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Future City Project Sparks Political Debate

Ravi Podili The Congress government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is pushing forward the ambitious "Bharat Future City" project, considering it one of its flagship development initiatives in Telangana. Planned across nearly 30,000 acres between the Srisailem and Nagarjuna Sagar highways, south of Hyderabad, the proposed net-zero smart city will span around 765 square kilometres across 56 villages. The government envisions the city as a global urban hub comparable to Singapore, Tokyo, and New York, featuring Artificial Intelligence (AI), green pharma, data centres, education, healthcare, and sports zones. The project aims to provide housing and employment opportunities for nearly 3 million people. Momentum for the project increased following the Rising Telangana Global Summit and the inauguration of the Future City Development Authority (FCDA) office. The Congress government sees the initiative as a key driv-



ing that the Congress government scrapped the previously proposed Pharma City project in Yacharam and Kandukur to pursue real estate interests. BRS leaders argue that converting land acquired under the 2013 Land Acquisition Act for Pharma City into another project is legally questionable. Farmers and landless labourers have also raised concerns over compensation, rehabilitation, and livelihood loss. Critics claim compensation remains significantly below market value and accuse the government of lacking transparency. While the government promises jobs, investments, and world-class infrastructure, activists argue that the project risks damaging fertile agricultural land and raises environmental concerns, including water use and pollution. Observers say the project's success will depend on fair compensation, transparency, environmental safeguards, and meaningful public consultation. However, the project has triggered strong political opposition from the BRS, with senior leaders K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and Harish Rao openly criticising it. KTR remarked that "Future City has no future," alleg-

ment. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has assured fair compensation and protection of farmers' rights. The project forms part of the "Rising 2047" vision, targeting a \$1 trillion economy by 2047 through renewable energy, electric vehicles, and sustainable develop-



Seethamma Sagar Legal Hurdles Will Be Cleared, Says Deputy CM

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Malu Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday said the Telangana government is making special efforts to resolve the legal hurdles delaying the construction of the Seethamma Sagar Barrage, a key component for ensuring full irrigation benefits under the Seetharama Project in the combined Khammam district. Addressing a high-level review meeting on irrigation projects at Jala Soudha in Hyderabad, Bhatti Vikramarka said the government is actively pursuing clearance issues related to the National Green Tribunal (NGT), which have become a major obstacle to the project's progress. The meeting, chaired by Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, focused on the status of irrigation projects in the combined Khammam district. Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the government is in continuous consultation with the Advocate General to address legal concerns and directed irrigation department officials to closely monitor developments and take timely action. He emphasized that completion of the Seethamma Sagar Barrage is crucial for ensuring full-scale irrigation supply to farmers in the combined Khammam district through the Seetharama Project. The Deputy CM also said the government is prioritizing irrigation development in tribal Assembly constituencies across the district and asked officials to identify local water resources that can be quickly utilized. He instructed authorities to submit detailed reports on ongoing and proposed irrigation projects to the Irrigation Minister for further action. Bhatti Vikramarka assured that the government would prioritize funding for land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) packages, and pending bills related to irrigation works. He also stressed the need to focus on small-scale irrigation projects that can bring larger areas under cultivation with minimal investment. Officials were directed to coordinate with district collectors to expedite pending payments and ensure timely implementation of irrigation infrastructure works.

Education and Healthcare Are the Strongest Foundations for National Development: CM Revanth Reddy

New Delhi, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy stressed that education and healthcare are the strongest foundations for India's long-term development while addressing the 11th Governing Council meeting of the NITI Aayog chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Thursday. Highlighting Telangana's development vision after the state's socio-economic and caste survey, the Chief Minister said India's growth depends on empowering citizens

through quality education and accessible healthcare. He emphasized that achieving the Centre's "Viksit Bharat 2047" vision requires every citizen, particularly students, to have access to world-class educational and medical facilities. Revanth Reddy explained that Telangana's Social, Economic, Educational, Employment, Political and Caste Survey (SEEEPC), conducted in 2024, covered 3.55 crore people from 242 communities. According to the findings, education emerged as a more significant factor than wealth or land ownership in determining social backwardness.

The Chief Minister stated that the Telangana government has initiated an educational transformation by strengthening public schools with English-medium instruction, digital classrooms, free breakfast, midday meals, evening snacks, school transport, sports infrastructure, and quality teaching. He noted that integrated schooling from nursery to intermediate level is being developed to improve learning outcomes. A key highlight of his speech was the government's flagship "Young India Schools" initiative. Revanth Reddy said a Young India Integrated Resi-

dential School is being established in every Assembly constituency to promote equality and reduce caste barriers by enabling children from different backgrounds to study and live together. He invited chief ministers and officials from other states to visit Telangana and observe the model. Emphasizing skill development in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Chief Minister said Telangana is focusing on employment generation through infrastructure projects such as the Regional Ring Road, Regional Ring Railway, and green energy initiatives. He also highlighted the

establishment of the Young India Skills University, with leading industrialists including Anand Mahindra playing a role in its management. Revanth Reddy said Telangana aims to become a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion economy by 2047 under the "Telangana Rising" vision. He also sought Centre's support for projects including Hyderabad Metro Phase-II expansion, Musi River rejuvenation, semiconductor industries, and the establishment of an IIM in Hyderabad.



PM Narendra Modi Calls for Unified Push Towards Viksit Bharat at NITI Aayog Meet

New Delhi, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre on Wednesday, urging states to align their efforts with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. The meeting, themed "Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047," witnessed participation from Chief Ministers, Lt. Governors and Administrators of all 28 states and five Union Territories, marking the first instance of full participation by all states. Addressing the gathering, Narendra Modi emphasized that the vision of a developed India should become a collective resolve at every level — from states to villages. Highlighting India's demographic strength, he described the country's 70 crore youth as a key asset and called on states to transform this demographic dividend into a development dividend through focused investments in education, skilling and capacity building. The Prime Minister encouraged states to leverage opportunities arising from India's free trade agreements by creating avenues for youth and MSMEs while actively attracting investments from partner nations. He also stressed the importance of strengthening the One District One Product initiative and exploring emerging opportunities in defence manufacturing.

Highlighting the growing role of technology, Narendra Modi said artificial intelligence should be viewed as an opportunity and urged states to equip citizens with future-ready skills. He also called for coordinated action to tackle emerging social challenges such as drug abuse and cyber fraud through awareness and preventive strategies. Drawing attention to climate concerns, he cautioned states about potential impacts of El Niño and urged measures for water conservation and promotion of natural farming. He noted the increasing adoption of organic practices, citing the purchase of 11 lakh tonnes of organic manure during the current Kharif season. The Prime Minister also emphasized the need for district-level monitoring, suggesting the identification of 100 agricultural districts under an aspirational framework. He called for clear 100-day and five-year targets supported by robust monitoring systems. Chief Ministers, Lt. Governors and Administrators congratulated Narendra Modi on completing 12 years in office and expressed solidarity with the Centre in addressing global geopolitical challenges. The Prime Minister concluded by expressing confidence that cooperative federalism and shared commitment would accelerate India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.



Kishan Reddy Highlights Coal Gasification Push at Hyderabad Roadshow

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy on Thursday said coal gasification would play a transformative role in strengthening India's energy security, industrial growth, and economic self-reliance, while addressing the second Coal Gasification Roadshow held in Hyderabad. Expressing confidence in Hyderabad's role in the initiative, the Minister said the city has historically contributed to the development of coal gasification technology, particularly for high-ash coal found in India. He noted that scientists and institutions in Hyderabad, including Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited and Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, played a major role in advancing the technology.

Kishan Reddy said Telangana's vast coal reserves, particularly in the Singareni Collieries Company Limited region, coupled with Hyderabad's strong pharmaceutical and industrial ecosystem, provide an ideal environment for coal gasification projects. He stated that products derived from coal gasification, including methanol, ammonia, hydrogen, fertilizers, chemicals and synthetic natural gas, would support several key sectors such as steel, energy and transportation. He added that the technology could help reduce India's import dependence and save significant foreign exchange currently spent on fuel and chemical imports. The Union Minister highlighted the Centre's efforts to promote the sector, noting that the government recently approved a 37,500 crore coal gasification scheme as part of a broader 46,000 crore initiative aimed at accelerating major projects nationwide. According to him, the programme could attract nearly 3 lakh crore in investments and generate thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities. Referring to India's economic growth under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kishan Reddy said the country has evolved into one of the world's fastest-growing economies, supported by initiatives such as Digital India, Make in India and Startup India. He said coal gasification is not merely an energy initiative but a strategic pillar in achieving the goals of a self-reliant and developed India under the vision of "Viksit Bharat."

Nalgonda Gears Up for CM Revanth Reddy's June 17 Visit

Nalgonda, June 11 | TPN Bureau

District authorities in Nalgonda on Thursday began preparations for the proposed visit of Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to the district on June 17.

District Collector B. Chandrasekhar and Superintendent of Police Sharath Chandra Pawar inspected arrangements near Kanagal along with officials from various departments to review venues and logistics for the Chief Minister's tour. The visit assumes significance as the Chief Minister is expected to lay the foundation stone for HAM (Hybrid Annuity Model) roads worth around 14,500 crore near Kanagal, besides inaugurating and launching other development works in the district.



Officials inspected a site behind the Junior College in Kanagal mandal headquarters for the proposed public meeting. They also reviewed a location near Devarakonda Road beside a warehouse for installation of a pylon related to the HAM road project. The Collector and SP examined arrangements for the public meeting venue, parking facilities, and helpaid locations to ensure smooth conduct of the programme. Potential helpaid sites were inspected at Chennaram and Dharveshipuram villages. Authorities also reviewed arrangements in view of the Chief Minister's likely visit to the

CM Revanth Reddy Seeks Centre's Support for Key Telangana Infrastructure Projects

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to extend support for several major infrastructure and development projects crucial to the state's long-term growth. The Chief Minister requested the Centre's assistance in facilitating discussions with the Maharashtra government to ensure effective utilization of Godavari river waters for drinking water needs. He stressed that optimal use of Godavari waters is essential for the state's future development and agricultural sustainability. Revanth Reddy also sought approval for the second phase of the Hyderabad Metro Rail expansion. The state has proposed a 38,595-crore plan to extend metro services across seven corridors covering 122.9 kilometres. He requested that the project be sanctioned as a joint venture between the Centre and the state government to

improve urban connectivity and public transport infrastructure. The Chief Minister further appealed for immediate approval of the Hyderabad Regional Ring Road (RRR) project. He informed the Prime Minister that the state government had already agreed to bear 50 percent of land acquisition costs for the northern section and released 626 crore to the National Highways Authority of India. More than 90 percent of land acquisition awards for the northern

likely visit to the





Minister Inspects New Karimnagar Collectorate Ahead of Inauguration

Karimnagar, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Transport and Backward Classes Welfare Minister, Ponnamp Prabhakar, on Thursday inspected the newly constructed Karimnagar District Collectorate building ahead of its proposed inauguration by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy later this month.

During the inspection, the minister reviewed the completed works at the new Collectorate complex and issued several instructions to officials regarding infrastructure, accessibility, and public service delivery. He stated that the Chief Minister is expected to inaugurate the new Collectorate building during the last week of June.

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar said that despite construction works being initiated earlier, many pending works remained incomplete for a considerable period. He credited District Collector Chitra Mishra for taking special interest in expediting the remaining works after assuming office and ensuring the completion of the project by bringing pending requirements to the attention of the government.

The minister informed that the inauguration programme will also include the unveiling of a Telangana Tali statue and the hoisting of the national flag. Following the inauguration, integrated district offices functioning in various locations across Karimnagar are expected to be shifted and operated from the new Collectorate premises for administrative convenience.

He further stated that the old Collectorate building would also continue to be utilized after upgrading required facilities for accommodating other

government offices. Speaking about infrastructure around the Collectorate, Ponnamp said greenery and landscaping works have been undertaken under the supervision of SUDA authorities. He added that roads leading to the Collectorate would be widened to ensure smooth public access and reduce inconvenience for visitors.

The minister emphasized that the Collectorate should function as a people-friendly administrative centre, ensuring effective implementation of welfare schemes such as new ration cards, fine rice distribution, 200 units of free electricity, free bus travel for women, gas subsidy, Indiramma housing, and upcoming pension programmes.

He said Karimnagar should emerge as a leading district in governance and development, irrespective of political affiliations. Highlighting developmental initiatives, the minister stated that Karimnagar is steadily evolving as an education and healthcare hub with institutions such as Satavahana University, law and pharmacy colleges, and the upgraded medical college teaching hospital.

Ponnamp Prabhakar also said that he, along with Minister Sridhar Babu, MP Adhuri Laxman Kumar, and local legislators, are collectively working towards district development.

The inspection programme was attended by District Collector Chitra Mishra, Munnuru Kapu Corporation Chairman Bomma Sriam Chakravarthy, SUDA Chairman Komatireddy Narendra Reddy, corporators, officials, and political leaders.

Irrigation Minister to Review Combined Khammam District Projects at Jala Soudha Today

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

A high-level review meeting on irrigation projects pertaining to the combined Khammam district is scheduled to be held at Jala Soudha in Hyderabad on Friday afternoon under the chairmanship of Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy.

According to official information, the meeting will take place from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is expected to focus on the progress, status, and implementation of key irrigation projects in the erstwhile Khammam district, including issues related to water management and infrastructure development. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka will participate in the review meeting along with Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nagaswara Rao. The meeting is also expected to witness the participation of Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of the

Legislative Assembly (MLAs), and Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs) representing Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem districts.

Officials said the review would likely cover ongoing irrigation infrastructure, pending works, project execution, and measures aimed at strengthening irrigation facilities in the region. Discussions are also expected to focus on improving water availability for agricultural purposes and addressing concerns related to irrigation needs in the combined Khammam district.

The presence of senior ministers and elected representatives highlights the significance of irrigation development in the region, which plays a crucial role in supporting agricultural activity and water management across Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem districts.

The outcome of the meeting is expected to shape future planning and implementation strategies for irrigation-related projects in the area.

117 Excise Officers Complete Training at Grand Passing Out Parade

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

A grand Dikshant Parade (Passing Out Parade) for Assistant Excise Superintendents and Excise Sub-Inspectors was held at the Excise Academy in Bandlaguda Jagir on Thursday, marking the successful completion of six months of intensive training by 117 excise officials.

Telangana Prohibition and Excise Minister, Juppally Krishna Rao, attended the ceremony as the chief guest and received the ceremonial guard of honour during the passing out parade. The minister later presented awards to trainees who displayed exceptional performance during the training period.

According to officials, a total of 117 officers completed the training programme, including 33 women officers and 84 men officers. The batch comprised 24 Assistant Excise Superintendents and 89 Excise Sub-Inspectors, who underwent rigorous training aimed at strengthening law enforcement, leadership, and investigation skills.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Juppally Krishna Rao said the growing participation of women in the Excise Department reflects the spirit of women's empowerment in Telangana. He described the passing out parade as a "sacred pledge to public service" and emphasized that government employment is not only the result of individual hard work but also a responsibility inherited through the sacrifices of Telangana martyrs.



The minister stated that the training programme had equipped officers with legal awareness, investigation techniques, leadership capabilities, and practical knowledge necessary for field-level enforcement. However, he stressed that the "real test" for officers begins while discharging duties on the ground.

"Uniform is not merely a symbol of authority, but a reflection of people's trust," he said, adding that excise officials carry significant responsibility toward society in addition to their professional duties.

Highlighting the evolving challenges before the department, the minister remarked that the Excise Department is not just a revenue-generating wing but also a crucial institution in protecting public health and safeguarding youth from addiction. He instructed officers to adopt a strict approach against the illegal transportation of drugs, ganja, and

liquor.

