleged that Gurukul uniform tenders had been awarded to a Gujarat-

based company.

He challenged Revanth Reddy to demonstrate his concern for the Padmashali community by giving a graduate MLC ticket to Kailash Netha, instead of choosing both the Congress candidates from upper castes in the upcoming elections. He questioned the number of BC Ministers in the State Cabinet and officials in the Chief Minister's Office.

BRS MLA and former Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy rejected Revanth Reddy's allegations about the K Chandrashekhar Rao family's wealth and properties. He said the assets of the BRS chief and his family members had already been disclosed in their election affidavits. He challenged Revanth Reddy and his brothers to publish their properties and sources of income.

He recalled that Revanth Reddy had made similar claims against Chandrashekhar Rao's Erravelli residence earlier and even conducted surveys only to receive severe backlash from locals.

"Unable to digest his failure to prove his allegations, he vented his frustration by making false allegations once again in Sircilla," he added.

The BRS leaders questioned Revanth Reddy's own record on assets, including properties in Jubilee Hills and around the Outer Ring Road, turning his demand for a disclosure by the Chandrashekhar Rao family back on the Chief Minister.

They also targeted Revanth Reddy's promise to make the Congress leader who defeated KT Rama Rao in Sircilla a Minister, pointing out that nearly three years into the government's term, the Chief Minister had still not expanded his Cabinet.

Telangana Ethics Committee defers decision on Kaushik Reddy, seeks reply by October 7

The Telangana Assembly Ethics Committee deferred its decision on Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy and asked him to submit his explanation by October 7. The panel will reconvene on October 8 after providing requested raw video footage.

Hyderabad: The Telangana Assembly Ethics Committee on Wednesday deferred a decision on Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy, asking him to submit his explanation by October 7 and deciding to reconvene on October 8 for further proceedings.

The meeting, chaired by Revuri Prakash Reddy, lasted for around one-and-a-half hours and discussed Kaushik Reddy's reply on the issue pertaining to his conduct in the House, including an altercation involving defected BRS MLA Kadiyam Srihari. However, MLA and former Deputy Speaker T Padma Rao Goud, who appeared on behalf of the BRS, insisted that the raw video footage of the incident be provided for examination.

Accordingly, the committee decided to provide the requested footage of the incident to the BRS MLA for examination and directed the officials concerned to provide it to the BRS legislator by Thursday evening. The MLA had sought six weeks to respond, contending that he needed the footage before submitting his reply. However, the committee decided to give him a week to submit his reply.

Speaking to the media, Kaushik Reddy criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his visit to inaugurate the Karimnagar Collectorate built during the previous BRS government, after claiming to wipe out former



Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's legacy in the State. He termed Revanth Reddy a ribbon-cutting Chief Minister who was inaugurating projects and buildings completed during the previous BRS rule and sought to know about his contribution to the project.

Kaushik Reddy alleged that the Congress was struggling to mobilise people for the Chief Minister's Sircilla meeting and stated that people were being brought from other districts. He also demanded the release of the second instalment of Dalit Bandhu funds for Huzurabad and Rs 1,000 crore for development works in his constituency.

Harish Rao opposes proposed Singareni power supply deal with Rajasthan

Hyderabad: BRS legislature party deputy leader and former Minister T Harish Rao strongly opposed the proposed joint venture to supply power generated at Singareni's Jaipur plant to Rajasthan. He questioned the government's decision at a time when farmers in Telangana were facing severe power shortages.

He warned that the BRS would launch an agitation in support of farmers if the Rajasthan power agreement was not scrapped. He also demanded that Telangana immediately enter into a power purchase agreement for the 1,600 MW proposed from NTPC under the State bifurcation assurances.

In an open letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Harish Rao said the Jaipur plant had an installed capacity of 800 MW and criticised the proposal to divert power to another State when the coal, water and land for the project belonged to Telangana. "Diverting power generated in Telangana for a cheaper cost to another State is an anti-people decision and criminal negligence," he asserted. He also questioned the proposed diversion of nearly Rs 22,000 crore in investment from Singareni Collieries Company Limited towards the Rajasthan project. He alleged that farmers were receiving just seven-eight hours of power, which is less than the promised 24-hour power supply, and that power cuts and power holidays were affecting agriculture.

The BRSLP deputy leader stated that power generation at several thermal plants had suffered due to management failures and inadequate coal stocks. He also alleged that inferior-grade coal was being used at the Yadadri thermal power plant and that generation at the Kothagudem and Bhadradi plants had been halted due to coal shortage. "Thermal power plants must maintain 45 days of reserve stocks. The Congress government exposed its callousness in ensuring it," he added.



BRS will make bigger comeback than its setback, says KTR

Hyderabad: Pointing to growing public dissent against the BJP at the Centre and the Congress in



Telangana, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao declared that the political mood was shifting against both parties. He ruled out any alliance with the BJP, asserted that K Chandrashekhar Rao would be the BRS's Chief Ministerial face and exuded confidence that the party would return to power in Telangana.

Speaking at the India Today Conclave South 2026 in Kochi on Wednesday, Rama Rao said the BRS and BJP were poles apart ideologically and had never entered into an alliance in the party's 26-year history. He recalled that the BRS had contested the 2014, 2018 and 2023 Assembly elections on its own.

"There will be no alliance with the BJP," he said, rejecting speculation that the BRS could align with the BJP following its defeat in the 2023 Assembly elections.

The BRS working president said the change of the party's name from Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) to BRS in October 2022 had not altered its ideology. "If the DNA has not changed, the ideology has not changed, then nothing changes," he said.

Using a film analogy, Rama Rao said merely adopting the name Shah Rukh Khan would not make a person Shah Rukh Khan. He said the idea was to take Telangana's welfare and development model to other parts of the country.

Asked whether he would be the BRS's Chief Ministerial face in the next Assembly election, he categorically declared, "Absolutely not," making it clear that Chandrashekhar Rao would lead the party into the next election. "Our comeback will be bigger than our setback," he remarked.

Rama Rao described the political mood in Telangana as an "RRR" phenomenon, Recall, Regret and Revolt. He said the Congress had come to power in 2023 on more than 420 promises, including schemes involving one tola of gold, scooters and a monthly payment of Rs 2,500 to women, but had failed to fully implement them.

The former Minister said the BRS lost the 2023 election by only 1.8 per cent of the vote, or around four lakh votes. However, he said voters were recalling the KCR government and regretting their decision to vote for the Congress. "They are moving towards a revolt against the ruling party," he said, adding that people wanted Chandrashekhar Rao back as Chief Minister.

He said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was giving greater priority to the Congress leadership in Delhi than to Telangana's interests.

