

Test for the Government By Elections

Nathari venkstesh State Bureau Chief Hyderabad
October 3 : Although the government has approved the release of two DAs, there is dissatisfaction among the majority of employees and teachers. They claim that out of a total of six DAs pending, only two have been cleared, leaving four pending. In addition, they are expressing anger that the government has not discussed the issue of PRC, CPS and health cards in the cabinet despite repeated requests. On the other hand, there is also opposition to the government among unemployed graduates. In the past, the government announced a job calendar. It was announced that the posts would be filled according to it. But the job calendar announced by the government is not being implemented and the unemployed are expressing anger that notifications for filling the posts are not being received. Protest rallies have already been taken out against the government in many places. Concern among Congress candidates The candidates who will contest on behalf of the Congress have already been finalized, so the election campaign will start from now. The election campaign will have to be conducted for a long time until the polling in February March next year. The tension of



this is a hugely expensive affair, and the candidates are worried about what negative result the opposition to the government will lead to. With elections being held in the remaining two of the ten joint districts of the state, except for Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar and Medak districts, almost two-thirds of the districts in the state have become the ones that will decide the future of the parties. Employees and teachers are of the opinion that if the government makes a clear statement and assurance on PRC by the time the polling is held, the mind set of the voters is likely to change. There is an opinion that if the government makes a policy statement on the abolition of CPS, the situation may change somewhat. For victory, the Congress candidates will have to discuss the ground reality with the government. Victory in two graduate MLC elections poses a challenge to Congress. Dissatisfaction with the government among employees, teachers, and the unemployed. The decision of the government is the key. Employees,

teachers and pensioners are unhappy with the lack of cooperation they expected from the government. During the meeting of the JAC representatives of the CS employee unions, they are complaining about the lack of a clear guarantee from the government on the abolition of PRC and CPS. Some people have lost faith in the JAC itself. There has also been a discussion that a split in the employee and teacher unions is inevitable. PRC fitment from the government. It became interesting to see what kind of announcement they would make when they spoke. Hyderabad segment is different. Employees expressed the opinion that the election in Hyderabad-Ranga Reddy Mahabubnagar districts will be a bit different compared to the Nalgonda-Warangal-Khammam Graduate MLC election. In the Hyderabad segment, there are many IT, corporate employees, doctors, lawyers, engineers, chartered accountants, nursing officers, etc., and their vote bank is also crucial, ac-

cording to all parties. Pending DAs, retirement benefits settlement, CPS cancellation... It is being openly said that there will be a change in the graduate MLC elections only if there is a clear guarantee on these, otherwise this opposition will affect the victory of Congress candidates. Many employees and teachers are expressing the opinion that a decision will be taken regarding voting according to the response received from the government, and that none of the promises made have been implemented even after three years of the government being formed. Opinion. It has become inevitable for the government to convince unemployed graduates who are preparing for competitive exams for government jobs as they are also against the government regarding job notifications. The government has already faced protests from them regarding job notifications. Since there are engineering, medical colleges, government-private educational institutions, private companies, government hospitals, secretariats and various government departments in Hyderabad, the graduate voters working in them will also play a key role in the success of the MLC candidates.

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan Delivers Inaugural Address at 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave in New Delhi

National Bureau Chief New Delhi October 03: Economic Resilience Cannot Be Separated from Social Resilience. Vice-President Inclusion is the Foundation of Resilience in an Age of Flux. Vice-President True Resilience Lies in Ensuring No Citizen, Enterprise or Region is Left Behind. Vice-President India Has Demonstrated That Democracy and Development Can Advance Together. Vice-President Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan today delivered the inaugural address at the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave in New Delhi, organised on the theme "Resilience in an Age of Flux." Addressing policy makers, economists, academics, business leaders and other distinguished participants, he highlighted the need for resilient, inclusive and responsive economic policies amid rapid global changes. Referring to the legacy of the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), the Vice-President said the Institute has remained closely connected with India's development journey since its establishment in 1952 under Professor V. K. R. V. Rao. He emphasised that sound policy making must be ground

ded in an understanding of ground realities, with policies remaining flexible and responsive to changing circumstances. Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan said that in times of flux, decisiveness must be embedded in consensus. Debate and discussion are integral to democracy, he said, but must ultimately lead to decisions that command broad acceptance. As Chairman of Rajya Sabha, he noted that free and transparent debate strengthens democracy, while rights and duties must go hand in hand. The Vice-President said India has demonstrated that democracy and development can advance together. India's economic growth and inclusive progress have been achieved within a democratic framework, while consensus-building has given economic reforms greater durability and sustainability. He said this experience provides an important foundation for the vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. Emphasising that economic resilience cannot be separated from social resilience, the Vice-President highlighted the transformative role of the JAM trinity, Direct Benefit Transfer and GST in strengthening finan-

cial inclusion, transparency and formalisation. He noted that more than 590 million Jan Dhan accounts had been opened as of August 2026, while GST registrations had risen from around 6.65 million in 2017 to 16.5 million in May 2026. Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan said inclusion must go beyond bringing people into the formal economy and must enable people to create value, generate income and become entrepreneurs. He highlighted the contribution of around 9.2 million Self-Help Groups covering more than 100 million rural women, and the emergence of over 34.6 million Lakhpati Didis. He said the growing participation of women in education and the economy reflects India's transition from women's empowerment to women-led development. The Vice-President emphasised that resilience is built not merely in boardrooms and financial markets, but also when a woman in a village has a bank account, receives benefits directly, enters the formal economy and transforms a Self-Help Group into an enterprise. He said that more than 250 million Indians have moved out of ex-

treme poverty, describing it as a historic achievement, and stressed that every State, district and village must be an equal partner in India's development journey. Calling for stronger research and institutional partnerships, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan welcomed collaborations among the University of Delhi, Delhi School of Economics, London School of Economics and the Institute of Economic Growth. He said such partnerships, along with India's expanding trade engagements, can strengthen research, education, innovation and entrepreneurship. Concluding, the Vice-President said that India's resilience will come "not from resisting change, but from embracing it with confidence, inclusion and a spirit of collective endeavour." He expressed confidence that the deliberations at the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave would contribute meaningfully to the national endeavour of building a developed India by 2047. IEG President, Board of Trustees, Shri N. K. Singh; Chairman, Board of Governors, IEG, Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra; and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Who Is The Prime Ministerial Candidate..! Yamsani Srinivas Senior Journalist

There is still time for the 2029 general elections. However, it is natural that the question of the transfer of power at the Center, the future leadership of the opposition alliance, and especially who the prime ministerial candidate will be, has already entered the political discussions. However, it is noteworthy that the India alliance is not clear about the answer to this question. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is currently the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Naturally, his name is being put forward for the post of Prime Minister from the Congress. But the India

Alliance is not a single party platform. It is a collection of parties with different political ideologies, regional interests, and separate political strengths in different states. That is why it is not easy for the Congress's opinion to become the sole decision of the alliance. Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee's comments have sparked debate. When asked whether she would support Rahul Gandhi as the prime ministerial candidate in 2029, she replied with the sentiment, "We will decide when the time comes," revealing that there is still no consensus on the alliance's

leadership. The real question here is not only whether Rahul Gandhi will become the

hold across the country. Other regional parties also have their own lead-

ship at the national level. These three aspects will have to move in the

be decided based on numerical strength after the election? This is also a strategic question fac-

among allies. Going to the polls without an announcement could lead to criticism that the alliance's leadership lacks clarity. Therefore, rather than viewing Mamata's comments as simply a lack of support for Rahul, they should be seen as a political strategy that suggests there is no need to resolve the alliance leadership question right now. The real test will be the political developments that will take place before 2029. Changes in alliances across states, party strengths, coordination and joint action on public issues. All of these could ultimately affect the question

of the prime ministerial candidate. "That is why the real question today is not "Whose leadership will everyone accept?" but "Whose leadership will everyone accept?". It is likely that coalition unity will be decided before the individual, then the leadership, and finally the Prime Ministerial candidacy. The politics of the 2029 elections are still a long way off. But one thing is becoming clear for the politics of the India Alliance - the real political challenge is the ability to bring forward someone with consensus for that chair, rather than the debate over the Prime Minister's chair.



Prime Minister or not. The more crucial question is if not Rahul, who will? Mamata Banerjee

ership aspirations and political calculations. On the other hand, Congress is facing the need

same direction. "Should the prime ministerial candidate be announced in advance or should it

ing the alliance. Announcing someone's name in advance could lead to discontent



Delhi in the grip of pollution.. How many more years will this hell last!