Juppally Krishna Rao called for stringent measures to prevent narcotic substances from entering Telangana and warned that strict action would be taken against illegal trafficking networks, irrespective of the individuals involved.

He further noted that while earlier challenges included illicit liquor, gudumba, and adulterated toddy, modern threats now include synthetic drugs and organized narcotics networks, including online drug trade. He urged officials to remain alert and effectively use technology to tackle changing crime patterns.

The event was attended by Additional Commissioner Qureshi, Academy Director Suresh, Joint Commissioner Anjan Rao, Joint Director Shashidhar Reddy, Chief Drill Inspector Rangareddy, senior officials, and family members of the trainees.

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar Reviews Four-Lane Road Expansion Works from Husnabad to Kothapalli

Karimnagar, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar on Thursday inspected the ongoing four-lane road expansion works being carried out from Husnabad to the Kothapalli Rajiv Highway connecting Karimnagar district, and directed officials to expedite pending works.

During the inspection, the minister reviewed the progress of electricity infrastructure works being undertaken as part of the road widening project. He examined the construction of electricity towers being erected in place of roadside electric poles that are being removed to facilitate smooth execution of the four-lane expansion.

Ponnamp Prabhakar interacted with electricity department personnel and instructed them to speed up the relocation of electric poles and complete the associated works without delay to avoid hindrance to the road development project.

The minister later visited Kondapur village outskirts, where culverts are being constructed as part of the highway expansion works. Reviewing the progress at the site, he directed officials and contractors to complete pending culvert construction works at the earliest to ensure timely completion of the road project.

Officials informed the minister that the Telangana government has sanctioned a total of 163.20 crore under Packages 1 and 2 for the construction of the four-lane road from Husnabad to Kothapalli.

As part of the sanctioned works, an amount of 86 crore has been allocated under Package-1 for the 10-kilometre road expansion stretch from Kothapalli to Sundaragiri. In addition, 77.20 crore has been sanctioned under Package-2 for the Sundaragiri to Husnabad stretch to facilitate the seamless road connectivity and improve transportation infrastructure in the region.

The minister emphasized the importance of completing infrastructure works in a timely manner, stating that the upgraded four-lane road would significantly improve connectivity, ease traffic movement, and support economic activity between Karimnagar and surrounding regions.

He further stressed that all departments involved in the project should work in coordination to avoid delays and ensure quality standards are maintained during execution.

The road widening project is expected to improve travel convenience for commuters and enhance transport access between Husnabad, Kothapalli, and Karimnagar, benefiting residents, businesses, and agricultural transport in the region.

Officials accompanying the minister briefed him on the current status of the works and assured that pending activities would be accelerated for early completion.

Jaggareddy Alleges BJP Misused Election Commission to Block Meenakshi Natarajan's Rajya Sabha Bid

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

T Jagga Reddy on Thursday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of indulging in "dirty politics" and deliberately obstructing senior Congress leader Meenakshi Natarajan from entering the Rajya Sabha.

Addressing the media, Jaggareddy alleged that the BJP misused the Election Commission to prevent Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination in Madhya Pradesh, claiming the move was politically motivated to secure a third Rajya Sabha seat.

Calling Meenakshi Natarajan a simple and committed leader who follows Gandhian ideology, he said it was unfortunate that a woman leader of her stature was allegedly blocked through what he described as "unethical political tactics."

Jaggareddy questioned the rationale behind rejecting the nomination based on what he termed a "minor issue" and alleged that the BJP-led Central government was influencing constitutional institutions. He



claimed the Election Commission acted with undue strictness in rejecting the nomination and accused the BJP of using institutions to weaken opposition parties.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jaggareddy questioned why such political



Minister Vakiti Srihari Seeks BC-A Status for Mudiraj Community

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Sports, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and Youth Services Minister Vakiti Srihari on Thursday met Telangana State BC Commission Chairman Niranjan and requested the reclassification of the Mudiraj community from BC-D to BC-A category.

The minister submitted a representation to the BC Commission, arguing that the change would help ensure greater social justice and improved opportunities for the community in education, employment, and political representation.

Speaking during the meeting, Vakiti Srihari referred to the findings of the recently conducted caste census by the Telangana government and stated that the Mudiraj community had emerged as the third-largest social group in the state and the second-largest among Backward Classes (BCs).

According to the survey data cited by the minister, the Mudiraj population in Telangana stands at 26,39,027, accounting for approximately 7.4 percent of the state's population. He said the community is

among the largest backward class groups in terms of population but continues to remain socially and economically backward in several sectors.

The minister emphasized that despite its significant population, the Mudiraj community still requires greater progress in education, employment, and political participation. He argued that moving the community from BC-D to BC-A would create better opportunities for future generations and help address longstanding inequalities.

Vakiti Srihari reportedly told the BC Commission Chairman that he was making the appeal not only in his capacity as a minister but also as a member of the Mudiraj community, stressing the need for corrective measures to uplift the community.

The delegation accompanying the minister included Borra Gyaneshwar, along with community leaders Kasani Veeresh and Balaram, who also participated in discussions with the BC Commission Chairman. The representation is expected to be examined by the Telangana State BC Commission as part of its review process concerning backward class categorization and welfare measures.



Congress Government Committed to Permanent Irrigation Security for Khammam Farmers

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Thursday said the Congress government is committed to ensuring permanent irrigation security for farmers in the combined Khammam district and is implementing a special action plan to complete pending irrigation projects in the region.

The minister made the remarks during a review meeting on irrigation projects of the erstwhile Khammam district held at Jalasoudha in Ernamanzil, Hyderabad. The meeting was chaired by Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and attended by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nagaswara Rao, Minister Vakiti Srihari, public representatives, and senior officials.

Addressing the meeting, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy stated that providing irrigation water to every acre in Khammam district remains a key objective of the Congress government. He said the state government is moving ahead with a dedicated strategy to accelerate the completion of all pending irrigation projects in the combined district to provide long-term water security for farmers.

The minister said construc-

tion works related to major irrigation initiatives, including the Seethamma Sagar and Sitararama projects, would be expedited to ensure that farmers receive benefits at the earliest. He further stated that challenges related to land acquisition, forest clearances, and release of funds are being addressed on a priority basis to facilitate the speedy completion of projects.

Ponguleti described the Sitararama Project as a transformative irrigation initiative that could significantly shape the agricultural future of the combined Khammam district. He noted that the Paleru Link Canal under the project would not only provide irrigation water to new ayacut areas but also stabilize irrigation for existing agricultural lands.

Emphasizing the government's priorities, the minister said farmer welfare, agricultural development, and expansion of irrigation facilities remain central to the Congress administration's agenda.

He reiterated that the government is committed to completing every necessary irrigation project to strengthen agriculture and transform the combined Khammam district into a fertile and prosperous region. The review meeting focused on project progress, bottlenecks, and coordinated efforts required for timely completion of irrigation infrastructure across the district.



CM Revanth Reddy Seeks PM Modi's Support for Key Telangana Projects

New Delhi, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday and sought the Centre's support for several major infrastructure and development projects critical to the state's growth.

During the meeting, Revanth Reddy requested the Prime Minister to facilitate dialogue between the Telangana and Maharashtra governments regarding the utilization of Godavari river waters for irrigation and drinking purposes. He emphasized that effective use of Godavari waters is crucial to meeting Telangana's future water requirements.

The Chief Minister also urged the Centre to approve the proposed Phase-2 expansion of the Hyderabad Metro Rail project. He informed Modi that the state had already submitted proposals for a 122.9-kilometre metro expansion across seven corridors at an estimated cost of 38,595 crore. Revanth Reddy requested that the project be sanctioned as a joint venture between the Centre

and the state government.

Seeking immediate approval for the Hyderabad Regional Ring Road (RRR), the Chief Minister informed the Prime Minister that the Telangana government had agreed to bear 50 percent of land acquisition costs for the northern section and had already released 626 crore to the National Highways Authority of India. He added that over 90 percent of land acquisition for the northern corridor had been completed and stressed the equal importance of the southern corridor connecting Choutuppal and Sangareddy. Revanth Reddy also sought approval for the Hyderabad-Amaravati-Bandar Port Expressway, stating that the proposed 12-lane corridor would improve port connectivity and strengthen exports in pharmaceuticals, electronics, and food processing sectors.

The Chief Minister further requested early commencement of the Warangal Airport project and urged the Centre to sanction an Indian Institute of Management in Hyderabad, for which the state is ready to allocate 200 acres of land.

TPCC Alleges Double Standards by Election Commission Over Rajya Sabha Nomination Issue

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) on Thursday alleged that the Election Commission of India (ECI) was displaying a "double standard" approach in handling complaints related to Rajya Sabha nominations and demanded that the constitutional body function independently and impartially.

TPCC Election Commission Coordination Committee Chairman Pulipati Rajesh Kumar criticized the recent rejection of the Rajya Sabha nomination of AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, terming it "unjust" and questioning the functioning of the Election Commission.

Addressing the issue in a statement issued on Thursday, Rajesh Kumar alleged that the Election Commission appeared to be functioning like an "agent" of the BJP rather than as an autonomous constitutional institution.

He cited a complaint submitted by the TPCC on March 5 to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar regarding alleged violations of election norms during Rajya Sabha nomination proceedings in Patna, Bihar. According to Rajesh Kumar, the complaint accused Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and BJP leader Nitin Nabin of allegedly acting in violation of election rules during the nomination process.

Revanth Government Neglecting Farmers, Telangana Rakshana Sena Will Fight for Farmers' Rights: Kalvakuntla Kavitha

Nalgonda, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Kalvakuntla Kavitha, Chief of Telangana Rakshana Sena, launched a sharp attack on the Telangana government, alleging that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has completely neglected the agriculture sector and farmers since assuming office.

Addressing a round-table meeting on farmers' issues in Nalgonda on Thursday, Kavitha accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil promises related to farm loan waivers and Rythu Bharosa while burdening farmers with deductions and transportation charges during paddy procurement.

She alleged that the government had collected nearly

1,200 crore from farmers under the guise of deductions and transport expenses. According to Kavitha, around 75 lakh metric tonnes of paddy should have been procured to support farmers, but instead, farmers were allegedly forced to bear financial burdens through deductions of six kilograms per quintal and transport charges.

Kavitha criticised the state government for not conducting a review of the Agriculture Department since coming to power and accused it of abandoning the farming sector. She demanded the immediate release of pending Rythu Bharosa payments and urged the government to identify tenant farmers and extend benefits to them.

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Renuka Ellamma Temple in Dharveshipuram.

Collector Chandrasekhar said the final venue for the public meeting would be decided after consultations with Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister regarding the helipad, public meeting loca-

tion, and HAM road pylon arrangements.

The Collector instructed officials to ensure proper traffic management so that people arriving from different areas do not face inconvenience. Discussions were also held on traffic diversion plans to avoid congestion during the Chief Minister's temple visit and public

gathering.

Officials reviewed arrangements related to the public meeting stage, tents, seating, barricading, venue infrastructure and pylon construction.

Additional Collector J. Srinivas, R&B SE Sreedhar Reddy, DE Ganesh, other officials and public representatives participated in the inspection.

CM Revanth Reddy Seeks Centre's Support for Key Telangana Infrastructure Projects

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corridor have reportedly been completed.

Highlighting the importance of the southern corridor, Revanth Reddy said simultaneous approval of both northern and southern sections would significantly strengthen Hy-

derabad's transport network.

He also sought approval for the proposed Hyderabad-Amaravati-Bandar Port 12-lane expressway, describing it as strategically important for improving port connectivity for landlocked Telangana and boosting exports in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, elec-

tronics, and food processing.

The Chief Minister additionally requested early commencement of the Warangal Airport project and urged the Centre to establish an Indian Institute of Management in Hyderabad, with the state ready to allocate 200 acres for the institution.

Harish Rao Demands 19,000 Police Job Notifications, Accuses Congress of Betraying Youth

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Former Telangana Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Thursday accused the Congress government of deceiving unemployed youth by failing to fulfill its promise of providing two lakh jobs annually and demanded immediate recruitment notifications for all 19,000 vacant police posts in the state.

Harish Rao made the remarks after a group of unemployed youth preparing for police recruitment met him in Hyderabad and submitted a representation alleging injustice in the issuance of police recruitment notifications by the state government.

Speaking on the occasion, Harish Rao criticized the Congress government, stating that despite promising to provide two lakh jobs every year after coming to power, it had failed to offer even 20,000 jobs in the last two-and-a-half years. He alleged that unemployed youth across Telangana were facing disappointment due to delays in recruitment.

The BRS leader recalled that during the previous BRS government, large-scale police recruitment notifications were issued in batches of 16,000 to 17,000 posts, and nearly 48,000 police jobs were filled in the department.

Harish Rao questioned the government's reported plan to issue notifications for only 5,000 police vacancies when, according to him, Chief Minis-



ter Revanth Reddy and the Director General of Police had themselves acknowledged that around 19,000 police posts remain vacant in the state.

He alleged that limiting recruitment to 5,000 posts would adversely affect rural youth, claiming that nearly 2,000 of those posts could be allocated to Hyderabad limits, leaving limited opportunities for candidates from districts and reserved communities.

Expressing concern over age eligibility, Harish Rao said many unemployed candidates had crossed the age limit due to delays in issuing notifications. He demanded the immediate restoration of the previous upper age limit followed during the BRS regime — 36 years for constable posts and 38 years for Sub-Inspector posts.

The former minister also objected to changes in physical eligibility criteria for police re-

ruitment events. He alleged that while candidates earlier had to qualify in three out of five events, the present government had increased standards in long jump and shot put while making all events mandatory.

Harish Rao further criticized the Congress government for allegedly collecting application fees despite its election promise of fee-free job applications. He urged the government to waive application fees and provide access to police and public grounds for aspirants to practice physical events.

Assuring support to unemployed youth, Harish Rao said the BRS party would continue to fight for recruitment notifications for all vacant posts and implementation of job promises made to Telangana youth.

State Government to Construct Permanent Buildings for Tahsildar

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has decided to construct permanent buildings for Tahsildar, Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), and Sub-Registrar offices across the state to ensure better, transparent, and citizen-friendly administration, Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said on Thursday. The minister stated that the new buildings would be constructed under the supervision of the Housing Corporation to provide dignified public services and improve infrastructure for government offices serving citizens. Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy reviewed the matter during a high-level meeting with senior Revenue and Housing Department officials at the Secretariat in Hyderabad. The meeting was attended by Revenue Secretary D.S. Lokesh Kumar, Stamps and Registration Inspector General Rajeev Gandhi Hanumanthu,



Housing Secretary V.P. Gautham, and other senior officials. During the review, officials presented details regarding Tahsildar, RDO, and Sub-Registrar offices currently functioning in rented buildings or structurally weak premises unsuitable for administration. The minister said public service institutions should not continue in rented buildings and emphasized that government offices must reflect dignity and accessibility in line with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's vision for governance. He announced that in the first phase, the government would construct permanent buildings equipped with modern facili-

ties for 125 Tahsildar offices and 11 RDO offices that are currently operating in rented or dilapidated structures.

The Revenue Secretary was also instructed to submit reports on buildings requiring urgent repairs. The minister directed officials to immediately identify suitable land parcels and prepare an action plan to begin construction works at the earliest. He added that all buildings across the state would follow a uniform design model aimed at ensuring accessibility and convenience for the public. Final designs will be approved after consultations with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.



Kalvakuntla Kavitha Unveils Poster for 'Land Struggle' Programme, Calls for Public Participation

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Rakshana Sena Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Thursday unveiled a poster related to the proposed "Udyamakarula Bhoo Poratam" (Land Struggle of Telangana Activists) at the party office in Banjara Hills and called upon people from all sections of society to participate in the programme.