Rama Rao also criticised the BJP, citing growing dissatisfaction with the Centre. He said student groups, Gen Z youth and the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) were taking to the streets to question the BJP government. He criticised Rahul Gandhi, alleging that as the principal Opposition leader he had failed to stand with people and young protesters.

He also accused the saffron party of trying to divide the country on religious lines, while Revanth Reddy was creating divisions between people who revered Lord Rama and Lord Shiva. He said both parties were diverting attention from jobs and the implementation of electoral promises.

On delimitation, the BRS working president warned that a population-based exercise could disadvantage southern States that had successfully implemented population-control measures. He said the southern States' share of India's population had declined from around 24 per cent to 19 per cent and argued that allocating parliamentary seats afresh based on population could reduce their relative representation.

He questioned why Assembly seats were not being increased alongside Lok Sabha seats. "If you want to do delimitation, why not increase MLA seats? They are the first point of contact for anyone. Why increase Parliament seats?" he asked.

Rama Rao favoured retaining the existing 543 Lok Sabha seats and supported proportional representation. He also questioned why women's reservation was not being implemented within the existing number of Lok Sabha seats. He said the BRS would support an increase in seats only if it was done proportionately.

He said assurances by Union Home Minister Amit Shah that no State would be disadvantaged could not be trusted. He cited the Centre's alleged failure to fulfil several commitments made to Telangana after bifurcation in 2014 as examples. He also questioned why Assembly seats had been increased in Assam and Jammu and Kashmir but not in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

On the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Rama Rao said updating voter lists was necessary but questioned the manner in which the exercise was being conducted. He stated that the largest number of voter deletions in Telangana had occurred in constituencies won by the BRS in 2023.

The former Minister said the BRS had approached the Election Commission seeking transparency and consultation, but its concerns had not been adequately addressed. He felt that the EC had lost public trust and urged the Supreme Court to take suo motu cognisance of the allegations and order an inquiry by an independent committee.

He said the credibility of the Election Commission needed to be restored and the institution strengthened. Referring to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, he said he would have resigned from the post if he were in Kumar's position.

SCCL Registers Significant Growth in Coal Transportation and Overburden Removal During First Half of Financial Year

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu
Direct Voice State Bureau
Chief Hyderabad **October 1:** Coal Transportation Rises by 4% and Overburden Removal by 11% Compared to Corresponding Period Last Year
SCCL Increases Coal Supply to Telangana
GENCO Compared to Previous Year
Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) achieved significant growth in coal transportation and overburden removal during the first half of the current financial year, which concluded on September 30. During the same period last financial year, SCCL transported 287.6 lakh tonnes of coal to consumers, while during the first half of the current financial year, it transported 299.4 lakh tonnes, registering a 4% growth over the previous year. Furthermore, during the first half of last financial year, SCCL transported 159.1 lakh tonnes of coal to thermal power stations in Telangana State. During the current year, giving priority to the energy requirements of Telangana State as per the directions of the State Government, SCCL transported 198.2 lakh tonnes of coal to the State's thermal power plants. This is 24.58% higher than the quantity supplied during the corresponding period last year. This highlights the priority being accorded by SCCL to meeting the power requirements of Telangana State.
Thermal Power Station-wise

SCCL supplied 26.4 lakh tonnes of coal to Kotha gudem Thermal Power Station during the first half of last financial year, while the supply increased to 39.8 lakh tonnes during the first half of the current financial year, registering a growth of 50.76%. Similarly, SCCL transported 21.5 lakh tonnes of coal to Yadadri Thermal Power Station during the corresponding period last year, while the quantity increased to 33.9 lakh tonnes this year, registering a growth of 57.67%. To Bhadradi Thermal Power Station at Manuguru, SCCL transported 19.5 lakh tonnes of coal during the first half of last financial year, while the quantity increased to 24.4 lakh tonnes during the current year, registering a growth of 25.13%. SCCL transported 26.6 lakh tonnes of coal to Singareni Thermal Power Station, registering a growth of 27.27%. "In the case of NTPC Telangana, SCCL transported 19.4 lakh tonnes of coal during the corresponding period last year, while the quantity increased to 25.3 lakh tonnes during the current year. To NTPC Ramagundam, SCCL supplied 43.5 lakh tonnes of coal by the end of September last year, while 42.7 lakh tonnes were supplied during the current year. Special Measures Taken as per Directions of State and Central Governments In view of the El Niño con-

ditions and the need to accord priority to the power requirements of Telangana State, SCCL has been coordinating with Power sector institutions and taking special measures to enhance coal production and transportation. As per the directions of the State and Central Governments, the company has taken steps to supply the required coal to thermal power plants to the extent possible. Every day, SCCL Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Buddha prakash Jyoti interacts with the General Managers of all areas and is closely monitoring coal transportation along with the achievement of production targets. To ensure smooth transportation of coal to thermal power stations, five senior officials have been entrusted with special responsibilities for monitoring the transportation process. SCCL considers meeting the power requirements of Telangana State as a moral responsibility rather than approaching coal sales purely from a business perspective. Accordingly, the company is transporting a larger share of its coal to thermal power stations within Telangana State. Sharing these details, SCCL Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Buddhaprakash Jyoti stated that the company is moving forward in a fully planned manner to achieve the annual targets of 620 lakh tonnes of coal production and 650 lakh tonnes of coal transportation.



**350 Silencers Crushed by Road Roller
Causing Noise Nuisance to the Public
Action to be Taken for Violating Rules Traffic Additional DCP
Rayala Prabhakar Rao**



Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Bureau Chief, Warangal October 1: Traffic police have cracked down on silencers that were modified to produce excessive noise, violating vehicle regulations. A special event was held on Thursday at Pochamma Maidan Circle under the supervision of Traffic Additional DCP Rayala Prabhakar Rao, representing Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha (IPS). Approximately 350 modified silencers, seized during inspections, were destroyed using a road roller. Rayala Prabhakar Rao stated that modifying vehicle silencers to create loud noise not only increases noise pollution but also causes significant disturbance to the public. Students, the elderly, and the sick are particularly likely to face difficulties due to this. He advised motorists to use only the original silencers installed by the manufacturer and warned that strict action would be taken against those who modify silencers to generate excessive noise in violation of the rules. Traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, Inspector Sujatha, and other traffic personnel participated in the event.