Air pollution is one of the problems that comes to mind when you hear the name Delhi. Every year, as soon as winter begins, the city is enveloped in smog and toxic gases. The deterioration in air quality is having a serious impact on the health of the common man. This situation did not happen overnight. Many factors such as vehicle exhaust, dust from construction work, industrial pollution, burning of garbage, and burning of crop residues are polluting Delhi's air. Why is there no permanent solution to this problem despite the fact that it has been going on for so many years? This is the real question. Preventing pollution before it increases is a more effective approach than taking action after it increases. However, announcing emergency measures every winter in Delhi has become a tradition. The government has recently announced measures such as restrictions on construction and demolition work, changes in office hours, 50 percent work from home, increase in parking charges, and non-fueling of vehicles without pollution control certificates. Restrictions on construction work that generates dust will be imposed from November, and a complete ban on construction and demolition activities will be implemented from December 10 to January 20. Such measures are necessary. But how long will they last? What will be done to prevent the old situation from returning after the restrictions are lifted? That is the key. A comprehensive plan that is implemented throughout the year is needed to control pollution. Not only controlling the number of vehicles, but also strengthening public transport. To reduce pollution, adequate facilities must be available so that people abandon personal vehicles and opt for public transport. Similarly, regulations in the construction sector should be strictly enforced. There should be continuous monitoring of issues like dust on roads, garbage burning, pollution from industries. In the matter of crop waste burning, Delhi as well as neighboring states should take responsibility. Because this is not a problem of the Delhi government alone. Only when the entire Delhi-NCR region is involved and coordinated, will the results be achieved. It is worth considering that pollution does not change even when governments change. Temporary bans, fines, and emergency restrictions may provide some relief. But they cannot provide a permanent solution to the problem. Instead of reacting after pollution increases.. there should be year-round monitoring, strict enforcement, public participation, and coordination with neighboring states. Ultimately, the question is only one. Who is responsible for the pollution in Delhi? The answer cannot be pinned on one person. The government, industries, motorists, farmers, common people.. everyone has a role to play in this. If we keep shifting the responsibility onto each other, Delhi's air will never be clean. So, it is time to go beyond temporary measures and fight pollution with tough permanent policies. There is nothing more important than people's lives.

Rs.400 Daily, Rs.8,500 Monthly: RTC-Metro Common Pass Available From Today

Hyderabad: The government on Friday introduced a common travel pass integrating city bus and Hyderabad Metro services for commuters in Greater Hyderabad and the Core Urban Region (CURE).

The pass, introduced in association with the TGSRTC and Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL), will be available at all Metro Rail stations in two categories. A one-day pass will cost `400, while a monthly pass will cost `8,500 and will be valid for 30 calendar days.

Passengers purchasing the common pass for the first time will have to pay a refundable card fee of `100. The pass will allow travel on city buses operating within the Outer Ring Road (ORR), except Pushpak services, and on Hyderabad Metro services using a single pass.

Deputy chief minister Bhatti Vikramarka, who launched the pass on Friday, said the government was focusing on completing development works and showing their results to people rather than limiting itself to publicity.

He said infrastructure works worth `35,000 crore were under way within



HMDA limits, covering roads, flyovers and bridges. If projects by the GHMC, HMWS&SB and other agencies are also included in the list, he said the total value of ongoing development works in the city was around `52,000 crore.

Bhatti highlighted the contribution of earlier Congress governments to Hyderabad's development, including bringing Krishna, Godavari and Manjeera water to the city. He also mentioned the Outer Ring Road, international airport and institutions such as the University of Hyderabad, IIIT, BHEL, ECIL, DRDO, BDL, Midhani and IDPL.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said he and other state ministers had purchased one-day passes and would travel by Metro Rail from Begumpet at 11 am on Saturday, followed by an RTC bus journey, to experience the new feature. Ministers Mohammed Azharuddin and Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy were present at the launch.

Telangana's arrears mount as employees, retirees and contractors protest

Hyderabad: Nearly three years into its tenure, the Congress government is still grappling with mounting arrears, with employees, retirees and contractors repeatedly protesting inside the State Secretariat, government offices and several other places over delayed payments.

When Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka presented the State finances white paper in December 2023, he put the inherited backlog at Rs 40,154 crore, including Rs 6,244 crore in employee dues. The government claimed to have cleared around Rs 4,575 crore in employee dues since taking office.

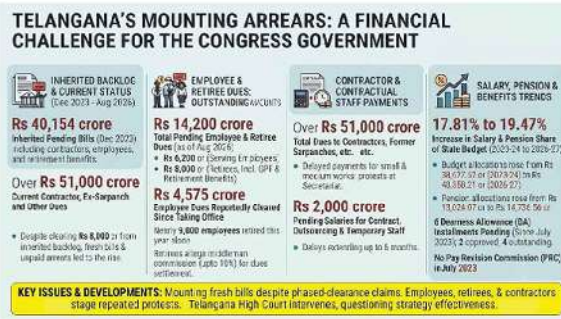
However, the employees' Joint Action Committee (JAC) had pegged the outstanding payments to serving employees and retirees at over Rs 14,200 crore as of August 2026. The dues include Rs 6,200 crore for serving employees and Rs 8,000 crore for retirees, including General Provident Fund (GPF) and other retirement benefits.

Retirees alleged that only those who paid upto 10 per cent of their dues as commission to middlemen were able to get their dues settled.

Nearly 9,000 employees retired this year alone, while salaries exceeding Rs 2,000 crore for contract, outsourcing and temporary staff remain pending, with delays extending to six months in some cases.

In last three years, the salary and wage component of the State budget shot up by around 1.66 per cent frp, 17.81 per cent in 2023-24 to 19.47 per cent in 2026-27. During the period, salary and wage allocations rose from Rs 38,627.52 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 48,358.21 crore in 2026-27 and pension allocations increased from Rs 13,024.07 crore to Rs 14,736.56 crore.

Six instalments of Dearness Allowance arrears had been pending since July 2023. The Cabinet has approved two instalments on Thurs-



day, leaving four pending. Implementation of revised pay scales, promised during the Assembly elections, also remains pending.

Despite claims of monthly releases of Rs 700 crore to Rs 1,000 crore and Rs 6,000 crore paid towards arrears over three months, employees and contractors continued to protest outside Bhatti Vikramarka's chambers at the Secretariat. Employees cited delayed medical reimbursements and retirement benefits.

Meanwhile, contractors, especially those who executed small and medium works, also have been staging protests and are now awaiting payments for completed works. The State government owes more than 51,000 crore to contractors, former sarpanches and other payments, which shot up from around Rs 34,000 crore in December 2023. Despite clearing around Rs 8,000 crore from the inherited backlog, officials admitted that the continuing accumulation of fresh bills alongside unpaid arrears led to the rise.

The Telangana High Court has sought details of pending retirement benefits in cases filed by retirees and intervened in contractor-payment disputes. Despite court directions and assurances, substantial dues remain unresolved, raising questions about the effectiveness of its phased-clearance strategy.

EC Orders Drive for Left-out, New Voters in States Where SIR Over

New Delhi: Accused of disenfranchising crores of eligible citizens during the Special Investigative Review (SIR) exercise, the Election Commission has directed its state poll officials to launch a special drive to immediately include "left-out" and new voters in areas where the poll roll revision is complete. The drive aims to re-enrol eligible voters who were omitted or deleted during the intensive revision, as well as register first-time and "young voters".

The instructions, conveyed in an official communication issued on Thursday, followed a virtual meeting with state CEOs. The Commission emphasised that voter registration is an ongoing process and that no eligible citizen should be disenfranchised because they were not included during the SIR enumeration. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have been instructed to cross-verify current electoral rolls against pre-SIR lists to identify electors whose names were present previously but dropped from the final roll.

BLOs will conduct house-to-house verifications for all identified missing individuals. Each officer is assigned a target of covering 20 to 25 electors per week, aiming to complete the verification drive within one month. BLOs will collect Form 6 applications on the spot from newly eligible young electors and genuine left-out voters. Lists will then be shared directly with Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of recognised political parties to maintain transparency. Opposition parties have accused the EC of working in tandem with the BJP and disenfranchising eligible citizens by holding SIR. Data shared by the poll authority and its state officials shows that the combined voters' list of nine states and three Union territories has been pruned by 10.2 per cent following the SIR exercise, with over 60 lakh dead voters removed. The decision to hold a special drive also comes amid reports of differences within the EC over SIR decisions. The EC, however, said it took all SIR decisions unanimously.



Congress Accuses EC of 'Lying' Over ECINet, Demands Accountability



New Delhi: The Congress on Friday accused the Election Commission of "lying" about its ECINet portal and violating the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, demanding accountability for what it described as breaches of electoral law and the Constitution. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh alleged that the commission's September 26 press note was an attempt at "damage control" that had instead "enhanced the damage". He said the poll panel had promised to form a committee to certify the system's compliance with relevant laws and rules.