Addressing party workers and supporters during the event, Kavitha announced that a land agitation would be organized on July 2 at Uppal Bhagayat, where activists would seek to reclaim what she described as government land for the benefit of Telangana movement activists.

She alleged that the government was delaying the implementation of its promise to provide 250 square yards of land to Telangana movement activists and demanded immediate action to identify eligible beneficiaries and allot the promised land without further delay.

"On July 2, we will launch a land struggle at Uppal Bhagayat and take possession of government land," Kavitha said while urging large-scale participation in the proposed programme. The Telangana Rakshana Sena Chief further alleged that certain individuals and groups were attempt-

ing to weaken the spirit of Telangana and undermine the ideology of the Telangana movement. She called upon supporters to unite and counter such alleged attempts by ensuring the success of the programme.

Kavitha described the proposed agitation as a "historic responsibility" and appealed to those who wish for the welfare of Telangana movement activists to participate in large numbers. She specifically urged youth and women to actively take part in the programme.

Highlighting the sacrifices made during the Telangana movement, she said many activists had dedicated and sacrificed significant parts of their lives for the statehood cause. She stated that supporting initiatives aimed at the welfare of such activists was a collective responsibility.

The event witnessed the participation of party members and supporters, with organizers expressing confidence that the July 2 programme would draw significant public attention. Political observers note that the issue of welfare measures and land allocation for Telangana movement activists has remained a subject of debate in state politics, with various groups continuing to press for implementation of earlier assurances.



MP Chamala Participates in BLA Awareness and Training Seminar on SIR

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, June 11 | TPN Bureau

A constituency-level awareness and training seminar for Booth Level Agents (BLAs) on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was held in a spirited atmosphere at the Aleru constituency headquarters in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on Thursday.

The programme was organized under the leadership of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Congress Committee (DCC) President, Aleru MLA, and Government Whip Beerla Ilaiiah with the objective of strengthening party cadre awareness regarding electoral roll verification and booth-level responsibilities.

Telangana Congress party in-charge Sachin Sawant attended the seminar as the chief guest, while Bhuvanagiri Member of Parliament Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Bhuvanagiri Parliament in-charge and former minister Basavaraju Saraiah also participated in the programme.

Addressing the gathering, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy emphasized the crucial role played by Booth Level Agents in strengthening the party and ensuring smooth conduct of electoral processes. He stated that BLAs serve as the backbone of booth-level political organization and voter coordination.

The MP urged party workers and BLA representatives to work with coordination, disci-

pline, and responsibility to further strengthen the Congress party at the grassroots level in the constituency. He highlighted the importance of awareness regarding voter list revisions and said proper implementation of the SIR process would help ensure transparency and fairness in elections.

Speaking during the event, Congress leaders reportedly encouraged participants to actively engage in voter verification and maintain close coordination with local party structures to ensure effective electoral preparedness.

The training seminar witnessed participation from several senior leaders and public representatives, including State Women's Corporation Chairperson Bandru Shobha Rani and Market Committee Chairman Chaitanya Mahender Reddy.

Municipal chairpersons from various municipalities in the constituency, Congress party mandal presidents, municipal councillors, public representatives, senior party leaders, and a large number of Booth Level Agents also attended the event.

Party leaders described the seminar as an important initiative aimed at improving coordination at the booth level and equipping party workers with awareness regarding electoral procedures ahead of future political and election-related activities.



Allegations of Illegal Groundwater Trade Near Fox Sagar Raise Concerns

Quthbullapur, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Serious allegations of illegal groundwater extraction and commercial water supply have surfaced in the Fox Sagar surrounding areas of Dulapally under Dundigal-Gandimaisamma Mandal...

Expressing concern, locals said that while ordinary residents face difficulty in obtaining even basic water supply, tanker operators appear to have uninterrupted access to groundwater resources.

Further concerns have also been raised over allegations that borewells originally intended for industrial purposes are now allegedly being used for commercial water trading.

According to local residents, the region near Fox Sagar has allegedly become a hub for unauthorized water tanker operations, where groundwater is reportedly being extracted from borewells and sold commercially on a large scale.

Locals claim that water is being continuously pumped from borewells established near Fox Sagar and transported through tankers to various locations.

Environmental experts have also cautioned that indiscriminate extraction of groundwater could lead to a steep decline in water tables in nearby areas, posing long-term environmental and public utility concerns.

Residents have expressed dissatisfaction over the alleged inaction of departments such as the Revenue Department, Groundwater Department, and local civic authorities despite the visible movement of tanker vehicles in the area.

Locals are now demanding that district authorities intervene, conduct inspections, and verify whether permissions exist for commercial groundwater extraction.

Sharmila Hits Back at BJP, Demands Answers on 12 Issues

Vijayawada, June 11 | TPN Bureau

APCC Chief Y.S. Sharmila Reddy on Thursday countered the BJP over its remarks and demanded answers on the 12 issues raised by the Andhra Pradesh Congress Party regarding the last 12 years of governance.

the state were aware of who was genuinely fighting for public issues and who was merely making political statements. She urged the BJP to address concerns related to price rise, unemployment, exam paper leaks, farmers' issues, women's safety, and economic challenges.

Responding through a post on X (formerly Twitter), Sharmila said the controversy over the Rajya Sabha seat was a matter concerning only those who made promises and those who received them.

On farmers' welfare, she questioned why farmer suicides continued despite government schemes.

Hazardous Waste Truck Catches Fire Near ORR Exit-5

Quthbullapur, June 11 | TPN Bureau

A hazardous waste-carrying truck belonging to Ramky Company caught fire accidentally near ORR Exit-5 under the Dundigal Police Station limits on Thursday evening, creating panic among commuters for a brief period.

been triggered due to extreme summer heat, though the exact cause is yet to be officially confirmed. Authorities are expected to conduct a detailed inspection to determine the circumstances that led to the accident.

Upon receiving information about the incident, fire personnel associated with Ramky Company rushed to the spot and immediately initiated fire-fighting operations. Their timely response helped contain the fire before it could spread further or pose a threat to nearby vehicles and commuters on the busy stretch of road.

According to police officials, the incident occurred when a truck transporting hazardous waste materials was travelling from Patancheru towards Dundigal on the Outer Ring Road. At around 4 p.m., flames reportedly erupted suddenly from the vehicle while it was near Exit-5.

Officials stated that no casualties or injuries were reported in the incident. However, the front portion of the truck was completely gutted in the fire, causing significant damage to the vehicle.

Preliminary assessments suggest that the fire may have

Questions Raised Over Alleged Illegal Shed Constructions

Quthbullapur, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Alleged illegal shed constructions taking place behind Mayuri Bar in the Jeedimetla Division under the Jeedimetla Circle limits have sparked concern and discussion among local residents, with questions being raised over the alleged inaction of town planning authorities.

According to local sources, large-scale shed constructions are reportedly progressing in the area without the required permissions from civic authorities. Despite the visible nature of the works, residents allege that Town Planning officials have remained silent, triggering suspicions over the reasons behind the lack of enforcement action.

The issue has led to criticism from locals, who argue that ordinary citizens are often required to go through lengthy procedures and multiple approvals even for minor house constructions, while alleged unauthorized structures appear to be coming up unchecked.

Concerns are also being raised regarding the possible role of officials in permitting such constructions to continue. Local residents have openly



questioned whether large-scale unauthorized shed developments could proceed without the knowledge or support of concerned authorities. The alleged absence of immediate inspections or notices from Town Planning officials has further intensified public suspicion.

Citizens in the locality have also expressed concern over the potential financial loss to the government due to unapproved constructions. They allege that fees, taxes, and permissions that are normally payable to the civic administration are being bypassed, resulting in revenue loss to the public exchequer.

Locals argue that authorities responsible for regulating unauthorized developments must act promptly to prevent violations and ensure that urban planning norms are followed

uniformly. The continued silence of officials, they say, sends the wrong message and undermines public confidence in the enforcement system.

Residents are now demanding that higher officials intervene and conduct a thorough inquiry into the matter. They have urged authorities to verify whether permissions were obtained for the ongoing constructions and take appropriate action if any violations are found.

As concerns continue to grow, attention is now focused on whether the concerned departments will initiate action against the alleged illegal sheds or whether the issue will remain unresolved. Officials from the Town Planning department are yet to issue a formal response regarding the allegations.

Burglary Reported in Two Houses at Bowrampet; Police Probe Underway

Quthbullapur, June 11 | TPN Bureau

A series of house burglaries in the Bowrampet area under the limits of the Dundigal Police Station has created concern among local residents after unidentified miscreants allegedly broke into two houses and decamped with cash and gold ornaments.

According to police officials, the incidents came to light after the house owners discovered that locks of their residences had been broken and valuables stolen. The thefts reportedly took place in separate houses in the locality, triggering panic among residents over security concerns.

Police said that in one of the houses, unidentified thieves allegedly stole cash amounting to 45,000 after forcibly entering the premises. In another burglary, the accused reportedly escaped with around 18 grams of gold ornaments along with 30,000 in cash, according to complaints lodged by the victims.

Following the complaints, Dundigal police personnel rushed to the spot and conducted an inspection of the crime scenes. Officials collected preliminary evidence and examined the locations as part of the investigation process.

Police sources stated that separate cases have been registered at Dundigal Police Station in connection with the incidents, and an investigation is currently underway to identify



and apprehend the accused persons involved in the thefts.

As part of the probe, police teams are examining CCTV camera footage from nearby areas to trace the movements of the suspects. Surveillance footage from surrounding streets and residential zones is being reviewed to gather possible clues that could help identify those responsible for the crimes.

Residents of the locality expressed concern over the back-to-back burglaries and called for increased police patrolling in the area to prevent similar

incidents in the future. Some locals also urged authorities to strengthen security measures in residential neighbourhoods, particularly during late-night hours.

Police have appealed to residents to remain vigilant and immediately report any suspicious movements or unidentified persons in their neighbourhoods. Authorities expressed confidence that the accused would be traced based on available evidence and CCTV footage.

Further investigation into the incidents is in progress.



Sushmita Awarded Doctorate in Sociology for Research on Hyderabad's Postmodern Society

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

In a notable academic achievement, Mrs. Sushmita has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Sociology by Osmania University for her extensive research on postmodern conditions in Hyderabad city. The doctorate was conferred in recognition of her scholarly work titled "The Postmodern Condition: Traits, Trends and Implications - A Descriptive Study of Hyderabad City."

The research, conducted under the supervision of Dr. Ram Shepherd Bhinaveni, examined the changing characteristics and emerging patterns of postmodern life in Hyderabad. The study is being recognized as one of the first comprehensive sociological investigations into postmodernism within the context of Hyderabad city.

Using an empirical research methodology, Sushmita explored how social and cultural dimensions in Hyderabad have undergone significant transformations in recent years. Her research documented shifts in lifestyle, media consumption, and social interactions, highlighting how urban life in Hyderabad increasingly reflects postmodern trends.

According to the findings of the study, Hyderabad's social environment has evolved considerably, marked by changing cultural expressions, evolving communication patterns, and new social realities shaped by urbanization and globaliza-

tion. The research provides valuable insights into the manner in which individuals and communities adapt to rapidly transforming social frameworks.

Academicians have noted that the study contributes meaningfully to contemporary sociological discussions by bridging theoretical understanding with real-world observations. The research not only deepens academic discourse surrounding postmodernism but also offers a descriptive narrative that connects sociological theory with the lived experiences of people in a modern urban setting.

The study is expected to serve as a valuable reference for future research in sociology and related disciplines, particularly for scholars examining urban social structures, cultural transitions, and evolving societal trends in metropolitan regions. Sushmita's academic accomplishment marks a proud milestone in her educational journey and reflects the growing importance of advanced research in understanding changing social realities. Her contribution is being viewed as an original and significant effort toward interpreting the complexities of contemporary urban society. The recognition of her work by Osmania University also highlights the increasing relevance of sociological studies in understanding the transformation of cities and communities in the modern era.



MLC Malka Komaraiah Urges Governor to Ensure Implementation of Central Schemes

Nacharam, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Teacher MLC Malka Komaraiah has urged the Telangana government to ensure the effective implementation of welfare schemes introduced by the Central government, alleging that several key programmes launched under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration are not being properly implemented in the state.

On Thursday, Malka Komaraiah met Telangana Governor Shri Jishnu Dev Varma at Raj Bhavan and submitted a special representation seeking intervention on the issue. During the meeting, the MLC reportedly highlighted concerns over the alleged inadequate execution of several centrally sponsored welfare schemes intended for the benefit of citizens across the country.

According to Komaraiah, nearly 22 welfare schemes introduced by the Central government are either not being implemented effectively or are not reaching intended beneficiaries in Telangana under the present state administration led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He urged the Governor to direct the state government to ensure proper and transparent implementation of all such programmes.

The MLC specifically referred to major welfare initiatives such as the Jal Jeevan Mission, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Fasal Bima Yojana, and

the Soil Health Card Scheme. He alleged that these schemes, designed to improve public welfare and support farmers and rural communities, have not been fully implemented at the state level.

Expressing concern over the welfare of farmers, Komaraiah pointed to the non-implementation of the Fasal Bima Yojana in Telangana. He stated that the crop insurance scheme introduced by the Centre was intended to provide compensation to farmers whose crops are damaged due to natural calamities such as excessive rainfall, drought, and other adverse weather conditions.

The MLC alleged that the absence of the scheme in the state is causing hardship to farmers, leaving them vulnerable to financial losses during times of agricultural distress. He emphasized that proper implementation of crop insurance would provide much-needed security to the farming community and reduce economic uncertainty.

During the meeting, Komaraiah submitted a formal representation to the Governor, requesting him to intervene and direct the Telangana government to implement all Central welfare schemes effectively and in a time-bound manner.

The issue, he said, concerns the welfare of the people and ensuring that citizens of Telangana receive the benefits of schemes introduced for their socio-economic development.



Voting Rights Must Be Protected, Voter Deletion Under SIR Should Be Reversed: Minister Vivek and MP Vamsi Krishna

Mancherial, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Labour, Mines and Employment Minister G. Vivek Venkataswamy and Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna on Friday strongly opposed the deletion of voters' names under the Special Summary Revision (SIR) process and demanded immediate reversal of such actions, alleging that the exercise was being misused to target opposition supporters.

The leaders were addressing an awareness and training programme for Booth Level Agents (BLAs) held at MNR Gardens in Gadderagadi village of Mandamarri Mandal in Mancherial district. Zahirabad MP Suresh Shetkar also participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Vivek Venkataswamy alleged that the BJP government was attempting to remove the names of Congress supporters through the SIR process. He urged Booth Level Agents to conduct door-to-door verification of voter lists, identify deceased voters, and submit relevant details to authorities to ensure transparency and fairness in the electoral process. The minister recalled that Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, had repeatedly raised concerns regarding alleged "vote chori" (vote theft) in Parliament and stressed the importance of protecting democratic rights.

Criticising the previous BRS government, Vivek Venkataswamy accused it of burdening the state with heavy debts through large-scale projects and commission-based politics. At the same time, he highlighted the Congress govern-

ment's welfare initiatives, including the transparent implementation of the Indiramma Indlu housing scheme.

The minister further stated that the state government is strengthening public education by providing quality education and nutritious meals in government schools. He also highlighted development initiatives in the Chennur constituency, including the proposed establishment of a nursing college, installation of 2,500 borewells through the Kaka Foundation, and 400 additional borewells in water-scarce areas.

Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna alleged that the BJP was deliberately weakening opposition parties by deleting voters in regions considered opposition strongholds under the SIR process.

The MP also criticised the rejection of senior Congress leader Meenakshi Natarajan's Rajya Sabha nomination from Madhya Pradesh, calling it undemocratic. Expressing concern over recurring paper leaks and irregularities in NEET examinations, he said such issues were adversely affecting students' futures.