Grand Birthday Celebrations of Direct Voice Chief Editor

Bureau Chief Hanuma konda Oct. 01:The birthday celebrations of Sri Dayala Dinesh Chander, Chief Editor of Direct Voice Newspaper, were held in a grand and cordial manner. The celebrations were attended by several members of the Direct Voice team, staff reporters, friends, and well-wishers. “On the occasion, Sri Dayala Rakesh Babu, Chief Bureau of Direct Voice, along with Staff Reporters Sri Budde Rajesh, Sri Budde Srinivas Warangal Staff Reporter Sri K. Satish Kumar Kumar, Rangash apet Staff Reporter Sri Har8sh Kumar, Girima jipet Staff Reporter Sri



M.D. Amjad, and Karimnagar-Jagtl Staff Reporter Sri Gangadhar, participated in the celebrations. “The gathering was marked by warm wishes, camaraderie, and joyful moments. The staff members and friends conveyed their heartfelt birthday greetings to Sri Dayala Dinesh Chander and wished him continued success, good health, and prosperity in the years ahead.” The celebrations concluded on a happy and memorable note, with all the participants sharing their best wishes and expressing their appreciation for his leadership and contribution to the Direct Voice newspaper.

The Reality of a Middle-Class Family Life in India

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief
Warangal October 1 : Middle-class family life is the true backbone of Indian culture. A middle-class family is the heart of India. They don't have crores in the bank, but they have dreams bigger than their pockets. Their life is a balance sheet of income and expenses. It is built on sacrifice, savings, and strong dreams. Parents work hard to give children a well education, often cutting their own needs. Festivals are celebrated simply but with warmth, and every rupee is expended with thought. There is pressure to parents at school fees, EMI, rising prices, yet there are also strong love, support, and better understanding among the all-family members. Sundays mean family time, and success is measured by a stable job, home, joy, and respect in society. It's not a life of luxury, but one of dignity, values, ethics, and quiet discipline strength which hikes social order. Their story is not in news channels, but in every small home where parents sacrifice today for a better tomorrow. "The middle-class family life in India reflects our culture's core values such as education, family bonds, and resilience. "In a distinctive middle-class home, the day starts early hours. The father goes to an office or shop, the mother manages home and budget, and children focus on studies. Every decision is planned from monthly groceries to saving for a child's bright future. Money is highly respected because it's earned through struggle. Brands are bought on sale, and "we'll think about it" is the most common answer to a child's demand. Yet, this life is rich in emotions and relationships. Festivals like Dussehra and Diwali mean new clothes for children even if parents skip theirs. A daughter's marriage or a son's first job becomes

the whole family's achievement. Relatives and neighbours form a support system. "The biggest challenge is financial pressure. School fees, medical bills, in addition create stress. But this also builds strength. Middle-class children learn adjustment, responsibility, and the value of hard work early. Middle-class family life is not glamorous, but it is real. It teaches sacrifice, gratitude, and hope. As R.K. Narayan showed in *Malgudi Days*, the beauty of Indian culture often lies in these ordinary lives. The middle class may not make headlines, but it makes the nation." "A middle-class family lives between hope and worry. They are not poor, but they are not rich either. Their life runs on careful planning, hard work, and many silent sacrifices. Every month brings new problems as loans, rent, and school fees, but they still keep dreaming of a better tomorrow.

1. Loans, House Rent, and EMI Burden : For most middle-class families, owning a house is the biggest dream. But houses are costly. So, the father takes a home loan from the bank. Every month, a big part of his salary goes into EMI. Example: Ramesh earns ₹40,000 per month. His home loan EMI is ₹18,000. After paying house rent or EMI, electricity bills, and groceries, very little money is left. If someone falls sick, he has to take another small loan. One EMI pays another EMI. This is called the “EMI trap.”

2. Children's Education Burden: In a middle-class home, children's education is the top priority. Parents believe, "If our child studies well, our life will change." But good education is very expensive today. Example: Sravani's daughter studies in Class 6 in a private school. The yearly fee is ₹80,000. Books,

uniform, bus, and tuition cost another ₹40,000. When the child reaches college, the fees go up to ₹2-3 lakhs per year. Many parents take education loans, and the burden continues for 10–15 years. The child also feels pressure as “I must get a good job; my parents are spending so much money and hopes on me.

3. Dowry and Marriage Problems : Marriage is a big event, but also a big tension for middle-class families, especially if they have daughters. Even today, dowry is a hidden problem. Example: Mr. Satyam has two daughters. He has saved money for 20 years, but when the elder daughter's marriage is fixed, the groom's family asks for a car and cash. To keep respect in society, he takes a loan again. The daughter's happiness becomes the father's lifetime debt. This is why many parents still feel, "Having a daughter means financial pressure."

4. Unemployment and Life Settlement Problems:

After spending lakhs on education, the biggest fear is unemployment. A degree does not guarantee a job. Example: Balu completed B.Tech by taking an education loan of ₹5 lakhs. Now he is 25, but still jobless. He works in a call centre for ₹15,000. His parents are worried "When will he settle? When will he repay the loan? When will he get married?" The dream of "settling in life" keeps moving further. Many youngsters feel depressed because their parents' sacrifices seem wasted.

5. Dreams That Keep Them Going: Even with all these problems, a middle-class family does not give up. Their dreams are small but strong a debt-free life, a child with a good job, a peaceful retirement, a daughter married happily. They celebrate small joys. A new fridge on EMI, a child's 90% marks, a family trip to the local temple these become big festivals. The

mother saves ₹500 every month in a chit fund. The father skips buying a shirt so his son can join cricket coaching.

Conclusion“Middle-class life is not easy. The middle-class family carries India on its shoulders. It is a daily fight with loans, rent, fees, and social pressure. They may not have big cars or foreign trips, but they have dignity. Their problems are not about luxury; they are about survival with dignity. Loans, rent, fees, and dowry make life hard, but their courage makes them heroes. As we see in R.K. Narayan’s stories, real strength is in these ordinary people who cry at night but still send their children to school in the morning with hope. Their biggest success is not money, it is seeing their children stand on their own feet without the burdens they carried.



Garbage Piles Up at Sports School, Raising Health Concerns



Lade Suresh, Direct Voice Staff Reporter, Warangal, October 01: Sanitation conditions at the Sports School in Hanamkonda city have become a matter of concern, with garbage accumulating across the school premises and creating an unhygienic environment. Students studying at the school are reportedly facing difficulties due to the poor sanitation conditions. "Parents have expressed concern over the accumulation of waste on the school premises, which is expected to provide students with not only quality education and sports facilities but also a clean and healthy environment. They said the garbage has led to the spread of mosquitoes and flies and is also causing an unpleasant odour." "Several people expressed concern that students who are expected to excel in sports at the state and national levels should not have to live and study in such an environment." "Students and parents have urged the concerned authorities to respond immediately, remove the accumulated garbage and ensure regular sanitation measures on the school premises." "They also called for permanent measures to maintain cleanliness around the Sports School, keeping the health and well-being of the students in mind.