Ramesh said such compliance should never have been in doubt if Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's intentions were honest. The ECINet portal was launched on January 22, 2026, with the stated aim of enhancing "transparency, credibility and public trust" in the electoral process. Ramesh said the commission had assured the country that the platform had been developed in strict accordance with the Constitution, the Representation of the People Acts of 1950 and 1951, and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

"All of this was a lie," he alleged in a post on X. He claimed that the commission had violated statutory provisions governing electoral rolls by restricting Electoral Registration Officers' (EROs) access to the ECINet voter-roll system and overruling them in states including Goa and West Bengal. Ramesh said the 1950 Act and the 1960 Rules vested statutory authority over electoral rolls in EROs. He also cited a September 24 letter from the Maharashtra chief electoral officer to the commission seeking correction of what he described as an "illegal state of affairs".

Ramesh said the I.N.D.I.A. bloc, citizens and civil society organisations would launch nationwide protests from Friday, demanding accountability for the alleged violations. The Congress has stepped up its criticism of the commission over alleged irregularities in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The I.N.D.I.A bloc has announced joint "save democracy" marches across districts and five major rallies.

At a meeting attended by leaders of 19 Opposition parties, the bloc decided that its MPs would march to the Election Commission on October 6. Opposition leaders would also meet the President to raise concerns about alleged irregularities in voter-list revision. The bloc has demanded Kumar's resignation and called for future elections to be held using ballot papers. The developments followed a report that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had raised objections at least 14 times over 10 months to SIR-related decisions and orders, saying these had been issued without their knowledge or recommendation. The Election Commission has maintained that differences of opinion are a normal part of institutional deliberations and that all its orders have full legal sanction and follow established statutory procedures.

Arvind Seeks Repatriation of 16 Indians From Russia

Nizamabad: Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Arvind has urged the Centre to secure the safe return of 16 Indian nationals reportedly undergoing military training in Russia. He wrote to Union external affairs minister S. Jaishankar, submitting details of the individuals along with their passport information and MADAD grievance IDs. Arvind said the Centre should intervene to facilitate their repatriation. He alleged that the individuals had travelled to Russia in search of livelihood but were trapped by middlemen and agents and made to undergo military training.



Let's fight together for the Rohith Vemula Act In a round table meeting Call for multiple speakers - ROHITH VEMULA ACT

Ch Abhinay Bureau Chief Warangal October 3 :

Several speakers have called for a united fight for the Rohith Vemula Act to prevent the increasing dropouts and suicides due to caste discrimination against students from oppressed castes in universities and colleges. On Saturday, a round table meeting was held with various student groups and intellectuals on the "Rohith Vemula Act" at the Jafar Nizam Hall of Kakatiya University under the auspices of the Ambedkar Students Association under the chairmanship of KU Convener Dandu Navakiran. Hyderabad University Professor and Secretary of the Education Protection Committee, Professor K. Lakshmi Narayana, who attended the meeting as the chief guest, said that it is a great stru



ggle for the oppressed classes, who have been kept away from education for more than two thousand years, to enter university and college education. He explained that instead of welcoming such students and educating them, caste discrimination takes on new forms such as making them feel inferior by saying, "You can't study" or "You won't pass", reducing or delaying scho

larships and fellowships, and forcibly collecting fees from them despite reimbursement. Former ASA State President Assistant Professor Dontha Prashanth said that lakhs of students from the backward castes are dropping out and are staying away from higher education. He appealed to all of us to work together to bring the Rohith Vemula Act in Telangana to eradicate this caste

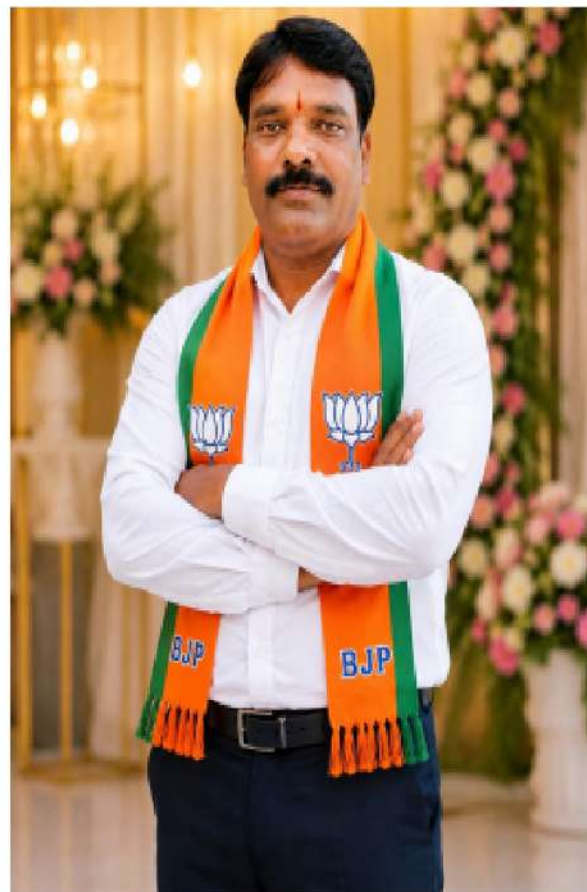
discrimination, saying that hundreds of people are committing suicide. Kakatiya University Development Authority Professor Y. Venkiah said that if we do not reverse the discrimination happening in the society, we will have to live as slaves, he warned. KU Colleges Development Council Professor Varalakshmi said that the Rohith Vemula Act is definitely needed to eradicate

discrimination in schools. KU Professor G. Samayam MaSpeaking, he said that if the government changes the minds of the masses, we will all be dead, and the protection of the constitution is our protection. KU SC/ST employees' leader Dr. Pulla Sri Niwas said that we should unite mentally and take this movement to the field level. Advocate Bandi Mogili said he hoped that we should all become socially conscious. In this meeting, Professor Biksalu, Justice Dandu Mohan, DBF state leader Chunchu Rajender, along with leaders of various student unions participated and spoke. Leaders of various unions Dudapaka Srikrishna, Manda Naresh, Sravan, Annamayya, Saikumar, Rodda Rambabu, Bharat, Rajesh, and others participated in this meeting.

BJP Amarendra Reddy as Station Ghanpur Assembly Convener

Boddu Sharath Kumar Reporter Dharmasagar

October 3 "Janagama District President Mr. Souda Ramesh announced that Perumandla Amarendra Reddy of Dharmasagar Mandal Narayangiri Village under the Constituency has been appointed as the Convener of Janagama District Station Ghanpur Assembly Constituency by the order of Bharatiya Janata Party State President N Ramachander Rao. District President Souda Ramesh Garu said that Raju and Jafarghad Mandal's Mask Swapna were appointed. State Vice President Gangadi Manohar



manta Reddy, Udugula Ramesh Bairapaka Kumara Reddy, Arutla Dasha and others participated in the program.

DBF Leaders Felicitate Minister Laxman Kumar



Gatla Srinivas, State Bureau Chief, Hyderabad, October 3. DBF state leaders accorded a grand felicitation to Telangana State Social Welfare Minister Laxman Kumar in Hyderabad. A felicitation event was held on Saturday at the Industries Bhavan. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister assured that he would continuously strive to resolve the issues faced by SCs and STs and invited them to bring any grievances to his attention. He stated that the state government is actively working to address various issues and is committed to the welfare of Dalits. He urged leaders of public organizations to approach him with any problems so they could be resolved. DBF National Secretary P. Shankar, Telangana State DBF President Raitu Ramesh Kumar, Sarvaiah, Asha Sriramulu, Metla Shankar, Gudapu Rajender, and others participated in the event.

To Remove The Names Of Minority Voters Yamsani Srinivas Senior Journalist

Some people tried to remove names of minority community voters from the voter list through 'Form-7' applications under the Special Comprehensive Amendment (SCAR) process being carried out by the Election Commission (EC). The police have registered a case against the BJP leader and some others on the complaint of a booth-level agent. The incident took place in Karnataka's Belagavi district. On September 22, BJP leader Ravi Patil, along with 25 others, approached Meera Sahab Sanadi, a booth-level agent working in ward number 12 of Belagavi North assembly constituency. They tried to remove names of 198 Muslim voters from the voter list through 'Form-7' applications, which are used to express objections to the inclusion or deletion of a name from the existing voter list. Since then, they created fake documents and falsely claimed that they were genuine and issued by the Election Registration Officer. They presented them to the booth level officer and put pressure on him. They talked to another person on the phone and convinced him to be the ERO. They took signatures on the 'Form-7' applications used to remove the names of 198 voters belonging to the Muslim community from the voter list. They created fake documents and falsely claimed that they were genuine and issued by the Election Registration Officer. They presented them to the booth level officer and put pressure on him. They talked to another person on the phone and convinced him to be the ERO.