Highlighting employment initiatives, Vamsi Krishna said the Telangana government is creating job opportunities for youth through 120 Advanced Training Centres (ATCs), benefiting nearly 25,000 youngsters across the state. He added that another 10,000 youth are receiving employment opportunities in Germany through TOMCOM.

Several Congress leaders, Booth Level Agents, and party workers attended the programme.

Nalgonda SP Reviews Crime Cases, Directs Swift Disposal of Pending Investigations

Nalgonda, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Sharath Chandra Pawar, Superintendent of Police (SP), Nalgonda district, conducted a comprehensive crime review meeting with district police officials on Thursday and directed officers to expedite the disposal of pending cases while ensuring strict control over crime.

The review meeting was held at the District Police Office and attended by Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs), Circle Inspectors (CIs), Sub-Inspectors (SIs), and officials from various police wings. During the meeting, the SP instructed officers to speed up investigations into grave offences and ensure the swift identification and arrest of accused persons in every case.

Emphasizing crime prevention, SP Sharath Chandra Pawar directed officials to intensify measures to curb thefts and complete property detection in all burglary-related cases. He instructed police stations to identify crime-prone areas within their jurisdictions and establish special surveillance mechanisms to prevent offences. He also stressed the importance of strengthening night patrol duties for better law and order management.

The SP called for greater installation of CCTV cameras in villages, colonies, commercial establishments, and major junctions with support from public representatives, residents' welfare associations, and business communities. He noted that surveillance cam-



eras play a crucial role in identifying offenders and solving criminal cases.

Highlighting the importance of professional investigations, the SP instructed officers to maintain the "quality of investigation" in every case by focusing on scientific evidence, technical proof, CCTV footage, and digital data collection. He warned against negligence or delays in investigations and directed officers to file charge sheets promptly in accordance with legal procedures. He also advised officials to coordinate with court authorities to secure case-related CC numbers without delay.

The SP further instructed police personnel to ensure mandatory updating of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) database and immediately rectify discrepancies between manual records and digital entries. He emphasized that accurate data maintenance would reduce the burden on courts

and facilitate quicker justice for citizens.

In view of rising cyber-crimes, the SP directed officials to create widespread public awareness and encourage victims of online fraud to immediately report incidents through the 1930 cyber helpline or the NCRP portal.

Special focus was also laid on women's safety, traffic regulation, monitoring of rowdy-sheeters, drunk driving checks, and curbing ganja and narcotics-related crimes. SP Sharath Chandra Pawar emphasized that providing timely justice to the public remains the police department's primary responsibility and urged all officers to discharge their duties responsibly.

The meeting was attended by Additional SP Ramesh, Nalgonda DSP Shivaram Reddy, Miryalaguda DSP Rajashekara Raju, Devarakonda DSP Srinivasa Rao, Cyber Crime DSP Lakshminarayana, along with CIs, SIs, and police staff.



Minister Tummala Visits Minor Sexual Assault Survivor Undergoing Treatment at NIMS

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Thursday visited Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Hyderabad to meet a minor girl from Khammam city who is undergoing treatment after allegedly being subjected to sexual assault and sustaining severe injuries.

The minister visited the hospital to inquire about the health condition of the survivor and interacted with medical officials regarding the treatment being provided. Deeply moved after learning about the child's condition, Tummala reviewed the medical care being administered and instructed hospital authorities to ensure the best possible treatment.

During his visit, the minister held discussions with NIMS Director Dr. Rahul and sought detailed information regarding the girl's medical status and treatment progress. He reportedly directed hospital authorities to immediately inform him of any developments and assured full support for any medical requirements.

Tummala also met the minor's parents at the hospital and offered words of reassurance, assuring them of his sup-

port during the difficult time. He stated that the government would extend all necessary assistance to the family and ensure that the child receives comprehensive medical care.

The minister further interacted with officials from the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) department and instructed them to closely monitor the well-being of both the child and her parents. He emphasized the need for continuous care and support for the family during the recovery period.

Hospital officials briefed the minister on the medical procedures being undertaken and assured that efforts were being made to provide specialized treatment to the survivor.

The incident has drawn attention to the importance of timely medical care and institutional support for survivors of sexual violence, particularly minors. Authorities are continuing to monitor the girl's condition while ensuring necessary support mechanisms are extended to the family.

Officials stated that the minister directed concerned departments to remain in regular contact and provide updates regarding the child's recovery and any additional assistance required.

EBG Group Partners with Australia's Universal Fitness Group to Launch Premium Wellness Centres

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

The EBG Group has announced an exclusive strategic partnership with Australia-based Universal Fitness Group to introduce integrated health, fitness, rehabilitation, and wellness centres across India. The ambitious initiative will be implemented with an investment roadmap of 300 crore over the next five years.

The partnership aims to cater to the evolving needs of Indian consumers who are increasingly looking beyond conventional gym memberships and seeking comprehensive wellness experiences that combine fitness, recovery, preventive healthcare, and lifestyle management under one roof.

According to a report by Deloitte India and the Health & Fitness Association, India's commercial fitness market is currently valued at approximately 16,200 crore and is projected to expand to 37,700 crore by 2030. Membership in fitness centres is also expected to grow significantly from 12.3 million to 23.3 million by the end of the decade. Despite India's population of over 1.4 billion, market penetration is expected to remain at only 1.7 percent by 2030, highlighting substantial untapped growth potential in the wellness sector.

Under the partnership, the drive.

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Former Telangana Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader in the Assembly Talasani Srinivas Yadav on Thursday announced that a meeting of the BRS party's Khairatabad constituency unit will be held on June 14 at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad.

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EBG Group will lead the development, expansion, and operations of Universal Fitness centres across India. The companies plan to establish more than 30 premium health and fitness sanctuaries along with two exclusive wellness retreats over the next five years.

In the first phase, centres will be launched in Hyderabad and Bengaluru, followed by expansion into Mumbai, Delhi-NCR, Pune, and other rapidly growing urban markets. Unlike traditional gyms, these centres are expected to be significantly larger, spanning approximately 40,000 to 45,000 square feet.

The wellness campuses will feature advanced fitness training, group studios, Pilates programmes, swimming schools, physiotherapy, sports rehabilitation, and AI-powered body composition analysis. Premium recovery facilities such as magnesium mineral pools, in-

fused salt rooms, cold-plunge therapy, and recovery lounges will also be integrated into the centres.

Subject to regulatory approvals, selected locations may operate 24/7. The facilities will also incorporate advanced fitness equipment and digital wellness technologies powered by Technogym.

Speaking on the development, Dr. Irfan Khan, Founder, Chairman and CEO of EBG Group, said India is entering a new era of health awareness, with consumers increasingly demanding systems that support performance, recovery, preventive care, and long-term well-being.

He expressed confidence that wellness infrastructure would emerge as one of India's fastest-growing sectors in the coming decade, while also creating meaningful economic and employment opportunities across the country.

BRS Khairatabad Constituency Meeting Scheduled on June 14 at Telangana Bhavan

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drive.

The former minister held discussions with constituency leaders along with BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan regarding preparations for the upcoming meeting and organizational activities within the constituency. Talasani informed party leaders that BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao, popularly known as KTR, will attend the meeting as the chief guest. He said party cadre and leaders would be briefed on voter list revisions under the SIR process and ongoing membership registration activities. He urged all booth-level agents, former corporators, former division presidents, and senior party leaders to attend the meeting on

time and actively participate in the discussions.

According to party leaders, the meeting is expected to strengthen coordination among cadre in the Khairatabad constituency and enhance awareness regarding voter verification procedures and membership expansion programmes.

Several party leaders and former public representatives participated in Thursday's preparatory meeting, including former Library Institution Chairman Prasanna, former corporators Venkatesh and Mahesh Yadav, as well as party leaders Gajjala Anand, Babu Yadav, Meghana, Raju, Anjan Kumar, Vijay, Naidu, and others.



TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy Participates in Annual Sports Meet

Hyderabad, June 11 | TPN Bureau

Employees of the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) enthusiastically participated in the second day of the corporation's annual sports meet held at the LB Stadium in Hyderabad on Thursday.

The two-day sporting event witnessed active participation from TGIIC staff in various indoor and outdoor games aimed at promoting teamwork, employee engagement, and camaraderie among staff members.

TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy joined employees in the indoor games segment on the second day of the event and actively participated in badminton and carrom competitions. Her participation alongside staff members added enthusiasm to the event and encouraged greater employee involvement. Officials said the sports meet was organized to foster team spirit, friendship, and a healthy work culture among employees of the corporation. Participants from various departments competed in different sporting disciplines over the two-day event.

Speaking on the occasion, Nirmala Jaggareddy expressed optimism that such initiatives

would strengthen unity and mutual understanding among employees while also providing an opportunity for recreation beyond workplace responsibilities.

She said sports and cultural activities help improve interpersonal relationships among staff and contribute positively to workplace morale and institutional cohesion.

The concluding ceremony of the annual sports meet is scheduled to be held on Friday at the Indian School of Business (ISB), Gachibowli, where prizes will be distributed to winners of various competitions conducted during the event. In addition to the awards presentation, TGIIC employees are also expected to organize cultural programmes as part of the closing ceremony celebrations. Senior officials, staff members, and employees of TGIIC participated in the programme and appreciated the initiative as a platform for promoting employee interaction and well-being.

The event reflects the corporation's efforts to encourage employee participation in extracurricular activities and build a collaborative work environment through sports and cultural engagement.

New Directions in Higher Education – Knowledge, Skills and Nation Building

Globalisation, rapid technological advancement, and the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence have transformed the landscape of education. Higher education is no longer limited to obtaining degrees; it has evolved into a dynamic platform for knowledge creation, innovation, and skill development aligned with societal and global needs. Today, it plays a crucial role not only in individual growth but also in shaping national development and global competitiveness.

India possesses one of the largest higher education systems in the world, with thousands of institutions catering to millions of students across diverse disciplines. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has introduced significant reforms, promoting multidisciplinary learning, research, and holistic development. Despite these efforts, challenges such as maintaining quality standards, improving research output, and bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industry requirements remain pressing concerns.

Parents play a vital role in guiding students through higher education. While aspirations for children are natural, it is equally important to respect their interests and abilities. Many students face stress when forced into unsuitable career paths. True success lies not merely in marks but in meaningful learning and personal growth. By encouraging confidence, resilience, and informed decision-making, parents can help students navigate their educational journeys more effectively.

Teachers, however, hold the most influential position in shaping students' futures. Their role extends beyond delivering lectures to nurturing critical thinking, creativity, and research aptitude. In an age where information is easily accessible, teachers serve as mentors who guide students in evaluating knowledge, applying concepts, and innovating. Higher education achieves its true purpose only when students are prepared not just for



employment but for lifelong learning and societal contribution.

A healthy relationship between parents, teachers, and students is essential for academic success. Supportive families, committed educators, and motivated learners together create a strong educational foundation. At the same time, excessive pressure and an exam-centric system can negatively impact mental well-being. Therefore, education must focus on holistic development, balancing academic achievement with emotional and

personal growth. Globally, developed nations emphasise research, innovation, and practical learning in higher education. Countries like the United States, Germany, and Finland encourage students to explore ideas, engage in projects, and collaborate with industries. Flexibility in course selection and a focus on real-world application enable students to align education with career goals. These approaches highlight the importance of moving beyond rote learning to experiential and inquiry-based education.

Higher education is a cornerstone of nation-building. Economic growth, scientific progress, cultural development, and democratic strength are deeply linked to a robust education system. For a country like India, with its vast youth population, this becomes even more significant. If provided with quality education and relevant skills, this demographic can drive innovation and growth. However, without proper opportunities, it risks becoming a challenge, particularly in terms of employability.

The global education system is rapidly evolving, with increasing emphasis on experiential learning, problem-solving, teamwork, and digital skills. Emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Cyber Security, and Biotechnology are reshaping career landscapes. To stay relevant, students must adopt a mindset of lifelong learning and adaptability, continuously upgrading their skills in response to changing demands. Research culture remains a defining strength of leading universities worldwide. Early exposure

to research encourages innovation and critical inquiry among students. While India has made progress in promoting research, there is still a need for greater investment in infrastructure, funding, and international collaboration to achieve global standards. The digital era offers immense opportunities for expanding access to education through online platforms, certifications, and specialised training. At the same time, it presents challenges in maintaining quality and ensuring equitable access. Institutions must integrate digital tools effectively

tively while preserving the value of traditional learning methods. Equally important is value-based education. Higher education should not be limited to career preparation but must also instil social responsibility, ethical values, and environmental awareness. The goal is to create responsible citizens who contribute positively to society and uphold democratic principles.

To position India as a global knowledge hub, continuous improvement in educational quality is essential. Strengthening teacher training, enhancing research capabilities, and aligning curricula with international standards are critical steps. At the same time, preserving Indian cultural values and promoting regional diversity must remain integral to the system.

India has initiated several reforms, including skill development programmes, start-up ecosystems, and digital learning initiatives. However, given the country's diversity and scale, global models must be adapted carefully to suit local realities rather than replicated blindly.

Ultimately, higher education is not just a pathway to employment but a transformative force that shapes individuals and society. When supported by visionary policies, dedicated teachers, and empowered students, it becomes a powerful driver of inclusive and sustainable development. By combining global best practices



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Future City Needs Clarity, Not Conflict

Revanth Reddy
Chief Minister

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A VISION FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW
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RISING TELANGANA 2047
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PROMISES

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- Attracting Global Investments & Fortune 500 Companies
- World-class Infrastructure & Smart Living
- Fair Compensation & Farmers' Rights Protected
- Balanced Development & Environmental Care

THE VISION

- 765 Sq. Km across 56 Villages between Srisailem & Nagarjuna Sagar Highways
- World-class City like Singapore, Tokyo or New York
- Zones for AI, Green Pharma, Data Centers, Education, Healthcare & Sports
- Homes & Jobs for 3 Million People
- India's First 'Net Zero' City with Renewable Energy & EVs
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THE POTENTIAL
A NEW ENGINE FOR TELANGANA'S GROWTH

- Decongests Hyderabad
- Generates Employment & Opportunities
- Attracts Global Investments
- Sustainable & Future-Ready

THE CONCERNS
ISSUES THAT NEED ANSWERS

- Inadequate Compensation (25 Lakhs vs ₹2 Crores Market Value)
- Land Acquired for "Pharma City" Now Rebranded – Is it Legal?
- Lack of Rehabilitation & Job Assurances
- Environmental Impact – Water, Pollution, Fertile Land
- No Public Consultation & Transparency
- Farmers' Protests, Court Cases & Stay Orders

THE FUTURE WILL BE BRIGHT IF IT IS FAIR & RIGHT FOR ALL

NOT JUST A CITY, BUT A COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE, NATURE & A BETTER TOMORROW
LET'S BUILD A FUTURE CITY THAT IS JUST, SUSTAINABLE & INCLUSIVE FOR EVERYONE.

The Congress government, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, has placed the ambitious 'Bharat Future City' project at the centre of its development agenda. Envisioned as a 'Net Zero' smart city, the proposed project spans about 765 square kilometres across 56 villages located south of Hyderabad, between the Srisailem and Nagarjuna Sagar highways. The government aims to build a global city comparable to Singapore, Tokyo, or New York, with dedicated zones for artificial intelligence, green pharmaceuticals, data centres, education, healthcare, and sports. It also promises housing and employment for nearly three million people. The project has gained momentum after the Rising Telangana Global Summit and the establishment of the Future City Development Authority.

The government views this initiative as a catalyst for Telangana's long-term economic transformation. It seeks to decongest Hyderabad while attracting global investments and generating employment. Positioned within the broader 'Rising 2047' vision of achieving a \$1 trillion economy, the project aspires to become India's first 'Net Zero' city through renewable energy, electric mobility, and sustainable infrastructure. Assurances have been given to farmers regarding fair compensation and protection of their rights. The swift completion of the FCDA office and the foundation for key administrative infrastructure indicate the government's intent to fast-track development and attract major global corporations.