Action must be taken against the Mother-in-Law who Confined Jayashree She must be granted the house and other assets previously assigned to her "The CP, Collector, and MLA must address this issue



Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief, Warangal October 1 Otherwise, we will lay siege to the Collector's and CP's offices "Demand by leaders of civil society organizations "Manda Naresh, President of the Ambedkar Student Federation (Combined Warangal District), demanded the immediate release of Guduru Jayashree and her daughter Tejaswini, residents of Ramnagar (52nd Division, Hanamkonda), who have been illegally confined in their home by the mother-in-law, Meerabai, for the past ten days. A meeting organized by civil society groups took place on Thursday at the house in Hanamkonda where Jayashree is being held. Speaking on the occasion, they condemned the fact that police, public representatives, and officials have ignored the illegal confinement of a woman and her minor daughter, Tejaswini, for ten days, terming it a clear violation of human rights. They demanded that Jayashree be immediately rescued and provided protection, that justice be ensured by securing the house and other assets previously transferred to her via a notarized document, and that a case be registered and an arrest made against Meerabai, the mother-in-law responsible for the illegal confinement, in accordance with the law. They appealed to Police Commissioner Shweta, District Collector Chahat Bajpai, and local MLA Naini Rajender Reddy to intervene immediately in this matter. Manda Naresh warned that if the government fails to respond to the issue regarding this show within 24 hours, they would stage a massive protest and launch a public agitation in front of the Collectorate and the Commissioner of Police's office. Leaders from various civil society organizations including Nampally Lakshmi, Tatikonda Sadguna, Gatti Goppala Padma, Sanga Suguna, Motapotula Abhijit, and Guduru Satyanarayana participated in the event.

Medical Camp for Elderly at Sai Ganga Sharanalayam

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad Nizamabad, October 1: The District Legal Services Authority, Nizamabad, organised a medical camp for senior citizens at Sai Ganga Sharanalayam Old Age Home at Borgam village on Thursday, marking World Elders' Day. District Legal Services Authority Secretary Smt. Neelima Muddsani visited the old age home and interacted with the elderly residents. She enquired about their health, living conditions and welfare and assured them of necessary support through the Legal Services Authority. Around 20 senior citizens are residing at the old age home, which provides shelter and care to elderly persons without adequate family support. The institution is being managed under the chairmanship of Sri Bhooma Reddy. During the medical camp, Dr. Ankam Ganesh, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Ankam Hospital, Nizamabad, and Dr. Sudeep, Family Physician and Diabetes Specialist, Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialty Centre, Nizamabad, examined the residents and offered medical advice. "The programme underscored the importance of protecting the dignity, health and well-being of senior citizens and extending social and legal support to elderly persons in need.



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Jangaon District Labour Officer Kumaraswamy

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Jangaon October 01 : On the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons, celebrations were held on Thursday morning at the Pranam Senior Citizens Day Care Centre, Jangaon District Labour Officer Kumaraswamy attended the programme as the Chief Guest and addressed the gathering. The programme was presided over by Kanna Parashuramulu Superintendent, Pranam Senior Citizens Day Care Centre. Speaking on the occasion Kumaraswamy stated that he had participated in the programme as per the directions of the District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha and assured that the needs grievances and requests of senior citizens in the district would be brought to the notice of the District Collector. He stated that the State Government is implementing various welfare schemes for the well-being of senior citizens and is giving special at-

tention to their needs. He encouraged senior citizens to make use of the services and welfare facilities available to them. As part of the celebrations, prizes were distributed to the winners of various sports and recreational competitions. Two senior citizens, Smt. Jayamma, aged 88 years, and Smt. Saraswathi, aged 94 years, were felicitated on the occasion. Dr. Sri Vani, District Medical Officer, conveyed her greetings to the senior citizens. Sri V. Rajender explained the benefits of meditation and conducted a short meditation session for the participants. The programme president Kanna Parashuramulu, Superintendent Pranam Senior Citizens Day Care Centre appealed to senior citizens to make full use of the services available at the Day Care Centre. He stated that facilities such as newspapers, books, carrom, chess, table tennis, television and Wi-Fi are available at the centre. "A resolution was passed during the

programme requesting the restoration of the concession facilities previously available to senior citizens for railway and bus travel. Several senior citizens, in their speeches, stressed the need to create awareness among the youth regarding the welfare, needs, rights and care of senior citizens. They suggested initiating and continuing awareness programmes for students of degree colleges and leaders of youth organisations in this regard. Speaking on the occasion, Sri Alladi Prabhakar Rao State Secretary, TASK Teegala Siddimalaiah, District President P. Haribabu, Secretary, Pensioners' Association; Sri E.



Prabhakar Reddy, Vice-Chairman, Red Cross Society; Smt. Gade Catherine, Treasurer; Sri A. Ramaswamy Ambati Rajayya; Smt. T. Sukhesini Rani K. Mahabub Reddy; Smt. Lakshmi Prasanna, representative of SOOR Society and Mohammed Yasin, representative of Rudrama Old Age Home, among others, spoke about the welfare, rights and laws relating to senior citizens. "In-charge CDPO Smt. B. Poornima, Senior Assistant in the DWO Office Konda Sampath C.H. Sadana Ramarao Sudhakar, Sri Doodala Ramesh L. Shankaralingam Jabbar Yadagiri, Jwanis Reddy and Smt. Umadevi, among others, participated in the programme.



PCPNDT Compliance Reviewed

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad Nizamabad October 1: District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Rajasree chaired a District Advisory Committee meeting to review the functioning of registered ultrasound scanning centres and enforcement of the PCPNDT Act and Rules. The committee resolved to conduct inspections of every registered scanning centre once every three months. Officials will specifically check whether ultrasound equipment is being operated only by authorised doctors and whether separate records

are being maintained for individual machines. The meeting stressed the importance of maintaining proper referral slips, complete patient information, mobile numbers and accurate entries in the prescribed registers. The committee reiterated that sex determination and disclosure of the sex of the foetus are prohibited under the law and that violations would invite stringent action. Scanning centres were also advised against accepting referrals from unqualified or unauthorised persons. Special awareness programmes will be organised in

mandals reporting low sex ratios, with the participation of SHGs, Mahila Mandals and community organisations to discourage sex selection and promote the value of the girl child. "The committee approved renewal proposals for the ultrasound scanning facilities at Anupama Hospital, Nizamabad, Nithya Scanning Centre, Armoor, and Area Hospital, Bodhan, subject to compliance with the PCPNDT provisions. "Dr. Nishanth, Dr. Sharath Chandra, Dr. Nishitha, Dr. Supriya, Dr. Shikara, Dr. Keertana, NGO repre-



sentative Smt. Padma Singh and other officials attended the meeting. "Dr. Rajasree directed the concerned officials to strictly implement the committee's decisions and strengthen regular monitoring and enforcement throughout the district.