Village Works Must be Completed Timely and Efficiently Additional Collector Madhusudan Naik

Bureau Chief Mahabubnagar October 3:

Additional Collector Local Bodies Madhusudan Naik directed officials to continuously monitor the development and sanitation activities being undertaken in villages to ensure their timely and efficient completion. "On Saturday, the Additional Collector held a review meeting via Webex with MPDOs, MPOs, APOs, Panchayat Secretaries, Technical Assistants (TAs), and Field Assistants. During the meeting, he reviewed the progress of various ongoing village-level programs. He conducted a

mandal-wise review of several aspects, including tax collection, staff attendance, the DSR app, sanitation works, door-to-door garbage collection, CC charges, MPWS staff salaries, Gram Sabhas, citizen services, 'Dry Day' observance, fogging, water tank cleaning, record maintenance, pensions, labor mobilization, muster generation, sapling plantation, GP SAP, and inspections by MPOs. He emphasized the importance of prioritizing sanitation management in villages and ensuring that door-to-door garbage collection is carried out properly. He also in-

structed that activities such as 'Dry Day' observance, fogging, and water tank cleaning be conducted regularly. Instructions were issued to complete tasks related to tax collection, civic services, and pensions within the stipulated timeframes. Emphasis was placed on making progress in areas such as mobilizing the necessary workforce for VBG RAM-G projects, muster generation, and sapling cultivation. Special attention was also directed towards conducting Gram Sabhas, GP SAP activities, and maintaining records. "Additional Collector Madhusudan Naik



made it clear that officials must constantly monitor work progress through field visits, promptly resolve any issues that arise, and ensure the completion of tasks within the deadlines.

Inauguration of Mahabubabad Manyatha Lions Club Swearing-in Ceremony of the New Executive Committee

Rakam Radhika, Bureau Chief Mahabubabad October 03:

The charter presentation and swearing-in ceremony for the newly formed 'Mahabubabad Manyatha Lions Club' an extension of the Lions Club of Mahabubabad under Lions International District 320-F, Region 5 was held in a grand manner on Friday evening at the local PSR Function Hall. District Governor Lion Narahari Sudhakar Reddy attended the event as the chief guest. Lion Revuri Ramana Reddy served as the installation officer, while Region Advisor and PDG Lion Tammera Lakshmi Narasimha Rao also participated in the proceedings. During the event, the new executive committee took their oaths of office: Lion Veluri Shyamaladevi as Charter President, Lion



Bandi Aruna as Secretary, and Parakala Kalavathi as Treasurer. Congratulations were extended to the new team by Extension Chairperson Lion Dr. Veluri Sarada, RC Lion Dr. S. Nagavani, ZC E. Srinivas, Club President Lion Kondapalli Karunakar Reddy, Secretary Parupalli Ramesh Babu, newly elected Red Cross District Chairman Lion Madhavapeddi Venkata Reddy, senior Lions (Parakala Srinivasa Reddy,



Kondapalli Keshavarao, Baviriseti Nageswara Rao, Parakala Ravinder Reddy, Pammi Sanathana Chari, Male Kalinath, V. Ekambaram, Sadula Suresh Babu), other office bearers (Parakala Usha, Parakala Lakshmi, Ravula Vijayasree, K. Lalitha), and fellow Lion members

Special Article Paying Tribute on the 33rd Death Anniversary of Jana Hrudaya Vijetha, Pedala Pakshapati Late Virauthu Janardhan Reddy Garul

Illandula Vijay Kumar, Direct Voice Reporter - 3rd October : Anywhere across Warangal district, just saying the name 'Janardhan Reddy' Garu is enough, even today people remember with great respect "Are you from Pulukurthy village!" "Today is the 33rd death anniversary of that great man who led the village on the path of progress unopposed for almost 25 years (from 1960 to 1985) as the first Sarpanch of Pulukurthy. On this occasion, let us recall his extraordinary achievements and the place he earned in people's hearts." "His Journey in the Army: "He is a person who also served the country in the Indian Army..." "Founder of Pulukurthy's Progress: "In those days when the village did not even have a proper road, he got a road laid with his influence and provided RTC bus facility - that credit goes to Janardhan Reddy Garu. In that era itself, he built a school for the village, brought electricity and made Pulukurthy an address for development." "Beacon of Hope for Weaker Sections - Social Welfare Hostel: "Hundreds of leaders from the neighboring Damera village, even up to Ministers, lobbied to take the hostel to their village. But proving how determined and powerful Janardhan Reddy Garu was, he personally brought the then Social

Welfare Minister Bochchu Sammaiah to the village and made sure that the Social Welfare Hostel was established in Pulukurthy itself. At a time when even getting food was difficult in those days, that hostel fed and educated many poor, weaker section children. Because of him, many students who studied in that hostel are today highly educated and well settled in great positions in society." "Friendly Administration that never climbed Police Station steps: "That not even a single policeman came to the village during the 25 years Janardhan Reddy Garu was Sarpanch shows how impartial his administration was. People had immense respect and trust in him. He used to solve any problem with his tact and in a just manner. With the belief that "Justice will be found only at Janardhan Reddy Garu's place", people never even looked towards police stations." "Pro-Poor - Fear in the hearts of enemies: "He constantly worked for Bahujans, for the welfare of the poor. While being a savior for the poor, he was a brave man who created fear in the hearts of enemies who did injustice. There is no doubt that if he had contested direct elections in those days, he would have definitely become an MLA." "Even if individuals die, their services and

ideals remain forever alive. Hearty tributes to that great man of the era, Bahujana Pakshapati Late Vidrouth Janardhan Reddy Garu who shaped Pulukurthy village on his 33rd death anniversary!



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Former Minister Koppula Eshwar Consoles Bereaved Families in Batikepalli



Direct voice Jagtial bureau kyasa gangadhar Pegadapalli, October 3: Former Telangana Minister Koppula Eshwar visited Batikepalli village in Pegadapalli mandal and consoled the families of two persons who passed away recently. "Koppula Eshwar visited the family of Gaddam Madhu, who died recently due to an electric shock, and the family of Balusani Ravi, who passed away after suffering from health-related problems. He expressed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and shared their grief during the difficult time. "The former minister offered his sympathies to the family members and assured them of his support. "Former ZPTC member Tatiparthi Shobharani, former local Sarpanch Balusani Kishan Goud, Peyyala Raju, Kamutam Mallaiiah, Madigela Tirupathi Mudiraj, Kamutam Rajamalla, Pochampalli Ravi, Shaik Shakeel, Madigela Manohar, Sunke Rajayya, Sunke Anjaiah, Manne Mahesh, Ponaganti Rajayya, Manne Gangarajam, Bedigam Raju, Madigela Rajesh, Nimma Rajamouli, Ambati Raju, Vadkapuram Ravi, Parsha Rajayya, Gattaiah, Nimma Tirupathi, Syed Afzal and several other local leaders and supporters were present on the occasion.

District-Level School Sports Event Held in Metpally

Direct Voice Jagtial Bureau Kyasa Gangadhar Metpally, September 30, 2026: "A district-level school sports event was held in Metpally on September 30, in which students from Sri Ganesh School participated in the competitions. The students took part in the Under-14 and Under-17 boys' categories and displayed impressive talent and enthusiasm. "The school management stated that the students participated actively in the district-level competitions and made a strong effort to showcase their sporting abilities. The participation of the young students was appreciated by the teachers and organisers. "The school representatives



said that students are being encouraged to take part in sports along with their regular academic activities. Such competitions provide students with an opportunity to develop discipline, physical fitness, teamwork, confidence and competitive spirit. "The school staff and Physical Education (PET) coach congratulated the participating students for their efforts and wished them success in future sporting events. They also expressed confidence that the students would continue to perform well and bring recognition to the school at higher-level competitions. "The programme was attended by school staff members and sports teachers, who encouraged the students and appreciated their participation in the district-level event.

Protest was organised demanding the immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and demanding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "CPI, CPI(M), CPI (ML) Mass Line

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad October 2.: Under the leadership of the left parties CPI, CPI(M), CPI (ML) Mass Line, and TJS a protest was organised demanding the immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and demanding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah step down, alleging that the BJP-led government is responsible for the deletion of votes Initially, a dharna (protest demonstration) was held in front of the Medchal District Collect or's Office. Subsequently, a memo-

randum was submitted to the District Collector. On this occasion, videos of Comrade Gaddam Sadanandam, CPI (ML) Mass Line Medchal District Secretary and State Secretariat Member, addressing the gathering are being shared. "The programme was attended by CPI District Secretary E. Uma Mahesh, CPI(M) District Secretary P. Satyam, TJS District Secretary A. Dayakar, and Comrade Gaddam Sadanandam, CPI (ML) Mass Line Medchal District Secretary and State Secretariat Member, along with leaders and activists of the respective parties. The

leaders and activists participated in the protest and raised their demands. "Clarify the protest's main demands Polish the event report for publication Add a stronger closing call

Mahatma Gandhi, the great man who brought independence to the country through non-violence

District SP Ashok Kumar IPS

Jagtiala, October 2 : Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti celebrations were held at the District Police Headquarters. On this occasion, Jagtiala SP Ashok Kumar IPS paid tribute to Gandhi by garlanding the portrait of Gandhiji at a program organized at the District Police Headquarters. Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that Gandhiji's journey to move forward on the path of peace, non-violence and truth suggested by him and his principles and values "have become world-renowned due to his commitment to practicing them. He said that Gandhiji's services for freedom are unforgettable. He said that the path of peace and non-violence chosen by Gandhiji in the struggle for freedom and independence for India has become a guide not only for Indians but also for the entire world. He said that we should all work hard to achieve



his ideals that we should all serve selflessly for the development of the country. He said that Gandhiji's life is an inspiration to everyone and continuing his ideals is the greatest tribute we can pay to him. SB Inspector Arif Ali Khan, RIs Venu, Saidu, RSIs and staff of the District Police Office participated in this program.