However, the project has triggered a sharp political confrontation. The opposition BRS has strongly criticised the initiative, with its leaders alleging that the government has merely rebranded the earlier Pharma City project proposed during their tenure. They argue that land acquired for a specific industrial purpose cannot be diverted for other uses, especially if it involves real estate interests. Questions have also been raised about the legality of such changes under the Land Acquisition Act, 2013. The opposition has gone to the extent of promising to scrap the project if it returns to power, further intensifying the political divide.

Beyond political rhetoric, concerns raised by farmers, activists, and affected communities demand serious attention. Many landowners and agricultural labourers claim that compensation is inadequate and rehabilitation measures remain unclear. While the government promises jobs and economic growth,

those who parted with their land fear being left out of the benefits. The disparity between the compensation offered and prevailing market rates has become a major point of contention. Additionally, legal challenges and court interventions highlight unresolved issues related to land rights and due process.

Environmental concerns also loom large over the project. Critics question the sustainability claims, pointing to the potential loss of fertile agricultural land and the strain on water resources. The absence of transparent environmental clearances and limited public consultation have added to apprehensions. Given that the earlier Pharma City proposal itself faced environmental opposition, merely renaming the project without addressing these concerns risks repeating past mistakes.

Ultimately, the success of the Future City project will depend not on political narratives but on its ability to balance development with justice. Transparent decision-making, fair compensation, proper rehabilitation, and genuine stakeholder consultation are essential. The government must ensure that economic ambition does not come at the cost of farmers' livelihoods or environmental sustainability. Instead of becoming a battleground for political one-upmanship, the project should be reshaped through expert input and public participation.

A project of this scale has the potential to redefine Telangana's future. But for it to truly live up to its name, it must inspire trust among all stakeholders. Only then can 'Future City' evolve from a contested vision into a shared reality that benefits everyone.



Trinamool Crisis Deepens as Third Rajya Sabha MP Resigns in Four Days



The crisis within the Trinamool Congress deepened on Thursday as another Rajya Sabha MP, Prakash Chik Baraik, resigned from the Upper House, becoming the third party parliamentarian to quit in four days.

Baraik submitted his resignation to Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan, citing his decision to respect the mandate given by voters in West Bengal. With his resignation, the Trinamool Congress' strength in the Rajya Sabha has reduced from 13 members to 10.

In his resignation letter, Baraik expressed gratitude to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat and requested that his resignation be accepted with immediate effect.

Speaking to reporters after resigning, Baraik said the recent West Bengal Assembly election verdict was not in favour of the Trinamool

Congress. He said his constituency did not witness a Trinamool victory and that he believed the mandate was in favour of the BJP. However, he remained non-committal about his next political move, saying that "time will tell".

The resignation comes days after senior Trinamool leader Sukhendu Sekhar Roy resigned from the Rajya Sabha and the party. Roy said his decision was influenced by the prevailing situation within the organisation and cited the people's verdict in Bengal.

The party also suffered a setback after Sushmita Dev, its Rajya Sabha MP from Assam, resigned. Her meeting with Assam Chief Minister and BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma after quitting sparked speculation about a possible political shift, though she said her decision was personal.

The developments have intensified speculation about a larger split within the Trinamool Congress following its defeat in the West Bengal Assembly elections. Sources claimed that more Rajya Sabha MPs could resign in the coming days.

The crisis has also reportedly extended to the Lok Sabha, with a rebel faction claiming that several Trinamool MPs are considering forming a separate bloc and aligning with the NDA. Internal differences have also surfaced in the state Assembly, where several MLAs reportedly opposed the party leadership's choice for the Leader of Opposition. The resignations have created a major political challenge for Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee as the party attempts to rebuild after the electoral setback and prevent further erosion of its leadership structure.

Congress Announces Nationwide Protest Against BJP

The Congress on Thursday announced a nationwide protest campaign against the BJP-led government, accusing it of moving from "vote chori" (vote theft) to "seat chori" (seat theft). The party said the agitation will focus on issues including alleged electoral irregularities, rising prices, unemployment, paper leaks, and farmers' concerns.

The decision was taken during a three-hour-long meeting of the Congress top leadership in New Delhi. The meeting was attended by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, party general secretaries, state Congress presidents, and other senior leaders.

Addressing the media after the meeting, Congress general secretary K C Venugopal said the party would launch a national movement within the next two to three months. He said the protests would be organised at district, state, and national levels to highlight what the party described as failures of the central government.

"We are going to start a national movement in two to three months. We will have national agitation at all levels — state, national, and district," Venugopal said.



The Congress alleged that democratic institutions were being weakened and claimed that electoral processes needed greater transparency. The party has previously raised concerns regarding voter-related issues and has now expanded its campaign to include broader governance concerns.

The proposed agitation will also highlight economic issues. Congress leaders said inflation has increased the burden on ordinary citizens and alleged that unemployment remains a major challenge,

particularly among young people. The party also criticised incidents of examination paper leaks, claiming they have affected the future of students and job aspirants.

Farmers' issues are another major focus area of the planned campaign. Congress leaders said the party would raise concerns related to agricultural income, support systems, and policies affecting rural communities.

The announcement comes as the Congress attempts to intensify its nationwide political mobilisation and strengthen

its organisational network ahead of upcoming electoral battles. Party leaders said the movement would involve grassroots workers and aim to bring public attention to what they called failures in governance.

The BJP has often rejected Congress allegations of electoral wrongdoing and accused the opposition party of making politically motivated claims. The upcoming protest campaign is expected to further intensify the political debate between the ruling party and the opposition.

Tripura Court Issues Summons to Abhishek Banerjee

Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee has been summoned by a Tripura court in connection with a 2021 case related to an alleged assault on police personnel in Khowai district. The court has directed him to appear before it on June 22.

The case dates back to the period after the 2021 West Bengal Assembly elections, when Tripura police had arrested 14 Trinamool workers for allegedly vio-

lating COVID-19 restrictions. According to the prosecution, Abhishek Banerjee and other TMC leaders reached the police station to seek their release and allegedly misbehaved with police officials.

Prosecution lawyer Abhijit Bhattacharjee said a case was registered at the time and the court has now issued notices to the accused. Trinamool MLA Kunal Ghosh, who was present during the incident, received the summons on

behalf of Abhishek Banerjee.

The court notice comes at a difficult time for the Trinamool Congress, which is facing internal turmoil following its recent electoral setback in West Bengal. The party has witnessed a series of resignations, including three Rajya Sabha MPs — Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, Sushmita Dev and Prakash Chik Baraik.

Abhishek Banerjee is also facing another controversy involving a summons

issued by the West Bengal CID in a case related to alleged discrepancies in signatures of MLAs supporting him. He has challenged the notice.

Meanwhile, differences within the Trinamool have become more visible, with some leaders questioning Abhishek Banerjee's role in the party. Senior leader Kalyan Banerjee recently criticised his style of functioning and said the final decision on the party's leadership rests with Mamata

Banerjee.

The political crisis has widened further with claims from rebel leaders that several Trinamool MPs are seeking separate arrangements in Parliament and may support the NDA.

The developments have placed fresh pressure on Abhishek Banerjee as the Trinamool leadership attempts to manage organisational challenges and prevent further divisions within the party.



BJP Wins All Three Madhya Pradesh Rajya Sabha Seats Unopposed Amid Natarajan Row



The BJP on Thursday secured victory in all three Rajya Sabha seats from Madhya Pradesh as its candidates were elected unopposed, amid a political and legal dispute over the rejection of Congress leader Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination.

The Election Commission issued election certificates to BJP candidates Rajnish Agrawal, Tarun Chugh, and Mahesh Kevat, confirming their unopposed victory. Agrawal expressed gratitude to the party leadership following the announcement.

The Congress had challenged the rejection of Meenakshi Natarajan's nomi-

nation, arguing that the decision was unlawful and arbitrary. The party approached the Supreme Court seeking relief and also met the Election Commission with a 10-member delegation.

However, the Supreme Court deferred the hearing on the matter until Friday, while the Election Commission proceeded with the completion of the election process. The delay effectively allowed the BJP candidates to be declared elected.

Senior Congress leader and advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi argued before the court that urgent intervention was required as the nomination

withdrawal deadline was approaching. The Election Commission informed the court that it needed time to respond as it had not received a copy of the petition.

The Congress had earlier maintained that it had sufficient numbers to elect Natarajan to the Upper House. However, after her nomination was rejected on June 9, the contest turned into a one-sided affair.

The Congress has accused the authorities of acting in a biased manner and has sought cancellation of the nomination rejection order. The party's legal challenge will now be heard by the Supreme Court on Friday.

Congress Rejects Trinamool Merger Speculation, Calls It 'Baseless'

The Congress on Thursday dismissed speculation about a possible merger between the Trinamool Congress and the Grand Old Party, describing reports as "baseless rumours".

Congress Organisation General Secretary K C Venugopal said recent interactions between the two parties were part of routine discussions within the INDIA opposition alliance.

Responding to questions about a possible Trinamool-Congress merger, Venugopal said, "How can I respond to rumours and speculation?" He added that both parties would continue working together against what he called the "anti-democratic BJP

government".

The merger buzz gained momentum after a series of high-level meetings between the two parties. Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee met Congress leader Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday, followed by a meeting between TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday.

The meetings took place amid a major crisis within the Trinamool Congress following its setback in the West Bengal Assembly elections. The party has been facing internal rebellion, with sections of MLAs and MPs reportedly

challenging the leadership.

Sources said the meeting between Rahul Gandhi and Abhishek Banerjee focused on strengthening coordination within the INDIA bloc. The discussion reportedly included the political situation in West Bengal and the need for opposition unity ahead of future elections.

Congress leaders clarified that any proposal for a merger would have to come from the Trinamool Congress and that the party was not seeking such a move.

West Bengal Congress president Subhankar Sarkar, however, kept the possibility open, saying that "politics is the art of possibilities". He said the

Congress would welcome those who accept its ideological stand and leadership.

The Congress and Trinamool share a long political history. Mamata Banerjee founded the Trinamool Congress in 1998 after separating from the Congress. The two parties later joined hands to defeat the Left Front government in West Bengal in 2011 before their alliance ended. They again became partners under the INDIA bloc ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The latest developments come at a crucial time as opposition parties attempt to consolidate their position against the BJP-led NDA.



Three Indian Sailors Killed After US Strike on Oil Tanker Near Oman Coast

Three Indian seafarers who were reported missing after a US military strike on a vessel near the Oman coast have been confirmed dead, Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said on Thursday. The incident took place aboard the Palau-flagged oil tanker Settebello in the Gulf of Oman, where US Central Command forces carried out a strike, alleging that the vessel had violated an ongoing blockade related to Iranian oil shipments. The tanker was carrying a crew of 28 members, including 24 Indian nationals and four foreign nationals. While 21 Indian sailors were rescued after the attack, three crew

members — deck cadet Aditya Sharma, engine fitter Shivanand Chaurasiya, and chief engineer Patnala Suresh — were initially reported missing. Confirming their deaths, Sonowal described the incident as a “tragic” loss and said the bodies of the three sailors had been recovered and identified. He assured that the government was extending support to the families of the deceased and had directed officials to arrange the repatriation of rescued crew members and mortal remains. India has strongly condemned the attack, calling incidents involving commercial shipping in the region deeply



concerning. The Ministry of External Affairs said such attacks were a direct result of escalating tensions in the Middle East and urged immediate de-escalation. The United States Central Command later confirmed the strike, stating that American forces had used precision weapons against the tanker after the vessel allegedly failed to comply with instructions and was transporting oil from Iran. India also summoned the US charge d'affaires in New Delhi to lodge a strong protest over the incident. Officials said India raised concerns over the safety of its citizens working in international shipping

routes. The Gulf of Oman and the Strait of Hormuz remain strategically important waterways for global energy supplies. The region has witnessed heightened tensions following the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, with competing blockades and military actions affecting commercial shipping. The incident has renewed concerns over the safety of seafarers and the vulnerability of international trade routes amid rising geopolitical tensions. Indian authorities said they would continue monitoring the situation and ensure assistance to affected families and crew members.

UK Defence Secretary John Healey Resigns



UK Defence Secretary John Healey has resigned from the government led by Prime Minister Keir Starmer, marking a fresh setback for the Labour administration. Healey said the government's commitment to defence spending was “well short of what is required” at a time when global security threats are increasing. The resignation came amid growing concerns over Britain's military preparedness and the financial resources allocated to the armed forces. Healey reportedly argued that the current level of investment was insufficient to meet the challenges posed by rising geopolitical tensions. His departure adds to pressure on Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who has faced criticism over several policy areas since taking office. The

resignation of a senior cabinet minister responsible for national security is being viewed as a significant political blow for the government. Healey had been a key figure in shaping Labour's defence policy, focusing on strengthening the armed forces, improving military readiness, and addressing long-standing equipment and personnel challenges. However, disagreements reportedly emerged over the pace and scale of defence funding commitments. The UK has been under increasing pressure to raise defence expenditure amid conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, along with growing concerns over global security competition. Military leaders have repeatedly warned that additional resources are needed to maintain

operational capabilities. Healey's exit comes as the government faces questions over balancing public spending priorities with defence requirements. Opposition parties are expected to use the resignation to challenge Starmer's leadership and defence strategy. The Prime Minister's office has not yet announced a replacement for Healey. The resignation is likely to trigger discussions within the Labour Party over its approach to national security and Britain's role in global affairs. Political observers said the development could become a major test for Starmer as he attempts to maintain unity within his cabinet while responding to growing demands for stronger defence commitments.

Indian Community in Belfast Lives in Fear After Racist Arson Attacks

Members of the Indian community in Northern Ireland are living in fear after a series of alleged racially motivated attacks and anti-immigrant protests in Belfast and surrounding areas. An under-construction Indian grocery store in north Belfast was reportedly set on fire during the unrest, while threats targeting migrant homes circulated online. The violence continued for a second night following the arrest of a Sudanese man accused in a knife attack.

Videos from the protests showed groups of demonstrators clashing with police, throwing objects at vehicles, while authorities used water cannons to control the situation. Firefighters rescued residents from burning houses, leaving several families homeless. An Indian-origin businessman, who planned to open a grocery store at the attacked location, told the BBC that he was “heartbroken” by the incident. He said he had lived in Northern Ireland for

several years and never expected such hostility. Dr Satyavir Singhal, chairman of the Indian Community Centre, urged dialogue between communities to address concerns peacefully. “There are no issues on this planet which cannot be solved by talking to each other,” he said. Indian-origin healthcare workers also expressed anxiety over safety. Nurse Biji Jose said many community members were worried about their families, chil-

dren, and future in Northern Ireland. The unrest began after a stabbing incident in Belfast involving a Sudanese national. The case triggered anti-immigration protests, with activists using the incident to fuel tensions. Community leaders and politicians have appealed for calm, warning that migrants should not be targeted for isolated criminal incidents. Authorities continue to monitor the situation and investigate the attacks.



Trump Claims Secret US Oil Operation Through Hormuz



US President Donald Trump has claimed that Washington secretly facilitated the movement of more than 100 million barrels of oil through the strategic Strait of Hormuz, saying the operation helped protect global energy supplies. However, media reports indicate that details of the movement had already been publicly reported weeks earlier. Speaking to reporters at the White House, Trump said the United States had supported commercial vessels travelling through the key maritime route without Iran being aware of the operation. He described the effort as a major success for the US military in maintaining the flow of oil through one of the world's most important energy corridors.