Swachhata Hi Seva Programme Held in Nizamabad

State Bureau Chief M.A.Samad Nizamabad, September 30 : A special cleanliness and welfare programme was organised at the Nizamabad Municipal Corporation office as part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026. "Municipal sanitation workers and waste pickers were provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits and Ayushman Bharat cards during the programme. Municipal Corporation officials said the initiative was aimed at strengthening the safety and welfare of sanitation personnel. "Mayor Smt. Kooragayala Uma Rani Ramesh participated as the chief guest and joined municipal em-

ployees in cleanliness activities on the corporation premises. She called upon the staff and citizens to actively contribute to maintaining a clean and hygienic city. "A drawing competition on "Swachhata" was also conducted for students at Manik Bhandar Government School to promote awareness about cleanliness and sanitation. The Mayor distributed prizes to the winning students and advised them to make cleanliness an integral part of their daily lives. "DEO Ashok, the Deputy Commissioner, sanitary inspectors, municipal jawans and staff, teachers and students took part in the programme. "Officials said the



Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign would continue to focus on improving sanitation standards and strengthening public awareness on cleanliness across Nizamabad city.

The Gandhian Path is the Right Path for Humanity – Renowned Artist Rustum

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Hyderabad October 1: Ahead of Gandhi Jayanti October 2 internationally acclaimed artist Rustum unveiled a painting titled "Mahatma's Path is the Right Path for Humanity" at the Rustum Art Gallery today Wednesday Extending Gandhi Jayanti greetings to everyone, he remarked that one cannot imagine an independent India without Mahatma Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. He noted that the principles Gandhi championed Satyameva Jayate Truth Alone Triumphs Ahimsa non-violence and Satyagraha. not only secured India's independence but also established him as a guiding light for nations across the globe. Following in the Mahatma's footsteps offers the right path for the survival and unity of the human race. Non-violence, Satyagraha and humanity serve as vital tools and protective shields for every individual to live a truly human life. His teachings and the righteous path he demonstrated are to be cherished and upheld by every Indian and by na-

tions worldwide. He expressed the hope that, by embracing Mahatma Gandhi's teachings such as "Ishwar Allah Tere Naam" God and Allah are Your names and "Sabko Sanmati De Bhagwan" May God grant wisdom to all and by implementing public welfare schemes in Telangana that transcend caste and religion, one could stand as a pillar of support Aasara for the downtrodden. seeing the divine within them. and earn praise and acclaim from the world as a true role model. Humanitarian artist Rustum expressed the hope that everyone would draw inspiration from Gandhi Jayanti and that the youth would pledge to ensure India flourishes as the world's finest nation characterized by peace, unity, secularism, and harmonious coexistence. Zulekha Rustum (President of RAF), abstract artist Naheem Rustum, Assistant Professor Rubina Rustum, Mohammed Raheem, and others participated in the event.



Public Welfare Through Environmental Protection Kathi Srinivas Regional Manager, Telangana Grameena Bank

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Karimnagar October 1 : Public Welfare Through Environmental Protection "Kathi Srinivas Regional Manager, Telangana Grameena Bank said. "Bank staff plant saplings as part of the 'Swachhata Seva' program Kathi Srinivas, Regional Manager of Telangana Grameena Bank, stated that people can enjoy complete health only by protecting the environment. On Thursday, marking the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, he along with bank managers and staff planted saplings near the Lower Manair Dam in the local Saptagiri Colony as part of the 'Swachhata Seva' Service through Cleanliness program. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized



the need for everyone to plant and nurture saplings to combat the ever-increasing pollution. "He urged everyone to recognize environmental protection as their personal responsibility, noting that preserving air, water, soil, and biodiversity is crucial for the survival of humanity. He added that a healthy society can be built by keeping our surroundings clean. Regarding the bank's role in rural development, Regional Manager Srinivas

stated that Telangana Grameena Bank plays a pivotal role. He mentioned that the bank's services are readily available to rural communities, particularly farmers. It was stated that banking operations are being conducted through 59 branches within the Karimnagar region. The bank operates transparently in matters of deposit mobilization and loan sanctioning, and the public was urged to avail

themselves of the bank's services. Participants in the event included Senior Manager (Operations) Kandula Subbarao, Senior Manager (Business) K. Vamsi Krishna, Nodal Officer G. Mounika, Chief Managers Jalandhar Reddy and Ramana Reddy, Managers Konda palakala Venuma dhav and M. Praveen Reddy, as well as managers from various branches and staff from the Regional Manager's office.

Bhaskula Shobharani Appointed as President of the New Jangaon District SWEROS Committee

Theegala Venkat Reporter waddepally October 1 : As part of the restructuring of the SWEr O S network, and in the presence of State Convener Pulla Kishan and under the guidance of State Committee leader and District In-charge Gade Rajitha, a program was held to appoint the new office bearers for the Jangaon District SWEr O S unit. Bhaskula Shobharani was appointed as President, Vijay Kumar as General Secretary, Vice-Presidents Mek ala Saritha and Thee gala

Venkat as, and Yedla as Treasurer. Speaking on the occasion, Gade Rajitha and Pulla Kishan highlighted that the SWEr O S network was established by Dr. RS Praveen Kumar with four core objectives Literacy, Health, Economic Empowerment, and Self-Respect. They stated that the organization works to foster the educational development of students and that the newly appointed committee members would collaborate with society to further the network's growth,



ensuring that every individual benefits from the practical application of these four objectives. Hanumakonda District's Shanigarapu Rajendra Prasad, along with Gade Satya Sakshi, Gade Pranay, Gade Sowjanya, Vidya, Swathi, Korivi Satish, Chukka Harish, B. Anil, and members of the Dharma Prathijna Committee, participated in the event.