Social Progress Through the Gandhian Path

**Truth and non-violence were the core of Gandhiji's teachings
A clean society is the true tribute to Bapuji
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Bonda's remarks on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti

Grand celebrations marking the birth anniversaries of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri were held in the Vijayawada Central constituency. Government Whip and Central Constituency MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao paid tribute by garlanding statues of Gandhiji at the Gandhi Statue Centre in Kasturbaipet, the Shivaji Cafe Centre in Satyanarayanapuram, and on Pipes Road. Subsequently, blankets, sweets, and fruits were distributed to the poor. Speaking on the occasion, Bonda Uma noted that Gandhiji led the nation's freedom struggle through the paths of Satyagraha and non-violence, and that his principles of peace, truth, and non-violence continue to provide guidance today.

Bonda Uma emphasized that everyone should strive to realize Gandhiji's ideal of 'Gram Swaraj' (village self-rule) and build a clean society. He stated that a healthy society can be built by keeping villages, divisions, and towns clean. He stated that the Central Government's 'Swachh Bharat' and the State Government's 'Swachh Andhra Pradesh' programs were undertaken to implement Gandhiji's ideals. He remarked that creating a clean environment and a healthy city is a true tribute to Gandhiji. He emphasized that everyone bears the responsibility of passing on Gandhiji's principles of peace, truth, and non-violence to future generations. Bonda Uma recalled taking the initiative to install a statue of Gandhiji on Pipes Road during his tenure as an MLA, noting that it was unveiled by the then Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Chief Minister Chandrababu.



Agriculture is profitable if the government and food donors work together

Chinni Raj Mohan Reddy - Retired Joint Director of Agriculture

A corn cob is being sold in the open market for 15 to 20 rupees. It is worth noting that the price of this corn cob to the farmer who works hard to grow it is less than two rupees, while the Bebe corn, which is grown with great effort in Lanka, is being sold to middle men for about 10 to 15 rupees before it reaches the consumers. "Cultivation is good support prices for crops should be announced in advance. There should be grain storage centers in every village. "Crop rotation should be done according to demand. The farmer is the backbone of the country. A large number of people in India depend directly or indirectly on agriculture for their livelihood. The agriculture sector, which is closely linked to rural life, is facing many challenges today. Farmers who grow traditional crops are losing money due to rising prices of fertilizers and seeds, increasing cultivation costs, and changes in the climate. Due to this, the breadwinners who rely on the agriculture sector are not spared. In addition to all this, scientists are now warning that the recent El Nino disaster will have a serious impact on agriculture. On the subject of how to cultivate in these circumstances, retired agriculture officer Chinni Raj Mohan Reddy from Nirmal district has given many suggestions. Raj Mohan Reddy comes from an agricultural family background. That is why he has a great passion for agriculture and farmers. He has unlimited knowledge on all matters such as the breadwinners' troubles, cultivation crisis and other issues. Contemporary farmer problems.. Retired Joint Director of Agriculture Chinni Raj Mohan Reddy shared his experiences and views on the Elsinore disaster and other issues. Retired Agriculture Officer Chinni Raj Mohan Reddy said that agriculture, the backbone of the country, is facing many challenges today and there are many reasons for this. He said that due to changes in the climate and increasing costs of cultivation, farmers who cultivate traditional crops are not reaping profits. Moreover, when the crops grown with six months of hard work are in hand, the crops are not only damaged by untimely rains, but also the price of the crops is not right. "Agriculture has become a costly industry and farmers are in debt and unable to repay them, so many people are committing suicide," he said. Chinni Raj Mohan Reddy said that no matter how advanced science has developed, natural disasters are having a serious impact on agriculture. Scientists are concerned that the disaster that is now shaking the world will also have a serious impact on agricultural agriculture. Governments are educating farmers to grow crops with less water. However, Raj Mohan Reddy said that it is not an easy matter for farmers who have been growing traditional crops for many years to change their cultivation methods and switch to other crops. If they want to grow another crop as an alternative in the cultivated land where rice is grown, farmers

have to change their cultivation method from the time of ploughing to the time of harvesting. Many changes need to be made. In this process, many aspects will cause problems for the food producers, which is why no matter how many warnings the governments issue, Raj Mohan Reddy expressed the view that despite awareness, farmers are not turning to other crops as an alternative to rice as expected. He said that due to this, farmers may face serious losses due to climatic changes like El Nino. Meanwhile, as agriculture is not profitable, a new generation is interested in entering agriculture. He said that it is not showing. However, in order for agriculture to be profitable in the changing circumstances, Raj Mohan Reddy suggested that the government and farmers should also focus on many aspects. Especially, support prices should be announced for the respective crops every year before the cultivation of the crops. Then, farmers will be interested in the respective crops with an understanding of what crop they will grow and how much profit they will get. However, now the situation is not visible. Although the government is boasting that it is providing the right remunerative price for the crops, it is an undeniable truth that farmers are not getting the right support price if they grow the crops and sell their produce. The middlemen are selling them at a low price from the farmers. It is noteworthy that they are selling cooking utensils to consumers at high prices and earning crores. In order to get the right support price for the crops they work hard to cultivate, the farmers should be in a position to sell the crop products directly, but such an opportunity is rare. Due to this they have to resort to middlemen to sell their crops. The fact that middlemen, who have taken advantage of the weather conditions and the needs of the farmers, are buying crops from the grain suppliers for small amounts and selling them to the consumers at high prices is a fatal blow to the farmers. He said that even though the government has encouraged farmers' markets by eliminating this middleman system and giving farmers the opportunity to sell their crop products directly, the situation has not changed. For example, a bushel of corn is being



sold for 15 to 20 rupees in an open market. And the price that the farmers who work hard to grow this corn get is just under two rupees. Raj Mohan Reddy said that it is worth noting that instead of the corn kernels from the farmers reaching the consumers, they are going to the middlemen for Rs 10 to Rs 15. In fact, if the farmer sells a kernel directly for Rs 5, it will be a good price for the farmers. On the other hand, if the same kernel is purchased directly from the farmer for Rs 50, the consumer will also get a kernel at a lower price. Apart from that, the middlemen in between, not only the farmers but also the consumers, do not invest any capital or work. Raj Mohan Reddy said that the government should focus on the fact that if products change hands without any intermediaries, they can earn high profits within a few hours. The same situation is true for many culinary products, which is why the retired agricultural officer said that if agriculture is to become profitable, it is necessary to first see that there is no middle man system. Raj Mohan Reddy said that the government should directly purchase the crops grown by farmers and process the products and make them available to the consumers. For example, pulses, chili, turmeric, sesame, coriander, small grains, wheat, millets, and pulses. The government purchases produce directly from farmers and processes it in government schools and hostels. Many of the crop products are sold to farmers. It can be distributed to homes and old age homes. Also, there should be a system where the government buys the produce purchased from farmers, processes it and sells it directly to consumers without any adulteration. If such a situation arises, the farmers can be assured that the government will buy their crops at reasonable prices. If the government sets up various types of grocery stores, quality and unadulterated products at low prices can reach the consumers and ensure their health. Similarly, Rajamohan Reddy suggests that farmers should fully understand the market development, accept changes in traditional farming methods and understand which crops to cultivate and when to bring to the market. If they have an understanding of the issues, they can turn the crops into profitable products. For example, from brinjal to mangoe



s, from onions to carrots, every culinary product is in demand at some point every year. Prices skyrocket. Each season has a different price. Every farmer should understand the fluctuations in this price difference and the principles of demand and supply. Raj Mohan Reddy expressed his hope that only then will their crops receive a fair price and agriculture will become profitable. "Lack of opportunity for storage of crop produce. Farmers work very hard from sowing to harvesting. In this process, they are suffering severe losses due to untimely rains and lack of proper support price. That is why Raj Mohan Reddy says that every village should have proper arrangements from drying the crops to storing them. Unfortunately, due to the lack of such conditions, farmers are now drying their crops in open areas on the roads and losing money due to untimely rains. Although farmer forums were set up with the help of the previous government and used for farmer awareness programs, there is a need to set up godowns in every village to store enough grain. Raj Mohan Reddy believes that farmers need to be encouraged accordingly. He suggested that along with remunerative prices for crops, insurance should also be taken for the crops that are going to be planted. Raj Mohan Reddy shared his views that the governments and authorities need to take proper precautions so that farmers do not lose their crops due to natural disasters and losses of resources. Former agriculture official Chinni Raj Mohan Reddy expressed his hope that if both the government and the farmers move forward with mutual cooperation and solidarity to improve cultivation, the backbone of the country will stand.