Trump suggested that vessels moved under special conditions, including travelling at night and reducing visibility, after US military actions had weakened Iran's ability to monitor maritime activity. The Strait of Hormuz, located between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, is a critical passage through which a significant share of global oil supplies moves. Any disruption in the waterway has the potential to affect international energy markets and fuel prices. While Trump presented the operation as a covert achievement, reports suggested that information about the movement of oil tankers and US involvement had emerged publicly before his remarks. The revelation has sparked

debate over whether the operation was genuinely secret or simply not officially acknowledged. The comments come amid heightened tensions in the region, with concerns over military confrontations, shipping security, and the stability of global oil supplies. Analysts said the movement of such a large volume of crude oil highlights the strategic importance of maintaining open shipping lanes, while also reflecting the continuing geopolitical competition between the United States and Iran. The White House has not released detailed information about the operation, including the vessels involved or the exact timeline of the oil movement.

Iran Claims Strikes on US Bases in Gulf Region

Iran on Thursday claimed that it carried out retaliatory missile strikes against US military bases in Jordan, Kuwait, and Bahrain, escalating tensions in the region following recent attacks by Washington. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said it launched two waves of operations targeting American military facilities. According to Iranian state media, the strikes hit 18 key US military targets at bases in Kuwait and Bahrain, including Ali Al Salem and Ahmad Al Jaber air bases. The IRGC also claimed to have struck Sheikh Isa Air Base in Bahrain.

Iran further stated that it fired 12 ballistic missiles at the US command centre at Al-Azraq Air Base in Jordan. The IRGC claimed the attack targeted American fighter aircraft, including F-15, F-16, and F-35 jets. Bahraini authorities reported damage to vehicles and homes in Hamad Town and Manama after debris from intercepted drones fell in residential areas. An 11-year-old girl sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene, officials said. Emergency teams were deployed to manage the situation. Meanwhile, the United

States Central Command (CENTCOM) confirmed conducting strikes against Iranian military infrastructure, including surveillance systems, communication networks, and air defence sites. CENTCOM said the operations were carried out in self-defence, claiming that the targeted Iranian facilities posed threats to US forces and international commercial vessels travelling through regional waters. “US forces remain vigilant, lethal, and ready,” CENTCOM said in a statement, adding that precision weapons were used against

locations considered threats. The latest exchange marks a sharp increase in hostilities between Washington and Tehran, raising concerns over wider regional instability. The Gulf region remains strategically important due to its role in global energy transportation, particularly through key maritime routes. International observers have warned that continued military confrontation could disrupt shipping, increase energy market uncertainty, and deepen the ongoing geopolitical crisis in the Middle East.



Nifty Ends Lower Near 23,150 Amid Volatile Trade

Indian benchmark indices ended lower in a highly volatile trading session on Thursday, with the Nifty 50 closing below the 23,200 mark as investors reacted to weak global cues and geopolitical concerns. However, gains in pharma, private banks, and media stocks helped limit losses.

The market opened on a cautious note after concerns over rising US inflation and renewed tensions in the Middle East affected investor sentiment. The Nifty slipped below 23,100 during early trade. The benchmark later witnessed a strong recovery, briefly crossing the 23,300 level on buying support in select heavyweights. However, the rally

lost momentum in the second half as selling pressure returned.

At the close, the Sensex declined 150.63 points, or 0.20 per cent, to settle at 73,832.55, while the Nifty fell 53.35 points, or 0.23 per cent, to 23,161.60.

The Indian rupee weakened further, falling 48 paise to close at 95.75 against the US dollar compared with the previous close of 95.27.

Sector-wise, private banking, pharma, and media indices gained between 0.5 per cent and 2 per cent. On the other hand, IT stocks declined 1.4 per cent, while PSU banks, realty, energy, and consumer durable sectors ended lower.



Among Nifty constituents, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Grasim, Mahindra & Mahindra, and JSW Steel emerged as top gainers. Infosys, HCL Technologies, Adani Ports, Trent, and Eternal were among the major losers.

Broader markets underperformed, with the Nifty Midcap index falling 0.8 per cent and the small-cap index declining 0.6 per cent. More than 80 stocks touched their 52-week lows on the BSE, including major names from the technology, insurance, consumer, and industrial sectors.

In individual stock movements, Zee Entertainment Enterprises surged 8 per cent following its 2,300 crore

fundraising plan. Vascon Engineers gained 4 per cent after receiving a Letter of Intent worth 347.43 crore. GNG Electronics advanced 7 per cent after significant equity transactions through block deals.

PPAP Automotive jumped 20 per cent after announcing a partnership with Hutchinson, while Unicommerce Esolutions rose 6 per cent following a partnership agreement with Optra.

Analysts said markets remained sensitive to global inflation trends, geopolitical developments, and foreign fund flows, with investors closely watching upcoming economic indicators for further direction.

Eight Largecap Stocks Turn Ex-Dividend Tomorrow

Several major large-cap companies, including Adani Ports, Adani Enterprises, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Punjab National Bank, Canara Bank, Trent, and Ambuja Cements, are set to trade ex-dividend on June 12, 2026. Investors looking to qualify for the announced dividend payouts must have purchased shares before the ex-dividend date, following the T+1 settlement cycle.



When a stock turns ex-dividend, investors buying the shares on or after that date are not eligible for the upcoming dividend payment. Only shareholders who hold the stock before the ex-dividend date qualify for the payout.

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd has announced a final dividend of 7.50 per equity share. The company has fixed June 12, 2026, as both the ex-dividend and record date. Eligible shareholders will receive the dividend on or after June 25, 2026. The dividend is declared on a face value of 2 per share.

Adani Enterprises Ltd has declared a final dividend of 1.30 per equity share. The ex-dividend and record date have

also been set for June 12, 2026. The payout is expected to be made on or after June 30, 2026, or July 24, 2026. The dividend is based on a face value of 1 per share.

Tata Steel Ltd has announced a final dividend of 4 per equity share for the financial year 2025-26. The record date and ex-dividend date are June 12, 2026. Investors who wanted to become eligible for the payout needed to purchase shares within the required timeline under the T+1 settlement framework. The dividend

will be paid on or after July 6, 2026, and is based on a face value of 1 per share.

Apart from these companies, other major names such as Tata Motors, Punjab National Bank, Canara Bank, Trent, and Ambuja Cements are also scheduled to go ex-dividend.

Market experts said dividend announcements often attract investor attention, particularly among long-term shareholders seeking regular income. However, they cautioned that stock prices gener-

ally adjust downward by the dividend amount on the ex-dividend date, and investors should consider overall business fundamentals before making investment decisions.

The development comes amid a volatile market environment where investors are tracking corporate earnings, global economic indicators, interest rate movements, and foreign fund flows. Large-cap stocks remain in focus due to their strong market influence and institutional participation.

AI Impact Could Hit Developed Economies Harder Than Emerging Markets: Bernstein

Artificial intelligence (AI) may create greater economic disruption in developed countries than in emerging markets such as India, according to an analysis by Bernstein Research. The firm challenged the widely held belief that countries dependent on low-cost labour and outsourcing would face the biggest risks from rapid AI adoption.

Bernstein said global discussions around AI have largely focused on the supply side, including technological advancement and automation capabilities. However, as AI adoption expands across industries, the demand-side impact on jobs, income, and economies will become more visible.

The research firm estimated that AI could reduce national income in middle-income economies by around 10 per cent, while high-income economies may face a much larger impact of nearly 22 per cent.



The report noted that concerns about countries like India, Indonesia, and Mexico being vulnerable due to their labour-driven growth models may be overstated. Many analysts had argued that AI would first replace entry-level roles in software, business services, and other knowledge-based sectors, affecting nations that rely on outsourcing.

Bernstein, however, said this

assumption overlooks differences in economic structures. According to the analysis, information and knowledge sectors account for only around 1 to 4 per cent of employment in most middle-income economies, compared with 6 to 10 per cent in high-income countries.

The firm also highlighted that services contribute approximately 50 to 60 per cent of output in middle-income economies, whereas services account for more than 70 per cent of economic activity in advanced economies. Since developed economies have a larger concentration of high-value professional services, finance, administration, and knowledge-intensive industries, AI-driven automation could have a deeper impact there.

The report suggested that emerging markets may have

greater flexibility to adapt as AI changes the global economy. Countries such as India could benefit by using AI to improve productivity, expand digital infrastructure, and create new opportunities in technology-driven sectors.

However, Bernstein cautioned that AI will still bring challenges for emerging economies, especially in areas where technology adoption remains uneven. Workforce reskilling, education reforms, and investment in digital capabilities will be important to ensure workers can transition into new roles.

The analysis comes as governments and businesses worldwide are accelerating AI adoption, raising questions about future employment patterns, economic inequality, and the changing balance of global competitiveness.

HFCL Shares Slide After Sharp Rally as Investors Book Profits

Shares of telecom and technology solutions company HFCL Ltd have witnessed a sharp correction in recent trading sessions following a strong rally earlier in 2026. The stock has declined nearly 17 per cent over six sessions as investors booked profits after its steep upward movement.

HFCL shares hit the lower circuit during intraday trading on Thursday, falling 5 per cent to 160.66 per share on the NSE. The stock opened with a 5 per cent decline and remained under pressure for most of the session. However, buying interest emerged at lower levels, helping the stock recover some losses before closing.

HFCL ended the session at 164.95 per share on the NSE, down 2.46 per cent.

The recent decline comes after a significant rally in the

stock during 2026, which pushed valuations higher. Market analysts said the current fall appears to be largely due to profit booking rather than a major change in the long-term trend.

An analyst tracking the stock said that the Relative Strength Index (RSI), a momentum indicator used by traders, has cooled from overbought levels. This suggests that the recent correction may represent consolidation after a strong rally rather than a complete trend reversal.

The stock had attracted investor attention due to expectations around growth in telecom infrastructure, optical fibre networks, defence-related opportunities, and digital connectivity projects. HFCL has been expanding its presence in telecom equipment, fibre optic solutions, and technology-driven

infrastructure segments.

Technical analysts advised traders to watch key support levels after the recent decline. A sustained recovery from lower levels could indicate renewed buying interest, while further weakness may signal continued consolidation.

The broader market sentiment, sector trends, and upcoming business developments will also influence HFCL's movement in the near term. Investors are expected to track quarterly performance, order inflows, and execution capabilities as the company continues to participate in India's expanding digital infrastructure ecosystem.

The stock's recent volatility highlights the need for investors to differentiate between short-term price movements and the company's underlying growth prospects.

PFC, REC Shares Slip After Merger Approval

Shares of state-owned power sector financiers Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and REC Ltd declined on Thursday after the proposed merger of REC into PFC received approval from the President of India. The stocks fell despite the government moving ahead with plans to consolidate the two major infrastructure financing companies.

PFC shares declined up to 4.2 per cent during intraday trade to 413.40, while REC shares fell around 3.6 per cent to 336.40. Both stocks underperformed the broader market as investors awaited further details, particularly the final share swap ratio for the merger.

The companies informed stock exchanges on Wednesday that the proposed amalgamation had received presidential approval. However, the exact terms of the transaction, including the share exchange ratio, are yet to be announced.

The merger proposal aims to create one of India's largest infrastructure financing institutions with greater scale, improved efficiency, and stronger lending capabilities. The consolidation is expected to help streamline operations and enhance the ability of the combined entity to support large infrastructure projects.

The merger process gained momentum earlier this year after the PFC board, on Febru-



ary 9, approved the proposal in principle for the amalgamation of REC with itself. The move followed announcements made in the Union Budget 2026-27, where Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman outlined plans to strengthen public sector non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) through consolidation.

In the Budget, the Finance Minister said restructuring PFC and REC would be the first step towards creating larger and more efficient public sector NBFCs. The initiative is aimed at improving op-

erational performance, strengthening credit delivery, and encouraging greater technology adoption.

PFC and REC play a crucial role in financing India's power sector, supporting electricity generation, transmission, and distribution projects. A combined entity could have a larger balance sheet and improved capacity to fund major infrastructure and energy transition projects.

Market analysts said the initial negative reaction in the stocks could be due to uncertainty over the share swap ra-

tio and concerns about near-term adjustments after the merger. Investors are closely watching how the transaction impacts shareholder value, capital structure, and future growth prospects.

The government has been encouraging consolidation among state-owned financial institutions to improve competitiveness and create stronger entities capable of supporting India's infrastructure development goals. The PFC-REC merger is expected to be a significant step in that direction.



Goenka Criticises Tourists' Conduct on Vietnam Railway Tracks

Industrialist and RPG Group Chairman Harsh Goenka has strongly criticised a group of Indian tourists who were seen dancing and singing on railway tracks in Vietnam, saying that such behavior goes beyond harmless fun and becomes a public nuisance.

The criticism came after a video went viral on social media showing a group of Indian visitors performing on the railway tracks at Hanoi's famous Train Street, a popular tourist destination known for its narrow railway corridor lined with homes and cafes. The tourists were seen dancing enthusiastically on the active tracks, drawing widespread attention and sparking debate online.

Reacting to the video, Goenka expressed concern over the conduct of travelers abroad and stressed the importance of respecting local rules and public spaces. He remarked



that while enjoyment and celebration are perfectly acceptable during travel, actions that create inconvenience for others or compromise safety cannot be justified as entertainment. Goenka has frequently highlighted the role of tourists as informal ambassadors of their country. He believes that

the behavior of citizens abroad contributes significantly to how their nation is perceived internationally. According to him, courtesy, discipline, and consideration for others are essential qualities that help build a positive image of a country. The incident has triggered

extensive discussions on social media, with many users supporting Goenka's views. Several commentators argued that the growing trend of creating viral content often encourages people to ignore safety regulations and public etiquette. Others expressed concern that such incidents can reinforce negative stereotypes about Indian tourists overseas.

The controversy comes amid other recent incidents involving Indian travelers in Vietnam that have attracted public attention. While celebrating one's culture is appreciated, many observers emphasized that it should be done responsibly and without causing disruption to public spaces or endangering safety. The debate has once again brought focus to the need for responsible tourism and greater civic awareness among international travelers.

International Yoga Day 2026 to Focus on Healthy Ageing

The International Day of Yoga will be observed across the world on June 21, 2026, with this year's theme, "Yoga for Healthy Ageing," highlighting the role of yoga in promoting longevity, mobility, and overall well-being.

Rooted in India's ancient tradition, yoga has evolved into a globally embraced practice known for its physical, mental, and spiritual benefits. The theme for 2026 emphasizes the importance of maintaining good health throughout life and encourages people to focus not only on lifespan but also on "healthspan" — the years spent in good health.

The concept of International Yoga Day was proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his address to the United Nations General Assembly in September 2014. Later that year, the United Nations adopted a resolution declaring June 21 as the International Day of Yoga, receiving unprecedented support from 175 member states. Since then, the annual event has



grown into a worldwide movement, bringing together millions of yoga enthusiasts from different countries. In 2023, celebrations led by Prime Minister Modi at the United Nations Headquarters created a Guinness World Record for participation by people from the highest number of nationalities.

Interest in yoga's contribution to healthy ageing has increased significantly in recent years. Researchers and healthcare experts have increasingly recognized its benefits in improving flexibility, balance, mental wellness, and preventive healthcare, particularly among older adults.

The main International Yoga Day celebrations this year will be held in Kolkata, where large-scale participation is expected. Special initiatives have also been planned to encourage public involvement in the event. International celebrations will extend beyond India, with programmes scheduled at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and other prominent locations worldwide. Yoga practitioners, diplomats, officials, and health advocates are expected to participate, reflecting the growing global acceptance of yoga as a pathway to healthier living and active ageing.