National Day of Older Persons Celebrated by Lions Club Senior Citizen Smt. Parakala Poolamma Felicitated Grandly

Rakam Radhika, Bureau Chief Mahabubabad October 1: The National Day of Older Persons was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Thursday under the aegis of the Lions Club of Mahabubabad. The event featured a grand felicitation of Smt. Parakala Poolamma, mother of senior Lion member Sri Parakala Srinivas Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, Lions Club President Sri Kondapalli Karunakar Reddy urged the current generation to respect the elderly and learn from their life



experiences. Club Secretary Sri Parupalli Ramesh Babu and senior Lions Club members, including Sri Bhavirishetti Nageswara Rao Pammi Sanathana Chari Sadula Suresh Babu Male Kalinath Chowda varapu Sudhakar Vemishetti Ekambaram Parakala Ravinder Reddy Parakala Indraneel Reddy, and Lady Lion Smt. Parakala Hemalatha Reddy participated in the program.

Grand Bathukamma and Dandiya Celebrations at Alphores E-Techno School

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Karimnagar October 1: Grand Bathukamma and Dandiya celebrations were held at the Alphores E-Techno School grounds. Dr. V. Narendar Reddy, Chairman of Alphores Educational Institutions and founder of the VNR Foundation, along with his wife, Dr. V. Vanaja Narendar Reddy, attended the event as guests. Speaking on the occasion, Narendar Reddy remarked that Bathukamma and Dandiya are symbols of Telangana's culture and traditions, noting that worshipping



Bathukamma is akin to worshipping nature. Students arranged attractive Bathukammas using colorful flowers and participated enthusiastically while dressed in traditional attire. While the students' Dandiya and dance performances captivated the audience, parents added to the excitement by performing Kolatam. The celebrations, held amidst dazzling lights, were a special highlight. Principals, teachers, students, and parents from various Alphores schools participated in the event.

Vengalayatpet Munnuru Kapu Association Office Bearers Vengalayatpet Munnuru Kapu Association Elects New Office Bearers

Direct Voice Jagtial Bureau Kyasa Gangadhar October 1 Vengalayatpet: The Munnuru Kapu Association of Vengalayatpet village has appointed its new office bearers and ward representatives. "The newly appointed office bearers are: "President: Jakkula Lingaiah" Vice-President: Gurijala Naresh General Secretary: Gurijala Rajireddy Treasurer: Gurijala Ravi" Joint Secretary: Gurijala Tirupathi Joint Treasurer: Porthi Mahesh" Writer: Rajula Santosh" The ward rep-



representatives are: "Ward 1: Chetla Raju" Ward 2: Kunchela Linga Reddy" Ward 3: Thota Ravi Chandrayya" Ward 4: Thota Ravi Poshamallu" Ward 5: Thota Janardhan" Ward 6: Gurijala Lingaiah" Ward 7: Gurijala Raju" Ward 8: Thota Mallaiah Poshamallu" Ward 9: Ayila Tirupathi" Ward 10: Jairam Ravi" Ward 11: Ayila Ramesh" The newly appointed committee members expressed their commitment to strengthening the Munnuru Kapu community and working for the welfare and development of its members in Vengalayatpet.

Swimming pool fees hiked sharply: swimmers must now pay Rs.1,500 per month Students express distress over the steep hike in swimming fees "Swimmers stage protest with placards"

I. Santhosh, Bureau Chief Warangal October 1 : The government-run swimming pool in Balasamudram, Hanamkonda, has been in the news recently. Swimmers noted that for years, the pool was a bustling hub where many students and enthusiasts learned to swim. They expressed frustration that the monthly fee previously ₹800 has been abruptly raised to ₹1,500, causing significant hardship for many swimmers. They pointed out that the pool had already been closed for a year for repairs in the past, and now, the exorbitant fee is creating further difficulties. The swimmers have demanded that officials and leaders intervene and reduce the monthly fee.



very evil that such religious and caste-based conspiracies are being held in universities that are home to intellectuals. The government leaders and the state police chiefs responded immediately and took action against the officials who directly participated in the meeting and acted against the professor who acted against the ethics of his job without permission.



Govt Staff to Get IIT, IIM Training for Skill Upgrade

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday directed officials to make capacity building and skill development a continuous process for government employees, including through training programmes in collaboration with institutions such as the IITs and IIMs.

During a review meeting on the services being delivered by various departments, the chief minister discussed capacity building for employees, Anna Canteens, drinking water supply in urban areas and facilities in welfare hostels.

Naidu said Andhra Pradesh was ahead of other southern states in capacity building and skill development of government employees. He said employees had been undergoing various courses through iGOT Karmayogi and were being trained to work in real-time situations. He advised them to make use of virtual courses to upgrade their skills.



Observing that IAS officers regularly underwent orientation and upgraded their skills, Naidu said government employees too should receive similar training. He directed officials to explore training

programmes with IITs and IIMs based on the specific skill requirements of employees.

The CM cautioned officials against any complacency in ensuring drinking water supply. He reviewed the situation in urban areas and was informed that recent rains had eased the water shortage considerably.

Officials said two municipalities in Rayalaseema were facing minor drinking water issues and steps were being taken to resolve them. Groundwater levels in Visakhapatnam had also improved following the rains, they said.

The CM directed the officials to ensure that drinking water problems did not arise in both urban and rural areas and cautioned them against becoming complacent merely because of the recent rainfall. He also called for greater public participation in various government programmes.

AMC Tragedies
Renew Focus On
Students' Mental Health



Visakhapatnam: The death of two postgraduate medical students of Andhra Medical College within a span of five days has triggered concern among students, parents and faculty, prompting the state government to order a detailed inquiry.

A 27-year-old first-year postgraduate student of the ENT department was found dead at her rented accommodation in the Chinawaltair area on Sept 28. On Sept 24, a final-year MD General Medicine student was found dead at her residence in Ramnagar.

The police have registered cases and are investigating the circumstances surrounding both deaths.

Health minister Satyakumar Yadav has asked the director of Medical Education to conduct a comprehensive inquiry.

According to police officials, the first-year PG student, who hailed from Hyderabad, had expressed reservations about continuing her course and had recently sought the return of her academic certificates. The college authorities said she had submitted a letter stating that she did not wish to continue the course. Following this, she was counselled by the staff.

Family members said she had spoken about difficulties related to her studies. However, the college authorities said no formal complaint about academic, personal, or institutional issues had been brought to their notice.

In the earlier case, the final-year MD General Medicine student was preparing for her examinations. Her family members suspected that examination-related stress may have contributed to her distress. Officials said the matter was under investigation.

AMC principal Dr KVSM Sandhyadevi described the incidents as concerning. She said the institution had counselling mechanisms in place and was making efforts to support students facing emotional or academic

challenges.

Officials noted that another postgraduate student had died earlier this year, taking the number of reported student deaths at the institution to three in the last three months.

The incidents have renewed discussions about mental health challenges faced by students pursuing professional and higher education courses.