Even as Technology Evolves, the Teacher's Stature Remains Unchanged

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The Teacher: A force that shapes the future beyond the confines of the classroom. "Four decades ago, a school was defined by the teacher, and the teacher was the embodiment of knowledge. Books were limited, and sources of information were scarce; yet, the teacher's word served as the student's guiding light. Lessons imparted by the teacher were not merely for securing marks in examinations but were teachings on how to navigate life itself. That is why teachers commanded special respect in society back then. In Indian tradition, the teacher holds an even more exalted position. Ours is a culture that equates the teacher with the Trinity: Gurur Brahma, Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo Maheshwar. Regarding them as equal to the Creator, the Preserver, and the Destroyer. Even in the era of kings, the Rajaguru or royal preceptor held a distinguished place; it was the teacher who guided the monarch in matters of statecraft, righteousness, Dharma, martial arts, and governance. Teachers play a pivotal role not only in guiding rulers but also in passing on the values that steer society to future generations. Times have changed. The technological revolution has radically transformed the education sector. While textbooks were once the primary source of knowledge, students today have access to tools like smartphones, computers, the internet, and artificial intelligence. It is now possible to access information from any

corner of the globe in mere seconds. However, while there may be many sources of information, it is the teacher who imparts the wisdom to interpret that information and the discernment to distinguish between right and wrong. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 views technology not as a substitute for the teacher, but as a tool to enhance the effectiveness of teaching. The policy focuses on teacher training in technology usage, digital pedagogy, and the fostering of creativity and critical thinking among students. Indeed, no matter how much technology advances, the need for a teacher remains; the teacher's role simply evolves. Artificial intelligence can provide answers; yet, a machine cannot replicate the human touch—recognizing a student's doubts, assessing their potential, offering encouragement during failure, and instilling a sense of responsibility towards success. The teacher's dedicated efforts for a student's future often go unpublicized; a lesson delivered in the classroom is the result of hours of preparation. Lifting up a struggling student, guiding a talented one in the right direction, and instilling courage in a student facing financial or social hardships—all these are integral parts of a teacher's responsibility. That is why World Teachers' Day is not merely a day to offer greetings; it is a day for society to re-

flect on the teacher's status, dignity, working conditions, continuous training, and professional freedom. World Teachers' Day, observed on October 5, marks the 60th anniversary of the 1966 ILO-UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. UNESCO emphasizes the need to uphold the dignity of the teaching profession amidst new challenges, including digital technology. Even as times and educational tools evolve, the value of a teacher remains constant. While books provide knowledge and technology offers information, a teacher provides direction to life. This is the greatness of a teacher—and the true service they render to the future of society. The technological revolution has brought about immense changes in the field of education. Tools such as smartphones, the internet, online classes, and artificial intelligence provide students with information in an instant. Yet, the importance of the teacher has not diminished; in fact, their role has expanded. Even though countries like Singapore, Finland, Japan, South Korea, and Estonia promote digital education, they do not view technology as a substitute for the teacher. Instead, they train teachers in digital and AI skills, utilizing technology as an aid to instruction. According to OECD data from 2024, approximately 75% of teachers in Singapore and the UAE reported using AI in their work. In essence, while technology pro-



vides information, the teacher interprets its meaning. The internet can offer knowledge, but it is the teacher who instills the discernment to distinguish between truth and falsehood. No technological tool can fully replace the teacher's role in identifying a student's talent, encouraging them to overcome weaknesses, and fostering discipline, human values, and social responsibility. Consequently, the need for a teacher remains undiminished in the digital age, though the form of the teacher is evolving. Books, computers, and AI serve merely as aids to the teacher; the teacher remains the beacon of knowledge that guides the student's future.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated Under Sarpanch's Leadership



Shankarpally :: Mahatma Gandhi's 157th birth anniversary was observed with due respect under the leadership of Sarpanch Machanna Raghavender Reddy. Floral tributes were paid to Gandhi, followed by the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar Aajeevika Mission Gram Sabha.

- Mahatma Gandhi remembered with floral tributes
- Gram Sabha held under the leadership of Sarpanch Machanna Raghavender Reddy
- Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar Aajeevika Mission discussed
- Village development and public issues reviewed
- Officials and local representatives participated

The meeting discussed village development, employment opportunities, basic infrastructure and local public issues. DLPO Satish Reddy and APO Nagabhushanam attended as Special Officers, while Shankarpally CI Rudveer Kumar also participated. The officials emphasized effective implementation of government programmes and active public participation in village development. Deputy Sarpanch Antaram Srinivas, Secretary Ramulu, former MPTC Yadagiri, Ward Members Raghupathi Reddy, Bhavani Anandam, Thalla Krishna, Thalla Satyamma, Bhavani Mangamma, Hemalatha and Bodo Santhosh, along with Shashikanth, Ramireddy and Vittal, ASHA workers, health department staff, village elders and residents participated in the programme.



Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti Celebrated in Parigi

- PRTU Parigi Mandal Branch organizes grand celebrations
- District General Secretary Doma Amarnath attends as chief guest
- Teachers urged to uphold Gandhian and Shastri values
- Educational material distributed to Balasadan students
- Large number of state, district and mandal leaders participate

Parigi : Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti were celebrated grandly at the Gandhi statue in Parigi on Friday under the aegis of the PRTU Parigi Mandal Branch. Chief guest and PRTU District General Secretary Doma Amarnath urged everyone to follow Gandhi's ideals of peace, patience and non-violence and stressed that teachers have a vital role in shaping the nation's future. He also called upon society to follow the ideals of Lal Bahadur Shastri. Fruits, pens and educational materials were distributed to students of Parigi Balasadan.

The programme was attended by Parigi MDO Haripriya Reddy, Parigi MEO Anjaiah, Doma MEO Venkat, Headmasters M. Gopal, Subhash, Lalya Naik and Krishna Reddy, PRTU Parigi President Manchanapalli

Srinivas, General Secretary D. Manohar, Honorary President Usman Ali, Pudur President E. Anjilaiah, Doma General Secretary Praveen Singh, Kulkacharla President Shyam Sunder, Bomraspet General Secretary Shashidhar Kumar, State Associate President Ramanjaneyulu, Girimoni Gopal, Madhusudan, Jahangir, Veeresham, Srisailam, Rajasekhar Reddy, Kishtayya, Prakash, Buggayya, Venugopal and Kundeti Venkatayya. District leaders Niranjan Reddy, Rakesh, Balraju, Jaipal Reddy, Viranandam, Ibrahim, Narsimulu, Baswaraju, Narsimharaju, Bhimayya, Praveen, Bhimya Naik, Adishankar, Ravi, Ramchander, Srinivas, Suri, Satyanarayana, Veerappa, Sailu, Ramchender Reddy, Balu Naik, Narsimulu,



Chandrashekar Reddy and Chaitanya also participated.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated in Gopularam

- Development Issues Discussed at Gram Sabha
- Celebrations held under the leadership of Sarpanch Tangedipally Ravinder
- Gram Sabha conducted with Deputy Sarpanch Narsanolla Jayanth
- Employment works, soak pits and road repairs discussed
- Streetlights to be installed ahead of Bathukamma and Dussehra
- Water tank cleaning and construction of steps discussed

Shankarpally : Gopularam village in Shankarpally Mandal of Rangareddy district observed the 157th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with due respect and solemnity under the leadership of Sarpanch Tangedipally Ravinder. Floral tributes were offered to Mahatma Gandhi, following which a Gram Sabha was conducted under the leadership of Sarpanch Tangedipally Ravinder and Deputy Sarpanch Narsanolla Jayanth. The meeting focused on village development, basic infrastructure and various public issues. Discussions were held on expanding employment-related works, constructing soak pits, repairing damaged roads and addressing local civic requirements. The Gram Sabha also discussed arrangements for Bathukamma and Dussehra, with an assurance to



install streetlights on all electricity poles across the village. The need to clean the village water tank and construct steps around the facility was also discussed. Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanch Tangedipally Ravinder said that every identified issue in the village would be addressed one by one. He stated that with the cooperation of former Sarpanch Poddur Srinivas and the support of local MLA Kale Yadaiah, efforts would be

made to complete the proposed development works. He further assured that priority would be given to essential infrastructure and that the participation of villagers would be taken into consideration in the development process. The meeting was attended by Ward Members Poddur Manisha Naveen, Cheemala Saikumar, Sara Lavanya (Akshay), Thonda Kalpana Guttiah, Narsanolla Dayakar, Begari Vinoda Narsimlu and Chilukuri Srikanth. Former Sarpanch and former Vice-President of the Rangareddy District Sarpanchs Association Poddur Srinivas, BJP senior leader Bhayanand, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon Dr. Shrivani, Bhimesh, Surrender, T.G. Ravi, Cheera Saikumar, Narsanolla Ramachander, N. Srinivas, B. Chandraiah and Thonda Yadaiah, along with youth association leaders and villagers, were present.