Indian Professional's Norway Experience Sparks Debate on Work-Life Balance

An Indian professional's experience in Norway has gone viral on social media, reigniting discussions about workplace culture, employee well-being, and the importance of maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

The professional, identified as Vinod, shared how moving to Norway nearly 15 years ago challenged many of the work habits he had developed while working in India. According to him, he regularly worked on weekends, skipped lunch breaks, stayed late at the office, and even continued working when he was unwell. He believed such practices reflected dedication, commitment, and professionalism.

However, an unexpected meeting with his manager changed his perspective. Vinod recalled being called into his boss's office after responding to work emails on a Saturday and cancelling a planned holiday to complete a project. Expecting appreciation for his commitment, he was instead surprised to receive criticism.

His Norwegian manager reportedly expressed concern over his work habits, emphasizing that taking leave and maintaining personal time were essential for long-term productivity and well-being.



The manager also pointed out that working during holidays and weekends could send the wrong message to younger employees, who might feel pressured to follow the same pattern. According to the manager, leaders should set positive examples by respecting boundaries between work and personal life. The incident left Vinod re-

flecting on the culture of constant productivity and the personal costs associated with overwork. His story quickly resonated with people online, generating widespread discussion about differing workplace expectations across countries.

Many social media users praised the Norwegian approach, describing it as a model that prioritizes employee

health and family life. Others noted that achieving a similar balance remains difficult in many workplaces where long hours are often equated with dedication and success.

The discussion has once again highlighted the growing global focus on preventing burnout and promoting healthier, more sustainable work environments.

RJD Leader's Birthday Stunt Ends in Muddy Fall



A dramatic birthday celebration organized by a local Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader in Bihar took an unexpected turn when he slipped and fell from a JCB excavator while attempting a publicity stunt to mark the 79th birthday of party chief Lalu Prasad Yadav.

Kedar Yadav, an RJD leader from Vaishali district, is known locally for his unconventional methods of attracting public attention. Over the years, he has been seen performing unusual stunts, including riding buffaloes, trav-

elling on rickshaws, and climbing trees during public events.

This year, determined to celebrate the birthday of his party leader in a memorable manner, Kedar Yadav first climbed a tree to cut a cake. Unsatisfied with the attention it generated, he later arranged for a JCB excavator and climbed onto the machine despite heavy rainfall in the area.

As supporters and onlookers watched, the leader attempted to conduct the cake-cutting ceremony from atop the excavator. However, the

wet conditions made the surface slippery, and he suddenly lost his balance. Kedar Yadav slipped from the machine and fell directly into the mud below, leaving spectators stunned before many broke into laughter.

Despite the embarrassing mishap, the event continued in Bhagwanpur, where party workers gathered to celebrate the occasion and offer prayers for the long life and good health of Lalu Prasad Yadav.

Speaking to reporters after the incident, Kedar Yadav remained enthusiastic and praised the RJD supremo in glowing terms. He described Lalu Prasad Yadav as the "Nelson Mandela of India" and hailed him as a leader who has consistently worked for the welfare of the poor and marginalized sections of society.

The incident quickly gained attention on social media, with videos of the fall circulating widely and drawing a mix of amusement and criticism from viewers.

Blinkit Search Feature Sparks Debate After Chocolate Results for Gibberish Inputs

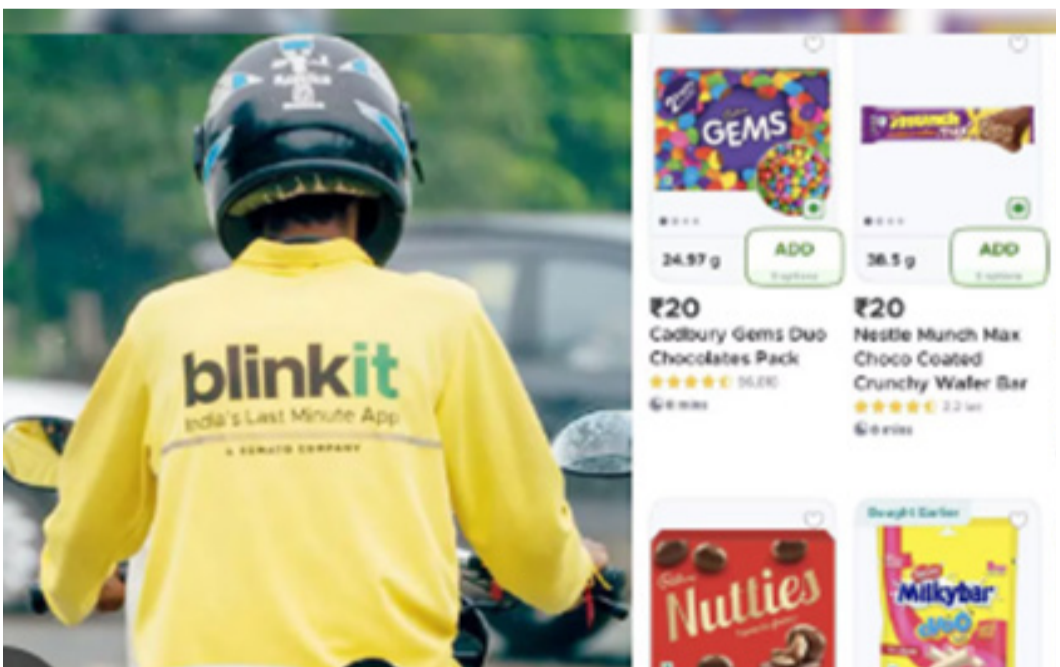
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Quick-commerce platform Blinkit has found itself at the center of an online debate after users discovered that typing random, toddler-like gibberish into its search bar often returns chocolate and candy products instead of displaying no results.

The issue gained attention after a social media user, Prem Soni, shared his experience online. According to Soni, he was attempting to convince his toddler that chocolates were unavailable on the platform. To do so, he entered a series of meaningless characters into Blinkit's search function, expecting the app to return no matching products.

Instead, the search results displayed a range of popular chocolates and confectionery items, including products commonly favoured by children. Surprised by the outcome, Soni described the experience as "terrifying" and suggested that the platform's algorithm appeared unusually effective at identifying behaviour associated with young children.

The post quickly went viral, attracting hundreds of comments and generating wide-



spread discussion about the role of algorithms in online shopping platforms. Many users claimed they tested the feature themselves and received similar results, prompting questions about how Blinkit's search system interprets random text inputs.

Some social media users speculated that the behaviour could be an example of a "dark pattern," a design technique that subtly influences con-

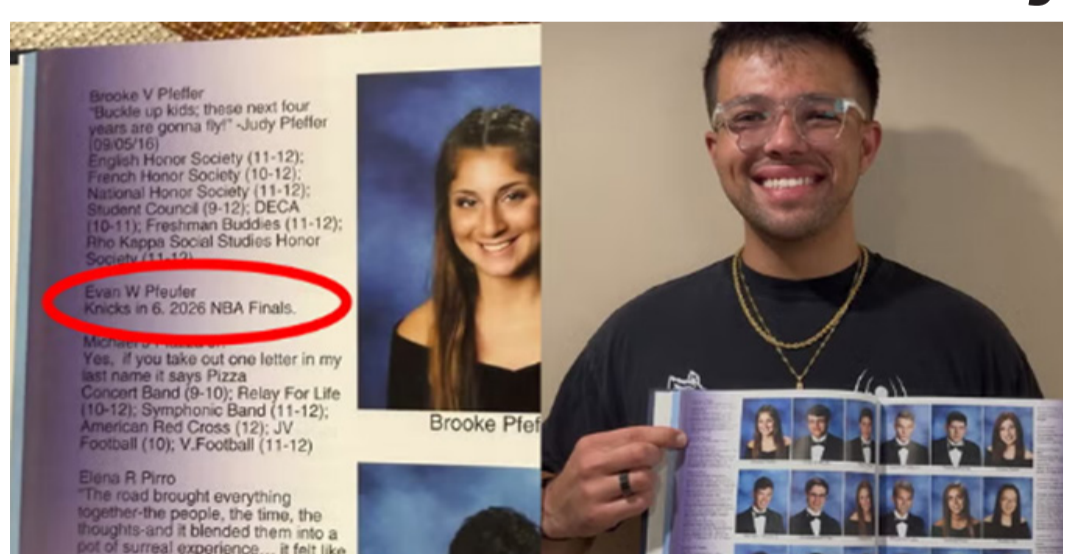
sumer choices. Critics argued that directing users toward chocolates when searches cannot be understood may encourage impulse purchases, particularly among younger users.

Others, however, viewed the feature as a clever user-experience strategy designed to prevent empty search results and keep shoppers engaged on the platform. Several commenters praised the algorithm's ability

to anticipate likely customer interests, while acknowledging that the outcome felt somewhat unusual.

As screenshots and reactions continued circulating online, the incident sparked a broader conversation about artificial intelligence, recommendation systems, and the growing influence of algorithms on consumer behaviour in the rapidly expanding quick-commerce industry.

Six-Year-Old Yearbook Prediction Turns Viral as Knicks Near NBA Glory



A New York man's high school yearbook prediction from 2020 has captured widespread attention after appearing remarkably close to becoming reality, as the New York Knicks stand just one victory away from winning their first NBA championship in more than five decades.

Evan Pfeufer, a Long Island resident and passionate Knicks supporter, had boldly predicted his favorite team's success in his Smithtown High School West yearbook six years ago. Beside his graduation portrait, he wrote a simple yet confident message: "Knicks in 6. 2026 NBA Finals."

At the time, the prediction appeared highly unlikely. The Knicks were far from championship con-

tenders, and few fans would have expected the franchise to be on the brink of a title run in 2026. However, with the team now on the verge of capturing the NBA crown, Pfeufer's prediction has resurfaced online and quickly gone viral.

The now 23-year-old sales professional explained that the prediction was inspired more by wordplay than careful analysis. According to him, the phrase "Knicks, six, 2026" had a catchy rhythm, making it the perfect choice for a memorable yearbook quote.

Pfeufer joked that he could have predicted "Knicks in 5, 2025" or "Knicks in 7, 2027," but happened to choose the combination that now appears surprisingly accurate. As

screenshots of the yearbook page spread across social media platforms, many users questioned whether the image had been digitally altered or generated using artificial intelligence.

To address the skepticism, Pfeufer shared a video showing the original yearbook entry, effectively silencing doubts about its authenticity.

The story has delighted basketball fans and social media users alike, with many comparing the prediction to something out of a television script. Others jokingly asked Pfeufer to share future predictions, including lottery numbers, after his unexpectedly prophetic forecast gained national attention.



India Retains Top Spot in ICC ODI Rankings

India has maintained their position as the No. 1 team in the ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings following the latest annual update, reaffirming their dominance in the 50-over format. However, the gap between India and second-placed New Zealand has narrowed, making the race for the top spot more competitive.

According to the updated rankings, India now has 118 rating points, a marginal drop from their previous tally of 119. Despite the slight decline, the Men in Blue remain firmly at the summit of the standings, reflecting their consistent performances over the past few years in international cricket.

New Zealand have emerged as the biggest beneficiary among the top-ranked teams,

gaining two rating points to move up to 113. The improvement has reduced India's lead from eight points to five, highlighting the Black Caps' steady rise and continued success in ODI cricket.

Reigning ICC Cricket World Cup champions Australia continue to occupy the third position with 109 rating points. The Australians have retained their rating unchanged, remaining within striking distance of the top two teams as they look to build on their recent achievements in global tournaments.

The annual update has also resulted in a notable change within the top five. South Africa has climbed to fourth place with 102 points, overtaking Pakistan, which slipped to

fifth position with 98 points. The shift reflects South Africa's improved performances in recent ODI series and tournaments.

The rankings update serves as an important indicator of team consistency and success over an extended period. With several major international assignments scheduled in the coming months, teams will have further opportunities to improve their standings.

While India continues to lead the ODI rankings, the reduced gap at the top suggests that competition among the world's leading cricket nations remains intense. Fans can expect a closely contested battle for supremacy as teams prepare for future ICC events and bilateral series.

Anvay Dravid Earns India U-19 Call-Up, Continues Family Legacy

More than three decades after former India captain Rahul Dravid represented the country at the Under-19 level, his younger son, Anvay Dravid, has earned a place in the India Under-19 squad for the upcoming tour of Sri Lanka, marking a significant milestone in the celebrated cricketing family's journey.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Thursday announced the India Men's Under-19 squads for the Sri Lanka tour, scheduled to begin on July 4. The tour will comprise three one-day matches and two multi-day games, providing young cricketers with an important platform to showcase their talent on the international stage.

Seventeen-year-old Anvay has been selected in the one-day squad as one of the two wicketkeepers alongside Rajat Baghel. His inclusion comes after an impressive run in domestic age-group cricket. Anvay captained Karnataka Under-19 to the quarterfinals of the Vinoo Mankad Trophy, scoring 220 runs in six matches, including a highest unbeaten score of 82.

The young wicketkeeper-batter has steadily progressed through the ranks. He previously represented the India Under-19 B team in a triangular series held in Bengaluru featuring India A and Afghanistan Under-19 sides. Consistent performances also earned him a place in Team C for the Under-19 One-Day Challenger Trophy.



Anvay's selection carries special significance as his father, Rahul Dravid, had also represented India at the Under-19 level during the early 1990s before going on to become one of the country's greatest batters and a respected coach. The development highlights the continuation of a rich cricketing legacy.

The Dravid family has already seen another member enter the national youth setup. In 2024, Rahul Dravid's elder son Samit Dravid was selected for India's Under-19 squad for a home series against Australia, though an injury prevented him from participating.

Yashbhardhan Singh Chauhan will captain both the one-day and multi-day squads during the Sri Lanka tour, while Lakshya Raichandani has been named vice-captain. The series is expected to provide valuable exposure for India's next generation of cricketing talent as they prepare for future international assignments.

Historic World Cup Set to Kick Off with New Milestones



The FIFA World Cup 2026 is set to begin, promising to be one of the most historic and expansive editions in the tournament's history. With several firsts and compelling storylines, the global football spectacle is expected to capture unprecedented attention from fans worldwide.

For the first time, the tournament

will be jointly hosted by three nations — the United States, Mexico, and Canada — spanning 16 cities. This tri-nation format marks a significant expansion in scale and reflects football's growing global reach.

Adding to the excitement is the expansion of participating teams from 32 to 48, making it the largest

World Cup ever. The increased number of teams is expected to bring more matches, intense competition, and opportunities for emerging football nations to make their mark on the biggest stage.

Mexico, meanwhile, has etched its name in history by becoming the first country to host the World Cup three times, having previously staged the tournament in 1970 and 1986.

The opening match also brings a sense of nostalgia, as Mexico faces South Africa once again, echoing their encounter during the 2010 World Cup opener.

Fans are also eagerly anticipating the presence of legendary players such as Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, who could be making their final World Cup appearances, adding emotional significance to the tournament.

With a blend of history, expansion, and star power, the 2026 World Cup promises a truly unforgettable football festival.

India enjoyed another productive day at the Australian Open Super 500 badminton tournament as two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu and teenage sensation Tanvi Sharma advanced to the women's singles quarterfinals with convincing straight-game victories on Thursday.

Third-seeded Sindhu overcame compatriot Isharani Baruah 22-20, 21-12 in a hard-fought round-of-16 encounter that lasted 42 minutes. The former world champion faced a stern challenge in the opening game but raised her level in the second to seal the contest comfortably and continue her impressive run in the tournament.

Teenager Tanvi Sharma also maintained her remarkable form, defeating fellow Indian Malvika Bansod 21-13, 21-15 to book her place in the last eight. The 17-year-old has emerged as one of the standout performers of the competition after



producing a major upset in the previous round by eliminating fifth seed and world No. 11 Chiu Pin-Chian of Chinese Taipei.