The concern comes against the backdrop of findings from a nationwide survey conducted by a Supreme Court-appointed National Task Force examining student suicides and mental health in higher educational institutions. The survey, which received responses from more than 2.43 lakh students, found that about 15 per cent of the respondents had experienced a period of severe stress, anxiety or emotional distress in the previous six months. Around 9 per cent reported experiencing suicidal thoughts frequently during the past year.

Established in 1923, Andhra Medical College is among the country's oldest medical institutions. The recent incidents have led to renewed demands from parents and student groups for greater attention to student well-being and mental health support on campuses.

Jagan Assures Support To
Lankapalli Farmers

Vijayawada: YSR Congress president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy assured farmers of all necessary support to protect their rights over nearly 600 acres of Lanka lands.

Several farmers from Lankapalli village in Pamidimukkala mandal of Krishna district, led by former Pamarru MLA Kamle Anil and others, met Jagan at the YSR Congress party office in Tadepalli on Wednesday and sought his support over a dispute involving the 600 acres.

The farmers told Jagan that their families had been cultivating the lands since 1952, but their rights were being ignored. They alleged that revenue officials, at the behest of local Telugu Desam leaders, had issued pattadar passbooks in the names of some TDP lead-



ers and their alleged benamis. They urged the YSR Congress leadership to seek an inquiry into the matter and stand by them until justice was delivered.

Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan launch Rs 11,085
crore works under Palle Panduga 3.0

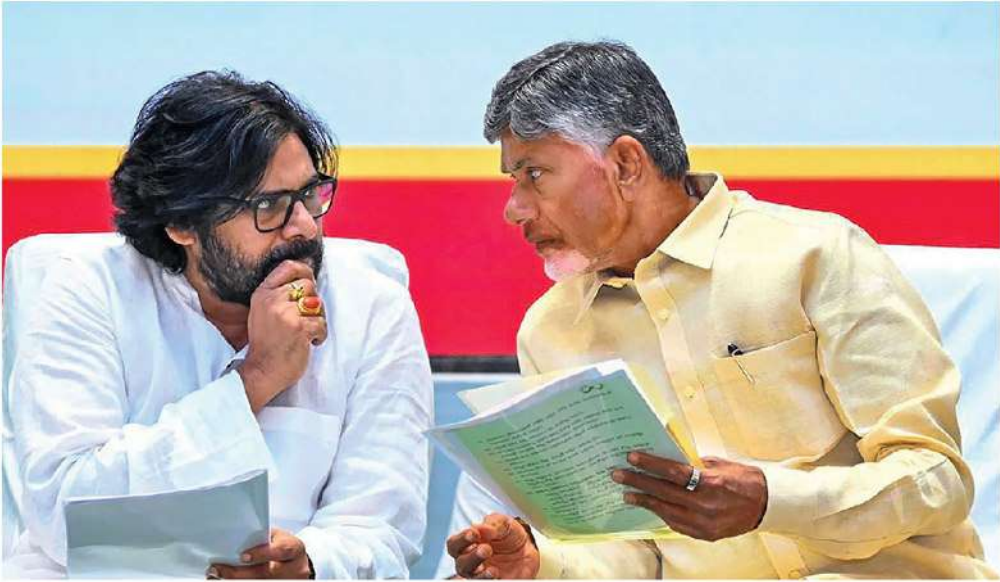
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan launched development works worth Rs 11,085 crore under Palle Panduga 3.0 in Nellore district. The initiative covers roads, cattle sheds, plantations and other rural infrastructure projects

Kakolluvaripalli (Andhra Pradesh): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday launched development works worth Rs 11,085 crore under Palle Panduga 3.0 in Nellore district.

Under Palle Panduga 3.0 (village festival), roads will be laid, mini Gokulams (cattle sheds) constructed and plantation works taken up, among other activities.

"Under Palle Panduga 3.0, the CM and Deputy CM laid the foundation for development works worth Rs 11,085 crore in villages," a press release said.

The works will include



the construction of bus shelters and gram panchayat buildings, among other rural infrastructure projects.

The initiative focuses on strengthening rural infrastructure, supporting farmers and dairy producers, and improving basic amenities in villages.

Under Palle Panduga 1.0, the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department laid 4,000 km of CC roads, constructed 22,514 cattle sheds and 21,000 farm ponds, and took up horticulture plantations across 64,000 acres.

Under Palle Panduga 2.0, works covered 2,500 km of CC roads, 8,300 km of BT roads, 15,750 cattle sheds, 15,500 cattle water troughs, 86,000 farm ponds, 82,000 individual soak pits and 32 km of magic drains, the release said.

INTUC Unions Unite For Oct. 9 Polls In RTC



The TGSRTC staff and workers union, affiliated to the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), and the Telangana RTC Workers Union have decided to jointly contest the TGSRTC secret ballot elections scheduled for October 9.

Both unions will contest the election as a single union in the name of the Telangana RTC Workers Union, under the INTUC banner, and will contest the election on the "Bow and Arrow" symbol. The decision was taken following the directions of All India INTUC president Dr G. Sanjeeva Reddy. This understanding brings the two organisations together on a common platform with the objective of strengthening the representation and unity of TGSRTC workers.

Following the election, the two unions and its members have agreed to proceed towards their merger and the necessary process will be undertaken to extend INTUC affiliation to the Telangana RTC Workers Union

Dr G. Sanjeeva Reddy appealed to all TGSRTC workers to extend their support to this united platform and to vote for the Telangana RTC Workers Union — Bow and Arrow — symbol. Speaking on the occasion Satyajee Reddy, Bhaskar Reddy, Adil Shariff, Vijay Kumar Yadav, R. D. Chandra Shekar and Kasireddy Jagan Mohan Reddy stated that this united effort would provide a stronger and more effective platform for the workers of TGSRTC.

Prabhas Fan and Nani's Director Join Hands To Create Wonders With Anakapalli

Trinadha Rao Nakkina has already made a name for himself with entertaining Telugu films. His earlier movies, including Nenu Local and Cinema Choopistha Mava connected well with audiences because of their simple stories, comedy and entertainment.

Now, Trinadha Rao Nakkina is entering another important phase in his career. This time, he is not just associated with a film as a director or writer, but is also stepping forward as a producer.

His latest project, Anakapalli is creating interest ahead of its theatrical release. The film stars Vikram Sahidev, Sandhya Vasishtha and Tarak Ponnappa while Khagesh Tammineni is directing it. Trinadha Rao Nakkina has written the story and screenplay and is also producing the film along with Kandregula Naidu.

Anapakalli is presented as a raw and rustic rural entertainer. The story follows a young man who gets involved in organised crime under a powerful and ruthless leader. His life takes a different turn when he falls in love and starts questioning the path he has chosen.