Save Water, Every Drop Matters



Chevella : Nyalata Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Gudepu Buchaiah and Mission Bhagiratha AE Manisha stated that efforts are being made to ensure adequate drinking water supply to every household under the Mission Bhagiratha programme. As part of the Har Ghar Jal initiative, Mission Bhagiratha officials conducted an awareness programme in Nyalata village. The programme began with special prayers at the village water tank. Officials, public representatives and villagers took a pledge to conserve water and use every drop responsibly. A resolution was also adopted to promote water conservation. Deputy Sarpanch Yerravalli Ashok, Panchayat Secretary Shekhar, ward members and Mission Bhagiratha officials participated in the programme.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated in Pelligundla.. Gram Sabha Held

- Celebrations held under the leadership of Sarpanch Swathi Kanth Reddy
- Floral tributes paid to Mahatma Gandhi
- Village issues discussed at the Ramji Gram Sabha
- Development works discussed with villagers
- Call for collective efforts for village development

Shankarpally :

Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti and the Ramji Gram Sabha were held in Pelligundla village of Shankarpally Mandal, Rangareddy district. The programme was conducted under the leadership of Sarpanch Swathi Kanth Reddy, with floral tributes offered to Mahatma Gandhi. During the Gram Sabha, village development, basic infrastructure and local issues were discussed. The participants emphasized identifying public needs and taking up development works on a priority basis. Sarpanch Swathi Kanth Reddy assured that the Panchayat would work for the overall development of the village with the active participation of residents. Panchayat Sec-



retary Uma and Ward Members Swapna Raghavender, Sumalatha, Bandi Reddy, Anusha, Madhusudhan Reddy and Kavali Rajender were present

Consider me a son of Andhra

- A new chapter in agriculture at Madanapalle
- AI, drones, and robotics for agriculture
- Farmers should become CEOs of their own fields
- Ambani praises Chandrababu's vision

Madanapalle: "Andhra land is a golden land; consider me a son of Andhra," said Anant Ambani, Executive Director of Reliance Industries, while requesting CM Chandrababu to guide him on how he could contribute to the state. He expressed happiness over laying the foundation stones for the Global Horticulture Hub and the Indian School of Agriculture. He spoke at the foundation-laying ceremony held in Madanapalle on Friday. He expressed the hope that the institution would work towards transforming farmers into CEOs of their own fields. He emphasized the need to integrate modern technologies—such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), drones, robotics, cloud computing, and greenhouse technology—with traditional agricultural knowledge. He highlighted the necessity of developing technological solutions that assist farmers in areas like early pest detection, crop monitoring, efficient use of water and nutrients, and determining the right time to sell produce in the market. Anant Ambani stated that there is

an opportunity to transform farmers into partners in energy security, rather than viewing them merely as food producers. He noted that the Andhra Pradesh government has facilitated investments of up to ₹1 lakh crore for setting up compressed biogas plants in the state; these projects have the potential to generate over 3 lakh jobs and yield approximately ₹60,000 crore in revenue for the state. He expressed an intention to collaborate with the Indian School of Agriculture to take training programs to millions of farmers across the country in Indian languages. He proposed setting up virtual classrooms in villages to train rural youth as digital agricultural extension workers. He further revealed a readiness to share tech-



nologies—currently being developed through the Jio Krishi platform and the Bio-Agri and Bio-Energy research center in Jamnagar—with the organization.

Anant Ambani emphasized that making agriculture a profession that youth choose with pride requires making skills, technology, and business opportunities accessible. He highlighted the potential to create new employment and wealth in rural areas by integrating the livestock, agriculture, and bio-energy sectors. He

also mentioned that Reliance is partnering across various sectors in Andhra Pradesh, ranging from green energy to advanced manufacturing. He stated that support for the Indian School of Agriculture would continue through strategic investments, digital capabilities, technical expertise, and industry partnerships. He expressed the hope that the institution's goal would be to open up new avenues regarding technology, income, dignity, and opportunities in the lives of farmers.

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Bonda Uma recalled that he had initiated steps to install the statue of Gandhiji on Pipes Road during his tenure as an MLA and noted that the statue was subsequently unveiled by the then Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Chief Minister Chandrababu. He mentioned that tributes have been paid to the statue every year since then on the occasion of Gandhiji's birth anniversary. On this occasion, leaders and party workers pledged to strive towards realizing Gandhiji's ideals. Former corporators, state and district leaders, constituency leaders, division party presidents, in-charges, general secretaries, and party workers participated in the programs.

A Run for Cleanliness...

'Swachhathon' a grand success in Vijayawada

10,000 runners from 23 states

'Swachhathon' to become an annual movement
Fitness... Cleanliness... Social Responsibility
Cash prizes worth ₹10 lakhs

Vijayawada : HDFC Bank's 'Swachhathon-2026', organized to create public awareness about cleanliness, fitness, and responsible citizenship, was held on a grand scale. Approximately 10,000 participants from 23 states took part in the run, which commenced at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium in Vijayawada under the aegis of the Swachh Andhra Corporation and in collaboration with Amaravati Runners. Swachh Andhra Corporation Chairman K o m m a r e d y Pattabhiram announced that 'Swachhathon' would henceforth be continued as an annual event to propagate the message of cleanliness, health, and environmental protection among the public. He noted that the event, organized to coincide with Gandhi Jayanti, has entered its second



year and aims to raise awareness about issues such as the ban on single-use plastics and the importance of maintaining a clean state. The run commenced at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium and proceeded via MG Road, the Police Control Room, the One Town flyover, the Vinayaka Temple, Seethammavari Padalu, the Prakasam Barrage, the steel bridge on the Seed Access Road, and the Mantena Satyanarayana Raju Ashram, before returning to the stadium. People of all ages—including youth, the elderly, and the general public—participated enthusiastically in the event, which featured half-marathon (21.1 km), 10K, and 5K categories. Running together on a common platform, participants championed the causes of fitness, unity, cleanliness, and social responsibility. Cash prizes totaling ₹10 lakh were awarded to winners across various age categories for both men and women. MP Kesineni Sivanath spent considerable time interacting with the participants and spoke about the 'Vijayawada Utsavam' and its significance. The event was flagged off by MP Kesineni Chinni, Swachh Andhra Corporation Chairman Pattabhiram, Principal Secretary of Municipal Administration and Urban Development S. Suresh Kumar, Corporation MD Sunil Kumar Reddy, Police Commissioner Rajasekhara Babu, and Municipal Commissioner Dhyana Chand. HDFC Bank served as the title sponsor, Tata Copper as the hydration partner, Medstar Hospitals as the health partner, and Prithvi Toyota as the logistics partner. By linking fitness with cleanliness, environmental awareness, and responsible citizenship, the event became a platform for social engagement in Vijayawada. Pattabhiram announced that 'Swachhathon' would be continued as an annual movement.

Make Siddhartha the Mayor

Give the Mayor post to Siddhartha

A young Mayor for Vijayawada

Bonda Siddhartha in the mayoral race

Siddhartha should be given the chance to be Mayor

Unanimous resolution by Rajaka associations

Appeal by Rajaka associations to Chandrababu and Lokesh

A joint forum of Rajaka associations in the city has unanimously resolved to urge the Telugu Desam Party to field its young leader, Bonda Siddhartha, as the mayoral candidate for Vijayawada. Leaders of these associations made this demand during a press conference held on Friday at the Rajaka Kalyana Mandapam in the 27th Division of Durgapuram. They noted that Vijayawada is a key city in the state and emphasized the need for further development of the city, given its proximity to the Amaravati capital region. They stated that addressing issues such as underground drainage, roads, sanitation, parks, street lighting, drinking water, and basic infrastructure requires capable leadership that remains constantly engaged with the public. They expressed the view that if the young and educated Bonda Siddhartha is given the opportunity to serve as Mayor, he could bring fresh ideas and modern planning to Vijayawada's development.