Sindhu will next face Chen Su Yu of Chinese Taipei in the quarterfinals as she continues her quest for a title breakthrough this season. Tanvi, meanwhile, faces a much sterner challenge against top seed Akane Yamaguchi of Japan, one of the strongest contenders for the championship. There was disappointment

for another Indian women's singles player, Tanya Hemant, whose campaign ended after a 12-21, 15-21 defeat to second-seeded Thai star Pornpawee Chochuwang.

India also tasted success in men's doubles, where the pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun secured a dominant 21-17, 21-7 victory over the Australian duo Michael Owen and Dylan Soedjasa. The Indian combination progressed to the quarterfinals and will next take on Chen Cheng Kuan and Liu Kuang Heng of Chinese Taipei.

However, the mixed doubles challenge came to an end as Dhruv Rawat and K Maneesha suffered a 19-21, 18-21 loss to Japan's Akira Koga and Natsu Saito in the second round.

With Sindhu and Tanvi still in contention and the men's doubles pair also advancing, India's hopes remain alive for a strong finish at the prestigious tournament in Sydney.

Delhi-Born Nikhil Chaudhary Set For Historic Australia Debut

Australia's upcoming T20I series against Bangladesh could witness a historic moment as Delhi-born cricketer Nikhil Chaudhary has been added to the national squad and is in contention to make his international debut.

The 30-year-old leg-spin all-rounder was drafted into the Australian squad after star opener Travis Head withdrew from the tour due to personal reasons. If selected in the playing XI, Chaudhary will become the first India-born cricketer to represent Australia since leg-spinner Rex Sellers played for the country in 1964, ending a 62-year gap.

Born in Delhi, Chaudhary began his cricketing journey in India and represented Punjab in 14 limited-overs matches. During his domestic career, he shared the dressing room with several prominent cricketers, including Harbhajan Singh, Shubman Gill and Abhishek Sharma. He also had an opportunity to trial with IPL franchise Mumbai Indians.

A visit to his uncle in Queensland during the COVID-19 pandemic proved to be a turning point in his life. With international borders closed, Chaudhary decided to continue pursuing his cricket ambitions in Australia. His consistent performances eventually earned him recognition in Australian domestic cricket, particularly with the



Hobart Hurricanes in the Big Bash League.

Chaudhary was recently involved with the Delhi Capitals setup in the Indian Premier League and is currently playing for JB Bruges in the European T20 competition in Belgium. His all-round abilities and strong BBL performances caught the attention of Australia's selectors.

Australia selector Tony Dode made said the management had been monitoring Chaudhary for some time and praised his performances in domestic cricket.

He noted that the all-rounder had already been part of pre-tour camps and would now have an opportunity to compete for a place in the playing XI.

The three-match T20I series against Bangladesh will be played in Chattogram on June 17, 19 and 21. With Australia looking to test its squad depth, Chaudhary could soon script a unique chapter in cricket history by becoming the first India-born player in more than six decades to represent the Australian national team.

Hyderabad Heroes Eye Golden Glory as Moreno Returns to Lead Charge

The Hyderabad Heroes are gearing up for an ambitious second season of the Rugby Premier League, with Spanish international Manuel Moreno set to resume his role as captain. The team, which secured a bronze medal in the inaugural season, is now aiming for the top spot as the new campaign kicks off on June 16 at the Gachibowli Stadium.

Moreno, one of the standout players in international rugby sevens and a key member of the Spanish national team, expressed pride in leading the side once again. Reflecting on the previous season, he described the experience as fulfilling but emphasized that the team has "unfinished business" in the league. He also highlighted the importance of leadership collaboration with vice-captain Sumit Kumar Roy, noting that their combined approach brings diversity in strategy and unity in ambition.

Sumit Kumar Roy, one of India's most promising rugby players and the highest-valued Indian pick in this year's auction, will serve as Moreno's deputy. Having previously captained the Indian national side, Roy said he is eager to build on last season's success and contribute to a stronger campaign.



He credited the franchise and its management for playing a crucial role in his development as both a player and leader.

Backed by KLO Sports, the Hyderabad Heroes boast a formidable squad featuring a blend of international stars and domestic talent. The team will be coached by DJ Forbes, a World Rugby Hall of Famer, whose experience and leadership are expected to be instrumental in shaping the squad's performance this season.

Team co-owner Srinath Chitoori expressed confidence in the squad's potential, stating that hosting the league in Hyderabad provides an excellent opportunity to connect with local fans and expand the sport's reach. He emphasized that the franchise aims not only to compete but also to inspire greater interest in rugby across India.

Head coach DJ Forbes reiterated the importance of continuity in leadership, praising Moreno's captaincy and identifying Roy as a key figure in guiding Indian players. He said the team is fully prepared and

motivated to improve upon last season's performance while representing the city with pride.

The Hyderabad Heroes begin their campaign against Bengaluru Bravehearts on June 16, followed by a packed schedule against teams including Delhi Redz, Chennai Bulls, Kolkata Banga Tigers, and Mumbai Dreamers. With a strong squad, experienced leadership, and home advantage, the team is poised to make a serious bid for the championship this season.



From Doubt to Dominance: Jagapathi Babu Opens Up on 'Peddi' Journey

Hyderabad, June 11

Actor Jagapathi Babu has candidly shared that he was initially disappointed with the early response to the Ram Charan-starrer Peddi, even as the film has now emerged as a major box-office success. In a recent interaction with director Buchi Babu Sana, the actor reflected on the film's journey from mixed initial reactions to strong audience acceptance.

Peddi, which released worldwide on June 4, has completed a week in theatres and, according to the makers, grossed 345 crore within seven days. Despite the impressive numbers, Jagapathi Babu revealed that the film faced negativity during its initial days.

He alleged that certain sections actively attempted to create a negative perception around the film. According to him, a minor flaw in the trailer's editing may have allowed critics to target the film. However, he noted that the tide turned gradually, with family audiences playing a key role in boosting its popularity and sustaining its theatrical run.

Jagapathi Babu, who portrayed the character Appalasuri in the film, described the role as

one of the most significant in the narrative after the protagonist. He expressed satisfaction with how the character has been received by audiences as the film gained momentum.

During the conversation, director Buchi Babu Sana revealed that Peddi is largely driven by the emotional arc of Appalasuri's character. He admitted that he initially had reservations about casting Jagapathi Babu, given the actor's naturally commanding and regal screen presence, which seemed at odds with the vulnerability required for the role. However, after visualising the character through AI-generated storyboards, he became convinced that Jagapathi Babu was the ideal choice.

The actor, in turn, praised Ram Charan's dedication to the film and expressed hope that his performance would earn national recognition. He noted that Charan had invested immense effort into the role, both physically and emotionally.

With strong collections and growing word-of-mouth, Peddi has now positioned itself as a major commercial success. The film's journey highlights how audience reception can evolve, turning early scepticism into widespread appreciation.



Love Stories, Then and Now: Allu Aravind's Remark Sparks Buzz

Veteran producer Allu Aravind stirred conversation in film circles with his candid remarks on modern-day relationships during the trailer launch of the upcoming film Deewana. His comment that "love stories these days often end in OYO rooms" quickly caught public attention and began trending across social media platforms.

The event, held at AAA Cinemas, saw the presence of actor Vishwak Sen and the film's team. Directed by Srikanth Sangiseti, Deewana features Harshit Reddy and Sneha Manimegalai in lead roles and is slated for a worldwide release on June 19 through Geetha Film Distributors.

Speaking at the launch, Allu Aravind reflected on how portrayals of romance have evolved over time, contrasting the emotional depth of earlier love stories with what he described as a more casual approach in the present generation. His observation, though brief, triggered a wide range of reactions online, with some agreeing with his perspective while others viewed it as a

sweeping generalization.

The film itself is described as a one-sided love story, aiming to capture intense emotions and youthful longing. Producers Vasudev Koppineni and Sridevi Karyampudi expressed confidence that the film would connect with audiences, especially younger viewers.

Actor Vishwak Sen added a lighter tone to the event with his humorous take on producers. He joked that many producers tend to look worn out over time due to the pressures of filmmaking, but those associated with Allu Aravind's banner appear to defy that trend. His playful remarks drew laughter from the audience and added a lively touch to the proceedings.

With post-production completed, Deewana is gearing up for release, and the viral moment from its trailer launch has only added to the film's visibility ahead of its debut. Whether the buzz translates into box office success remains to be seen, but the event has certainly placed the film in the spotlight.

Prime Video Announces July 2 Premiere for Telugu Crime Thriller Isakapatnam

Prime Video has officially announced July 2 as the global premiere date for its highly anticipated Telugu Original series Isakapatnam, a gritty action thriller that promises a compelling mix of revenge, power struggles, family feuds, gangster warfare, and political intrigue.

Directed by Garry BH, written by Prashant Ragathi, and featuring dialogues by Tajuddin Syed, the series is produced by Rahul Tamada and Saideep Reddy Borra under the Tamada Media Productions banner. Set in a fictional port town, Isakapatnam explores the complex dynamics of crime, loyalty, ambition, and revenge through an intense and emotionally charged narrative.

The series stars acclaimed actors Samuthirakani and Aishwarya Rajesh in lead roles, supported by a strong ensemble cast that includes Sunil, Naresh Agastya, Merin Philip, Sudhakar Komakula, Rajeev Kanakala, Mime Gopi, Rohini, Banerjee, Jwala Koti, Ravi Varma, and Raja



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Announcing the premiere, Nikhil Madhok, Director and Head of Originals at Prime Video India, said the platform continues to strengthen its South Indian content slate with stories that resonate with audiences across regions and cultures. He described Isakapatnam as a gripping revenge-driven crime saga featuring layered characters, unexpected twists, and immersive storytelling brought to life through powerful performances and Garry BH's direction.

Producers Rahul Tamada and Saideep Reddy Borra said that while the series carries the intensity of a revenge thriller, its emotional core lies in themes of personal loss, loy-

alty, family conflicts, and political power struggles. They emphasized that authenticity was central to the project, from the recreation of the port-town setting to the character arcs and narrative design.

Isakapatnam will premiere exclusively on Prime Video on July 2 in Telugu, with dubbed versions available in Tamil and Hindi. The series will also feature subtitles in 15 languages, including English, and will be available to viewers in India and more than 240 countries and territories worldwide.

The series joins Prime Video's major entertainment lineup ahead of Amazon Prime Day, which returns to India this July for its landmark tenth edition.

Soori-Suhas Starrer Mandaadi Set for Worldwide Release on September 4

RS Infotainment's much-awaited film MANDAADI, starring Soori and Suhas in lead roles, is all set for a worldwide theatrical release on September 4. The makers officially announced the release date after successfully wrapping up principal photography and moving swiftly into post-production.

Produced by Elred Kumar under the RS Infotainment banner and directed by Mathimaran Pugazhendhi, MANDAADI has been mounted on a grand scale, with extensive shooting carried out across the coastal regions of Ramanathapuram. The film is set against a rarely explored sporting backdrop and delves into the lives, struggles, aspirations, and resilience of coastal communities. Leading the cast is Soori, who reportedly underwent rigorous preparation for the role and is said to have delivered one of the most challenging performances of his career. Adding further excitement to the project is Telugu actor Suhas,



who makes his Tamil cinema debut with the film. In a striking departure from his previous roles, Suhas plays a powerful antagonist-like character and dedicated nearly 100 shooting days to the project, highlighting his commitment to the film. Mahima Nambiar plays the female lead, while veteran actors Sathyaraj, Ravindra Vijay, Mithun, and Bala Saravanan feature in key supporting roles. The newly unveiled release date poster has generated considerable buzz among movie enthusiasts. The poster showcases Soori and Suhas standing face-to-face on a

rocky shoreline against a stunning sunset backdrop. While Suhas is seen holding a sword, Soori confronts him with an intense gaze. The dramatic imagery, coupled with fishing boats and the vast sea in the background, effectively captures the film's coastal setting and hints at a gripping conflict between the two central characters. On the technical front, MANDAADI boasts an impressive crew. Music is composed by G. V. Prakash Kumar, while acclaimed cinematographer S. R. Kathir handles the visuals. Production design is by D. R. K. Kiran, editing by Pradeep E. Raghav, and action choreography by Peter Hein, Dilip Subbarayan, and Mahesh Mathew. With its intriguing premise, strong cast, and visually striking promotional material, MANDAADI has already generated significant curiosity. The makers are expected to ramp up promotional activities in the lead-up to its September 4 release.



Thank You Subbarao Teaser Promises a Fun-Filled Blend of Comedy, Romance and Suspense

Director Chendu Muddu, known for his distinctive storytelling in films such as O Pitta Katha, Annapurna Photo Studio, and Repu Udayam Padhi Gantalaku, is gearing up to entertain audiences with his latest film Thank You Subbarao. Presented by K. Raghavendra Reddy and produced by Dinesh Kurra under the Kurra Productions banner, the film has already begun generating buzz with the release of its first-look poster and teaser.

The recently unveiled teaser has sparked curiosity among movie lovers by offering a glimpse into a story that appears to blend multiple genres seamlessly. Packed with comedy, action, romance, suspense, and thrilling moments, Thank You Subbarao promises to deliver a refreshing cinematic experience.

The teaser introduces an intriguing narrative that keeps viewers guessing about the film's central plot. Humorous dialogues by veteran actor Muralidhar Goud add an entertaining touch, while the chemistry between lead actors Chandrasahas Kotla and Lavanya Sahukara lends warmth and charm to the proceedings. Adding to the mystery is the

appearance of a young woman on a train, along with several suspense-filled sequences that hint at unexpected twists and turns. These elements create an engaging atmosphere and leave audiences eager to discover what lies ahead in the story.

With its unique concept, appealing visuals, and entertaining mix of emotions, Thank You Subbarao appears to have all the ingredients required to strike a chord with viewers. The teaser has successfully created anticipation and set the stage for further promotional updates from the makers in the coming weeks.

The film features Chandrasahas Kotla, Lavanya Sahukara, Rohith Reddy Yarramreddy, Muralidhar Goud and others in key roles.

The technical team includes editor D. Venkata Prabhu, music composer Prince Henry, cinematographer Pankaj Thotata, lyricist Srinivasa Mouli, PRO Sai Satish, and publicity designer Dhani Alley. Directed by Chendu Muddu and produced by Dinesh Kurra, Thank You Subbarao is shaping up to be one of the interesting upcoming releases to watch out for.

Varalaxmi Hits Back, Downplays 'Police Complaint' Row

Actress Varalaxmi Sarathkumar has responded to allegations made by director Sanjeev Megoti regarding her alleged lack of cooperation for the film Police Complaint, seeking to put an end to the growing controversy ahead of the movie's release.

The issue surfaced after the director claimed that Varalaxmi did not actively participate in promotional activities and delayed the dubbing process, causing inconvenience to the film's team. The film, which also stars Naveen Chandra, is scheduled to hit theatres on June 12.

Breaking her silence, Varalaxmi clarified that she had extended her support to the project whenever required. She stated that she attended promotional events as per her availability and remained accessible to the team during crucial stages of the film's production.

"I was available whenever they needed me and attended the events related to the film," she said, adding that she was not fully aware of the complete context in which the director made his remarks. While refraining from engaging in a public back-and-forth, the actress indicated that she preferred not to escalate the matter further.

Taking to social media, Varalaxmi also shared a cryptic message on her Instagram story, suggesting that she chooses action over words. The post, which quickly caught attention online, hinted at her decision to stay focused on her work rather than respond to criticism.



emerged just a day before the film's release. Despite the friction, the makers are proceeding with the film's rollout, banking on audience response at the box office. Police Complaint, directed by Sanjeev Megoti, is expected to be a key release this week, and it remains to be seen whether the off-screen controversy will have any impact on its performance. For now, Varalaxmi's response appears to signal an attempt to de-escalate tensions while maintaining her stance.

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