The film also has an interesting connection



with producer Kandregula Naidu. His love for cinema reportedly played a major role in bringing him into film production. He even recalled how he once could not get tickets to watch Prabhas' *Mirchi* in a theatre in Anakapalli. That experience inspired him to eventually own the same theatre. He added that he is a big fan of Prabhas.

Trinadha Rao Nakkina's involvement has added curiosity around the movie. After delivering several commercial entertainers, audiences are now interested to see what he brings to the film as a writer and producer.

Anakapalli is scheduled to hit theatres on October 2.



Vithika Sheru's Bhimavaram To Times Square Journey Is Pure Dream Come True

Vithika Sheru, the graceful actress and content creator from Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh, recently shared a radiant photo that captures pure joy and achievement. Dressed in a flowing white saree with vibrant floral prints in pink, yellow, and green, she walks confidently across a busy city crosswalk in Times Square, New York, her long hair swaying and a soft smile lighting up her face. The urban backdrop of neon lights and crowds makes the traditional look stand out beautifully. In her heartfelt caption, she wrote: "A girl from Bhimavaram, dreaming under the same sky... and now walking through Times Square, shooting in a city I've always loved. Honestly, I never imagined this. It's something I didn't even dare to dream of and yet, here I am, living it."

Born on February 2, 1994, Vithika began as a child artist on Telugu television at age 11. She made her film debut at 15 in the Kannada movie Anthu Inthu Preethi Banthu (2008). Early Telugu roles under the name Keerthi followed, leading to a prominent part in Prema Ishq Kaadhal (2013). She starred in Paddanandi Premalo Mari (2015) opposite her husband Varun Sandesh, appeared in Tamil film Mahabalipuram (2015), and supported in Pelli SandaD (2021). She also contested in Bigg Boss Telugu Season 3.

Ongoing projects include Dharmasthala Niyojakavargam (2026) as Arundhati. A versatile artist, TEDx speaker, and influencer, Vithika continues inspiring fans with her authentic journey from small-town dreams to global moments.

Talcum Powder Glimpse: A Hilarious New-age comedy

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Shiva Kandukuri, Drishika Chander are starring in the new-age comedy, Talcum Powder, produced by National Award winning producer Raj Kandukuri. He gave opportunities to new and fresh talents in Telugu Cinema delivering films like Pelli Choopulu, Mental Madhilo and Choosi Choodangane. Now, the makers unveiled First Sprinkle.

The glimpse talks about how a youngster is caught in the nexus of drug peddling. Where does his life takes him due to him being caught up in this drug nexus is set to be explored in a hilarious way. Shiva Kandukuri's comic timing is top notch in the video and his different looks are fresh.

Sainath Ponna has come up with interesting one-liners and Shiva delivered them perfectly. The glimpse grows curiosity to watch his journey in the film and the new-age comedy is per-



fect for Gen-Z audiences and families. Promising a perfect new-age comedy, *Talcum Powder* is releasing on 13th November.

Jr NTR vs Thalapathy Vijay vs Nani This Time

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This week is turning into an interesting box office battle involving Jr NTR, Thalapathy Vijay and Nani. The October 2 holiday weekend is very important for several films. With Friday falling on October 2, followed by Saturday and Sunday, the three day weekend can decide the early fate of many releases.

Nani's *The Paradise* is already running in theatres. The coming weekend is especially important for the film because it needs strong collections to move closer to its break even target. With several new movies arriving, the film will have to hold its screens and bring more audiences to theatres.

The biggest challenge for Nani comes from Fahadh Faasil's Don't Trouble the Trouble. The film is releasing during the same weekend and could attract a different section of the audience. At present, the movie may not have extremely high expectations. However recent pre release event changed the situation to some extent.

Jr NTR attended the event as the chief



quest and spoke warmly about the film and its producer SS Karthikeya. NTR described Karthikeya like his own brother and spoke about the movie with great affection. His words created more attention around the film and made NTR fans to feel the movie as their own movie. This could help the movie get more curiosity during the holiday weekend.

At the same time, another interesting point is Thalapathy Vijay's connection to the weekend releases. His son Jason Sanjay is making his directorial debut with Sigma starring Sundeeep Kishan. The film reportedly revolves around a heist story and is targeting young audiences. Vijay's name naturally creates interest in Tamil Nadu while the Telugu market will depend more

on Sundeep Kishan's appeal and the film's content.

There are also smaller releases entering theatres during the holiday period. Dhorathi, starring Keerthy Suresh, is another film looking to attract audiences with its different content. Smaller films such as Anakapalli and Tella Kagitham are also expected to compete for screens and audience attention.

The October 2 weekend, therefore, is not going to be easy for anyone. The Paradise needs strong hold, Don't Trouble the Trouble needs positive word of mouth, and the other releases need to create their own audience. The first day may bring holiday crowds, but the real test will come from Saturday and Sunday.



Golden Hope for a Disaster Pair

Some combinations

in films create expectations among fans, while some combinations return after a long gap and create curiosity. Now one such pair is back together. Actress Raashii Khanna and actor Ram Pothineni who were seen together years ago in Shivam movie are sharing the screen again in Rajinikanth's upcoming film Dharman.

Raashii Khanna recently shared pictures from the Mysuru shooting schedule of Dharman. In one of the pictures, she is seen with Superstar Rajinikanth and Ram Pothineni. She also shared moments from their time in Mysuru, including workouts, temple visits, playing UNO and enjoying Mysuru dosa.

The reunion of Raashii and Ram has caught attention because the audience has seen this combination before. However, their earlier film did not become a successful venture at the box office. Both actors have also gone through films that did not meet expectations after their previous collaboration.

Now, their reunion comes at a very different stage in their careers. Dharman has Rajinikanth in the lead and is being directed by Ashwath Marimuthu. The film is being produced by Raaj Kamal Films International, the production house associated with Kamal Haasan.

Raashii is playing an important role in the film, while Ram Pothineni is also part of the project. Their presence together has naturally made fans curious about their roles and their combination in the story.

The Dharman team is currently shooting its fourth schedule in Mysuru. The schedule is expected to continue for around 10 days. The film has already completed multiple schedules in Chennai.

Rajinikanth plays a doctor in the movie who takes on criminals. The film has music by Anirudh, while Niketh Bommi is handling cinematography and Pradeep E Raghav is the editor.

For Raashii Khanna and Ram Pothineni, this film is an opportunity to create a fresh impression as a pair. Their previous combination did not give the expected result, but Dharman comes with the major attraction of Rajinikanth.