Although he manages business operations abroad, Bonda Siddhartha has been actively participating in political and social activities for some time. The Rajaka association leaders noted that he remains accessible to the public. It was noted that he has played a pivotal role in the political journey of his father—Government Whip and Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao—for about 15 years, actively engaging with the public across various parts of the constituency. He has participated in numerous service initiatives benefiting the youth, students, and the underprivileged, and is actively involved in programs that provide livelihoods to poor families through the 'P-4' policy implemented by Chief Minister



Chandrababu. They emphasized that Vijayawada needs young leadership capable of uniting all sections of society and effectively addressing the city's issues.

Minister Nara Lokesh has been encouraging youth participation in politics and prioritizing young leadership. Against this backdrop, representatives of the Rajaka associations stated that they are urging CM Chandrababu and Minister Nara Lokesh to consider Bonda Siddhartha as the mayoral candidate for Vijayawada. They mentioned that, in addition to submitting a formal representation, they intend to seek an appointment to explain their request in person. They also revealed plans to meet with various social organizations, public representatives, and political leaders in the city to share their views. Reaffirming their stance, they stated that the time has come to entrust leadership to a young, educated individual to transform Vijayawada into a modern city, and reiterated their call for Bonda Siddhartha to be given the opportunity to run for mayor. Leaders of Rajaka associations, including Kondapalli Rupkumar (Nani), Nainavarapu Chalam, Bhaviri Simhachalam, and Valtheru Durgaprasad, participated in this meeting.

A promise made during the 'Yuva Galam'—fulfilled today!

Amaravati: During his 'Yuva Galam' padayatra in 2023, Nara Lokesh announced plans to transform Rayalaseema into a hub for horticultural crops. Aligning with the key objectives of 'Mission Rayalaseema', the 'Global Horticulture Hub' initiative has now been launched. When announcing 'Mission Rayalaseema' in Kadapa on June 7, 2023, Lokesh outlined plans for expanding horticultural cultivation in the region and establishing research centers, drip irrigation systems, food processing facilities, and pulp processing units. With the recent laying of the foundation stone for the Global Horticulture Hub project in Madanapalle, these plans have advanced to the next stage. Of the total planned investment of approximately ₹1 lakh crore, the government's share is ₹40,352 crore, while investments worth around ₹60,000 crore are expected to be mobilized from the private sector. A strategy has been formulated to comprehensively integrate irrigation, horticultural development, rural roads, logis-

Lokesh was deeply moved upon seeing farmers during his padayatra (foot march). He pledged to stand by them and support them.

'Mission Rayalaseema' was announced in Kadapa back then.

Today, the 'Global Horticulture Hub' initiative has been launched in Madanapalle.

tics, post-harvest infrastructure, processing, and exports within the 'Global Horticulture Hub'. The plans outline government allocations of ₹20,884 crore for irrigation, ₹14,906 crore for the horticulture sector, and ₹4,562 crore for rural roads. The project will cover 201 clusters, 303 mandals, and 5,869 villages across ten districts. It will focus on the production of high-value horticultural crops—such as mango, tomato, banana, pomegranate, lime, dragon fruit, and avocado—as well as processing, cold-chain facilities, marketing, and exports. The government states that the hub aims to provide farmers with necessary support throughout the entire value chain—from seed to shipment.





Kayadu Lohar Stuns in Chic Gingham Skirt and White Top

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Born on April 11, 2000, Kayadu made her acting debut in the Kannada film *Mugilpete* (2021). She entered Malayalam cinema with *Pathonpatham Noottandu* (2022), Telugu with *Alluri* (2022), and Marathi with *I Prem U* (2023).

Her breakthrough came with the Tamil hit *Dragon* (2025) opposite Pradeep Ranganathan, which became one of the year's biggest successes. In 2026 she has a packed slate including *Funky* (with Vishwak Sen), *Pallichattambi* (with Tovino Thomas), *Idhayam Murali, I'm Game* (with Dulquer Salmaan), *The Paradise* (with Nani), and more.

Bhagyashri Borse Looks Gorgeous in Sky-Blue and Gold

Traditional gold jewellery—a choker necklace, earrings, and bracelet—completes the elegant look against a natural rocky backdrop.

Bhagyashri Borse looks radiant in this graceful outdoor portrait. Smiling brightly with the wind gently tossing her hair, she wears a soft sky-blue saree with delicate gold embroidery and a cream blouse. Traditional gold jewellery—a choker necklace, earrings, and bracelet—completes the elegant look against a natural rocky backdrop.

Born on 6 May 1999 in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, Bhagyashri began her career as a model before entering films. She made her acting debut with a cameo in the Hindi film *Yaariyan 2* (2023), followed by another appearance in *Chandu Champion* (2024).

Her lead debut came in Telugu cinema with Mr. Bachchan (2024) opposite Ravi Teja, earning her the SIIMA Award for Best Female Debut – Telugu. She gained fur-

her recognition in 2025 with roles in *Kingdom* alongside Vijay Deverakonda, her Tamil debut *Kaantha* opposite Dulquer Salmaan (praised as a strong performance), and *Andhra King Taluka* with Ram Pothineni.

In 2026 she starred in Lenin opposite Akhil Akkineni and is set to appear in the Tamil film Seyon. She will make her Malayalam debut in 2027 with Operation Ganga alongside Mohanlal. From modelling to multi-language cinema, Bhagyashri continues to rise as a promising new face in South Indian films.



Thrinadha Rao Didn't Give Me The Chance: Shiva Nirvana

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VV Vinayak expressed strong confidence in Vikram's future while appreciating Lagadapati Sridhar's passion for cinema. "Lagadapati Sridhar has a greater passion for cinema than all of us. Vikram will become a big hero and fulfil Sridhar's dream. Tarak Ponnappa is frightening everyone with his performance."

Shiva Nirvana brought a personal perspective to the event, recalling his student days in the town. "I have a



strong emotional connection with Annapalli. I studied for my degree there. I too wanted to write a story based on the emotion of Annapalli, but Thirunadh Rao did not give me that chance. With Annapalli, he has attempted something different. I hope he will also become busy as an actor from now on. I also wish Vikram will become a big hero."

Thrinadh Rao Nakkina spoke about the actors performances. "There is a similar competition between every character in Anapakalli. Each actor competed with the others and delivered their best. You will watch Anapakalli without getting distracted even for a second."

Lagadapati Sridhar teased the film's central emotional conflict. "We have already watched *Anakapalli*. It is going to be something fresh. What happens when the lover becomes even more violent? The film presents those consequences beautifully. It also shows what a lover should be like in a compelling manner."

Anakapalli is gearing up for its theatrical release on October 2.

MrBeast Joins 'Ramayana' Promotions

In a major global push for *Ramayana: Part 1*, MrBeast made a surprise appearance at a promotional event in Mumbai on September 26.

The creator, real name Jimmy Donaldson, shared the stage with lead stars Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi and Ravi Dubey, along with director Nitesh Tiwari and producer Namit.

In a viral moment from the evening, prompted by Ranbir Kapoor, MrBeast led the massive crowd in chanting “Jai Shree Ram,” sending fans into a frenzy. The move signals an aggressive strategy to globalise Indian cinema. With over 518 million subscribers and 140 billion views, MrBeast is the world’s most-subscribed individual YouTuber, giving Ramayana direct access to international Gen-Z and millennial audiences who don’t typically watch Bollywood or Hindi films.



Rather than relying solely on traditional trailers and press junkets, producers including Namit Malhotra are betting on digital-first creators to build worldwide hype for the epic.

Golden Bhagyam Title Glimpse: Satya and Yogi Babu Promise Non-Stop Fun

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Telugu cinema is coming up with another interesting comedy entertainer. This time, popular comedians Satya and Yogi Babu are joining hands for a film titled Golden Bhagyam. The combination of these two talented comedians has already created curiosity among movie lovers.

The film is directed by Pawan Basamsetti, who earlier impressed the audience with the successful movie Rangabali. He is now trying a different comedy setup with Golden Bhagyam. Pawan Basamsetti and Dr. Nagarjuna Reddy Paluvai are producing the movie.

The makers introduced the film with a funny title glimpse. The video uses a humorous style inspired by the way some big star movies are announced. It also plays around with the popularity of Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan in a light-hearted manner. The unusual announcement immediately grabbed attention on social media.

One of the biggest attractions of Golden Bhagyam is the combination of Telugu and Tamil comedy. Satya is known for his unique comic expressions and timing, while Yogi Babu has a strong following among Tamil audiences. Bringing both actors together gives the film an interesting comic flavour.

The movie reportedly uses the language difference between



Telugu and Tamil as an important part of the comedy. The makers are trying to create situations where the language barrier itself becomes a source of humour. The story also includes action and romantic elements, making it more than a regular comedy film.

The combination of Satya and Yogi Babu is expected to provide several entertaining moments. Their different styles of comedy could make their scenes one of the major highlights of the movie.